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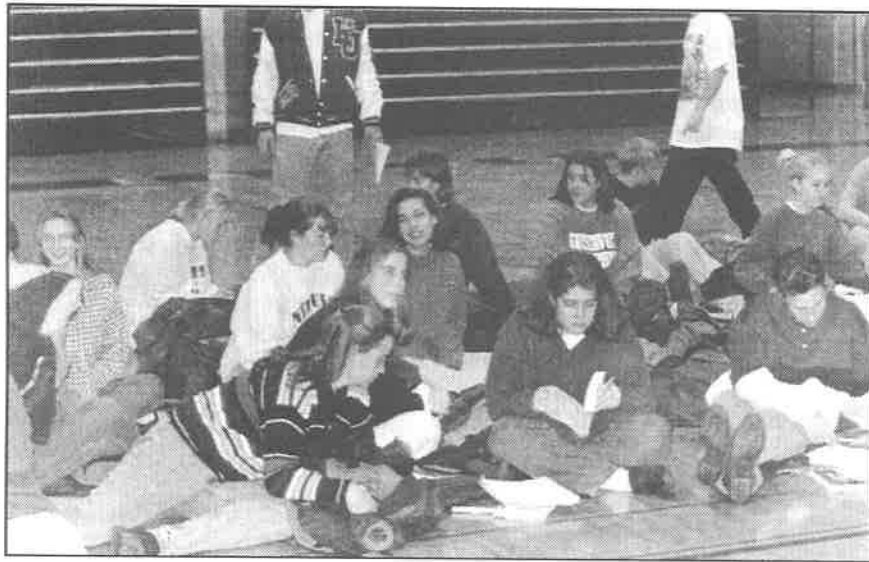
NUHS presents "Fiddler on the Roof"

by **Betsy Bianchi**
Graphos Reporter

The many hours of planning and preparing being done by the New Ulm Senior High School students and directors will finally come to fruition on November 22-24, as they perform their rendition of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The plot centers around a Jewish family where the father is forced to deal with his three eldest daughters who want to marry without the help of the matchmaker. **Char Tuttle**, who plays the character of Golda, explained, "It is a clash between the traditional ideas of the past, and the modern ideas of the present."

Approximately eighty students are involved on stage in this production, while another twenty or so work behind the scenes with directing or



The cast spends another day practicing to make "Fiddler" a great production.

choreography. An additional orchestra will accompany the group.

Although some of the cast members have extremely busy lives, all have been willing to give of their time to make the production the best that it can be. **Matt Reinhart**, who plays the leading role of Tevye, said that he was even willing to temporarily give up his job to attend the many practices. **Matt Selvig**, who plays Motel, admitted that some of the practices get pretty intense; but both he and **Bryn Untiedt**, who took on the character of Tevye's daughter, Chava, said that "the practices are fun." In asking some of the

cast members about their favorite part in being involved with the musical, a pretty unanimous response was received, "I enjoy the time I get to spend with my friends and getting to know people I didn't know before." And, of course, everyone enjoys the "acting" aspect of it as well.

Al Hawkins, director, replied that he was impressed with the work the students were doing, and that he enjoyed working with such a good group. **Megan Stugelmeyer**, who plays another of Tevye's daughters, Motel, also stated, "There are a lot of talented people in the 'Arts' area at our school, which is why we're able to do this musical -it's hard."

Referendum passes

by **Chad Rathmann**
Graphos Reporter

On September 10, the voters of District #88 narrowly approved a \$10,015,000 bond issue. The bond will center on improved and increased space, improved curriculum, and safety codes for Jefferson, Washington, and the Senior High.

At the Senior High, the largest improvement will be the addition of eight new classrooms on the south side of the building. Another science lab will be added to the current four, which will all be remodeled. The media center will also be expanded. The physical education area will be remodeled to meet gender equity guidelines with the girl's locker room being enlarged. The Senior High will also be updated to meet mechanical, electrical, fire, and ADA codes. Along with the Senior High, all other schools will get networking and technology upgrades.

The current plan is to move the ninth grade students to the Senior High for the 1998-1999 school year, although nothing is set. The construction is slated to begin in the fall of 1997.

A place to call home

by **Jo Dolly**
Graphos Reporter

For those of you at the volleyball game against Wabasso a few weeks ago, you know we were chased out by a fire alarm in the midst of the intensity. If the student council members can keep the popcorn under control from now on, they will soon have a concession stand to call their own.

After thirty years of dragging tables, candy, popcorn, and pop to a portable concession stand, student council finally won their battle for a built-in concession stand of their own. It is said to be very unusual for a school of our size not to have a permanent concession stand, especially since New Ulm has been around for quite a long time.

The new stand should also allow student council to pick up a little more money than before. In addition, the selection of goodies will be more than just the usual pop and candy. With a permanent stand, student council hopes to offer new choices such as pizza and hot dogs to choose from for those with bigger appetites, or those who simply didn't have time for dinner. This year's student council members are excited to now have an actual identity in the school, not one that has to be set up and taken down with every game or activity. This brand-new stand will definitely save many students a great deal of hassle and a lot of valuable time. The student council will finally have someplace to call "Home Sweet Home."

Student council members have been trying for many years to establish a permanent concession stand, but for one reason or another, last year was the first the long-awaited proposal was finally accepted. Last year's student council members offered to donate \$3,000 per year for the next five years in order to fund the new stand. Any other costs or expenses will be covered by way of capital funds.

The new concession stand was slated to be completely finished by November first, barring any unusual complications, and providing the student council members don't try to burn it down. While the new stand is not quite up and running, the grand opening will arrive any time. Burnt popcorn or not, congratulations and good luck to the student council members on getting this going.



These student council members take a break from the grind to pose for a quick snapshot. The students have been spending some time getting accustomed to their new permanent home.

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Opinion

Sophomore Primer

by the Class of 1997

Take notes on this, sophomores. We, being the senior class, have graciously decided to help you through your first year in the Senior High by giving you this handy little list of "Do"s and "Don't"s. Some of you may already know a few of these rules, but it is painfully obvious that most of you have absolutely no clue.

1. Don't forget to use your locker. This is by far the most common mistake rookies make. Not an hour goes by without our seeing some sophomore walk by carrying every textbook, notebook, folder, and writing tool he owns. Lockers were meant for books, not just someplace to hide from the upper class members. Carrying more than one book, folder, and pencil at any given time is just like begging to have them scattered down the hallway during some "unforeseen mishap" by a junior or senior. Although we don't condone this behavior in the halls, it is nonetheless unavoidable.

2. Do speak up. Seniors as a group are not usually known to start conversations with sophomores, but if you have something to say do not be afraid to approach us. Besides, the more vocal students are always the ones who either have more fun or get ignored. If you have an opinion you think is important, don't expect us to care. But, since we'll exclude you anyway if we don't like you, you might as well make some kind of sound so we don't

accidentally run you over in the halls. Furthermore, if you don't speak up and cheer at our various sporting events, we seniors are likely to become upset, since we have worked very hard for our reputation as "spirited" fans (do NOT confuse this with intoxicated).

3. Don't worry about "being an individual" and "originality." There are so many nonconformists in the sophomore class that we can't tell one weirdo from another. For those of you who are "searching your soul" by wearing black leather, black nail polish, and black who-knows-what-else everyday, we have some questions: Have you found yourselves yet? What's up with black? And for those who believe that showers and bathing are a conspiracy by society to control your artistic expression, we would like to remind you that even hockey players shower after three...um, quarters. The senior class does believe in political correctness, however, so feel free to do whatever you want to out of school, but please quit making us suffer through the school day with the hysterical laughter that hits every class when an especially "unconventional" sophomore walks by. This same rule applies to hairstyles. We are sure that the administration agrees that any fake-looking or oddly colored hair is very disruptive. And some of you sophomore girls (especially ones with a science class) have to lay off the hair spray a little bit- One errant spark from a lighter or Bunsen burner could ignite the whole school on fire and ... Second

thought, we approve of the extra hair spray.

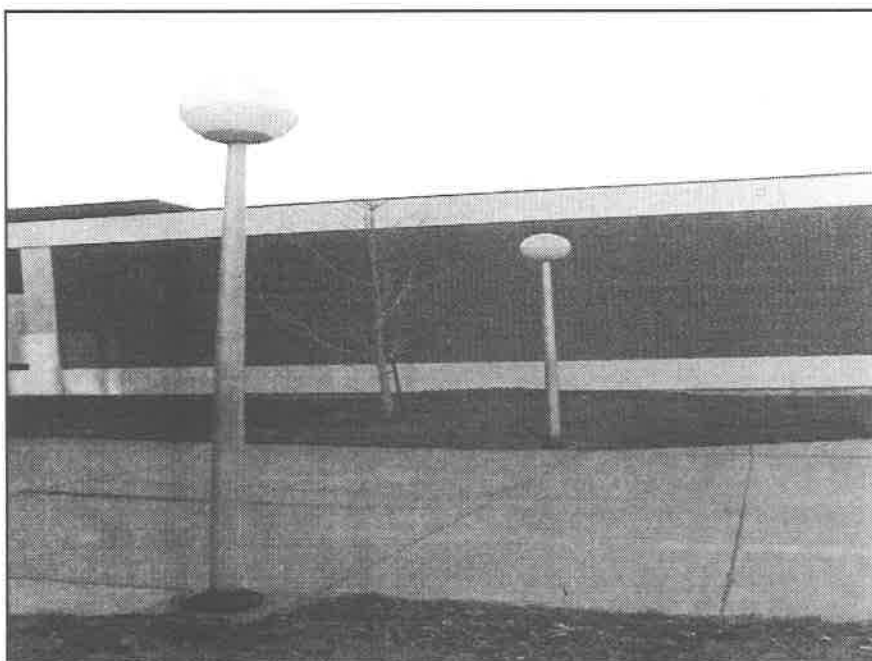
4. Don't forget about Senior Privileges. For those sophomores who don't know what senior privileges are, we can explain them to you like this: You don't have any. This means you can't get Senioritis, you can't paint the rock (or sniff it, to you guys), and you can never, ever wear cowboy boots. To tell you the truth, very few seniors get away with wearing cowboy boots. Sophomores may not use pop or candy machines. Also, sophomores can't use college skip days, although we've noticed you like to use court dates to get out of school. Keep it up and your mug shots can double as senior pictures. Our privileges also extend to the parking lot, which is meant only for juniors and seniors, not lucky sophomores who can drive and steal a spot without getting caught. The senior class has a suggestion for those sophomores looking forward to driving to school- Don't Do It. By the end of the year, your bloated sophomore class

will be parking in Vogel. In fact, it might be a good idea to form up your car pool group right now, before the snow flies. But please remember, sophomores, that we are a nice class of seniors, and we don't want all the glory. Feel free to go squealing out of the parking lot every day at 60 mph. That way, as you're getting a ticket from one of our friendly law enforcement agents, we'll be on our way home. Don't worry, we'll wave as we go by.

This is all the help you sophomores are going to get from us. Sure, we've kept a few secrets from you concerning what will get you harassed and what will make you a God, but we know how fun it is to learn by trial and error. Since you just came from the junior high, we understand that you are not yet fully mature. You are now in the Senior High, however, and school sports are almost as important as the academics. So, for your sake, don't you think it's time for you to get off the bottle and start worrying about real life, not just "Where's the party?"



Carl Wacholz models typical sophomore behavior. New Ulm sophomores always had much to learn from more knowledgeable upperclasspersons.



The weapon of choice, the scene of the crime, with the exception of the victims.

by Teresa Drexler
Graphos Columnist

The month of September brought many new changes for a lot of people. The seniors began their last year here at NUHS, while the juniors realized that they didn't have a lot to worry about. The Sophomores experienced many new changes- a new school, new people, new relationships, and treeing. For those of you who may not know, this term it is not a fun thing to see or experience.

In September we had a group of Junior boys who thought- "Wouldn't that be fun to see someone suffer?" What they did was gang up on some innocent male victims, get them moved to the bike rack any way possible, and jam them on the rack so they would be singing soprano for at least a week. Why you may ask? Because these innocent victims were different, they didn't do the same things as the cooler, older, more mature boys.

Well, this is not only completely rude, it is gross and above all it is immature.

To tree or not to tree...

I wonder what kinds of laughs people get out of these childish acts? I mean I honestly thought that days of lynching were over, and people who were different were treated with equity. Weren't you ever taught even the slightest bit of humanity or compassion?

You see the people who do these feeble-minded things are those who usually say the heck with school and an education, I have all I'll ever need, and I'm so smart I can get an education at Mankato State University and I'll be hired anywhere I want. Well, here are the cold hard facts. Five to ten years ago Mankato State University would basically accept any one with a pulse. I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad tidings but, now, Mankato State University is not accepting just anyone, and no, not even if you can play sports. They want people with common sense, and those of you who do these moronic acts are the people who will not be accepted into Mankato State University, or even a technical school for that matter.

If you want to waste your time doing stupid stuff like these treeing incidences, I'm scared to see or even think of what the world will be like in ten years because you know as well as I do that if it's happening in the little town

of New Ulm, Minnesota, it is happening everywhere.

I've been trying to figure out what this problem could be due to. What I have come up with is these people must have very low self-esteem. You know you've heard it in classes since you were in third grade. The old scenario that if Timmy makes fun of Janice, he's just trying to make himself better, he must have low self-esteem, and by making Janice feel lousy, he must be trying to cover up something. Is this the problem? Maybe you should see something, and you know the first stage is denial, if you can just get past this stage, admit you have a problem, you are on your way to making this school, community, state, nation, and world a better place.

Or, maybe just try to respect other people for who they are, what they do, and what their ideas are. Remember your way isn't always the right way, everyone has a right to an opinion. Give everyone that right and maybe when you take time to mentally digest this article you will realize the Golden Rule - "Do unto others as you would want done unto you."

Feature

Thoughts on the election

by Erik Langhoff
Graphos Reporter

For several days I asked random people the question: What are your thoughts on the outcome of the Presidential election? I found quite a mix of views. Here's what people had to say:

Bill Knopke: "I supported Perot in the election. I feel that he supports American ideals and values and he has good economic ideas for the future, but they will probably never come to age. I also think that Bill Clinton is a good President who will continue to do a good job and will lead us across the bridge to the 21st Century, if he hasn't been impeached by then.

Eric Gramentz: "I'm happy about the outcome of the election, and I'm glad that President Clinton is still in office. I'm also glad that Wellstone won. Most of all, I'm glad that it's all over, because I'm sick of those political commercials!

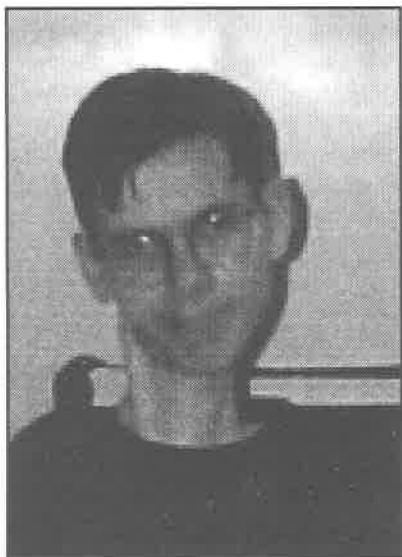
Andrea Crilly: "The outcome was not a surprise to me, but I think it's pretty pathetic that we have a President that is so lacking of moral character. I'm disappointed that we don't seem to have a candidate that can actually run the country honestly. Colin Powell in '2000.

Elly Krzmarzick: "I couldn't vote, so I really don't care."

Amanda Vanderwerf: "I was a Dole supporter. I'm mad that people seem to overlook Clinton's scandals."

Anna McGraw and Sara Thom: "We're happy with the outcome, because Dole is too old, Perot has big ears, and who cares if Bill Clinton has a red nose?"

The Unidentified Tim: "I don't think



Ryan Nelson will gladly offer his view on hot new music this year.

Clinton should have won, because I don't totally agree with his views. But Dole didn't gain my respect because he "tattle-tailed" on Clinton too much. Perot came in late, which shows a lack of integrity."

Brian Paulson: "I am an avid Dole supporter because he stands for issues that support America. I think liberals have wrongfully scared Americans into thinking that conservatives will ruin the environment and put people out into the streets. Also, age should not be an issue, and too many people were turned off by Dole because of his age. I think it's unfortunate that with the electoral college system, a republican vote in Minnesota means squat. President Clinton has Whitewater, sexual harassment charges, drug abuse and more on his record, and yet he won a second term. What does that say about American voters?"

Sara Loose: "I am darn proud of the outcome. Democrats Rule!"

Josh Schmitt: "I think Colin Powell would have been a good candidate because he knows a lot about military strategies, but since he wasn't in the race, maybe Perot would have done all right. He would have reduced the deficit. I can't stand Clinton. He has too many problems."

Kristen Wellmann: "I am pleased with the outcome, not that Clinton is a perfect candidate, but to me he is the better of the evils. I think the country did well under his first term. Besides, Dole and Perot attacked Clinton's character too much. People only do that when they have weak campaigns. I don't like people trying to scam citizens into giving them votes. Those candidates prayed on our fears because their campaigns were full of holes."

Jennifer Flores: "I'm thankful that Clinton won. Dole irritates me and I completely disagree with many of his ideas."

I'm not going to share my opinion on this topic, for fear of being persecuted by people who disagree with me. Of course, if you disagree with any one of these opinions, the person responsible is not me. I just ask the questions.

Minnesota music scene

by Ryan Nelson
Graphos Reporter

Lately, I've noticed myself flipping through the stations on my radio. Why me or anybody surfs through the radio stations, I have no idea.

However, one Friday night, while flipping through radio stations, I stopped at 89.7 FM which I later found out was Mankato State's radio station,

The Critics

by Char Tuttle and Carla Bode
Graphos Reporters

Our first adventure of movie criticism was the movie *The First Wives Club*. This near slap-stick comedy starred three talented veterans of the silver screen: Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, and Diane Keaton.

The plot is one that has become common for many modern women: the middle-aged man suffering from a mid-life crisis, his only remedy is leaving his wife of twenty years and seeking refuge with a bulimic bimbo. Unlike many wives in these situations, the three eccentric characters decided to not only get mad but "get everything."

This movie addresses problems not only for dropped wives, but for women in general. Take, for example, the modern "Twiggy" look that has taken hold of the fashion industry. An anorexic, sickly-looking woman is considered "normal" and "attractive," while the average-sized Bette Midler is criticized for her weight.

Another injustice that is revealed from this movie exists in the movie industry itself. When women age they are considered old and unattractive, and are usually pushed out of the limelight; where as men, Sean Connery for example, are considered distinguished and "studly". They continue making blockbusters, but instead of co-starring with peers, they co-star with women young enough to be their granddaughters.

Overall the movie was quite entertaining and very easy to relate to. It had good humor and moments of necessary seriousness. The only complaint we have is the ending is a little sappy and unrealistic.

KMSU. Well, not exactly the beacon of hope for radio, KMSU's programming in particular for Friday nights is a breath of fresh air compared to the garbage put out by other stations.

Starting at 5 pm and running until 8 pm on Friday nights, is the Minnesota Music Show or Minnesota Music Scene. The title is different all the time it seems. The current version of the show is not as good as it use to be but nevertheless plays a good variety of not only rock music from Minnesota, but some blues, reggae, jazz and other music that doesn't fit into a specific genre of music. The hosts of the show don't exactly have the entertaining banter that the previous hosts had (example: They'll talk about drinking cappuccino, studying too much and partying) but the show still has some interesting music to offer.

The next show, Beautiful Music for Ugly Children, which runs from 8 pm to 10 pm, is a true original. As far as I'm concerned, the show plays mostly, what many call alternative music. Although, it's not the brand name alternative music of MTV and KDOG, not only that but other musical acts that don't fit into the category are played as well, such as Black Sabbath, Bruce Springsteen, and David Bowie. This show's DJ's Johnny and Sara give the show a real informal feeling. This can probably be attributed to the fact that neither of them seem to be



Char Tuttle and Carla Bode, student critics, are not afraid to speak their mind and give an honest opinion.

Ratings

5 milk duds
4 Jr. Mints
3 sour patch kids
2 dots
1 banana runt

Carla gives this movie: 4 Jr. Mints
Char gives this movie: 3 sour patch kids and 1/2 jr. mint

VIDEO PICKS OF THE MONTH

Sleep With Me: a love triangle among friends Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Craig Scheffer with a comedic cameo by Quentin Tarantino.

Mystic Pizza: a story of three friends reaching adulthood starring Lily Taylor, Annabeth Gish and Julia Roberts.

Pretty in Pink: a film by the talented John Hughes starring Molly Ringwald and the handsome Andrew McArthur.

performing or trying to act cool or be smart.....(You know what I mean) More proof that this show's DJs aren't completely fake is the fact that they aren't afraid to completely slam some of the music that they play and that's something that some of the music desperately needs.

From 10 - 11, is Sounds From The Surf. It's an hour of surf and garage music which is in case you didn't know, the music that fills the Pulp Fiction movie soundtrack. Considering the popularity of the music, this show is probably the only place outside of that soundtrack, where you're going to hear surf music in Southern Minnesota and that's sad because the surf is an underestimated musical genre. Even if you don't care for the mostly instrumental, the show is still worth listening to because of the hosts, Big Z the Big Kahuna and Hal Aroma. They're pretty funny; although really odd.

11-12 pm, is City of Tiny Lights, a show devoted entirely to music of the man most widely known for the names of his children, Moon and Dweezil, Frank Zappa. Zappa's music is something anyone who takes music seriously should listen to at least once because of its intricate instrumentation and for the very same reason that the music is often times unlistenable.

New students roam halls

by Gretchen Hinsman
Graphos Reporter

Depending on how observant you've been, you've more than likely noticed a few new faces around school. Three of them are here through either AFS or Rotary. The two AFS students are Connie Fuchs and Maren Fossum. The Rotary student is Pauline Vanderbeke. Read on, and you'll find out some vital info about them.

Connie Fuchs is a senior from a town near Zurich, Switzerland. In her spare time she likes to ice skate and has been in many competitions. She also enjoys snowboarding, skiing, reading, sports, watching movies, and being with friends. Connie is currently living with the Allen (Señor, as most of us know him) and Patti Hoffman family. When asked about the differences between school in Switzerland and the U.S., she says, "It's really different. In Switzerland we have ten minutes between classes and no tardies." We also have an open lunch for one hour." What she likes about this school is the fact that we can take classes that we are interested in, and also the people.

Maren Fossum, a senior living with Ernie and Chris Ohland, is from near

Lillehammer, Norway. She really digs music — she's in band and choir. Maren plays the baritone, piano, and guitar. What she likes to do in her free time is being with friends and having fun. She also enjoys hunting in the mountains of Norway, canoing, skiing (both downhill and cross-country), snowboarding, biking, and traveling. She has visited a fair share of foreign countries, including Thailand, Gambia, and most of Europe. As far as the differences between here and Norway, Maren says, "It's very flat in the U.S. and school is more fun — you can take more fun classes."

Pauline Vanderbeke is another senior from Mouscron, Belgium. She lives in the Todd and Ann Radermacher household. Pauline likes playing sports, especially volleyball, and watching movies. Like Connie and Maren, she says that the U.S. is very different. "Here, clothes, CD's, food — everything — is cheaper. School here is a lot easier, but in Belgium we get one hour for open lunch." Pauline also commented on the driving age. In her home country, and pretty much all of Europe, you have to be 18 in order to cruise around in that wonderful invention we call the automobile.



Connie (L), Maren, and Pauline wait a moment to flash a smile for the camera.

A moving experience

by Jenny Frederickson
Graphos Reporter

Gloria Chow, or Chun Ying, is very unique, fun to be around, open-minded, and has a willingness to learn from others. Gloria, however, is unique in more than one way. She was born on November 16, 1979 and moved from Hong Kong to the United States, along with her mother and cousin, about a year and a half ago. As most people are aware, on July 1, 1997, Hong Kong will be returned to communist China. Gloria feels that Hong Kong should not change governments, and she would like China to be unified rather than separated.

When Gloria first came to New Ulm, some time was needed to adjust to the small city and the farming community which is a major part of New Ulm's atmosphere. In Hong Kong, the population and city was much larger and busier, in comparison to New Ulm. In addition to the city, Gloria did not know many people or the English language very well. Gloria comments that she also had to adjust to our school system. School is extremely important for her, which includes working hard for good grades and scholarships. She adds, "In Hong Kong, if you don't receive good grades, you don't survive." Gloria says that the students in Hong Kong take their education much more seriously and work very hard in school. Our school time schedule is also different for Gloria because in Hong Kong every three class periods, they receive a fifteen minute break. For lunch, the students are then given a ninety minute open lunch period. In addition, students in Hong Kong stay in the same classroom year-round, and the teachers travel to their classes. The students are allowed, however, to change seating arrangements once a month.

In the future, Gloria plans to graduate from high school and college in the United States, and return to Hong Kong in order to find a job in computer programming. Gloria says that she enjoys the U.S. but would also like to help her own country.

Besides her education, Gloria absolutely loves to dance, enjoys math league, and liked the time she spent as the manager for softball last year. In all, Gloria is a very fun and interesting person to be around, and as she puts it, "I just want to be myself."

Making Fun of....



The Senior Corner: To the Class of 1997

by Sarah Sjogren
Graphos Columnist

Well, here we are beginning the end of our school years at District #88. Graduation year has finally come and if you are like me, you probably have mixed emotions about what lies ahead. We will soon leave the security of NUHS and move onto bigger, better, and maybe a little bit scarier things. I asked a few people what they like most about being a senior. First hour study time, says **Becky McAninch**, is a definite benefit of being a senior. **Paige Lambrecht** says she likes "...harassing the sophomores." What is the class of '97 looking forward to? "We'll be out of here next year!" said **Crystal Grund**. **Andrea Crilly** added that she wants to "...start a new life in college." This of course brings us to what most seniors are looking forward to the most: "I'm looking forward to not having to have my parent's approval on every little thing!" said **Stacey Moll**. These sentiments were echoed by **Erik Langhoff** who cannot wait to live on his own. Noting the strange phenomenon in which the temperature in school is somehow at least twenty degrees colder than the outside temperature, **Katie Pehrson** said she wants to "...attend a place where they turn on the heat before Christmas!"

As most of us have found out, however, is that our worries are far from over. In fact, they have just begun. College application deadlines are drawing near and many seniors are worried about their futures. Seniors are faced with decisions about technical school, college, the armed forces, and careers. Says Crilly, "I am worried about whether I am making the right decision." **Char Tuttle** is worried about handling the college



Sarah Sjogren is the columnist behind our Senior Corner. She will offer insights, advice, and assurance for our worries throughout the year.

work load. Economically-minded people, like **Jen Jutz**, are worried about financing the ever-increasing cost of a college education. Most people are also upset about leaving their high school friends, not to mention football games, dances and pep fests.

Whether you are excited or apprehensive about graduation, Lambrecht sums up the feelings of every senior when she says, "I just want to make it through next hour."

What's coming next week to the Senior Corner?

The mystery of college visits will be revealed as a helpful article guides the typical senior on exactly what to ask, where to be, and what can be done while visiting a college campus.

Sports

Tough year for football

by Jeff Yager
Graphos Reporter

Their record of 3-6 just about sums up the Eagles' season. Only USC had a worse record overall. At the beginning of the season, **Coach Van Roekel** had high hopes for a team that had only lost eight seniors. What he forgot was that his team had not won many games last year. He was hoping for a record around .500, but things haven't gone the way he had hoped.

The Eagles started on a good note by tearing apart the Mankato West Scarlets 37-2. The offense exploded for 365 total yards. Fullback **Dustin Born** led the Eagles for 157 yards rushing on ten carries. One hundred and eighteen of those yards came on two long touchdown runs. Quarterback **Willie Holm** also helped on offense throwing for a touchdown of thirty-eight yards and rushing for one of seventy yards. The story of the game was not the offense, however, but the defense that shut down the Scarlets and created three key turnovers.

After the West game, New Ulm would have to play its toughest game of the year as Blue Earth came to town and left with a 28-0 win. Blue Earth scored on its first three possessions and Coach Van Roekel said it best when he said that the Bucs' offense could "score at will on us." Things didn't get any better when the Eagles offense had only twenty-eight yards of offense in the first half. New Ulm hurt themselves even more when they turned the ball over seven times. Their defense picked it up in the second half by not allowing any points.

Coming off a tough game against BEA, the Eagles felt as if they had a very good chance of winning against St. Peter. St. Peter, however, had different plans. They blew the Eagles away 42-12. The Saints jumped out to an early 14-0 lead and never stopped scoring. The Eagles didn't play well on either side of the ball and kept on "shooting themselves in the foot" Coach Van Roekel said. The Saints kept the Eagles scoreless until **Dustin Born** and **Matt Selvig** each had short yardage runs for touchdowns late in the game.

This year's homecoming was another shortcoming for the Eagles as they lost to Waseca 8-0. The offense was shut out and only managed to rack up fifty-four total yards. The Eagle defense, though, played an outstanding game and held the powerful Waseca offense to only 101 yards. Mental discipline has been something the coaching staff has been working on all season with its players. It came to play a big part in the game when the Eagles were deep in BlueJay territory. They were faced with a fourth and three situation, but an illegal procedure penalty moved them back five yards. An incomplete pass ended one of the best chances for the Eagles to score.

The Eagles dropped their fourth game in a row to an always strong Fairmont team. Coach Van Roekel said that his offense played its best game that day. **Dustin Born**, who scored the only touchdown, had 76 yards rushing, and **Holm** had 86 yards passing. Holm's two receivers were **Dan Krzmarzick** and **Jeremy Wieland**. They each had 51 and 35 yards, respectively.

Then the game against Redwood Valley comes around. Redwood Valley was 0-5 before the game. Coach Van Roekel had said after the game, "Maybe our guys thought it was going to be an easy game." For Redwood Valley, the game was easy. I'll just tell you that the Eagles lost 42-8 and leave it at that. Sophomore **Mark Boettger** collected all eight of the Eagles points, scoring on a 12 yard run and running in the two-point conversion.

On October 10, the USC Rebels came to town with a mission. Call it Mission Impossible or whatever else you like, but their mission was to win their first football game in their last 24 tries. Shame should be brought onto the team that allows them to win a game. The Eagles realized this and responded enormously. They virtually ran over the Rebels to break their five game losing streak. They had four rushing touchdowns by four different players. They were **Dustin Born**, **Dave Needham**, **Zac Pagel**, and **David Armstrong**. **Willie Holm** also connected with **Chad Ahl** for the fifth Eagle touchdown of the night. The real credit though goes to the offensive line who helped the backs rack up almost 300 yards rushing and average over eight yards a carry. The defense also played very well allowing no points throughout the game. But, as the saying goes, there is no such thing as a free lunch because midway through the second quarter one of New Ulm's captains, **Matt Selvig**, went down with a torn ligament in his knee. Selvig will more than likely miss the entire basketball season, but might be back for baseball. We wish Matt a speedy recovery from an injury that has thrown a wrench in his senior year.

The Eagles' last regular season game came against a tough St. James team. The Eagles came into this game knowing that a win was a must if the play-offs were anywhere in their future. The other important key was that Marshall had to lose. After a delay of game due to lightning, the Eagles got under way to their 7-6 win over St. James. Quarterback **Willie Holm** scored the Eagles lone touchdown with **Brian Schmidt**, the Eagles' outstanding kicker, completing the game winning



Cory Ranweiler (75) leads the tough Eagle defence as he wrestles down his opponent.

point after kick. Soon after the game the Eagles learned that Marshall had lost and the Eagles would be facing Fairmont in the play-offs.

A strong fan support helped the Eagles get through the freezing cold of the play-off game. The tough Eagles defense stood up to Fairmont and kept them to just 7-0 at half time but the weather and Fairmont's offense took their toll on the defense and ended the game with an embarrassing loss. The Eagle season ended on a good note with seniors **Bill Knopke** and **Cory Ranweiler** along with junior **Ryan Clobes** being named All-Conference.

Eagle volleyball makes their mark

by Brooke Portner
Graphos Reporter

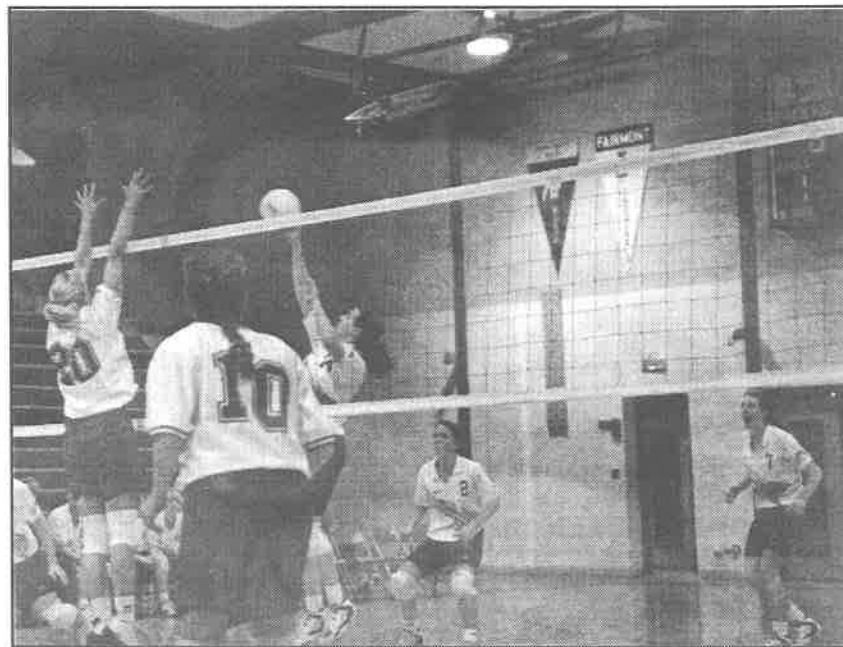
This year's Eagle volleyball team made their way through an impressive season although the record may not have shown it. The Eagles were 13-17 under first year varsity coach **Anita Longtin**. Leading the Eagles this year were senior captains **Angie Rieger** and **Roz Clancy**, along with seniors **Teresa Drexler**, **Elly Krzmarzick**, **Brooke Portner**, and **Jackie Schaefer**. These juniors and sophomores were also greatly significant in the varsity team's success: **Kristi Andersen**, **Annie Bernard**, **Emma Otis**, **Sarah Roesch**, **Rachel Seifert**, **Kim Roberts**, and **Jody Froebel**.

The volleyball team came in second place at a tough Blue Earth tournament, which was an exciting win for the Eagles. Most impressive, however, was the third place spot the Eagles took home at the South Central Conference tournament.

In Region play, the New Ulm Eagles were seeded eighth and played the ninth-seeded Prior Lake at home. With a win in the first round of playoff action, the Eagles faced a powerful Chaska team which held the number one seed. Although the Eagles put up a courageous fight and battled every point, the team ended their season against Chaska.

Moving to personal accomplishments, a big congratulations goes to **Roz Clancy** and **Jackie Schaefer** on receiving Player of the Game awards, and also to **Angie Rieger** for receiving a Player of the Week award.

After the season ended, many agreed that the volleyball team greatly appreciated all of the proud Eagle support by parents, students, and faculty. Congratulations to the Eagle volleyball team on a great season!



Eagle hitter Sarah Roesch pounds one home while teammates Roz Clancy (2) and Angie Rieger (7) prepare for the return.

Boys and girls cross country have strong year

by Jenny Oetken
Graphos Reporter

Once again, another season of cross country has come and gone. Each year when those grueling practices begin the same question is asked, "Who are those runners and why are they doing it?"

This year, the boys team had two seniors, **Brian Regnier** and **Phil Van Wyngarden**. The juniors who made strong showings were **Steve Pickus**, **Jon Van Orden**, and captain **Jason Witt**. In addition, **Toby Biebl**, **Roth Kersten**, **Cameron Jeske**, **Mike Schmitz**, and **Brian Van Wyngarden** made up a good percentage of the team. This year's varsity and junior varsity teams have also received some running assistance from Junior High School students **Jon Bauer**, **Tony Graves**, **Al Wurtzberger**, and **Gary Wurtzberger**.

Mr. Pickus commented that this season has been a rebuilding season for both the girls and boys teams, but more so for the guys. Four of the team's runners graduated last year and it has proved difficult to replace those experienced runners this season. At one point in the season, only three definite varsity runners were holding their spots on the team. The team really needed four or five anchor spots to make the varsity stronger.

Nicole Rieke was the only senior on the girls varsity team this year. However, she was backed up by juniors **Dawn Bauer**, **Jenna Budenski**, **Jenny Oetken**, **Maria Sieve**, and captain **Shari Wendinger**. The only sophomores on the team were **Erin Beussman** and **Kristi Schmeling**.

According to **Mr. Pickus**, the girls team has been consistent with seven runners. The downside to this is that there are no other girls behind them pushing the varsity runners to perform better. **Mr. Pickus** thought, however, that the girls team would hit their peak later in the season.

This season was especially exciting for the Eagles because the regional competition took place in New Ulm. This gave the New Ulm teams an advantage that Coach Pickus and Coach Peterson couldn't pass up.

During those long, hard practices the boys and girls teams ran together along with the coaches, no matter how hard the workout was. Since everyone worked together, the cross country team grew to become very close-knit. Cross country is a great and very fun sport in which to be involved. Besides becoming physically fit, many friendships are established throughout the season.



New Ulm runners **Jason Witt** and **Alan Wurtzburger** take off from the starting line at a cross country meet. The regional meet was hosted by New Ulm this season.

Tennis duo advances to state tourney

by Katie Schmitz
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Two Eagle athletes, **Jenell Luneburg** and **Becky McAninch**, finished off their high school tennis careers with a long-awaited trip to the State Tournament in late October. The pair was united back in August and worked together all season with the hope of winning a trip to state. Their first obstacle was the sub-region tournament. The New Ulm duo took the championship after defeating two hard-hitting teams from Waseca. The Eagle hitters then went into the region tournament with a number one seed. With this advantage, the New Ulm duo breezed by their first-round opponent from Shakopee, 6-4 6-0. Once again, however, the Eagles were paired up with the number two doubles team from Waseca in which Becky and Jenell came out with the win. That win brought them to the championship against New Ulm's long-time rivals, the number one team from Waseca. This time the table turned and Becky and Jenell were given a couple of days off until they would have to play a tough Wilmar duo for true second. The two Eagles came through under the pressure and won their trip to State after defeating Wilmar, 6-3 6-3. The Eagle duo finished the season with an impressive 26-4 record together, the best of both of their careers.



The region tennis team poses for a moment before they take the courts against Mankato East. The Eagles proved victorious in this region match-up 6-1.

Region tennis ends with best finish ever

by Becky McAninch
Graphos Editor

The New Ulm Girls Region Tennis Team, made up of thirteen experienced players, took second place at the Section 2AA Team Tennis Tournament at Swanson Tennis Center in St. Peter. This excellent finish at the sectional "Final Four" marks the Eagles' best finish ever, just one win away from the AA State Team Tennis Tournament.

This impressive finish, however, was no surprise to those who followed the Eagle team throughout the season, as the Eagle netters, coached by Pat Reedy and Peter Engeldinger, finished the year at 14-5. In tournament action, New Ulm took the championship at a tough Buffalo Invitational for the third-straight year. In addition, the Eagles made an exceptional showing at the Mankato East Tournament taking the Varsity trophy for the fourth consecutive year. Also, the lady netters placed third at the Mankato West tournament, one of the toughest mid-season tournaments around.

Going into region play, the Eagle line-up consisted of senior co-captain **Katie Schmitz** at number one singles, freshman **Amy Hildebrandt** at number two, junior **Mary Vancura** at number three singles, and sophomore **Amber Fischer** rounding out the singles action at number four. As for doubles play, senior co-captains **Jenell Luneburg** and **Becky McAninch** played number one, with junior **Jennie Taylor** and sophomore **Holly Schuck** filling the number two spot. Finishing the doubles was senior **Katie Stanke** and junior **Jennica Date** playing a strong number three. Completing the region team was senior **Linda Poncin**, sophomore **Kelly Gorres**, and freshman **Mandy Lentz**.

In regional play, the second-seeded Eagles first met the Marshall tigers and quickly disposed of these kittens with a score of 7-0. In order to reach the "Final Four," the Eagles then eliminated an up-and-coming Mankato East team 6-1. In the sectional semifinal, the Eagles defeated number two-seeded Hutchinson 7-0 with a powerful showing. In the Section 2AA Championship, however, a strong Waseca rival barely squeaked past the Eagles 4-3 in order to attend the state tournament.

Overall, the Eagles must be proud of their incredible season and a respectable finish to the best season ever. Congrats to the Eagle tennis team and remember to always "Let 'er Buck!"

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