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Brent Engel shares his knowledge with a group of elementary students

Ag Show a Huge Success

By Erik Langhoff
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Thursday, May 1, 1997 was a splendid day for an Ag. Show. The sun was shining, and the temperature was very balmy, which made covering this story and attending the Ag. Show an enjoyable time. Of course I can hardly credit something as trivial as weather for an enjoyable Ag. Show, because the many people who made the show possible deserve the real credit.

I had about 45 minutes to browse the show, and there was much to see in such a short amount of time. Many people attended the show, but the students from the elementary schools around New Ulm seemed to enjoy the sights the most. There were a number of animal exhibits, including cows, horses, rabbits, sheep, and dogs. I was able to ask a group of Kindergarten students what exhibits they liked the most, and they expressed great interest in the horse, cow and the "big pig." I was also able to talk to **Dustin Schilling**, who brought in the horse for the show. When asked about his feeling on the Ag. Show, he said, "It's fun to come in and see so many different exhibits, and to be part of it." I also asked him what the kids most liked about his horse, and he said, "lots of kids liked his blue eyes."

Animals were not the only exhibits that the kids found to be interesting. They were also fascinated by the many kinds of farm machinery that were displayed in the parking lot. Included in this machinery display was a hay bailer, manure spreader, a combine, old and new tractors, planters and various other machinery.

Also included in the show were

snowmobiles and lawn mowers. Some agriculture students chose to set up exhibits that were involved with safety. One such exhibit was the Grain Dust Safety exhibit, which was being run by **Ross Chambard** and **Travis Johnson** at the time of my visit. This exhibit was basically involved with the safety precautions involved with working in the presence of grain dust. I was presented with a short speech on the subject. Unfortunately I was not able to talk to all of the exhibit presenters, but some of the subjects covered in the other exhibits were bicycle safety, machinery safety, and lawn mower safety.

Although he was a busy guy on Ag. Day, I was able to talk to **Mr. Stuckey** for a few minutes. He informed me that Ag. Day is held annually on the first Thursday in May. The show is basically supposed to focus on food, fiber, shelter, machinery, animals, and safety. Agriculture students from ninth grade on up plan and conduct the show. During the time that I was able to wander around to look at the exhibits the show seemed to be very organized. The students conducting the exhibits were interested in their focus area and willing to answer questions. The elementary students especially took interest in every aspect of the show.

From what I saw, the annual Ag. Show is a great learning experience for both the conductors and viewers involved. The fact that the weather was beautiful is only part of what made the Ag. Show enjoyable. The exhibits were interesting and informative, and much work was put into planning and setting up for the show. Everyone involved deserves a pat on the back for making the show a success.

Students Experience Mock Crash

On April 21, students from all over New Ulm had a little surprise. This secret presentation was presented with much effort, time, and energy put forth by the S.A.D.D. program, many volunteers, businesses around town, and especially Sergeant Erv Weinkauf.

The "real-life" scene included three cars, squad cars from the police, the

state patrol, ambulances, hearses, firefighters, and a helicopter.

This experience was presented in conjunction with S.A.D.D. week in order to promote awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

NUHS actors in the program included **Shari Wendinger**, **Alaina Goblirsch**, **Steph Schmitz**, and **Pam Meyer**.



Firefighters and police officers work together to free victims from the car.

Loberg Wins at World Shoot

By Betsy Bianchi
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Sporting Clays is a sport not very familiar to many of us, here at New Ulm High School, but it is certainly something senior, **Dusty Loberg**, could tell us plenty about.

This sport, which takes place in the great outdoors, consists of 9-12 stations which make up a course, and a course includes shooting 100 clay pigeons. There are three age divisions: Sub-Juniors which consist of ages 13 and under, Juniors which is ages 13-18, and the Open-class Seniors range from 18-65 years old.

Dusty Loberg began shooting clays about 5 1/2 years ago for the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA). Since he first began, his list of accomplishments has grown tremendously.

In August of 1996 he traveled to England as a member of Team USA to participate in the World Shoot, and came home the gold medalist in the Junior Class. He competed with three other people from the United States. They were among approximately 800 other individuals and 20 other teams from around the world who competed. In addition to this, **Loberg** was the National Junior Champion in 1994-95, the 1995 U.S. Open Champion, and the 1993-94 Big Pig Champion.

Over the course of the year, **Loberg** takes part in about forty tournaments; 15 of which are major events and are located throughout the United States, such as Texas and Virginia. **Loberg** also said that when he goes to these tournaments he likes to go one or two days ahead of time to do a little sightseeing.

Loberg said that he practices at least twice a week at Pleasant Acres. He also enjoys duck and goose hunting. When asked what he attributes most of his success to, he said, "My dad and Pleasant Acres have helped me out a lot."

Congratulations to **Dusty Loberg** for his outstanding achievements, and wish him good luck as he travels to South Africa this fall to participate in the 1997 World Shoot!

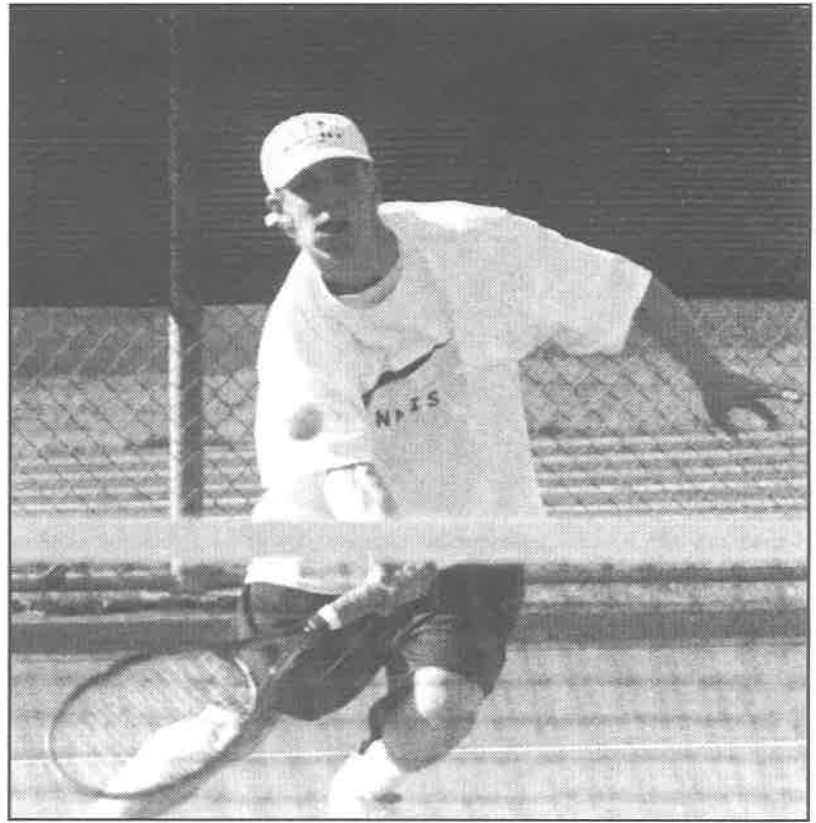
Sports

Netters Find Success

By **Katie Schmitz**
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The end of a successful season is quickly coming to a close as the boy's tennis team prepares for post-season play. When talking to Coach Poncin after the May eighth meet with USC, he commended his team on their success despite the typical unpredictable Minnesotan weather which has given them limited opportunities for practice. Having to play all meets in a period of three weeks has also been a negative effect of the weather.

As the post-season approaches, the team hopes to finish in the top half of the division. To achieve this goal, the team will rely greatly on their strong singles line-up. The boy's tennis team is 8-5 on the season and 3-3 in the conference going into post-season play. Coach Poncin credits much of the team's success to the strong leadership of its eight members out of the ten on varsity that are seniors.



A focused Nate Borchert goes low to return a tough forehand.

Eagles Show Great Strength, Power

By **Jeff Yager**
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The New Ulm Eagles Baseball team has been tearing up the field so far this year with a 12-1 overall and 9-0 in the South Central Conference. They have been ranked as high as 13th in the state as of May 6. When asked about the outlook of the upcoming season **Coach Senske** said, "I expected that we would be an improved team over last year. We had six to seven starters back who were experienced ball players. We also had three to four good prospects moving up from the B squad."

The Eagles played in the Cretin-Edina Classic this spring and won two out of three games. They beat Coon Rapids and Roseville by 12-9 and 17-5, respectively. The game they lost to Cretin-Durham Hall, 7-1, was the only one so far this year. Cretin has always been one of their toughest opponents. They still have many good teams yet to play such as Minnetonka, St. Paul Johnson and Lakeville. They beat Waseca and Fairmont in extra innings and will have to play them again in the play-offs.

Obviously in a team with a 12-1 record, they have many more strengths than weaknesses. The Eagles have something many coaches at any level dream to have, pitching depth. **Jeremy Wieland** and **Aaron Hietzman** have been pitching well and **Andy Bettin** has been throwing well in relief. **Coach Senske** said that

Cory Ranweiler is still trying to achieve the form that he had last year. Power hitting is also deep with **Alan Flor**, **Dan Krzmarzick**, and **Cory Ranweiler**. **Jason Rewitzer** can also hit the long ball. But, after all of those strengths, the Eagles still have their weaknesses. It is solid defense. Even though, traditionally New Ulm has been known for its defense this year's team has not mastered that important skill yet.

Injuries have hurt the Eagles with three players seeing limited playing time because of them. **Dan Krzmarzick** can not throw for the rest of the season with a shoulder problem, while **Dan O'Brien** has had a bad back and can not pitch. **Eric Schmidt** is also having problems with tendonitis in his throwing shoulder.

The tradition that the New Ulm Eagles have in baseball is a very powerful thing. Many teams will come into a game being afraid and knowing they will have to play their best in order to beat the Eagles. This year is no exception as **Coach Senske** believes that they have the potential to win Regional 2AA. With teamwork and self-discipline, the Eagles then can add their own names in the history books right along the side of names like Terry Steinbach and others from New Ulm.



Elly Krzmarzick musters all her strength to toss one over the plate.

Softball Remains Perfect

By **Teresa Drexler**
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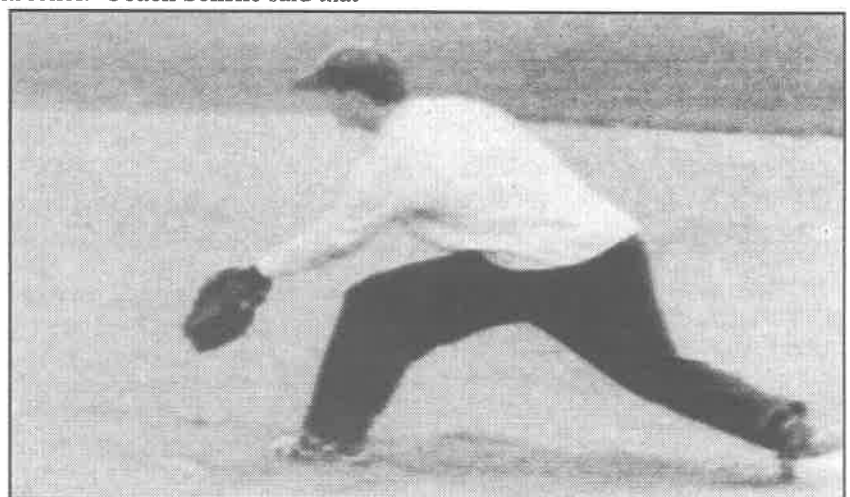
The season began on March 10th. Immediately the girls softball team started up with the basics, while other teams around the area began with defensive strategies. Coach **Jim Pearson** believes starting with the basics is why this team is so successful. "If you can't throw the ball to the right place, what good is a defensive strategy going to do the team?" says Pearson. Spring training begins with running, lifting weights, jump roping and mental preparation.

The Eagles swept past the Blue Earth Bucs, St. Peter Saints, and were soon on their way to the Mankato East tournament. The tournament gave the Eagles their first challenge. Coach Jim Pearson told the team before the tournament started "this is like our region play, these are some good teams, we need to face up to the challenge." The girls felt confident and nervousness was evident but with the excellent pitching, defense, offense and base running skills they pulled away with the wins.

This year's Eagle Softball Team has a great deal of depth, the bases are literally and figuratively covered. With two excellent pitchers **Elly Krzmarzick**, and **Shelly Shimmelle**, the team remains undefeated and is finally receiving some of the recognition it deserves from the community and around the area. Backing the pitching staff are seniors, **Jackie Schaefer**, **Crystal Grund**, and **Teresa Drexler**, juniors, **Rachel Seifert**, **Sarah Roesch**, **Pam Meyer**, **Marissa Hofmeister**, **Tina Lentz**, **Jenny Brandel** and **Kristi Anderson**, and sophomore, **Amber Fischer**.

The team goals include winning the South Central Conference title, and winning more region games. The Eagles next major obstacle will come on the 17th of May when they face Maple River in a double-header.

Good Luck to the Eagle Softball Team as they head into regional action, hoping to fulfill their team goals.



Senior Eagle Cory Ranweiler extends his glove to make the catch.



A Final Note to the Class of '97

By Sarah Sjogren
Graphos Columnist

The time we have been waiting for has finally arrived. We are just weeks away from graduation and at the end of an era. Even though I think we all want to get out of here, I'm not sure we all want to get out *for good*. May 29, will be the last time we ever see many of our classmates and friends. We'll miss those people we don't exactly consider friends but still talk to us at our lockers, make good lab partners, and crack jokes in the back of the room. We'll miss those homecoming games, the dances, and the parties. We'll definitely miss those carefree days of high school. Did you know that the average college student studies 3-4 hours for each hour in class, per day? Yuck.

And the Winner is.....

By Carla Bode and Charlotte Tuttle
Graphos Columnists

If anyone watched this year's Academy Awards, s/he would know one movie in particular was awarded all of the awards, with the exception of a few. The English Patient shined the night of the Oscars. This landslide of awards rose curiosity in many, for the movie has not been shown all over, and certainly not in New Ulm.

Luckily enough, I was able to catch this so called "masterpiece of motion pictures". It is indeed a masterpiece and deserved every award the movie was given (save Best Costumes which the movie Emma clearly deserved).

From the mysterious beginning to the teary end, this movie had the attention of every audience member. The English Patient takes place around World War II in Africa and Europe. The topography alone is Oscar-worthy. The movie stars Ralph Fiennes, Kristen Scott Thomas, and Juliet Binoche who won an award for her spectacular portrayal.

Fiennes is the English patient, a man brutally wounded in a plane crash. Juliet Binoche is his devoted nurse who cares for him in an abandoned monastery. Kristen Scott Thomas is his feisty lover. To understand the movie one must pay close attention. Fiennes is

I know we will meet new people, find new activities and new ways to avoid studying, but it is hard not to get a little sad. Or a little scared. Soon we will all be creating our own destinies and it will be interesting to see what everyone will be doing twenty years from now. Here are some seniors' predictions of their lives at age 38...

Angie Heil says she will be in Florida living in her "beach front mansion and laughing at the people in New Ulm." **Aaron Nesvold** will be fulfilling his dream not just of working as a physician but of "beating the crap out of Mike Tasto." Ok...**Jeff Moos** plans to work two jobs. "I'll be an accountant during the day and a dancer at night. And I'll bowl in my spare time." Jeff just might want to stick with accounting I think. **Andy Lilleodden** would like to live in the country and work as an electrician. **J.R. Gieseke** will be a "rich and powerful industrial engineer." **Roz Clancy** wants to "work in an elementary school as a speech pathologist and own a Celebrity dealership on the side." **Jeremy Wieland** will be, of course, playing baseball. **Stacey Moll** and **Lori Tauer** both plan to live off of their rich husbands. **Teresa Drexler** will settle down in Switzerland with her "...dogs and ski-instructor husband after several world-tours." **Matt Reinhart** wants to "stop screwing around and get serious." **Phil VanWynyarden** will be the envy of us all because his dream is to teach physics at NUHS. **Nate Schmid** said, "I'll be sitting home and watching t.v." Very ambitious, Nate. **Carla Bode** says at age 38, she'll still be deciding where to go to college.

Good luck to the graduating class of 1997!!!

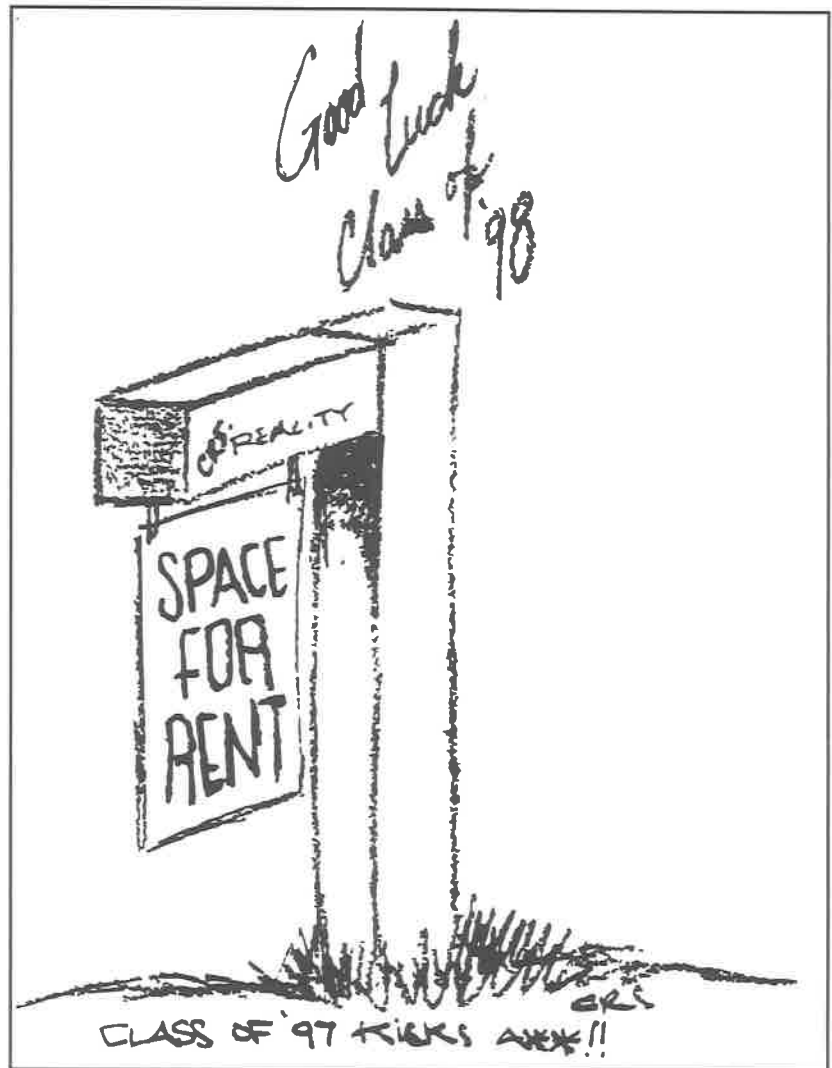
unrecognizable in much of the movie, only in the flash backs with Thomas would one recognize him. The flashbacks consist of Fiennes meeting Catherine (Thomas) and falling in love with her, hating her, loving her, hating her, loving her, and so on. Although this sounds dull and repetitive, the movie is, in fact, dramatic, not just with the forbidden love, but the cruel war and fatal treason that occurs.

All in all, The English Patient was a fabulous movie about true love and heartache, about bravery and broken promises in times of confusion. This movie is a definite "must-see". It is truly one of the best movies that exists.

Movie Picks for Seniors:

Ferris Bueler's Day Off, starring Matthew Broderick
Shag, the movie, starring Annabeth Gish, Phoebe Cates, Bridget Fonda
American Graffiti, with Harrison Ford
The Breakfast Club, starring Molly Ringwald and the rest of the brat pack
The Outsiders, starring Patrick Swayze, Tom Cruise, Rob Lowe, Ralph Macchio, Matt Dillion, C. Thomas Howel, and Emilio Esteves
The Beautiful Ones, starring Charlotte Tuttle and Carla Bode, with cameos by Brad Pitt, Christian Bale, Val Kilmer, Tom Cruise, Wesley Snipes, Jeff Goldblum, Carey Elwes, Matthew MacConoghghay, Johnny Depp, Robert Sean Leonard, and Andrew McCarthy.

A final creation from our cartoonist.....



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Eagle Tracksters Spring Into Action

By Jenny Oetken
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With spring comes another track season. This year, the tracksters are led by five co-captains. Seniors, **Dusty Born**, **Dan Meyer**, **Angie Rieger**, **Nicole Rieke** and **Stacy Saari** were selected by the girls and boys track teams.

1997 looked to be a very promising year for the girls and boys. They have continually improved from meet to meet and have achieved their personal bests. During midseason, the runners were anxious to reach their peaks, which hopefully came at the conference meet in Blue Earth Area. Extensive training could pay off at regions where runners may advance to State.

Angie Rieger was soon to achieve her

personal best when she smashed the shotput record early in the season. The record was previously set in 1984 by **Connie Meier** at 37 feet and 3 1/2 inches. **Rieger** broke it by throwing 39 feet and 3 1/2 inches. The coaches hope to see **Rieger** move on to State in field and running events. They also feel that junior **Steve Horner** is very focused and is likely to go on to State in both field and running events.

Track isn't only about winning, it's about doing your best and feeling good about yourself. **Dan Meyer** feels that, "Track is a great sport because no matter what your skills are there's something to do." Track is also a fun activity because many friendships are established during the season. Sprinter **Kristy Bode** commented on the team, "I love how we stick together and how we're always there for each other in good times and bad."

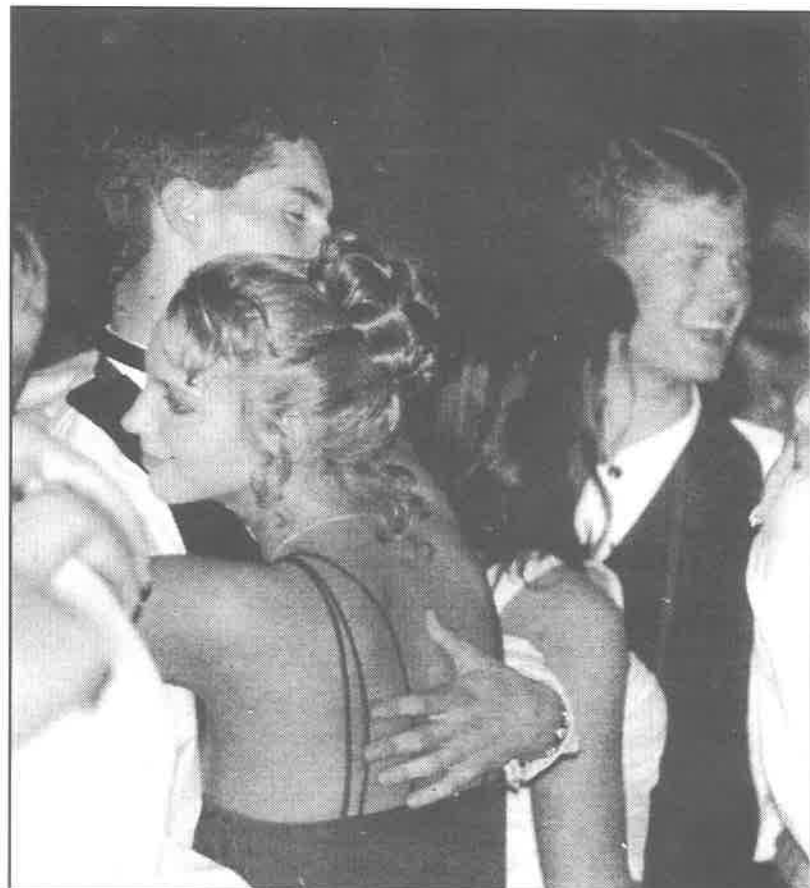
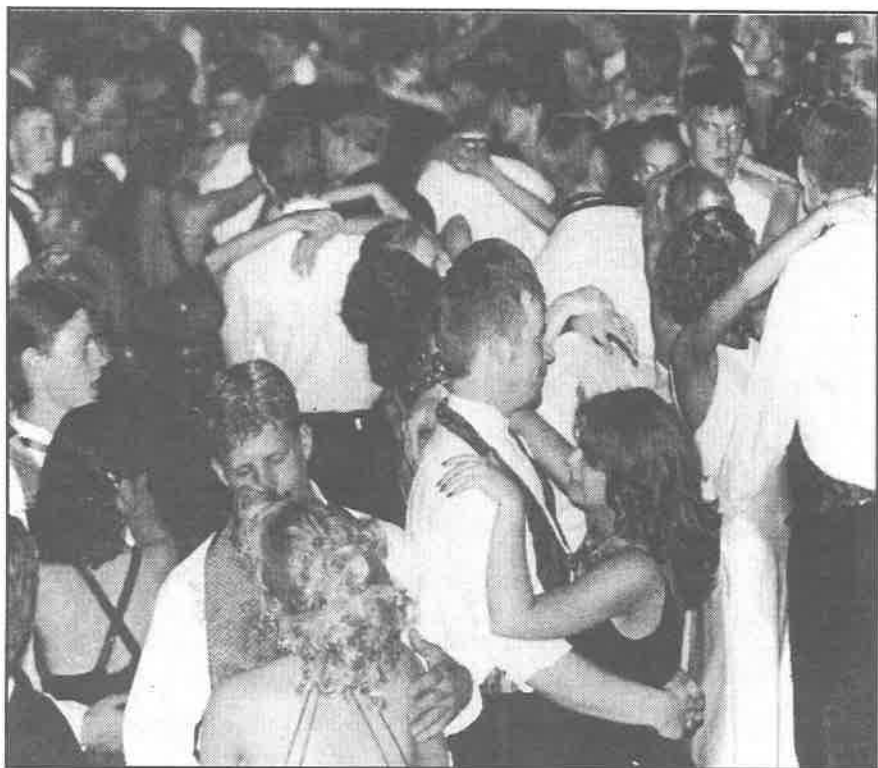


Susan Bianchi is in perfect form as she prepares to launch the shotput.

Feature

A Wonderful Night for Moonlight Dancing

Let's finish the year off with a stroll through an enchanted forest. Join us as we relive Prom 1997!



The theme for Prom this year was "Moonlight Enchantment." Student volunteers worked many days and nights in order to turn the ordinary gym into a teal, light blue, and black, enchanting forest adorned with hundreds of bright stars, two running waterfalls, and a lighted gazebo made by the Ag Class.

In the end, everyone agreed the dance and decorations provided for a good time enjoyed by all. Prom committee member **Roz Clancy** stated, "Our main objective for putting in all those hours decorating was so that everyone would have a good time. I hope they all did."

One concern this year was the enormous number of couples who were a part of the Grand March, 212 to be exact. After much anticipation, however, each couple had their moment in the "moonlight."

How long was the Grand March? Well, it seemed to go pretty smoothly. So well, in fact, that **Alex Betzenheimer** remarked, "I was impressed with how well the Grand March went. I also thought the decorations were very well done, especially the gazebo." **Katie Stanke** added, "It was nice to see so many people that got to go to Prom this year and be involved."

