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Anne Erickson and Holly Oscarson pictured here will attend the National FLA Convention this summer.



NUHS students took four days to help clean up the tornado's debris in area fields. Although students had fun, they accomplished great things and helped many people at the same time. All your hard work was greatly appreciated!

FLA Members Make NUHS History

Kimberly Enck
Graphos Editor

This summer from July 3-10 two NUHS students will be competing at the National FLA Convention, a feat never before accomplished at this school.

Senior **Holly Oscarson** and junior **Anne Erickson** will be among 75 students from Minnesota and countless others nationwide attending the National FLA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Besides competing, they will also be attending meetings on leadership.

Oscarson and Erickson won the trip by putting together a display about the Santa's Closet project, which they organized. They competed with that display at Regionals, which was held in Blue Earth. At the Region #2

competition they received a gold raking, which is 90-100 points. Next they went on to the State competition where the duo gave a 15 minute speech to 3 judges about their projects and display. Their hard work payed off as they placed 1st in the state.

What is so unique about what these two have accomplished is that they are the first group from New Ulm's FLA Chapter to win 1st at State and go to compete at Nationals. To show how great an accomplishment this is, there were 1400 people competing in Minnesota alone; only 75 of those go to Nationals. Oscarson and Erickson were among about 35 other groups competing in the Chapter Service category.

Congratulations Holly and Anne and best of luck at Nationals!



FFA members held their annual Ag Show on May 7th in the high school parking lot. Megan Witt shows off her dog to Jefferson elementary students.

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Thank You!!

Thanks to all the people who wrote articles for the Graphos this year. A special thank you to all those who met the deadlines and wrote last minute articles.

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to next year's editors Kelly Neidecker, Natalie Enck, Nicole Firle and Stephanie Marquardt!

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Opinion

LAST WORDS....

Kimberly Enck, Graphos Editor

Graduation is a sentimental time of remembrance and a time of excitement for the future. Looking back it is hard to believe that high school has gone so fast. Sometimes it seems too short, other times too long, but all the same it will soon be over. As we, the Class of 1998, are about to embark on our next phase of life I want to remind everyone of a few things.

First of all, be thankful. How many times have you thanked your friends, or better yet your teachers for all that they have done for you? Take the time to express your thanks. Another reason to be thankful is that as a class we are a week away from graduation and have not had to bury any of our classmates.

Second, life is very short, so make the most of it. May 29th will be the last day we are together as a class. Now is the time to "bury the hatchet" and put aside petty differences and old problems-FOR GOOD! It's now or never.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe graduation. High school has been a good part of life, but it's not the best part- that is yet to come! We've all made it to graduation, I sincerely hope to see EVERYONE at our 10 year reunion.

Senior's Reaction

In remembering the past, with graduation just over the horizon, I came up with a blank for any good memories. Instead, I found memories of pain, hurt, and bad feelings. Never accepted. Never a good deed. Only the hurt. If only it could stop. . .

Look into today. Are you hurt? Or are you hurting someone else? If so, why? Why torment someone for a small or petty difference in their lives from yours? The monolithic ways of the student body. If only it could stop. . .

I'll end this message here. But try to remember. It hurt. I will cherish my childhood. Those were a dream. But I'll never cherish my school days. Those were a nightmare. I'll only look back and think. . .

. . . If only it could stop. . .

-Anonymous

They Still Have Some Growing To Do

(Sophomore Slam)
Senior's ideas compiled by:
Heather Kokesch

Sophomores have tried so hard to prove themselves, but sorry to say, they just haven't added up. Maybe this is because they are all four feet tall. Those chemical imbalances just aren't fair are they? One lesson that needs to be learned while growing up is being an individual. The sophomores haven't figured this out yet. They dress alike, act alike, and have to travel in packs. I see the same people walk together everyday at lunch to throw away their lunches. We upperclassmen can hardly tell them apart. I hope you know when you finally do grow up you can't go everywhere together.

Also let me tell you this, Sophomores, you don't rule the school. So please stop amusing us by acting like you do. You aren't in any way better than the seniors so don't look at us like you think you're superior or even equals for that matter.

Sophomore boys aren't all big and bad and you don't intimidate us, so give it up. The act you put on at school doesn't impress anyone. Possibly your own classmates, but I doubt that too. And girls, it's nice to see you all fake baked and burned by the beginning of December. Did you just expect to go to a junior-senior prom? Oh well, do what you want, you'll just look dumb doing it.

In short, grow up, become individuals, don't always dress the same, act alike, or brown nose the teachers. It's our job to give you a little grief but in the long run we don't care because you'll never add up to the untouchable seniors, until you become one yourself.

Clash of '98

As I look to graduation, I ask myself, "How many people are graduating in the New Ulm Senior High Class of 1998?" Much to my surprise, I find out that the answer is about 240 students, a number that is about 237 people greater than one may think. This may sound strange but as on truly thinks about the upcoming graduation activities, I ask you seniors, "How much of a role did you play in the planning of your graduation?" The answer I would have to give would be "Not a lot".

It's not that I wouldn't like to help, because I really would, but I have not been given the opportunity. I would not mind making decisions or lending a hand, but I just haven't gotten a chance to. As a graduating class, we have not gotten to provide input on anything dealing with our graduation, because the senior officers have decided everything for us. Don't get me wrong, the officers are good people and have worked hard for us, but others would be willing to help as well.

As the Class of 1998, we had no say in our class colors, flower or motto. As a matter of fact, I wasn't even aware of these things until my parents got the letter in the mail telling them what our class symbols were. It would have been nice to have a say in these things, or at least be aware of what they are, rather than have my parents have to tell me. Yes, these things had to be decided quickly, but how much trouble would it have been to have taken one lunch hour to vote on a class motto? That way, more than a handful of people would have been impressed with it. It also would have been nice to have an input as to who hands us our diplomas...we are having diplomas this year, aren't we? Or was it decided we shouldn't have those this year either? I am very clueless, I don't even feel a part of my own graduation, which is very sad.

Respectfully submitted,
The Silent Majority of the
Class of 1998

Comment Corner

Steph Schmitz
Graphos Reporter

In response to the comment placed in the suggestion box regarding the cost of prom, all I have to say is chill out! I was simply asking if people would attend prom if the cost of the tickets went up. By the number of people that attended prom I can clearly see that the cost of tickets did in no way affect attendance. I am not quite sure how many people purchase \$200.00 dresses. but if someone buys a \$200.00 dress, the price of prom tickets is probably not a huge concern. So for whoever got all worked up over a simple question, you can settle down now and move on with your life.

EDITORS' NOTE:

This response dealt with a comment that the price of prom tickets was not that much considering the improvements in decorations this year.

This comment also complained about the idea of a sophomore slam article. All there is to say to that is tradition stands and the sophomores need a little grief. We have friends that are sophomores too, but if seniors and juniors would look back you were sophomores once too! (And even then there was a slam article.) As for next year, talk to the new Graphos editors!

Top Ten For Summer Fun

Kelly Neidecker
Graphos Reporter

People at NUHS respond to the question, "What are you going to do to have fun this summer?"

10. "Hang out at the lake." - Colie Lomax
9. "Work and make some money." -Robby Geiseke
8. "Hang loose in the Boundary Waters." -Mr. Engeldinger
7. "Hang out with friends." - Jessi Bloedel
6. "Play golf and get a nice tan." -Carlin Oscarson
5. "Go to the gym and pump some iron." -Brian Sprenger
4. "PARTY!" -Scott Saari
3. "Sleep." -Anne Erickson
2. "Go to the Monster Truck Show." -Amanda Eischens
1. "Go fishin'." -Ben Blickem

Sports



Junior Kenzie Schuetzle takes a swing for the Eagles softball team.

Eagles Softball is Back!

Pam Meyer
Graphos Reporter

This year's girls softball season started out with great expectations. After finishing second in the state last year, the girls were anxious to get started. Under the coaching of Jim Pearson, practice started March 2 and everyone was pumped to play. Before the games started, the Eagles purchased new hats. For all that have seen the old hats, they seem to be relics from the 1800's. Along with the new stylin' hats came a positive attitude from every player that walked onto the field for the first game. The first game proved to be worth waiting for. The Eagles downed conference foe St. James in their first game. New Ulm lost their next game to BEA, but bounced back fast and got on the right track defeating St. Peter. The Eagles also participated in the Mankato East

Tournament competing against very stiff competition. New Ulm downed Minnetonka in an exciting 11 inning game before dropping a close one to Orono. New Ulm came back the next morning to defeat Robbinsdale-Armstrong to capture 3rd place. New Ulm then beat Waseca and Fairmont. New Ulm faced regional rival Mankato East next. Although the girls played tough, they lost a close 10 inning game.

The girls softball team has now been named South Central Conference Champions. The girls are excited to play and anticipate a strong finish to a strong season. For everyone that hasn't been to a game yet, it is never too late. Fan support is always appreciated, and those regular fans will tell you what a thrill it is to watch these talented ladies. The Eagles (9-3, 7-1 in conference) are a team with a core of eight seniors: **Kristi Andersen, Jenny Brandel, Marissa Hofmeister, Tina Lentz, Pam Meyer, Sarah Roesch, Rachel Seifert, and Shelly Schimmele.** It's fun to watch and the whole team hopes to see YOU at the next game!!

Record Breaking Eagles

Jennica Date
Graphos Reporter

The record book for the NUHS girls golf team has been added to almost every meet. Whether the Eagles achieved their lowest team score in twelve years, or individuals achieved personal bests, this season has definitely been an exciting one for the Eagles.

After their last regular season meet with USC, the girls were 4-2 in the conference. Blue Earth, Waseca, St. Peter, St. James, USC, and Fairmont will go up against the New Ulm Eagles to contend for the conference title. Best of Luck to the Eagles during their last two meets: SCC and Sectionals!

Careers Well Done

Jenna Budenski
Graphos Reporter

Behind the strong leadership of senior captains, **Adam Paperniak, Steve Pickus, Jason Witt, and Joel Aufderheide.** The 1998 Men's Varsity Track & Field team is off to a great start. Approaching the end of their Track & Field careers, these senior men are going out with a bang.

With solid performances in the long jump, triple jump, and the 400 meter dash and relay, senior **Steve Horner** leads the team with points earned. Horner also participated in the 1997 STATE Track & Field meet, competing in both the long and triple jump.

Rounding out the rest of the men's team with the very talented seniors of 1998 are, **Paperniak, Jamey McCain, Joel Aufderheide, Lonnie Rossing, and Dave**

Armstrong. They are the weight men of the team, which means, they are active in the shot put and discus events. The middle-distancers include **Witt**, shining in his race, the 800 meter run, as well as the 3200 meter relay, **Pickus** in middle distance, and Cathedral senior Peter Bauer in long distance. The senior sprinters include **Zak Pagel, Dave Armstrong, and Horner**, as mentioned before.

As the most important time of the season quickly approaches, Conference (5/12), Sections (5/20), Regions (5/30), and STATE (6/5-6/6), the seniors of the Men's Track & Field team are fine tuning their events and races as well as their bodies to compete with the best of the best.

We wish you the best of luck as you complete your 1998 Track & Field season. Best of luck, seniors and congratulations on careers well done!

It's "Tee-Time"

Colin Haley
Graphos Reporter

The golf season came and went this year as the New Ulm golfers finish out their regular season and prepare for the South Central Conference meet on Friday May 15. The Eagles has a good season and Coach Randy Ogren was pleased with how they played this year. He also mentioned how the season went by too fast and he is already looking forward to the next season.

The Eagle golfers had many

new additions to the team this year with two eighth graders and three ninth graders. Matt Wieland (8th) turned out to be a good player along with Andy Cleland, who's season was cut short due to an operation. Ninth graders Nate Richter, Mike Fiemeyer and Dusty Portner all proved themselves as good golfers also. These underclassmen will make nice additions to the team when seniors **Travis Nelson, Willie Holm, Chris Johannes, and Matt Burkhardt** leave the high school. Next year's team will also be made of a few juniors including **David Sellner, Colin Haley, and Jake Holm.** The Eagles finished their regular season at 4-5, and 3-3 in the SCC.



Jennica Date takes a stroke during a recent golf meet.

Feature

Practice Just Beginning

Chad Rathmann
Graphos Reporter

With the end of the school year fast approaching, many extra-curricular activities are winding down, except for band. The summer marching band will soon begin practicing to march in several parades during the summer.

This past year the band competed in several local contests including a solo ensemble and group contest on April 24th, and a large group contest at the Junior High on March 9th where the group was awarded two excellent ratings and one superior rating. The band was also a part of the Pop's Concert on May 17th.

"It was a year of adjusting; here and then gone and back again" was a comment made by band instructor Mrs. Berkley referring to her maternity leave. Mr. Lund, a graduate of Mankato State filled in for Berkley during her leave. Good luck to the summer marching band!

Tae Kwon Do

Kimberly Enck, Graphos Editor

Two NUHS sophomores have a very unique talent and hobby. **Jared Puhmann** and **Scott Saari** have been active in Tae Kwon Do for 6 and 9 years respectively.

Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art which involves 90 % foot and 10% hand techniques. It was originally used in ancient Korea for war purposes. The art of Tae Kwon Do includes many different skills and techniques. Forms are the traditional way of doing every kick and punch. Sparring is fighting another opponent with pads for 2 minute rounds. Another aspect of this martial art is breaking. In Tae Kwon Do they mainly break patio blocks and boards. Also included in Tae Kwon Do is self-defense techniques.

There are many tournaments held throughout the year. Included in these tournaments are different categories of competition. One can choose from sparring, breaking, musical forms (choreographed forms to choice of music), and weapons, in which they "show off" skills using different martial arts weapons.

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Girl's Track Has Depth

Betsy Edwards
Graphos Reporter

The start of the 1998 girls track season brought changes and challenges to the participants as Coach Viesselman took his place as head coach for the team. There was also the addition of a new track. Within the first week of practice we realized that this track season was going to be different from anything we had ever experienced.

After the first few meets the team really started pulling together and we began to realize the amount of depth the team had. Not only did the team have excellent sprinters, but the long distance team started to show their talents and also the field event participants. **Kristy Bode** and **Heather Kokesch** carried the lead in the 100m and 200m a number of times along with the 4 x 200 which they also shared the glory in winning along with **Jessica Schaezke** and **Holly Schuck**. Early on in the season **Billie Jo Shoen** broke the school record with her impressive time of 16.1 seconds in the 100m hurdles. The 4 x 400 gained the help of **Annie Bernard** as she proved that a new member of track could also hold the position of anchor. In

There are local, state, national, and worlds tournaments. This year at a competition in St. Paul that was bigger than the normal state tournament, Puhmann placed 1st in form. Next year Puhmann will participate in the national tournament. Both Puhmann and Saari have won various trophies and medals at their numerous tournaments.

Tae Kwon Do classes are offered in the Marketplatz Mall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more about Tae Kwon Do or want to know how to sign up for the classes, talk to one of these two.

the distance events the girls improved their times. Field events also proved to be very important in gaining points for the team as Schaezke continued to do well in nearly everything she did, along with **Emma Otis**.

One very encouraging and exciting moment for the girls track team was when we brought home our first trophy which was won at Mankato East in the annual Mankato East Relay Meet. We came in first by a 32 point margin proving our depth in nearly every event. The team has also been challenged in stiffer competition such as the Eden Prairie Invitational and True Team Sectionals as we came face to face with larger schools from the Twin Cities Area. Another impressive accomplishment was the second place win in Conference earned by the girls. As the season starts coming to an end the girls track team has Sections left to battle in to determine who will be competing in Regionals the day after Graduation and then who will be privileged enough to go to State.

Although winning is fun it's also fun to compete with a team who has depth and talent, which has been shown a number of times during the 1998 season.

Eagles Baseball

Ryan Klinkner
Graphos Reporter

On Friday, May 8, I had the pleasure of sitting down and talking to the most victorious coach in Minnesota baseball history. In 35 years as being the

head coach here at New Ulm High School, Coach Jim Senske has collected 22 South Central Conference titles, including another this season. The New Ulm Eagles Baseball Team has been primarily lead by the seniors, with a few juniors stepping up into different positions. Through May 10 the Eagles had spotted a 13-3 record, with a blazing 10-0 in the SCC. Their only three losses came against the section foe Mankato West, the number one ranked Cretin-Durham Hall, and St. Paul Johnson.

This year, the Eagles' pitching staff has been anchored by seniors, **Aaron Heitzman**, **Dan O'Brien** and **Randy Baker**. Juniors, **Ryan Walters**, **Sam Nilson** and **Brandon Zenk** have also appeared on the mound for the Eagles.

Throughout the season, timely hitting and constant runners on base have powered the Eagles in manufacturing runs. Leading the team in hitting is Heitzman around .470, senior catcher **Dan Krzmarzick** is batting around .400, senior second baseman **Eric Schmidt** is batting around .390, and senior outfielder **Cory Wilson** is batting around .370. Seniors Dan O'Brien and **Pat Weber** have been constant base runners that generally fuel the Eagles to score runs. Juniors **Mark Boettger**, **Travis Fleck**, and **Mike Newman** have also contributed in the hitting department.

The Eagles have only a few games remaining, including away games at Minnetonka and Lakeville. Coach Senske hope that his team can pull off a couple more wins heading into the region playoffs to assure a first or second seed. That would also include a first round bye, which helps rest the pitchers' arms. The key to New Ulm's success in the playoffs will have to be the pitching of Heitzman and the rest of the pitching staff.



Senior Cory Wilson slides safely into third base.