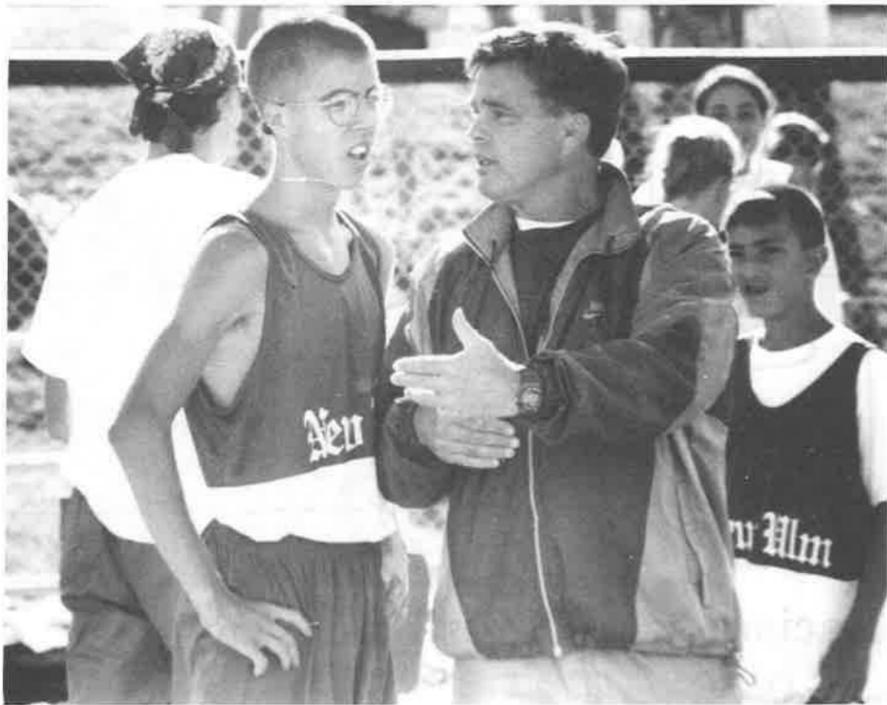


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Some homecoming events were messy.

School spirit lacks enthusiasm

by Teresa Drexler
Graphos Reporter

Yes, school spirit has probably been hashed to death but to some people it is important.

This reporter asked this question to some of the girls on the volleyball team: "Do you think we are lacking school spirit?" **Adrienne Rieger** said, "No, I think we have a lot of school spirit," **Emily Crabtree** said, "I think it was never there to begin with."

In both cases this reporter has to disagree, we have school spirit, yet we don't utilize the activities that demonstrate spirit. For example, senior captain **Jeff Auferheide** said, after the football game at Redwood Falls, "The fans were louder at this game than they were at our own homecoming." One positive thing about this comment is at least there is fan support at away

games, but, at an away football game, the crowd was louder than homecoming? The fact is there were twice as many people at homecoming.

During homecoming week, an eventful week for the entire school, the student council planned special days, yet several student council members were not clashing, wearing plaid, or dressing up. This article is not criticizing the student council members, but if they are the ones planning these events, don't you think they should be involved in the activities they have planned?

Teachers, come on, let's get into the spirit of things here folks. We (the students) are supposed to look up to you? Just give it a try, it won't hurt! Here is a scenario, wouldn't it have been great to see **Ed Weber**, **Jim Senske**, and **Dave Janssen** dressed up as Larry, Curly and Moe for Halloween? Or wouldn't it have been great to see Principal **Richard LaPatka** as the Grim Reaper?

But enough on what is missing; let's be positive. There are some really spirited people in this school. "On behalf of the volleyball team, I would like to thank our awesome fans. Your energy brought us a long way," said Crabtree, a senior captain. This reporter would also like to say that the cheerleaders were a great bunch of enthusiastic girls who were greatly appreciated by all the fans and athletes. There were also teachers who dressed up for Halloween and caught the spirit of Homecoming Week.

So maybe when the student council posts the next special day, we could show our school spirit. What do you say?



Jim Bjorklund is not the president, but he's obviously a hair club client.

Gullible sophomores have much to learn

by Mandy Hoffmann
Graphos Reporter

WARNING: Sophomores - don't read this! This article tells the truth about you, and believe me, you don't want to know the truth!

Well, I'm assuming that most of you are still reading this. Those who stopped reading would be classified as the gullible sophomores. There are very few truly gullible sophomores. You've all seen them wandering aimlessly down the halls - it is now three months into the school year, and these sophomores are still trying to find the infamous "third floor." These sophomores, in case of a major blizzard or a nuclear war, are ready to be locked away for great periods of time - they carry enough books, pencils, and other supplies to last them a full year. These sophomores have yet to discover the concept of a backpack, much less that big brown metal hole in the wall that the rest of us call a locker.

We then have the other class of sophomores. I shall simply call them the majority, since that is what they are. Hint, hint, boys and girls - school starts at 8:25, not 7:25. It is simply not cool to hang out with your teachers in the morning, no matter how hard you're trying to suck up (trust me, food is the way to a teacher's heart).

These sophomores don't carry around quite as many books as the gullible sophomores, yet they are the ones who have discovered backpacks. What exactly it is that they carry in those backpacks, hanging halfway to the ground and causing the owner to walk like the Hunchback of Notre Dame? We will never know.

Sophomores - running to lunch isn't funny. But as I have seen - one sophomore, with his skinny legs taking him as fast as he could go down the hall, then tripping on his untied shoelace, with his books flying through the air as he skidded on his stomach down the hall towards the line. Now that was incredibly funny. Live and learn, children. We all get to eat sooner or later.

In the mornings those sophomores who are not hanging out with their teachers are sitting in the halls, against their lockers, with their legs out, blocking most of the walking space. If we seniors did that (and we do), it would be okay, but come on, you guys are sophomores. I'd watch your legs, though; one of these days, you'll feel a rumble through the floor. It'll be the senior class, banded together as a single force, coming running as a herd through the halls of the second floor, trampling helpless sophomores by the dozen. You won't even have time to move.

The biggest problem with all sophomores is that they take everything too seriously. They believe that senioritis is actually some sort of communicable disease. They do their homework at home at night; what do they think mornings at school are for? Not only do they take their teachers too seriously, they take all of us upperclassmen too seriously. The older we are, the less serious we are. Don't take me or what I've written too seriously; I'm not only an upperclassmen, I'm a proud senior.



These sophomores take homework much too seriously.

editorial

Students, teachers upset by bond issue defeat



by Paige Lambrecht
Graphos Editor

Recently, school district voters rejected a bond issue for New Ulm Public Schools. A large number of registered voters showed up indicating this issue was important to many people. Unfortunately, not enough opinions supported the referendum because it failed by a close margin of 2,568 to 2238.

This defeat was upsetting to many other students and teachers at NUHS. It seemed to us that the money would go to what was needed the most, more space and improved facilities.

The portable classrooms at Jefferson and Washington were to be replaced and the junior high was going to get more room by moving the freshmen to the senior high,

which was going to be expanded and rehabilitated.

The decision was surprising to many. All indications suggested that the bond issue would probably pass. A committee called people who were identified as "yes" voters.

Why didn't the bond issue pass?

A frequent response was that a lot of people really wanted to vote "yes" but couldn't afford the increase in taxes. This is understandable. That reason doesn't explain all the "no" votes, though.

Another reason we heard was the fact that there are two other school systems that New Ulm students attend. If Cathedral or MVL had a fund drive, would many public students' parents say "no"? We don't think so. The well-being of New Ulm children is not and should depend on competition. If I knew that a school system my children did not go to was in need of some changes that were reasonable, I would vote for them. I wouldn't want them to send less-educated students out into the world because I wanted mine to succeed.

Maybe I'm way off base. But for whatever reason, the bond issue failed. I don't know exactly what happened. I only hope that the next time voters have an opportunity they will make education their number one priority.

"Late Night" worth watching

by Ryan Nelson
Graphos Columnist

I stayed up fairly late into the night last summer, not that I was out causing trouble or anything like that, I was just doing one of the things I do best, watching TV. Until three years ago, this time of night 12:00 to 1 had always been the domain of David Letterman, but when Letterman moved to CBS in an earlier time slot, fans and critics wondered who could fill the enormous void left by Letterman.

Two potential replacements were found in the close to deceased "Saturday Night Live" comedian Dana Carvey and an unknown writer for the series, Conan O'Brien. O'Brien was eventually selected to replace Letterman at "Late Night," and critics questioned the choice by calling the show's producer ignorant. For the first year at least, their critique seemed to be true.

Things started to come around for O'Brien sometime in his second



season. He started to take himself less seriously, and with the help of a window behind his desk, he started to let his originality, which had always been present, shine.

It's this originality that makes O'Brien's version of "Late Night" worth watching. Of course, originality doesn't always work. But it's midnight and the TV has already had four hours of

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Racism segregates blacks, whites

by Erik Langhoff
Graphos Columnist

Stop the inhumanity! Now more than any other time in my life that I can remember, racism is an immense issue. Of course, racism has always been a big issue, but the intensity of its greatness was never as evident to me as it is now.

I have learned in various history classes about slavery of different races and various other racial incidences remembered in our textbooks. However, despite its importance as a lesson for everyone, I always took the information lightly, assured that no such feelings were in existence anymore.

Lately, there is one main topic that has blown the dust off the racism issue. I can say it in a very familiar name, O.J. Simpson. On the day of his trial verdict, I remember some of the reactions to the outcome. The most common response was one of relief that the trial was finally over. However, the trial seemed to uncover something extremely important. It clearly revealed that there is still a sizable amount of racial tension in the United States.

I will spare you the statistics, but *Newsweek* conducted a poll indicating that the large majority of blacks felt that O.J. was innocent while the majority of whites felt that he was guilty. Many believe that the verdict was largely biased because of Simpson's race. I truly do not know what decided the verdict for the jury, but if race was a factor, I disagree with their reason for acquittal.

I am not an avid Oprah Winfrey watch, but one day I was interested in her remarks. She said that she has many black friends who feel that all whites feel the same as Mark Fuhrman. He has a history of being racist, and is definitely not an accurate representative of all whites. I was surprised that Winfrey would



repeat such a judgmental statement. However, later I reflected on what racism really is. I think people always assume that racism is whites being prejudiced of blacks. If what Oprah repeated was an actual statement by her black friends, aren't her friends prejudging whites and assuming that all whites are racist?

Her statements demonstrate that racism is not limited to whites. Racism is not just between the white and black races either. Unfortunately all races are somehow being discriminated against in some way. That must change.

If we could accept one another as one race, the race of humanity, and look beyond color as a determining factor in someone's acceptance, we would open up to a new world of opportunities.

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Chris Gaudette enjoys coffee, doughnuts, and Elvis.

Gaudette teaches real world

by Elana Legg
Graphos Reporter

A new teacher at NUHS this year is **Chris Gaudette**. He teaches American History, Ancient History, and Developing World. Gaudette says he became a teacher because he was too young to become President. He also wanted to help a few kids "along the road." He decided to teach history because he enjoys relating it to the real world. It has always been his favorite subject. He also had excellent history teachers who inspired him.

Gaudette has taught at three different schools in the Twin Cities for two years before coming to New Ulm. Before that, he attended the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse. He decided to attend the U of W, Lacrosse, because it had a good variety of programs and was far enough from home.

One of his favorite hobbies is

fishing. He says the cool thing about fishing is that you don't even have to catch anything. It's nice just to be on a secluded lake. He also enjoys reading and biking. One of his other loves is drinking coffee and eating doughnuts.

One of his favorite places to eat is TGIFridays, and this reporter knows he also enjoys Ming Garden. Gaudette's favorite type of music is classical rock. One of his favorite musical artists is Elvis.

His favorite world leader is Nelson Mandela because Mandela "overcame big problems and dismantled the Apartheid."

Gaudette says one of his favorite things about NUHS is the good students. If you stop in his room, don't touch the Elvis picture. Elvis is his favorite, and touching the picture is like asking for sudden death.

Weekends fill Friday's thoughts

by Dusty Born
Graphos Reporter

As we all rush out of school on Friday afternoons, the only thoughts going through our heads are the thoughts of what we will be doing this weekend. Some of us are thinking of the parties we will go to and all of the no-no's we will be doing. Others will be dreading the family gathering or the 20 hours of work ahead of us. During the afternoon on Friday, many people are beginning to make plans of what they will be doing over the weekend.

Some people like to party all weekend long, like sophomore **Dusty Wendorff**, who says he likes to stay out late partying until he can party no more. On the other hand, some people just want to be lazy, like junior **Chad**

Ahl. An ideal weekend for him is sleeping until noon, and then bumming around the house until 10:00 Sunday night when he decides to do his homework. The only thing Ahl wishes he could change is his schedule so he didn't have to work over the weekend; however, he doesn't mind working when his girlfriend is working with him.

There are also some people who don't have any plans at all except to hang around with friends, like junior **Luke Albrecht**, who says that once he is done with his chores he enjoys hanging out, cruising, and spending time with friends. The only thing that Albrecht wishes he could change about his weekend is that little thing called a curfew because it keeps him from spending time with his friends.

Science Club tests nature

by Sarah Sjogren
Graphos Reporter

The science club is in its second year at NUHS and is over 30 members strong. Science teacher, **Steve Butler**, is the club's advisor. The club is run by president **Bill Knopke**, vice-president **Jake Halvorson**, secretary **Dusty Born**, and treasurer **Sarah Ress**.

This year the science club plans to participate in more activities. So far, some members of the club have taken part in the Quiz Bowl. The club also held a spaghetti feed as a fund raiser for their trip to the Minnesota Science Museum for a lock-in. The spaghetti supper raised over \$300 for the November

lock-in. Club member **Chris Spoor** commented on the culinary abilities of the science club. "The spaghetti supper was fun, but we discovered that we can't cook."

The club also plans to return to the Envirothon. Knopke had a positive experience last year and would like to return. "I enjoyed the Envirothon. I learned a lot about nature by getting out in the woods."

Also planned is a clean-up along the Minnesota River this spring. Butler said, "It is important for the club to have a positive impact on the community and the environment."

Crilly getting "used to" new school, new town

by Carla Bode
Graphos Editor

Meet **Andrea Crilly**. She is originally from Peoria, Illinois, and has also lived in various places such as Monterrey, Mexico, and Maple Grove, MN. She attended Osseo Senior High before coming to NUHS. She moved to New Ulm from Maple Grove late last summer.

Crilly loves sports of all types. She has been involved in many indoor and outdoor activities. Skiing, dancing, gymnastics, and cheerleading are a few. "My favorite sport, which is also my life, is soccer," said this 16-year old junior.

Crilly also enjoys hiking, rock climbing, and other "outdoorsy stuff." She does a lot of traveling visiting her scattered family. Crilly has a 24-year old brother, and a 29-year old sister who is married and has a 2-year old daughter. Her father **Patrick** works for Caterpillar.

Moving to New Ulm is "another new exciting experience," said Crilly. The hardest part about moving for Crilly is the "getting used to a small town. I guess I've lived in large cities for too long."

This outgoing student likes to watch Monday Night Football with her friends. Her favorite color is green, dolphins are her favorite animal, and she loves strawberries.



Junior Andrea Crilly attended Osseo Senior High before moving to New Ulm.

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conventional sitcom humor that hasn't worked. And even when O'Brien's originality does work, not everyone wants to stay up so late. The many puppets and sight gags sometimes seems to be aimed at nine-year olds. But put your personal taste in humor and whether the show was working or not aside, and you still have an original show in the guest and musical acts.

The guest for the most part are not big time movie stars like those on the other late night shows, but vaguely famous people who many times are more interesting than their more famous counterparts. "Late Night" has also provided lots of alternative talent and jazz talent performers.

Green Day, **Sheryl Crow** and the **Cranberries** made their first television appearances on "Late Night."

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Success means more than a winning season



by Crystal Grund
Graphos Columnist

In the beginning of the season, the team should discuss what their goals are and how they plan to achieve them. On the teams in which I have participated, we all wanted to win, but if we didn't have fun it wasn't a real victory. If a team steps out of their dugout or on the court with a winning attitude, they have aimed to succeed. If they aim high and take a risk to achieve it, it was a success in itself to try.

The final key to success is self sacrifice, the honest effort one is willing to give to succeed. They don't deserve any criticism if they tried, because what was accomplished was accomplished as a team. If everyone does their best, they may have the glory of winning, but if not, they need the strength to go back out there with enthusiasm the next time.

These basic components combined with positive encourage-

ment from parents and coaches will bring success to any team. Losing is not always fun, but it may be a learning experience, and that is also needed to attain year goal. So maybe our football team isn't rated high this year, but it has improved, and that is a success. Good luck to every team that puts forth these basic keys to success.

What exactly is success? Is it winning the South Central Conference like several of our boys varsity teams did last year? Or is our football team having lost a few more games than they won a success? Success shouldn't be measured by a team's winning or losing record. Students, for the most part, join activities because they are meant to be fun. It is time to spend with their friends and have fun doing it. If it is not fun, it is not a true success.

Success is said to be measured by four components: athletic ability, desire to excel, aim to succeed, and overall effort. Athletes are usually given credit for their ability. Their talents are mastered by dedication to practice and hard work. This may give them a sense of accomplishment, but without their team and their positive encouragement, they would be nothing.

In order for success to be accomplished, the team must have equality. One person is not better than the one sitting on the bench, and they all must work together to have a positive outcome. To succeed, a team must be a unit and be able to work together with the same goals in mind.

Girls' doubles teams serve up strong finish

by Mike Tasto and Jennie Taylor
Graphos Reporters

The girls' tennis team had an exciting end to a tough season. Two doubles teams advanced to the region and then the sectional meet before being eliminated.

The teams of Katie Schmitz/Jenell Luneburg and Becky McAninch/Jennie Taylor advanced by winning their matches at the regional meet in Fairmont. Four doubles teams returned to Fairmont the next day to determine seedings for the sectional meet. Schmitz/Luneburg were seeded #1 and McAninch/Taylor were seeded #4.

The doubles teams then traveled to St. Peter for the sectional meet.

The top two teams from each section advanced to the state tournament.

In the first round McAninch/Taylor defeated Hutchinson while Schmitz/Luneburg eliminated Prior Lake. In the second round, Schmitz/Luneburg lost to Marshall and McAninch/Taylor were defeated by Waseca. This put the four teammates in the awkward position of competing against each other for third place. They played a three set duel, with Schmitz/Luneburg taking third and McAninch/Taylor placing fourth.

Both teams made strong post-season runs before being eliminated, and what's more impressive is that all the players return next year.



Assistant coach Rich Peterson gives advice to junior runner Brian Regnier.

Harriers run their way to state

by Sarah Oetken
Graphos Reporter

The New Ulm cross country team set the pace as the other teams followed their lead. The boys went to the state meet, and the girls finished the season with improvement. The Eagles didn't walk their way to the top, the ran.

A typical practice started with a half to a one and a one half mile warm-up. The team would then stretch together. Next came the heart of practice, the workout. Approximately five to 10 miles per workout. Some days the miles would be run in intervals, distances, or combinations of the two. The cool down would then follow with another team stretch. To mix up the practices, coaches Jim Pickus and Rich Peterson would throw in fun runs. These workouts include the Buessman bridge, poor farm, and Flandrau Park runs. On Saturdays they played soccer or capture the flag. Not only do the kids run, but most of the time the coaches run too.

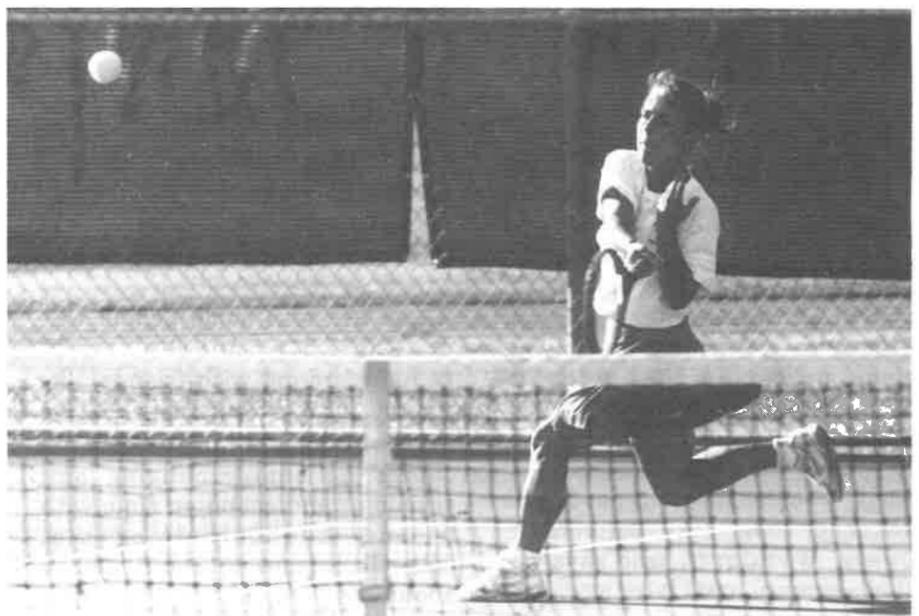
After all these practices, the runners are on their way to competition. The 1995 season contained 12 meets. The most important meets of the season were the conference and regional. The team pulled off some outstanding performances. The girls showed great improvement, and the boys turned in three big wins.

The excitement began when the

boys cross country team came home with first place in the Shakopee meet, where they beat two ranked teams. Following Shakopee, the boys traveled to the South Central Conference meet where they picked up another win. Then came sectionals where the boys put out an excellent effort that sent them to state. The state qualifying Eagle team included seniors Al Christle, Jared Budenski, and Don Pelto; juniors Wayne Ables and Brian Regnier; sophomore Jason Witt; and freshman Al Wurtzburger.

According to Pickus, the Eagles have had a "heck of a season." In the beginning of the season, Pickus and Peterson saw potential in the boys, and their job was to bring it out. Pickus stated that the boys had strong team unity. In meets they ran as a pack and kept each other going during the race. They pushed each other and worked hard, but they still had fun.

The girl Eagles also had a good season. Pickus said that they showed improvement throughout the season. At the end they started to realize their potential and what it takes to be a winning team. Pickus thinks their competitive years are coming because they are a very young team that will return everyone next year.



Jenell Luneburg uses a forehand return.