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These juniors dressed as M&M's, along with other students in costumes, return to the high school after visiting the students at Jefferson.

NUHS Seniors Awarded Rotary Scholarships

By **Kim Enck** and **Heather Kokesch**
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Recently two New Ulm High School seniors were selected to attend a 3 day long camp sponsored by the Edina-Morningside Rotary Club. These seniors were **Jennie Taylor** and **Kevin Wellmann**.

Out of a total of 120 students who attended Camp Enterprise, only four were students from New Ulm. (2 from NUHS, 1 from Cathedral and 1 from MVL) The local Rotary Club sponsored all the New Ulm students, so they did not have to pay to go.

The students stayed in cabins with about 20 other people at Camp Courage in Annandale Minnesota. This provided them with the chance to meet new people, which according to **Jennie**, "...was the coolest part!"

At Camp Enterprise they listened to speakers, learned about the free-enterprise system and entrepreneurship, and basically about business and banking. As a simulated activity the students were divided into groups and given a product or company which they did a case study on and then had to present it a "bank board" to get a loan. This was to illustrate how business go about getting a loan. **Kevin** said that "it was a great chance to speak in front of people".

While attending Camp Enterprise, the students were asked to complete essays. From these essays they awarded 8 scholarships of \$400. **Jennie Taylor** received one of these scholarships by writing responses to how Camp Enterprise changed her view of the free-enterprise system, and how one of the speakers changed her viewpoint. This money will come in quite handy for her next year.

Kevin also received a scholarship, only his was not from writing an essay. As mentioned earlier there were about 120 students who attended, and one scholarship was given to the most enthusiastic, involved and outgoing camper. The counselors voted to make the decision. **Kevin** received this honor and a scholarship of \$400. According to **Kevin**, "I simply acted like myself."

Congratulations to these two seniors who represented NUHS very well!

Referendum Passes

By **Chris Johannes**
Graphos Reporter

If I were to guess, I would have to say that unless informed by teachers, less than half of the student body know much, if anything about the last referendum. Just to inform those of you that didn't know, the referendum passed.

Unlike in the past, this referendum received very little publicity, mostly due to the lack of controversy that surrounded the issues. The basic idea of the referendum was very simple. The educational funding rate would be reduced from \$317 to \$146 per pupil unit starting next year. If you're wondering, you are one pupil unit. Anyway, reducing the funding doesn't sound like a good idea, but the alternative was to reduce the funding to \$89 per pupil unit. The further reduction would have occurred if the referendum would have failed.

Although you will never see a dime of the \$146 that is dedicated to your education, the money is used to help educate you. While most of us wouldn't mind having another \$146 in our pockets, the money is probably better spent by the school system. \$146 worth of clothes or cd's won't prepare you for your future as much as textbooks, teachers, activities, and computers could. Among other things, the school system uses the money to keep the class sizes small, keep classes and extra curricular activities from being cut, and improving the technology in the school. In short, the increased funding will help everyone in one way or another, except the graduating seniors who will not be here to receive the benefits of the additional money.



Construction is still in progress from the last referendum. The science lab remodeling is complete and students are now able to have classes there.



November 3rd the NUHS Concert Choir hosted the SCC Choir Festival. Choirs from USC, Blue Earth, St. James, St. Peter, Fairmont, and Waseca participated in this one day event. The day included work with a guest clinician and massed choir rehearsals. That evening a concert was performed in which the choirs sang individually, and together as a massed choir they performed three numbers. This picture is of the massed choir rehearsal. Pictured from NUHS are **Jessica Schaezke** and **Kelly Neidecker**.

Feature

New Teachers

By **Stephanie Marquardt**
Graphos Reporter

To many, new teachers are just part of the fun of going to high school. New teachers often mean change, and replacement of the other teachers. Some which many liked, and some that many disliked. New teachers are an necessity, at some point in time.

Ms. Knochenmus was the first teacher that I interviewed. I noticed right away that she had a optimistic attitude and was very cheerful. She was brought up in Litchfield, MN. She teaches English Lit, Communications, Popular Lit., and is the Assistant Speech Coach. During the day, she teaches five classes. Before she came to New Ulm, she was finishing up student teaching in Mankato, and just enjoying the college life. She likes plenty of things about the Senior High. She enjoys the students, the positive atmosphere, and other staff members. One other thing she likes, is the room for development. Not only for students, but also for the teachers. One additional comment made by **Ms. Knochenmus**, was that she thinks Ms. Chase's baby is really cute.

Ms. Chase was the next teacher that I interviewed. One thing that I noticed about her, is she was also very cheerful, and had an upbeat attitude. She was brought up in

Adams, MN. She explained that is right by the Iowa border. She teaches English, and also teaches five classes a day. She also commented about the fact that she was once the newspaper advisor, while teaching in Yuma, Arizona. That is what she was doing before coming to New Ulm. Her favorite thing about the New Ulm Senior High, is the students. She believes that we are respectful and intelligent. **Ms. Chase** seems to have an understanding of the students, and seems to like us.

The last teacher that I interviewed, was **Mr. Woodbury**. He seemed to be very busy at the time and he had a lot of energy. **Mr. Woodbury** came from Worthington. While at Worthington, he was the Assistant Principal and the Athletic Director. Which is what he does here at the Sr. High. He is not well known to many of the students, but he does a large part when it comes to extra curricular activities. He basically schedules games and works with that sort of thing. When asked what he likes about the Senior High, he replied, "The students and his coworkers a.k.a. the staff."

New teachers are just a small part to a great school year. I hope that I have given you, the students, some insight on who those new faces of the teachers are.



New Teachers are from L to R: Mr. Woodbury, Activities Director, Ms. Chase, English, and Ms. Knochenmus, English.

In the next issue of
The Graphos we will
feature this year's
new foreign exchange
students.

Visitor From Norway

By **Nicole Firle**
Graphos Reporter

You may have seen some new faces around New Ulm High School. Some of these people are from other countries. Such is the case with **Ingrid Kverenes**. **Ingrid** joins us from an island in Norway called Stord. **Ingrid** is seventeen years of age. Her birthday was the Seventeenth of November. **Ingrid** is staying with Judy and Garrett Sampson in New Ulm.

Ingrid is enjoying her stay immensely, but this is not her first time in the United States. **Ingrid** has visited California and Washington. She has also traveled to Sweden, Denmark, and England. Despite all her adventuring, **Ingrid** would like to live in Norway. She has considered the possibility of going to college in the United States, though.

Ingrid has made many new friends here in New Ulm and also in Sleepy Eye. She describes her home town as a small town of 3,000 people. This would make New Ulm a city! **Ingrid** says that there is more to do here than back in Stord. She likes all the restaurants such as McDonald's, Subway, Hardees, and Perkins which are unavailable in Stord. **Ingrid**

also likes to visit the local cinema.

Here in New Ulm, **Ingrid** is taking such courses as Choir, Band, and Photography and Airbrush. The only problem with this year of school is that it will not count towards her year of schooling in Norway. This is basically just the year to have fun, and she certainly is.

When asked what she missed most about her home in Norway, **Ingrid** replied, "I miss my family and friends. I also miss the traditional Norwegian food." The United States is very different from Norway in that it is cheaper here, and the weather is drastically different. **Ingrid** lives near the coast where it is rainy most of the fall and the winter. Thus this winter will come as a surprise for her.

Ingrid is undecided upon whether she will attend college. In Norway, it is not worth going to college. If she does go, she might come to the United States to attend. **Ingrid** likes to work with animals so she is considering a career as a veterinarian or a veterinarians assistant.

Let's hope **Ingrid's** stay in New Ulm is pleasant and memorable.

Math League More Than Just solving Problems

By **Aaron Sandquist**
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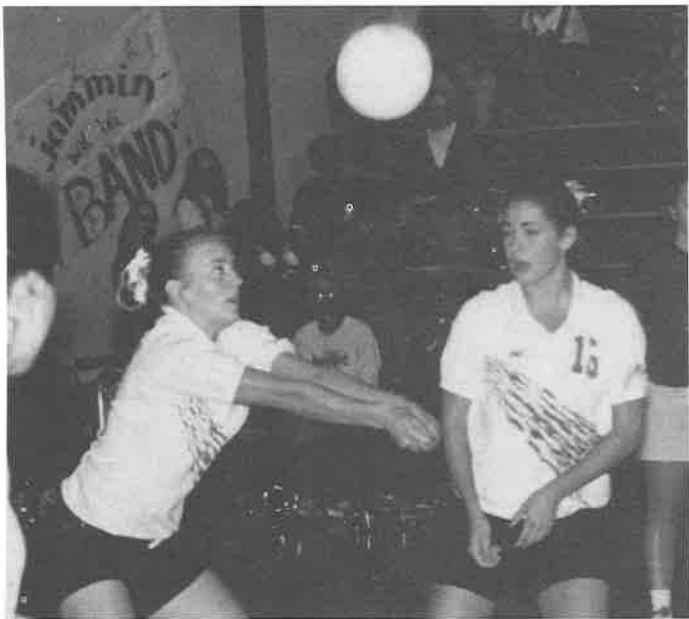
Many people have a misconception about the Math League. Some people may think that it is all about sitting around and working on math. While the Math League does concentrate on math there is more to it. It involves getting to meet new people from other schools and getting to know students from your own school a little bit better.

The Math League competes at meets, hosted by one of the teams in the league, against several schools in the area. This year our team will compete against nine other area teams. Points are kept over the season for the team and for individuals. Team members are given a choice of two tests to take out of four. These tests consist of four critical thinking problems each and are given in a ten to twelve minute time period. There is also a cooperative test taken by eight individuals chosen by the coaches and the captains. This years team has somewhere in the area of forty team members. As always Math League coaches are Mr. Luepke and Mrs. VanDenhuevel.

When asked about their opinion on the Math League many of the team members gave a positive response. Team co-captain Dan O'Brien said, "I like Math League because you get to go different places and visit other people. Even though some of the problems are tough I enjoy the challenge." Another co-captain Dan Kryzmarzick said, "It's a matter of just getting focused and getting the job done." Junior Steve Guse's viewpoint is, "It's a lot of fun and it's a lot more than just math. You get to meet other people and have a good time."

On October 18 the Math League made a trip to SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota to compete in their Math League contest. Twenty-one students from NUHS competed in the competition. Team members did extremely well on the tests to earn a third place finish in the overall team composite competition. Dan Kryzmarzik was also able to earn a third place finish in the Algebra II individual test. The regular season will begin on November 10.

Sports



Beth Pehrson gets ready bump the ball, while teammate Annie Bernard looks on.

Eagles Give Best Effort

By Michelle Hillesheim
and Jenny Oetken
Graphos Reporters

The 1997 Eagles volleyball team has just completed another challenging season of girls volleyball. This years leading seniors include co-captains, **Kristi Andersen, Annie Bernard, and Sarah Roesch, Emma Otis, Rachel Seifert, and Billie Jo Shoen.** Juniors **Crystal Meier, Beth Pehrson, Mackenzie Schuetzle, and Chrissy Verzalik,** along with sophomore **Jessica Schaetzke,** contributed to the Eagles 6-20 record.

Although their record was not as successful as the team anticipated, the team's personal stats were impressive. The teams leading servers **Emma Otis, Annie Bernard and Kristi Andersen** assisted in their high 87% serving record. **Bernard and Andersen** led with the most attacks and digs, while **Shoen** had the team high of

17 blocks. The team's strongest victory was at the Blue Earth tournament, where they placed second.

When asked how the overall season went, **Otis** commented, "It was exciting to see us improve throughout the season." For **Seifert,** it's a year she'll never forget. **Andersen,** along with the whole team, felt that the team meetings, spaghetti supper, bus rides and M+M treats among other events will never be forgotten.

Head coach **Anita Longtin** felt that this years volleyball team was well balanced with its 6 seniors. **Coach Longtin** along with many others believed that the team really improved throughout the season. She is also looking forward to working with the younger players next year.

For all you volleyball members, "Long live the volleyball cows!" quotes **Shoen.**

Runners Endure Season

By Dana Mason and Leah Nielsen
Graphos Reporters

This year's cross-country team led by coach **Jim Pickus** and co-captains **Kristi Schmeling** and **Jason Witt,** was very strong and showed a lot of improvement as the season moved on. "It has been a real good season for us. Both teams have gotten better and better," said Coach Pickus. The boys team was very strong-but young this year."

The girls cross country team was

the best in years. Coach Pickus said, "They are a very young team, also. We have a lot to look forward to." The team was ranked third in the Conference this season. They competed against the Stillwater team which is the top cross country team in the nation. Competing against Stillwater helped them to improve as a team.

Many people don't know what to think when they hear about cross

Football Season Has Its Highlights

By Jeff Yaeger
Graphos Reporter

The Varsity Football team had an up and down season this year. They started off red hot with a 3-1 record, but then cooled down to finish with a very respectable 4-4 record.

This team was on the short end of some unlucky breaks, as senior **Jerrod Tauer** found out early in the season. He suffered a season ending knee injury in the first game. His unfortunate injury forced senior **Joel Aufderhiede** to play both offense and defense.

The Eagles had many strengths this year, one being their strong senior group. Their offensive line was one of the best in the conference. "The Iron Five", as their teammates referred to them, includes seniors **Luke Hermann, Adam Paperniak, Jake Landstiener, Joel Aufderhiede, and Lonnie Rossing.** These guys opened many holes for the two senior backs, **Dave Armstrong and Zak Pagel.**

The Eagles also had a few underclassmen who played well over the course of the season. Back-up quarterback junior **Mark Beottger** played well the times that he was put into games, and the **Zimmerman twins, Jeremy and Joey,** were forces on the defensive side of the ball.

The Blue Earth Area and St. Peter games were the highlights of the season for the Eagles. A field goal at the end of the game clinched the 15-13 victory for the Eagles over Blue Earth. The intensity of that win carried over to the next week as the St. Peter Saints came to town with upset on their minds. Everything clicked as they rolled to a 37-3 victory. **Armstrong** had a big game with over 150 yards rushing and two touchdowns. He gives credit to the Iron Five who opened things up for him. **Armstrong** received the KEYC Prep Athlete of the Week honor for his performance in that game. The defense was also punishing in that game as the **Zimmerman twins** pounded the Saints all night. Senior LB **Ryan Clobes** also had a good game.

The Eagles lost to Mankato West at home in the first round of the play-offs. They were very disappointed with the loss because many thought that they could win the game. It was a heartbreaker for many seniors who had hoped to win the first play-off victory under Head Coach Rick Van Roekel.

Even though the Eagles did not get as far in the play-offs as they had hoped, they had a very successful and memorable season.



Brian Schmidt is about to catch a pass.

country. "Cross country measures your physical strength and endurance," said captain **Kristi Schmeling.** "It's also a mental sport. You have to have the right mind set and always tell yourself that you can do it." Practices usually involve distance workouts. Their longest run is 9.6 miles. During a practice the average run is usually 5 to 6 miles for the boys and 4 to 5 miles for the girls. They also work on sprints that help you keep speed and endurance. But

don't think that cross country is all hard work and no fun - they also get to play an occasional game of capture the flag.

Though the season has ended for these tough runners they are looking forward to next year. The next time you happen to stop by a cross country meet, be sure to cheer really loud for our runners. Remember: "Wimps need not Apply!!"

Opinion

New Diversity at NUHS

By **Jessica Schoper**
Graphos Reporter

Gradually throughout the school year I have been hearing more and more about a certain group of students. The Freaks, the Witches, the Goths, whatever name you have for them, it is certain that they have caused quite a commotion. Clad in their dark clothing, white faces with dark makeup and dyed hair, they most definitely stand out in NUHS.

On several occasions I have heard people talking about them, claiming that they cast spells and behead cats. I have seen these individuals as the target of many jokes and insults and mistreatment in the hallways. But it was at the Homecoming Pep fest that I think this teasing got out of hand. Many students were actually throwing apples at them. Come on people, show some maturity. This behavior struck me as cruel and childish.

After all of the talk and the pep fest episode, I got curious about the whole "Gothic" scene and wanted to explore the issue further. I wanted to see what all of the fuss is about and if all the rumors are true. Fortunately I got permission to do this story. **Somer Smith** and **Elissa Lutz** agreed to an interview. They both said they would be happy to meet with me. The next Sunday I picked them up at their houses and we met at my home for the interview.

First off, to quench my curiosity I asked them if the rumors about them being Satanic, killing chickens and decapitating kitty

cats were true, and almost in unison they said "no of course not", and that they both love animals. (They were very kind to my cat Ellie) I then bluntly asked why they dressed the way they do. "To be different" was basically the response I got. I then questioned how they feel they are treated here at NUHS, "Unfairly." answered **Somer**, "I guess dressing this way we should expect it to some extent, but people should have enough respect to get to know us before judging us." I also got the impression that they feel that the teachers and staff at NUHS believe the lies they hear about them right away. Most teachers, in their opinion, discriminate against them, don't help their situation, and blame the "Goths" for the way they are mistreated, believing they bring it on themselves. I believe that we need some diversity in our school. Self expression is good, and if this group isn't doing anything to hurt you, then leave them alone and let them do their own thing.

Elissa and **Somer** are two cool girls and I am glad I got to know them. I feel that some people in this school need to be more accepting. By saying this I don't only mean more accepting of "Goths", but more accepting of people of other races or groups as well. I have heard many racist comments in the hallways and it disturbs me. I sense some students need to understand that not everybody they come across in their lifetime is going to be wearing CK jeans and Dr. Martens. Someday, if they get out of New Ulm they will see that there are many different kinds of people on this planet and they may even want to explore the world further than the Randalls and Pamidaparking lots.

Comment Corner

By **Steph Schmitz**
Graphos Columnist

By now I'm sure you've all seen the faculty and staff wearing name tags. The name tags are worn to ensure the safety and security of the students. Each faculty member with a name tag can easily be recognized as a member of the NUHS staff.

Rumor has it that in the near future all students will need to have some form of identification as well. The purpose of this is also as a security and safety precaution. The question is, are these precautions necessary? I want to know what you think. In the office there will be a box for questions and suggestions for future GRAPHOS editions. Drop your questions, suggestions, or written responses in the box and I'll do my best to include them in the next issue. Along with your suggestions, I will have another topic for you to comment on.

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Holly Schuck returns the ball with a backhand.

Tennis Has Ace Season

By **Jennica Date**
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With their best record ever, the New Ulm Eagles Girls Tennis Team ended their season on October 13, 1997, one place away from going to state. Beginning in August, they put in over 10 hours a week, with tournaments and matches not included in those time totals. With sunscreen and water bottles they battled the summer sun and their tough opponents.

The Eagles began their season with a scrimmage in Willmar along with the annual Mankato East tournament. Continuing four years of tradition, the Eagles were awarded First Place trophies for both Varsity and J.V at the Mankato East tournament. The majority of the Eagles took home individual medals for their performance that day.

The Austin Quad usually proves to be tough for the Eagles, but the end of the day proved to be a team best. The Eagles beat two of the three teams; Burnsville and Austin, while losing to Winona-Cotter.

Another traditional tournament was the Buffalo Tourney. For the fourth year in a row the Eagles took home first place honors.

The Mankato West Tournament is usually the toughest for the Eagles, with competition including: Mankato West, Fairmont, Litchfield, USC and Woodbury. After three long matches, **Jennie Taylor, Amber Fischer, Amy Hildebrandt, Holly Schuck, and Kelly Gorres**, were awarded Consolation medals.

One of the biggest thrills for the Eagles this year was their win over Waseca. This victory not only was

the first over Waseca, but this made for their most impressive Conference Record ever; 4-2. Other exciting wins for the Eagles were over Fairmont, Sleepy Eye, St. Peter and Blue Earth. The Eagles two upsets in the Conference were to St. James and the Conference Powerhouse, USC.

The Eagles finished their season with an impressive showing at the Region 2AA Team Sectionals, otherwise known as the Final Four. To play there, the Eagles had to defeat Mankato East and Worthington, which they did without a blink of an eye (7,0), (7,0). The Final Four was played at the Swanson Tennis Center, or "The Bubble." The Eagles first round match was against Buffalo. With much anticipation, the Eagles accepted the challenge and defeated the Bison. The next round was the true test for the Eagles; Litchfield. Originally, the Litchfield Dragons were placed in Region 2A, but since the 2A Region was growing larger, Litchfield was among the few who were moved into the Eagles region, 2AA. After seven long matches, the Litchfield Dragons defeated the Eagles 7-0. The score didn't depict how hard the Eagles worked during their matches, but none-the-less the Dragons went on to the State Tournament.

The Final Four was one of the Eagles long term goals, and defeating the Buffalo Bison in the second round was the icing on the cake for the victorious New Ulm Eagles of 1997.