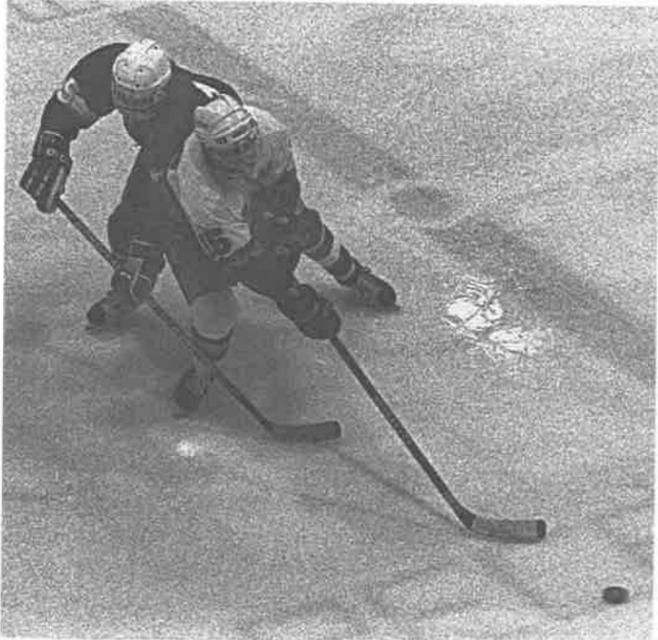


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Basketball, hockey teams among state's best

Eagles soar to top ten ranking



John McKenzie skates away from the defense.

by David Galvin
Graphos Reporter

Last year the Eagles' basketball team posted an impressive 19 and 4 season but suffered a disappointing first round playoff loss to Waseca. This year the Eagles are returning the same core of players from last year's conference championship team. South Central Conference Most Valuable Player **Rod Swenson**, All-SCC members **Luke Schmidt** and **Jared Visker**, and sharpshooter **Gabe Kaven** all are returning starters. Add in seven more seniors **Matt Hauge**, **Adam Horton**, **Brad Moos**, **Tait Nelson**, **Rob Poncin**, **Joe Tietel**, and **Brady Windschitl**, and the Eagles are not lacking experience or leadership.

The players have set the same team goals for this year as they did last year in going undefeated in the SCC, making it to MSU (the region's final four), and possibly going to the state tournament. So far they haven't disappointed anyone except their opponents. They are ranked among the elite in the state and are once again at the top of the SCC. The Eagles are shooting down their opponents by huge margins, usually by 20 or 30 points. Oftentimes, the game has been well in hand by halftime and **Coach Jim Senske** has been able to clear the bench early in the fourth quarter.

The offense has been using the combination of power and finesse to overmatch their opponents' defenses. **Swenson** said, "We have four guys who are good shooters; two are in the post, two are on the outside. Teams can't concentrate on stopping our inside game or outside game because we can beat them with both. Plus, I think this year we are not forcing it to one particular person and we are taking good shots." **Schmidt** and **Swenson** man the low post and **Visker** and **Kaven** set up on the perimeter.

Swenson described the difference between this year's team and last year's team: "We are returning 11 seniors, including four starters, so we are more experienced. To accomplish our goals we have to play hard and stay focused for every game, and keep playing tough defense."

Region play starts in March, and the Eagles have the top seed in the tournament and will receive a first round bye along with a home game for the second round. Teams expected to challenge the Eagles include Monticello, Chaska, and Waseca.

A special congratulations to **Schmidt**, **Swenson**, and **Visker** for being nominated to the McDonald's All-American Team.

by Mandy Weinkauff
Graphos Reporter

Weapon and war-stick and ice. The puck-a single bullet. We have the enemy in our sight-he's weak on the glove side. You have one shot -No Fear.

This year's hockey team has a lot to be proud of. While being ranked in the top 10 teams in Class A hockey, they are skating past their opponents.

The Eagles are relying on their first line of **Ben Dier**, **Dayton Larson**, and **John McKenzie** as their main scoring power. The trio has a total of over 116 points (goals and assists). The second and third lines are showing their scoring ability too. Co-captian **Scott Macho** said, "Not only are the veterans doing well this year, but the new guys are really improving too." Macho has been an offensive defenseman this year with an unusually high number of points for a defensive player. Larson, who's one of the top five scorers in the state, dazzles the crowd with his uncanny ability to put the puck in the net below the face-off dots.

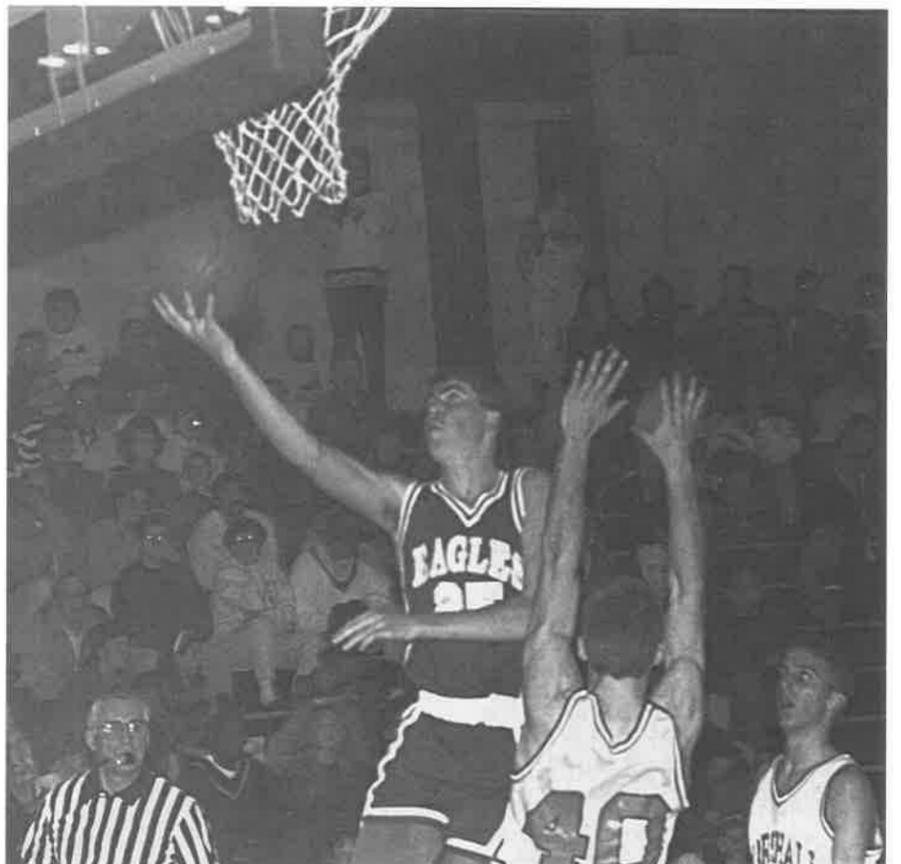
The Eagles have gotten steady goal tending from **Ty Raitz** and **Josh Retka** this season. The spot was left open after **Duncan Larson** graduated last year. The two netminders have been rotating games. This rotation will most likely continue until playoffs.

The main goals for the season include winning the conference and getting a birth in the state tournament. This won't necessarily be an easy task because there are six ranked teams, including the Eagles, in the same section. In addition, everyone will be gunning for the Eagles because they are a top 10 team. Co-captian Larson said, "I feel that we have a really good chance of winning our last remaining regular season games. We will have really good matches ups with Litchfield, Albert Lea, and Rochester Lourdes."

With a tough regular season schedule, the Eagles hockey team should be fine-tuned for section play later this month.



Dayton Larson leaves another defenseman behind.



Gabe Kaven scores an easy two points.

editorial

Senioritis



by Terry Smith
Graphos Editor

Being a senior during this second semester, there's nothing I find more entertaining than watching the sophomores and juniors lug all their homework out of school every night. They're worried about how they're going to finish all their work that night while they mope out of the building with books stuffed into their bags. Meanwhile, the seniors laugh at the underclassmen and discuss their tough schedule of three gym classes and two home economics courses.

The way most seniors look at it is that all they need to do is squeak by their necessary classes and receive that signed diploma at the year's end. The juniors meanwhile are preparing for the ACT test and worrying about what they're going to be doing after high school. Then, of course, the sophomores are just trying to build a reputation in the senior high and begin working their

way through two more grueling years of high school.

The vast majority of seniors already have "Senioritis" locked in and are just enjoying the rest of the ride. Those who haven't decided what they're doing next year and still have a little ambition left will soon be joining the ranks of the "Senior Slackers." Most of my senior class friends have studied the tendencies of Black Jack dealers at Jackpot Junction more than they've studied for any class this year.

A good example of the "Senior Slacker" is in English teacher Carol Ackerson's class. Four classic novels were assigned to be read in her 5th hour class. It was easy to tell by the condition of the covers that these books have been around for quite some time. However, those who actually opened the book found that the bindings in these old books were still in good shape nor were there any rips or smudges on the pages. Obviously the past classes have seen no need to read these novels either.

"When the leaves start to grow, the ambition goes right out the window," said Ackerson. Although the grades may reflect this laid back attitude, no one seems to really care.

So while all you underclassmen struggle and fight to get all your work completed on time, remember that in the coming years you'll be the top dogs of the senior high. And that means it's time to put on the cruise control and glide right on through the rest of the year with no worries.

Senior privileges!?

by Troy Tepley
Graphos Columnist

So there I was entering my senior year finding myself getting excited for all the senior privileges that I would get. However, I soon found out that because I don't have first or seventh hour study time all my wonderful privileges turned into the ability of using the vending machine.

I wonder if the vending machine owners have some influence in this school because they are making a fortune off bored seniors in study times.

If you were as lucky as I to get stuck with a fourth hour study hall, you don't even get the great vending machine option. The

only difference between that study hall and every other study hall that I have ever had is that we are all seniors.

Being in the third hour study time

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Love of game motivates high school players

by Emily Crabtree
Graphos Columnist

I feel the blood pulsing through my veins. I hear the band strike up the first song as we all dart on the floor. I feel the excitement build as I think of the challenge that lies ahead. I don't fear a loss, but am pressing for a win. The game begins and the teams play hard. Some mistakes are made, but the good outshines the bad. The game ends and many people analyze the outcome, but for the high school player the love for the game remains despite the end result.

The blood pulses through their body as they await the resounding echo of their name. The game begins and the teams play hard. They press for the win but fear the loss, thinking what it could mean for next year's salary. For the professional athlete, where is the true love?

This past year we saw baseball and hockey go on strike because both owners and players wanted more money. What kind of message does this convey? I don't see a true love and respect for the game when it all stops because someone wants more money. Professional sports have become a theater with overpaid actors and directors. These sports are a form of entertainment that many people enjoy, myself included. However, if I keep hearing pro athletes whine about their salary, you'll find me at a high school event instead. There I will also find loyalty to the hometown, the colors, and the game itself. In professional sports the element of



loyalty is rarely found. The fan cheers for the uniform rather than the player, who could be gone the next year to the highest bidder.

If you want to see competition in its purest form, watch a high school event. There is a simplistic wonder about the way a high school athlete plays. A spectator could find more defined skill at the professional level, but it's hard to find athletes who play with as much heart as do high school players. That kind of play is true love.

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Make the most of it



by Sam Tuttle
Graphos Columnist

I know that for a long time I was desperate to get out of this town. I hated it. I wanted to go as far away as possible. I was convinced that this town was too close minded for me; that it was strangling everything I wanted to be. I felt it disapproved of me and therefore I should leave. I no longer feel that way.

I see many kids in our school who feel the way I did. They are waiting impatiently for the day that they can pack up their possessions and leave. Like me, they will go looking for that wonderful utopia where no one mentions their baggy pants, BUM sweat shirts, or pocket protectors. They will go looking for that wonderful place where everyone is accepted and there is so much more to do, where their political views are not in the minority, that wonderful place where the rest of the world is.

Every community in the world has its own prejudices, its own

minorities, its own accepted fashion sense. Yes, there are places that don't seem as stifling as New Ulm. Most are bigger, and that is really the only major difference. Wherever you go, there will be people who are clones of the families who live on Jefferson, Washington, and Summit. In order to make a community work for you, you have to learn to deal with these people. If not, the grass will always be greener somewhere other than where you live.

When we leave New Ulm, it should not be an action motivated by where we are now. Instead, it should be an action to get where we are going. Running away is a useless action. No problem will every be solved that way. If you do not like the community you live in, change it. In order to effect change, however, you will need to give up a little of yourself. You will need to realize that your views and actions are not the same as others, and that neither is right or wrong. Use the community to your advantage, play the game. Learn the actions that are societally appropriate, win the trust of those around you. Once you have earned that trust, change the attitudes (or anything else) from the inside. Only then will you be able to change your surroundings for the better.

I intend to leave New Ulm in seven months. I may never come back (other than Thanksgiving and Christmas), but it will not be because of how awful it is here, but because of how happy I will be some place else.



DeEtte Tobias, Ben Wallner, Shannon Clobes, and Eric Fenske prepare for a science experiment.

Sounds of science

by Laura Howk
Graphos Reporter

On November 17th at 8:10 a.m., a new organization held its first ever meeting in the Chem Room. This group was none other than the New Ulm High School Science Club.

Since the beginning of the new school year, the science instructors have recognized the need for students to have more opportunities to participate in the growing world of science and technology. Field trips and other science orientated activities have become more and more a part of the curriculum in the science classes. Chemistry instructor Steve Butler said more is "needed to be done for the students." The science club will give students more access to science fiars, competitions, and field trips.

The science club's goals include getting organized, having a fundraiser, participating in a few science/engineering type competitions, and taking at least one field trip. Once the club officials are elected, the pioneering will begin. Short term objectives will be formed during the first few meetings. "I would like to see the club establish some community service roles," said Butler.

For those in search of organizations to enhance their resume for college, one may want

to consider the science club. "I am told it looks good on applications." said Butler. Not only does the science club assist in enhancing one's record, it is the only possible way of becoming a member of the Minnesota Junior Academy of Science. Through MJAS, a member may become eligible for a REAP scholarship, a paid internship.

To become a member of the science club, one simply must pay \$5 in dues to Butler. Half of the dues will go to the Minnesota Junior Academy of Science, and the remaining half goes into the club's fund. There are no qualifications a person must have to belong. Being enrolled in a science course during school isn't even a requirement.

Science club meetings occur every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:45 a.m.. Future meetings will set goals, listen to presentations and speakers, organize field trips, and prepare for competitions. Tutoring students having problems with science classes may be offered through the club during the year.

Field trips will also be offered to members. Possible trips may include the Minneapolis Science Museum and/or the engineering department at Mankato State University.

Mock Trial students take the stand

by Shannon Clobes
Graphos Reporter

All rise. Mock Trial is now in session. It is a program sponsored by the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) that gives students a look at the American legal system. This association presents high school students with a challenging opportunity to explore the judicial process.

For those students interested in becoming involved next year, it is as simple as indicating an interest at the beginning of the school year. At some schools teenagers take tests or take an

actual Mock Trial class if they want to participate, but NUHS makes it available to everyone.

Approximately 30 members participate on two teams and portray positions such as lawyers, witnesses and bailiffs. Each team involves two sides, the defendant and the respondent, consisting of three lawyers and three witnesses. Since there are too many members for the positions available, some students are designated as alternates or understudies. Their duty, said Sarah Sjogren, is to "watch the

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Ryan's review

by Ryan Nelson
Graphos Columnist

These are three of my favorite CDs that I received in 1994.

"In Utero, Nirvana." I'll admit that I didn't listen to Nirvana's music before Kurt Cobain's suicide, but when I got this CD. I realized why his music was so popular. He combined grunge music and punk music and added his own, sometimes incomprehensible lyrics to make songs that are real works of art. This CD proves what Cobain could have done if he'd chosen to live.

File under easy listening "Sugar." A real alternative band, they were around long before alternative music was a hip thing to play. Sugar had not gotten the main stream popularity that it deserves, so the only place you can hear their songs is on alternative music radio stations, and the only time you see their video is on MTV late at night. Which is sad because Sugar has its own musical style and integrity that few other alternative bands have. If you



want something that is different, get this CD.

"Monster, REM." They have done something really different on their latest CD. Instead of using mandolins and organs they have gone back to using electric guitars and feedback. The music jumps out at you as does the CD itself, which is totally orange. This CD, unlike their previous CDs, has achieved not only critical acclaim but also commercial success. I hope their next endeavor will be of the same quality or better than this one.

people



Gene Forstner is once again a member of the school board.

Forstner is back

by Travis Karstad
Graphos Reporter

As the debate over district facilities flares up with special committees and organizations inspecting buildings and conducting meetings, almost everyday we can find an article in the paper dealing with the issue and the latest developments. Ultimately, one of the final decisions will be in the hands of the school board, which has recently added a new member, well, maybe not so new.

Since November 1994 Gene Forstner has been serving on the ISD #88 Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kim Schaffer, but this service certainly isn't Forstner's first time around. Forstner was elected to his first term on the board back in 1966. That was about the time when the rural one room school districts were beginning to merge into larger school districts.

Forstner recalls that at the time he was the first, and only, school

board member representing the rural communities. He continued serving on the school board for a number of years, and in 1972 he was elected chairman of the board, a position he kept until his resignation in 1978. Since then, he has spent his time serving on the Sioux Valley Hospital Board of Directors and working on his dairy farm near Sleepy Eye.

Why would a dairy farmer be interested in serving on the school board? Well, according to Forstner, he has always been interested in maintaining and improving the quality of education. He feels an obligation to assist in achieving that aim. He also enjoys the sense of accomplishment and pride from being a part of a well run school district. As for the future, Forstner sees the major issue to be school facilities, both short and long term, and that everybody will have to balance the cost and the quality of education in dealing with this issue.



Mandi Miller, right, receives her first place Economic Awareness plaque while Heidi Filzen, left, walks away with third place at the awards ceremony following the BPA regional competition.



Six students selected to sing in mass choirs

by Navada Hillesheim
Graphos Reporter

In early January, six NUHS choir students participated in the largest select mass choir in the nation. Brian Jamison, Melissa Larsen, Sarah Schmidt, DeEtte Tobias, Brian Varland, and Ben Wallner attended the Dorian Choir Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

There are three choirs at the festival in which the students can participate: the mass choir, the male chorus, and the female chorus. Soloists are also featured in the festival. An estimated 500 people try out for solo parts, and of those 500 people, three or four are chosen to sing.

The mass choir, which contains about 1300 students, were selected to sing three songs. The mass choir was conducted by Weston Noble, who is an internationally known choir director. In 1996 Noble will have been a choir conductor at Luther College for 50 years. The male and female chorus also sing one song.

Once the students arrive at Luther College, they spend Sunday and Monday rehearsing for a concert on Monday night.

The students also perform a solo before a judge for a Honorable Mention, Semi-Finalist, and Finalist rating.

The students also have the opportunity to hear other choirs invited to perform at the concert. Choirs from Rosemount, Eagan, and Luther College performed at the Monday night concert.

Each area school usually sends four students to the festival. This year NUHS had six students who attended.

All the students who participated in the Dorian Music Festival had positive experiences about the event. Melissa Larsen said, "It was a great experience. The mass choir was superb. I also was able to meet a lot of my friends from music camp there."

Unfortunately, none of us were able to hear our fellow NUHS students perform at the Dorian Choir Festival. But what we are absolutely sure about is that Luther College, for two days, was filled with hundreds of harmonious voices.



Dorian participants include, first row, DeEtte Tobias, Melissa Larson, Brian Jamison; second row, Brian Varland, Ben Wallner and Sarah Schmidt.

Murder in the First

by Andrea Bieraugel
Graphos Reporter

The officer said, "Only you can put him away miss." I was speechless. Surely I had been in clear and present danger when the man in the mask held up the bank in the color of the night. He seemed like a natural born killer after he had blown away one victim and screamed, "I love trouble!" Then the wolf grabbed his milk money and fled north into the shadows.

Now they had the specialist in custody. He was to receive a trial by jury. I'm sure he's hoping for an unintended disclosure on my part so I would not mar his clean slate. But I'm nobody's fool, I'm a maverick and I stood up and said what happened was...

The rest is history. He was charged with murder in the first.

Beware: It could happen to you.



Laura Osorio is enjoying her stay in the United States.

Same face but different place

by Keri Bunkers
Graphos Reporter

One of the new faces added to the halls this year belongs to Rotary foreign exchange student **Laura Isabel Osorio Gómez**. **Laura Osorio**, as she goes by, is 17 years old and hails from Barquisimeto, Venezuela, a city of approximately 1.5 million residents. Currently, Osorio is living with Tom and Suzy Fenske of New Ulm.

Osorio says her favorite class is Concert Choir because she loves to sing. In addition to being a school choir member, she is also a member of Menagerie, a local singing group. Osorio hopes to join Concert Band second semester. When she is not making music herself, she enjoys listening to it. She says she likes "every kind of music except heavy metal." She loves pop, ballads, and dance music, especially the Spanish sounds of Merengue and Salsa.

She loves to play volleyball and, in Venezuela, she enjoyed going to the gym after school. Other pastimes included hanging out with friends and "dancing at the clubs until early in the morning."

When asked what she likes most about school in New Ulm, she gives an enthusiastic answer: "The basketball games. They're awesome!" She enjoys all of the school spirit that's present this year. She thinks New Ulm's activities are the best, and that the students show a great deal of class, because the teams often travel in nice buses and things are well organized.

There are many differences between NUHS and school in

Venezuela. School is easier here and good grades are more easily attainable. The classes there begin at 7:00 a.m. and conclude around 1:00 p.m. During the school day there are two breaks, one 15 minutes and the other, 25 minutes. During these breaks one can eat and/or talk with friends. Unlike lunch here, the breaks include everyone at the same time so it is easier to socialize. Osorio says that in her Venezuelan school there are no electives and students do not pick their classes. For example, all students in the same grade have the same classes.

Osorio notes that there are no similarities, only differences, between New Ulm and Barquisimeto. Barquisimeto has many places to go and to eat. Obviously, because of the size, her home city is much more dangerous than New Ulm. It is safer here. "You can walk in the street with freedom." Security is what she likes best about New Ulm. For instance, one could leave their house or car unlocked here. "Not in my city! Your things would be gone!" Osorio says New Ulm is clean and beautiful and "like a small Germany but in the United States."

Although there are not many things to do in New Ulm, Osorio enjoys the time spent hanging out with friends. She also says that she loves cheeseburgers and "New Ulm needs a place to dance!"

Osorio has already graduated from high school and is studying abroad as a form of vacation. When she returns home, she will most likely attend college in Venezuela or Colombia where she will study architecture.

Business club students bring home hardware

Six trophies were brought home on January 23 when the Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter competed in Marshall at the Business Professionals of America Region 8 competition. The New Ulm chapter competed against Marshall, Chokio-Alberta, Worthington, Fulda, and Martin County West.

BPA is the business education club. This year the club consists of students enrolled in the Business Seminar and Internship Program. In the future, **Denise Hoiland**, the BPA faculty advisor, hopes to include any students enrolled in business classes.

Some events at the competition

included Spreadsheet Applications, Legal Concepts, Business Law, Economic Awareness, Accounting and Keyboarding. Basically, anything related to business.

Economic Awareness was a landslide victory for New Ulm. **Mandi Miller** placed first, **Heidi Filzen** placed third, and **Stacy Owens** took fourth. (Guess those economics classes really pay off!) Owens also placed second in Proofreading/Editing. Filzen took fourth place in Legal Concepts and **Andrea Grams** placed second in Medical Concepts. Both Filzen and Grams will be representing New Ulm at the State Competition in Minneapolis on March 9-11.

Hawkins heads hard working choirs

by Sarah Oetken
Graphos Reporter

Ever wonder who's behind all the wonderful music being sung at NUHS? Well, if anyone does the job best, he's **Al Hawkins**, the director of three separate choirs.

Hawkins attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. After Gustavus, he taught in Ceylon, Minnesota, for two years. From there he moved to Gaylord, Minnesota, where he stayed for four years. Hawkins decided to finish his graduate studies, so he moved to Nebraska where he attended the University of Omaha. He relocated to Lafayette, Indiana, and taught for one year at a high school. In the fall of 1985 Hawkins began his present job in New Ulm.

Conducting and/or singing in various adult groups in the area is one of Hawkins' interests. In the past, he has sung in community choirs and a few semi-professional groups. Musical theater in high schools has also caught his attention.

Experience and success have brought Hawkins to the president elect of the Minnesota chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. He also judges musical contests. Hawkins is married and has three children.

Directing three choirs is no easy task. Concert, mixed and Payne Street choirs are all supervised by Hawkins. Hawkins commented that the number of choirs may depend on the enrollment of students each year. If a large amount of students enroll, Choralaires is an optional choir. Concert Choir is the top choir. In order to sing in Concert, students must audition. The same routine is followed by Payne Street, which is an extracurricular activity. The mixed choir is for boys and girls. Auditions aren't necessary and anyone can sing in this choir.



Al Hawkins is the director of three different choirs.

The types of music that Concert and the mixed choir sing are varied. Hawkins likes to expose the kids to different styles, cultures and historical periods. The Payne Street Singers sing jazz, Christmas and chamber music.

All the choirs have the option of participating in contests and activities. Every Christmas, the choirs perform on KEYC television. Christmas caroling and singing for parties and festivals are on Payne Street's agenda. Each school year there are three major concerts. The holiday concert in December starts off the year. The spring contains two concerts. A band and choir concert in March and a choir performance in May conclude the musical year.

In March, the choirs represent NUHS in the large group choral contest. A professional or solo ensemble contest is a major competition for Payne Street Singers. The kids audition individually or in small groups. Individual singers attend the Dorian Choir Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The ACDA male/treble Choir Festival is also an option every fall. The students also try out for the all-state choir.

Letters

The Graphos welcomes the opinions of our readers in letters addressed "To the Editors." Each letter must be signed by the writer. It should be short and to the point in order to ensure their publication without condensation.



Members of the One Act Play include, front row, Sam Tuttle, Betty Wetherell, Casie Netzke; second row, Andy graves, Tammy Johnson, Jake Macaulay, Sarah Sjogren, Matt Reinhart, and Char Tuttle.

“A Rose for Emily” cast wins subregion contest

by Brian Varland
Graphos Reporter

The cast of the one act play “A Rose For Emily” took first place in the Subregion One Act Play Competition in Willmar and advanced to the regional competition.

In a one act play competition a school prepares a play and performs it for judges in competition with other schools. If the judges like the overall production, the cast members could eventually advance to the state tournament.

The director of this year’s production is **Al Alvig**, who is assisted by **Wendy Tuttle** and student director **Sarah Sjogren**.

Alvig said many things went into this year’s production. A play with a good text was considered in

addition to what’s going to work with the available talent. What’s going to impress the judges was also important.

Alvig was impressed with the cast. “This is a pretty good cast in terms of natural ability,” said Alvig. He said the cast was solid; its only problem was inexperience and the youth of many of the actors. “The cast has talent and I think the kids have worked hard,” Alvig said.

“A Rose For Emily” was written by Joseph Robinette and was adapted from a story by William Faulkner. The basic plot is about a proper, southern woman named Emily Grierson, who falls in love with a Yankee construction foreman.

Will you be mine?

by Brad Weber
Graphos Reporter

Yes, folks, it’s that time of year again when the guys put their egos in their back pockets and wear their hearts on their sleeves getting up the nerve to ask that special girl: “Would you like to go to the Valentine’s Day Dance with me?”

And my, how the times have changed! Those good old elementary days of yesteryear sure were different. Nowadays, the only person to get a Valentine from you is the same person that never got one from you during those bygone years. Strange how life’s events always seem to come full circle, isn’t it? And how all the “romantically involved” couples have become so easily recognizable as they walk down the hall, hand-in-hand, totally encased in their own little world.

Then reality hits. Hard. All of a sudden, the girls need to find the perfect outfit for the dance, and the guys need to buy the dance tickets.

At this point flowers can be considered optional, but for that sincere touch of endearment, a single red rose can always be considered a handy item to have at hand. If time permits, a nice dinner, either before or after the dance, can be just the thing to put the exclamation point on a very romantic evening. Even though an evening of fun and romance is on just about everyone’s mind, it puts a little bit of pressure on the pocket book.

On this “Evening of Love and Friendship,” many people have but one goal in mind; to get a date with that person they’ve had a crush on since the fifth grade. Others just don’t want to feel left out. **Dave Tasto** said, “A date? What’s a date?”

Many people have fantasies about the perfect Valentine’s Day. **Dayton Larson** said, “My idea [of the perfect Valentine’s Day] is loving, kissing, hugging, sharing, and being with that special person.” **Virg Debban’s** idea of the perfect Valentine’s

Yesterday’s Graphos, a blast from the past

by Betty Wetherell
Graphos Editor

As an editor of **The Graphos** I got to thinking about what topics the paper has covered in the past. A trip to the file cabinets filled me in quickly, and maybe today’s readers would like to know what I found.

In December 1934 the front page article was about how the girls club put on a class play. Boy, have things changed in 60 years. Today we would consider this to be discrimination. The front page is completed by a Christmas greeting from **Harry G. Dirks**, the high school principal. Of course, this issue was not complete without the back page containing Christmas carols. I found this idea so amusing, that I am definitely considering including music in the current editions of **The Graphos**.

Nineteen Forty-Four was a busy year, indeed. It was the year that **The Graphos** published 21 issues. The front page beamed with the fact that 11 students made the A honor roll. This number is no longer amusing considering the new honor roll system. On April 22, 1944, **The Graphos** staff sponsored a dance in the old gym; admission was 25 cents. The year has a lot in common with 1994. Finding a prom date was just as hard as it is now. In fact, somebody put out a want ad.

In 1954 **The Graphos** finally began to print pictures on a regular basis. It also seemed to have gained a sense of humor. A poem printed in 1954 reads as follows:

*Now I lay me down to sleep, my homework piled in a heap
If I should die before I wake, I have but four requests to make:
Put my history in my hand; Tell Mr. Zahn, I don’t understand
Lay my English at my feet; Tell Miss Treadwell it’s got me beat.
Lay my biology at my head. Tell Miss Raverty I’m glad I’m dead.
Lay my shorthand at my side; Tell Mrs. Franklin that’s why I died.*

I can sympathize with this 1954 writer, but I would have to change a couple of the names if you get my drift.

Another interesting thing I found in the paper was advertisement. Of the 15 businesses advertising, only two of them still remain today.

In January 1975 the front page news was big. The question was should New Ulm build a rec center? The rec center was to have a skating rink, an olympic size swimming pool, and a gymnasium. As I look across the street today, I can see the answer to the question asked 20 years ago. In four months I am going to walk through the arena and receive my high school diploma.

The 1994-95 school year memories are still being made. Though **The Graphos** has changed a lot throughout the years, one thing will never change. That is the hard work and dedication the staff puts out every time an issue is released. Each **Graphos** staff continues to add a part to the proud tradition of NUHS.

Day is “having a Valentine addressed to someone other than ‘Dear Occupant.’” **Jill Curry** said, “Getting a dozen roses delivered to my door and a romantic dinner with my husband.” Many others agreed that a nice dinner and spending time with their significant other is all they need to make their Valentine’s Day complete.

While most people’s plans work out just fine, some end up backwards. For some people their plans turn out to be a total flop. **Tara Taralseth** said, “One time, me and a bunch of my friends and our boyfriends rented a limo to go to the Country Pub in St. Peter. We got a call that afternoon saying that the brakes on the limo had gone out, so we decided to pile into my sister’s car and took off. We didn’t know where the place was at, so we stopped at a gas station to ask for directions when our car broke down. We ended up eating at a McDonald’s in our suits and dresses.”

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and the fourth hour study hall I have noticed that there is hardly a time when any senior does much of anything except getting caught up on the latest gossip or catching a quick cat nap before their next class.

Why can’t we just leave school during those times? To my knowledge study times during third, fourth, and fifth hours are conveniently located right around lunch. If we could just leave during our study times and during lunch, we could leave the building and open up some more space in a very crowded cafeteria.

The only answer I ever got to my question was that the seniors last year couldn’t handle it, and some people got their cars keyed. Thank you very much for judging us on last year’s seniors.

Being a senior I feel that we deserve some privileges. Letting us leave would just make too much sense, wouldn’t it.

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March madness begins



by **Luke Schmidt**
Graphos Columnist

The state tournament ... it's where everyone wants to be. Whether they are participating or spectating, it's the finale to a great year in any sport.

The last time New Ulm earned their way into the state tournament in any sport was last year for baseball. The Eagles were the Cinderella story of the tourney. They beat many of the perennial powerhouses to advance to the championship game only to lose a heartbreaker to a powerful Henry Sibley team.

The time before that would be the hockey team a few years ago. They took the back door in by

making it through the Tier II system. Some people called the second tier a joke, but the New Ulm fans who watched it would have to disagree. New Ulm entered the state tournament with a losing record and played hard against some tough competition.

They did not make the championship game like the baseball team, but they had a great time and earned some invaluable experience.

Over these years some wrestlers have also made it to the tourney and gained some fame for New Ulm and themselves.

The reason I tantalize you with the prospect of state tournaments in the future is obvious any time you pick up a newspaper. The hockey team has been consistently ranked in the top 10 throughout the season, reaching as high as sixth as of this writing. The basketball team also has been ranked reaching as high as fourth at the time of this writing. I wouldn't mind seeing both of these teams along with a bunch of individuals from wrestling strutting their stuff at state tournament time.

It seems feasible from where we now sit. With a steadfast work ethic and some iron willpower, all three of these events could happen. It's up to how bad the teams want them.

Students escape winter boredom

by **Annie Tietema**
Graphos Reporter

For so many of us winter easily becomes a time of hibernation and boredom. Life outside appears as if it has taken a temporary absence. For miles all that can be seen is snow-covered ground with an occasional green reminder of the short summer months that have passed.

Winter is full of the excitement of waking up each day feeling that we slept in the freezer with the TV dinners, wearing bulky coats that make us look like the Pillsbury Doughboy, and watching our skin turn ghostly pale. So how do some of us avoid winter monotony?

Jason Schaefer said that he enjoys "watching the toilet flush again and again." He also goes "outside to sing songs by Candlebox in the snow bank." Apparently through singing, Schaefer has found a way to keep warm in the snowbank.

When asked about her winter activities, **Kim Melhop** said, "I go

shopping and read Nancy Drew novels." It seems that others share in Melhop's interest for reading. **Sarah Ress** explained her winter activities with "I go skiing, read books, and throw eggs at the ceiling." Maybe we should all try throwing eggs at the ceiling in order to find relief from the never-ending months of winter.

Jeremy Wieland simply said, "I avoid eating yellow snow." Maybe he was suggesting that if we all eat our share of white snow, there wouldn't be enough snow left on the ground to call it winter.

Travis Karstad displayed some sensitivity. "I usually stay in the house and sit down in front of the TV with my teddy bear George." Another person thought that cuddling was an excellent way to fight the winter cold. **Toni Schmeling** said, "I spend time with my boyfriend just cuddling."

Unfortunately for many, winter is primarily a time to work. **Jenny Wunsch** said that her winter list of fun contained one item, "Work."

Gymnasts improving by leaps and bounds



Stacy Lauwagie performs a floor routine.

by **Carla Bode**
Graphos Reporter

When people hear the term "gymnastics," they usually think of the Olympics. In their minds they picture vertically challenged girls who are usually quite buffed, performing all sorts of tricks with their Gumby-like bodies. If you're like the average "Oh, it hurts to bend down and tie my shoe" type of person, watching these amazingly flexible people defying the laws of gravity brings to mind one word: "ow."

The coaching staff is led by head coach **Vickie Tambornino** with **Pam Levendowsky** and **Nicki Fluegge**. The team competes with 14 girls on the varsity, whose

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others to learn what we'll be doing next year."

The real enjoyment for members is arguing their case and possibly winning the trial in a realistic setting. Even though Mock Trial is entertaining, it is also very educational. By learning and taking part in the legal system, students learn whether or not law is the right occupation for them.

Ben Wallner's response showed his school spirit. "I go to boys' basketball games because we really kick butt." Now, who can argue with that?

Some people prefer the more quiet approach to winter. **Ryan Swenson** said, "I play Sega and watch college basketball."

There are, of course, those who look at winter as an adventure and a thrill. Most of these individuals can't wait until the first snow so they can race the winter wind with their snowmobiles. It seems those who include snowmobiling or high-speed skiing in their winter fun list have no problem finding excitement in snow banks and cold weather.

With all these wonderful ideas we should never be bored again, right? Ok, maybe not.

members change from time to time as scores from previous meets change.

Gymnasts are judged on a point system with 10 being the highest possible score. Managers **Brooke Davis** and **April Meier** do an excellent job of tallying points and keeping books.

The team practices every day from 3:45 to 5:30 and on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00. Fifteen to 20 minutes are put aside each day for stretching. "You need to stay flexible," says the Cathedral Senior Teanor **Boettger**. After that the gymnasts warm up by doing some "light tumbling." This usually consists of cartwheels and walk-overs and other "easy" stunts. "You need a lot of upper body strength," junior **Stacey Lauwagie** said.

Finally, the last part of practice is used to develop routines on either beam, bars, vault, or floor where the gymnasts show off their stuff, flipping and jumping as if their body were one great, big rubber band. Their routines cause not so limber spectators to say "If that were me, I'd be in the emergency room by now."

The gymnastics season runs until the end of February. If you want to see some great acts of contortion, check your nearest athletic schedule and stop by a gymnastics meet.

Angie Clobes said, "I've gotten a chance to learn about the legal process and how much time and cooperation it takes to get things done."

Four real-life lawyers, **Kurt Johnson**, **John Rodenburg**, **Susan Nierengarten** and **Dustin Cross**, volunteer their time every Monday night and occasionally a Sunday evening. "Since they fully understand the legal system, they offer their help," said **Drew Kersten**. The lawyers instruct the mock lawyers on how and what kind of questions to ask.

This year's case is a civil case involving a potential revoking of a teacher's license. **P.J. Carter**, a high school teacher, is facing charges of inappropriate behavior for possibly sexually harassing **Jamie Gordon**, a student in Carter's class. Gordon is accusing Carter of touching him/her in an inappropriate manner and making passes at him/her. The debate concentrates on Carter asking a student what he/she was willing to do to get an "A" and how the student interpreted the question. Carter supports his innocence by saying he expected his student to think he meant working harder was the way to get a better grade. Each team will then present arguments supporting their side of the case.



Members of the Danceline get down to the beat.

Pom pon precision

by April Deinken
Graphos Reporter

Music fills the air as the 21 pom pon members appear before the spectators during various sporting events.

Jill Curry is the coach of the danceline whose members include Lisa Albrecht, Katie Andersen, Keri Bunkers, Liz Davies, Jill Eyrich, Shelise Gieseke, Annie Jaeger, Missy Kral, Jess Leske, Tara Lentz, Missy Linbo, Missy Mack, Mandi Miller, Jodi Nissel, Renee Purrier, Amy Raschke, Stacy Schiller, Liz Wallner, Mandy Weinkauf, Michele Wellmann, and Kari Wendinger.

Danceline consists of two squads: highkick and jazz funk. The highkick squad deals more with flexibility and precision. The jazz funk squad needs more coordination and involves street-dancing. Both squads perform together during sporting events. The division of the team is mainly for state competition.

There are many aspects to being a member of danceline. Purrier said, "I enjoy the competitions the most. The state competition is great because we can see the results of all our hard work." Bunkers said, "I find it extremely worthwhile and gratifying when everything pulls together."

Weinkauf summed up the efforts of the pom pon squad well when she said, "Danceline is more than just dancing, it's a team sport. We put just as much work into our performances as do basketball players put into their games."

During practice the girls learn new routines or perfect old ones. The complex practices require the girls to work together to make sure all the routines are known by everyone. Pom pon performs at almost all the fall and winter sports. The team is also practicing on their routines for the upcoming state competition on February 24th and 25th.

Wrestling more than a game, a way of life

by Missy Fluegge
Graphos Reporter

To the athletes who are part of the Eagles' wrestling team this season, the sport is more than just a game; it's a way of life. Throughout the season wrestlers must remain focused and dedicated to their goals. The Eagles' wrestlers understand this necessity and have applied it to their actions on the mat.

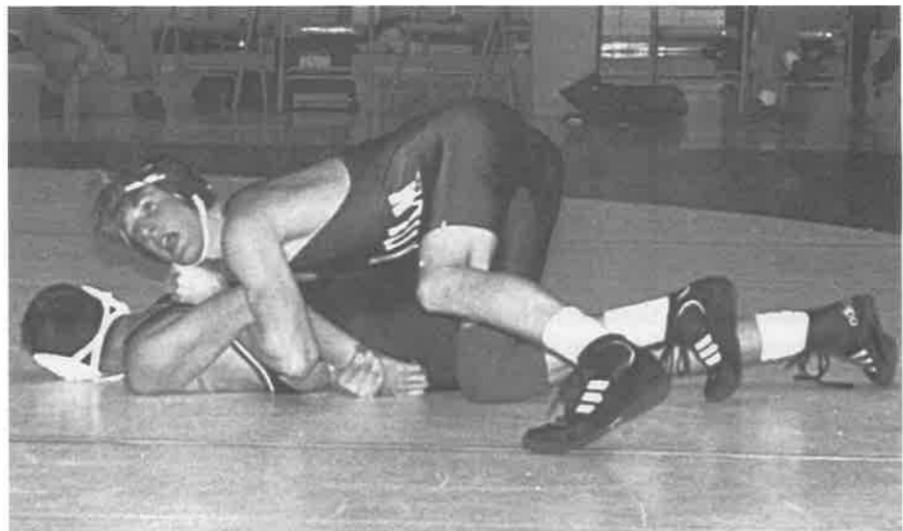
Preparing for competition is an ongoing process. Although practice officially began in November, devoted wrestlers prepare for the season for most of the year. During the summer months, wrestlers lift weights and successfully maintain their body mass within an acceptable range of their ideal weight.

Outside of the winter wrestling season, several wrestlers commonly participate in freestyle or Grecco-Roman wrestling programs offered through other wrestling associations. Juniors Toby Hermel and David Reichel, eighth grader Ryan Wieland and Nick Ruch, a seventh grader who

wrestles at 103, have participated in intensive programs during the past year. Reichel, wrestling at 140 pounds, was undefeated at 19-0 until he lost a 13-4 technical fall during the meet against Waseca on January 27.

So far, the additional efforts by individual wrestlers have resulted in marked improvements for the entire team. Tournaments have been an excellent measure of the Eagles' success this season. On December 10, the team captured the White Bear Tournament title. In addition, three wrestlers won individual championships in their divisions: Reichel at 140, Jesse Matter at 171, and Brady Ranweiler at heavyweight.

At the Park Center Tournament on January 21, the team won first place in the second division. After five rounds of competition, Reichel, Rush, and Ranweiler were undefeated and won championships at their respective weights.



Wayne Gieseke has the upper hand on his opponent.

Girls' basketball is putting it together

by Laura Marti
Graphos Reporter

The girls' basketball team needs another heading to add to the wins and losses columns. Almost wins would be an appropriate choice. All but one of the Eagles' games so far went down to the wire, including an overtime loss to LeSueur. "We had some problems early on, but then we started to play well as a team," said senior tri-captain Shannon Clobes.

Even though the girls' squad have lost several heartbreakers, they have recently put together a solid performance of five wins out of six games played. "We're improving every game," said junior forward Emily Crabtree.

The Eagles' slow start could be

attributed to the experience level of the team. Although the team had four returning varsity players, all of the previous year's starters were not back. "Learning how to play together took awhile, but now that we have some experience, we're adding numbers to the win column instead of the almost win column," said senior tri-captain Beth Green.

Regional play holds more optimism for the Eagles. "Anything can happen. If we play like we are capable of, we could win big and upset some teams," said Clobes. The girls will have their shot to play to their capability when Region 2AA play begins March 2nd.



Kim Drill puts one up from the charity stripe.