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More seniors to continue education

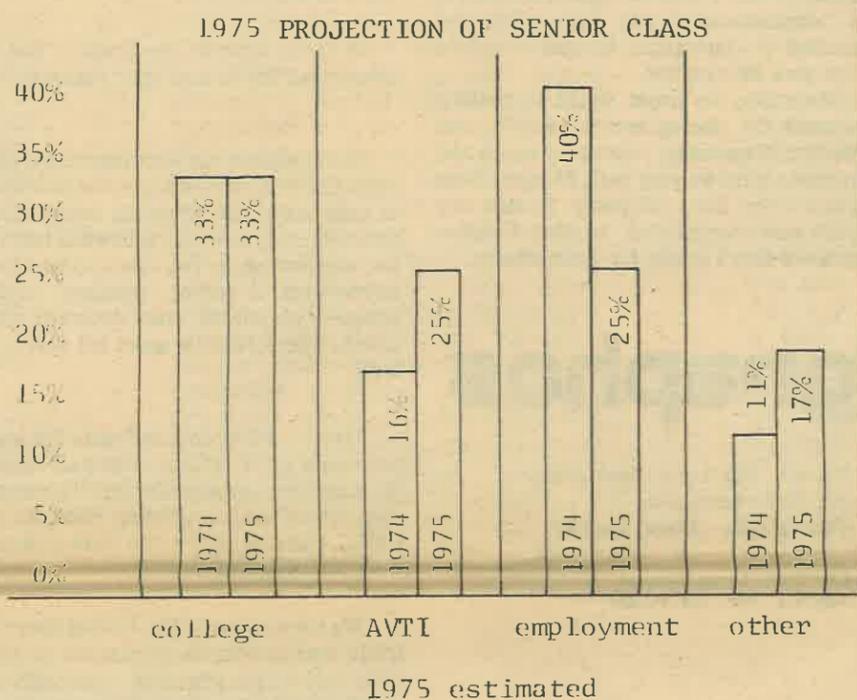
by Thor Mickelson

Fifty-eight percent of the seniors at New Ulm High School are planning to continue their education after graduating.

"Employment" of seniors dropped fifteen percent from 1974. "Employment" refers to seniors entering the job market after graduating. Of the fifteen percent, nine percent selected Area Vocational Technical Institutes (AVTI) and six percent are classified as "other."

The nine percent shift from employment to vocational schools is attributed to the state of the economy. Unemployment and inflation are high and job opportunities are therefore low.

According to Ms. Marti Webb and Mr. Jim Zetah, counselors at NUHS, seniors are attending vocational schools to increase their job options. If there are no job opportunities in one field, they will have the skills needed to perform successfully in another job.



The counselors also believe the shift to vocational schools occurred because students are selecting a career not only for the salary but also for the enjoyment and satisfaction obtained from that career.

The category "other" refers to seniors who entered the Armed Services, a trade school, health occupations, marriage or are undecided about their plans.

The number of college registrations in this year's class remained stable. Webb and Zetah suggest that students look at all the career opportunities. College and vocational schools need not be the only choices. Investigation of careers in which you are interested is encouraged. Ms. Webb recommends to "keep the door always open" for a potential career.

Statistics from 1974 were from past guidance office records. 1975 projections were based on the interest surveys taken of NUHS seniors earlier in the year.

Seniors prepare to graduate

by Lori Scheitel

Graduation is just around the corner. A class of approximately 245 students will soon be leaving NUHS and going into the world to seek their fame and fortune. The idea of leaving school still seems far away, and many of us do not realize that there will be friends we may not ever see again. We are so used to having our classmates and teachers near us that we often take them for granted. Then all of a sudden school will be over, and we will have to seek each other out to keep in touch.

One idea Mr. Tom Wilson wants all of us seniors to remember about our education at NUHS is that we dealt with teachers and principals who cared about us.

This year's commencement exercises will take place Thursday, May 29, at 8:00 p.m. at Johnson Baseball Park. If the weather is not favorable, the program would be scheduled at the senior high gym instead.

There will be vocal and instrumental entertainment, and an adult speaker and a student speaker will be chosen by the senior class to speak at the ceremony. Choosing our own speakers makes the occasion much more meaningful to all involved.

The class of 1975 will be able to rent their caps and gowns for about \$4.00 this year. On May 28 at 9:00 a.m. the senior class will have a breakfast in the school cafeteria.

School adopts new registration procedure

by Steve Odegard

New Ulm Senior High students will go through a new method of registration for the 1975-76 school year. Students will still do many of the things done in previous years, but they will be able to develop their own schedule by picking the hour of the day and the quarter or semester in which they want their class.

In past years things went as follows:

- (1) Students would choose classes and register on computer cards.
- (2) The cards were sent to the Iowa City computer.
- (3) Iowa City then returned the student course application form.
- (4) Students of NUHS would check and verify these forms.
- (5) The cards were sent back to Iowa City.
- (6) The computer would decide what hour and what quarter or semester the student would be taking a specific course.
- (7) The computer would send back a list of students with class conflicts during the summer. Mr. Dave Stead and Mr. Jim Zetah would then ask the students to take an alternate class and send the list back in the latter part of July.
- (8) Iowa City would print the final schedules and send them to New Ulm in August.

The computer would make up the class schedules in its own way, and for the most part the student would have to be satisfied with the hour and quarter that he received.

The new method will be the same as the first five steps above, but after that there will be some drastic changes taking place which are hoped to benefit each student. Step number six will be completely changed. Iowa City will send a supply of computer cards for each course offered during the semester and an exchange system will be developed between the instructor and the students at registration time. Each card will represent a seat in a classroom. There will be an established number of seats open for each class, depending on the nature of the subject.

Students who will be attending New Ulm High School next year will meet in the first week of May and receive three important pieces of information:

- (1) The student's list of his next year's classes.
- (2) A master schedule which will tell what hours of the day a course will be offered.
- (3) Information which will help the students develop and build their own schedule. In other words, it will be up to the student to decide when he will be taking the course he has selected.

On May 14 there will be a "registration day" in the gymnasium. There will be no

school on this day, but a good portion of the day will be spent when students report in alphabetic slots to pull cards and build their own schedule. The students will first go to the cafeteria where they will receive fifteen IBM cards and thereupon move to the gym so they may exchange cards with the teachers of the classes which they desire.

The registration will cover one semester each of the registration times. The entire process will be repeated for the second semester in December of 1975. The new method will give students the opportunity to have their classes when they want them and have free hours when desired for any of several reasons. The new form of registration may make some students tense because they know nothing of it, but as hard as it will be to get adjusted, many new benefits will also arise.

The New Ulm VICA Club would like to thank all who donated blood or participated in helping make the Blood Day a success. The total number of pints received on this day was 203.

editorial



by Sue Lang

Just as there are ups and downs in one's life, the various issues of this year's *Graphos* have had their ups and downs also. These inconsistent issues reflect the amount of activity and enthusiasm in our school as well as the alertness of us editors and writers.

This year Roger Matz, publisher of *The Journal* analyzed each newspaper and expressed appropriate criticisms and compliments as he saw fit. Jane, Mr. Weber and I have noted his various suggestions and tried to improve *The Graphos* in both content and lay out in order to approach a more polished appearance.

The *People* section was an effort on our part to get some new ideas and fresh articles in the paper. Everyone is interested in other people. Just the chatter in the halls shows this interest is the main topic of conversation. We hope that through these articles some insight was gained concerning individuals in our school and community.

Until recently, the annual appeal for letters to the editors has gone almost unnoticed by our readers. Also more reaction seems to have come from people outside the school rather than from the student body. It is unfortunate that there is a communication gap here when the purpose of a newspaper is to express ideas and give information.

Naturally, the paper would be nothing without the photographers, artists, and writers. Expressing yourself in words and pictures is not an easy task. Many of these people who have diligently written and otherwise contributed to the *Graphos* deserve much credit for their efforts.

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Backer defends JOURNAL coverage

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed and surprised when our sports department informed me that they were criticized in your last issue about not good coverage on girl's sports.

One function of a circulation manager is to keep the news department well informed on where he thinks the paper needs more coverage both in subject matter and area. The reason for this is that a circulation manager is out of the office quite often, both in the city of New Ulm and in the trade areas, and he probably hears more complaints than anyone else in the plant.

I happen to be what you could call a sport "Nut" so I really watch the sport section as to what I think should be in and what should not be according to my judgment of what the *Journal* subscribers tell me.

I made it a definite point to compare the *Journal's* coverage of girl's athletics with all area papers and I would make a sworn statement that the *Journal* had almost as many stories and photos as all the area papers **PUT TOGETHER** when it comes to girl's sports. Just for a few examples: We had a reporter and a photographer at all district, regional and state meets where New Ulm girls were involved in the meet or game. I did not see any other photographer from any other paper at any of these meets and I don't recall seeing any reporter. We covered the girl's championship game for Fall basketball at St. Cloud because we had an area team in the game. We ran many photos all year long with the girl's gym team photos making the front page involving girl's sports. We ran the girl's gym team photo in the boy's basketball coverage in the sporting world.

I am very happy to see the "gals" stand up for their rights but I just think they are a little out of line on this complaint.

Yours truly,
Cal Backer
Circulation Manager

Sportswriters protest *GRAPHOS'* inaccuracies

Dear Editor:

A recent issue of the *Graphos* had several misleading and inaccurate statements concerning *The Journal's* sports coverage as related to girls' activities.

Some statements were inaccurate and others taken out of context. For instance, the reference to a small story on the girls bowling team winning the state and a big picture on page one of the wrestling tourney here. A check of *Journal* files will show a more complete story on the girls bowling team ran the following day and a picture of that team also was published. You also may be interested to know that the *Journal* sports dept. was instrumental in getting "mention" made of the girls bowling team at the city athletic banquet; we felt the team deserved some recognition, even though bowling is not an official interscholastic sport but only a one day tournament at district and then state level.

We are willing to stand up to the statement that the *Journal* ran as many or more pictures of girls' athletics this past school year as any daily paper in the state tourney. We had volleyball and basketball pictures; we had many photos of the outstanding girls gymnastics team (including state tourney). Besides NUHS, we covered the gals at DMLC, Glencoe girls to the state girls cage title last fall, etc. Certainly, we gave girls their due share of publicity.

We are not saying the *Journal* never makes mistakes, but we do not appreciate half-truths and inaccurate statements as given in the *Graphos*. The women coaches have been very cooperative and appreciative of the efforts of the *Journal* to publicize girls' sports. We don't want this fine relationship impaired. We feel a review of the entire school year is required to give a fair assessment, not just picking out a day here and a day there.

Sincerely,
Don Brand
Sports editor

TO THE EDITOR:

In a recent article in your *Graphos*, a story by Julie Hulsey entitled "School reflects sexist attitudes" made a cardinal sin in the newspaper business.

Accuracy.

The story refers, in part, to a copy of *The Journal* on Feb. 16, 1975. It states that half the front page was made up of a large photo and article on the boys district wrestling tournament. In the newspaper article it stated, "underneath the picture was an article one inch square about the New Ulm Girls' Bowling team, which placed first in the state tourney."

She then states that this comparison shows how boy's athletics are ranked when compared to female achievements.

In the first place, one example from an entire school year that shows the boys story superior to the girls story doesn't exactly prove that boys athletics are ranked superior to girls. However, that's not my point.

In the first place, the story about the girls bowling team was on the front page at the upper righthand corner, not underneath the wrestling picture. In the second place, the story was one column by three inches long, not one inch square as the story indicates. In the third place, there was no story with the wrestling picture, just a small outline that identified it. Finally, the picture took up a quarter of the page, not half of it.

Accuracy is the number one thing a newspaper should strive for. It makes for better stories, happy customers and avoids libel suits costing hundreds of dollars.

Sincerely,
Denny Gardner
Staff writer
New Ulm Journal

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret any inaccuracies in Julie Hulsey's article. However, we still support her belief that sexism is evident in schools and the media. The editorial was directed mainly at the school and no offense to *The Journal* or its staff was intended.

Students feel scholarship "pinch"

by Sue Lang

The lack of a sufficient number of scholarships available to high school seniors is adding to the ever-growing problem of funding post-high school education.

Students are feeling the pinch in many ways. The job market is tight. Part-time and summer-only jobs are hard to find. The money earned over a summer vacation isn't as much as in previous years for many students. So unless an individual has been saving for a number of years, his personal savings are uncertain.

A federal grant program, BEOG, has lowered its eligibility limits this year. This action makes the odds of getting a grant, which is based on need, somewhat smaller. Twice as many students have applied for scholarships and grants through the Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Program this year than at the same time last year. This program has already asked the Minnesota legislature for more than two times the amount in grant and scholarship funds than they originally wanted. If the legislature doesn't appropriate the extra money, the number of applicants receiving aid will be even less than last year.

At the same time New Ulm High School offers only seven monetary scholarships to its graduating students. Although some of the scholarships and awards are sponsored by various organizations and clubs, most of them are endowments. A new scholarship that is available this spring,

sponsored by Mrs. W. K. Mickelson in memory of her husband, is an example of an endowment. The money provided by this fund will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated achievement in language arts. Because many of the scholarships rely on merit as well as need to determine eligibility, the number of students who can apply is limited. Thus additional scholarships are needed to help more students.

The sponsors of the six existing endowment scholarships have several reasons for spending their money in a specific way. A scholarship is an excellent memorial that keeps on giving and helping others in the name of the individual for a purpose he has specified. These monetary awards are also considered as return investments in the youth of today and are a fitting way to show appreciation for education. A few sponsors showed concern over the fact that more people in our community haven't returned some of the wealth they have earned to District 88, which gave them their educational start.

Two years ago Fairmont was in approximately the same position as New Ulm is now. With less than ten endowment scholarships plus several small money awards available, not many students were benefiting from the program. Through a national organization designed to organize scholarship programs, Fairmont High School was able to raise almost \$10,000 in scholarship funds. In accordance with the sponsors' specific directions, the funds were pooled. Last year, in a school approximately the same size as New Ulm, Fairmont was able to issue \$9,700 of scholarship money to 32 graduating

seniors. The awards ranged from \$200 to \$500 for each recipient.

There is a "gentleman's agreement" attached to these scholarships. This stipulation provides the recipient the opportunity to pay back the amount he received at a later date if he wishes. By this agreement plus actively seeking scholarship money from the people and businesses in the area, the Fairmont school system hopes to replenish the fund annually and eventually make even more money available.

The main problem in New Ulm is not the lack of money in the surrounding area but the inability of people to get involved in the scholarship program. The Fairmont school system had to go into the community and promote scholarship donations in order to get some funds for their program. New Ulm High School is in much the same position. If the number of scholarships available now is any indication of those available in the future, their use as a source of financial aid will dwindle.

While District 88 can use more scholarships, Fairmont's direct appeal for scholarship funds may not work in the New Ulm area. Two factors are to be considered before Fairmont's method could be used. One is the effect appeals for money by the public system will have on the scholarship programs of the parochial schools in our community. Another element not to be ignored is the willingness of the townspeople to spend even more money on education. The need for more scholarships is apparent but the method of obtaining funding is a problem that will have to be considered seriously.

The Guidepost

by Jim Zetah
Counselor

Since this is the last issue of the *Graphos* for 1974-75, it might be appropriate to glance back and reflect on this school year.

What kind of year has it been for you? It probably was a good year if as a senior you will be graduating on May 29th, or as an underclassperson you earned at least five credits with no failures. One can't deny the fact that a primary reason for being in school is to move toward graduation; however, I hope we can look beyond this goal and appreciate other areas of growth.

How much growth (and I don't mean in pounds and inches) have we made this year? The calendar indicates that we are almost one year older, but is it reflected in our more mature attitude, revised value system, deeper thinking process, decision-making procedure, or responsibility to our needs and to those of others?

Perhaps other signs of growth were the new friends we made this year, a renewed trust relationship with our parents, or the ability to cope with difficult tasks. If we have each grown just a bit in some of these areas, then it has, indeed, been a productive year.

If this wasn't a good year, what can we do to make 1975-76 a better one? A challenge exists for all of us to establish goals which can be realized. I think too often we cop out on more difficult jobs or assignments and say, "I can't do it," but in reality we really mean, "I won't do it."

Perhaps we also fall victim to playing the "if" game. I think we all know how it goes. If I had known it would affect her like that, I wouldn't have said it; if I had

studied a bit more for the exam, I could've passed the test and the course; if I had only practiced harder, maybe we could've won the game; if I hadn't talked back, my dad wouldn't have been so angry; if I had the courage and guts to really say what I meant; if; if; and more ifs. Take positive and constructive steps to make changes in those areas which are causing you problems.

I wish to conclude the previous discussion with a short reading on the word challenge which was alluded to earlier.

Challenge is the courage to become who I really am,
the risk that I might stand up and fail,
the courage to say

I know that I do not know,
the risk of a wrong decision
with its consequences.

Marty Webb and I have a request to make of the seniors. We would like to have you stop in our office to indicate your post high school plans — whether it be college, vocational or trade school, military, work, travel or other activity. We need the information for end of the year reports.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you to come in, write or call us if we can be of any help in the future. This invitation is also extended to all other students returning for the 1975-76 school year. Both Marty and I will be available to assist you during much of the summer.

We wish to thank Mr. Weber and his staff for allowing us to share our comments with you this year. We hope we can be a continuing part of the *Graphos* during the coming year. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to let us know.

FFA sponsors Ag Show



A New Ulm FFAer gives one youngster an extra lift to see the animals while several others try to get a glimpse on their own. The farm animals were the main attraction for children at the Ag Show held at the senior high parking lot earlier this month. (Photo by Lloyd Marti)

people

by Dave Mildenberg

Who is that hardworking, busy, librarian who seemingly likes to kick students out of the library? She is Miss Cecile McLaughlin, who came to New Ulm in 1943 from Pine City, Minnesota. Miss McLaughlin reigns over the 11,000 books and 135 magazines and 9 newspapers in our library. She noted that our school compares very favorably in the volume of books with other schools our size.

Libraries are the scene of a great censorship controversy in our country today. Should there be complete freedom of speech or should there be some censorship exercised? Miss McLaughlin's personal feeling on this issue is that she only censors something which doesn't improve the content of the writing. So NUHS students will be able to find such banned books as *Catcher in the Rye*, *Huckleberry Finn*, and *Slaughterhouse Five* on the shelves of our school library.

Since Miss McLaughlin has been in the education field for so many years, I wondered whether the use of the library has changed much in these years. Yes, she

said, there is less studying and more leisure reading than in the past. This trend is due to the growing amount of free time students have nowadays, she added.

I also asked Miss McLaughlin the standard interviewer's question: Did she have any goals? She responded that if there were space for the library to expand, more audio-visual aids could be used, but until the library is enlarged, these additions will have to wait.

Miss McLaughlin commented that library science is a fine field and would encourage those graduates interested to consider it as a career. She added that there is a need for more student workers in our library.

Finally, I had to ask Miss McLaughlin what her policy was on "kicking" students out of the library. She said this action is taken only when someone is disturbing others and is making a "general nuisance" out of himself. She believes that the library is for studying and not for fooling around. You see, she really doesn't like to kick students out of the library.



Cecile McLaughlin (Photo by Felix)

The Kareem of the Crop

by Renee Buck

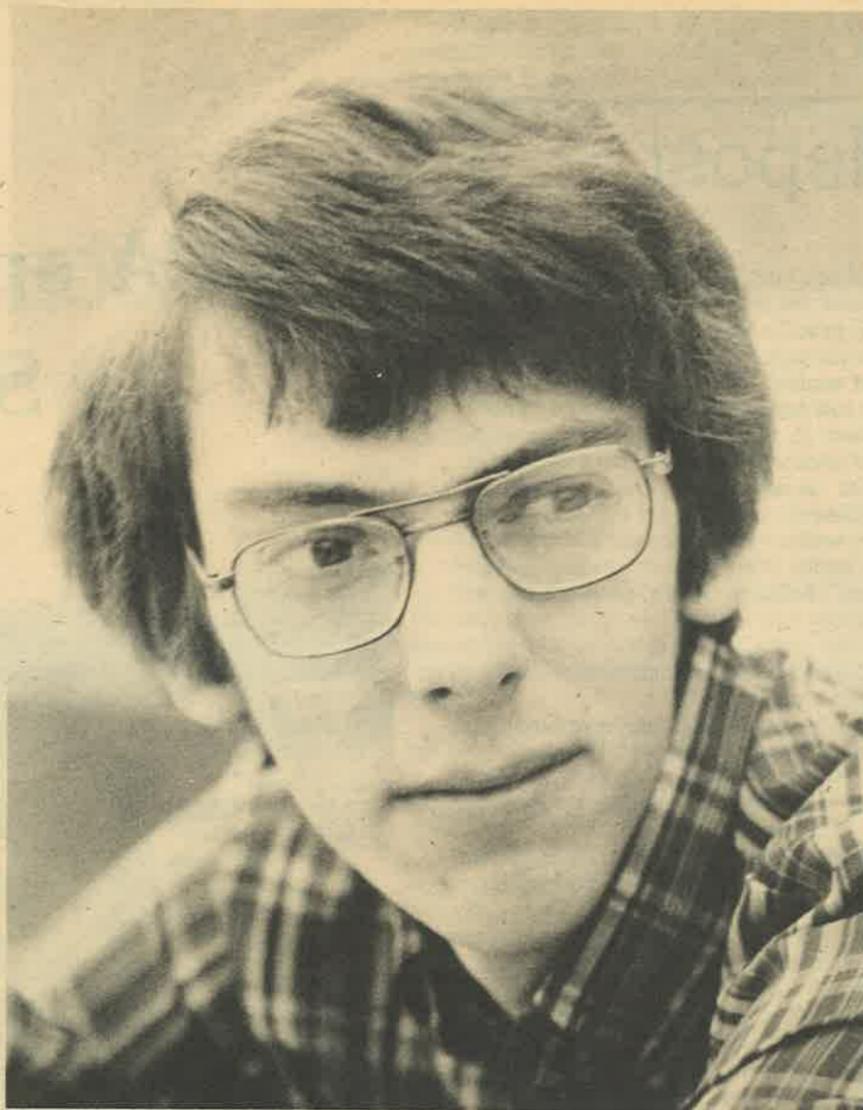
Well folks, this is your opportunity to get to know a little more about THE Ken Hagg. I'd bet all of you know Ken Hagg, the basketball star, that is, but how many of you know Ken Hagg, the guy with the witty and wonderful personality? Let's all meet Kenny Hagg:

We may as well start from the beginning: Creation. Ken was born in Glen Ellyn, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where he lived until the age of six. His family then moved to New Ulm. Well, I'd say Ken's pretty close to a pure New Ulmite. Chalk up another one for Ken!

Ken has always been athletic throughout junior and senior high, but contrary to the popular belief that Ken has been playing basketball since he was old enough to walk, Ken revealed to me that he hated basketball until 9th grade, and even then he wasn't too enthusiastic about the game. "When I got on the B squad, I started to like it a little more," he added. When asked whom or what had influenced him most in continuing his high school career in basketball, Ken replied that his brother Curt had to be given the most credit. "He kept pushing me to keep working at it and to improve. Then I went to summer camp for the past two years at Gustavus Adolphus where I got to play against guys my size and work on my weak points."

Ken's extra-curricular activities include ping pong, reading aircraft magazines and just being outside. He also likes to listen to music.

When the name Ken Hagg is mentioned, most people bring to mind a picture of a basketball player, and a good one at that, but Ken's athletic interests and abilities go far beyond that. Just to mention a few, Ken played on the tennis team for four years, played golf in 8th grade, and was even a trackster in 9th.



Ken Hagg (Photo by Felix)

Ken's other loves include choir in which he was a member for three years and band in which he has belonged since fifth grade, and of course there's his latest love, _____.

When asked if he belonged to any school clubs or any clubs of any sort, Ken remarked, "Well, I belong to the Reader's Digest Book Club if that means anything." After graduation, Ken plans on at-

tending the University of Minnesota in Duluth. He is going for General Ed. and plans to make up his mind about a specific field of study later. Kenny remarked that he'd probably miss basketball the most when leaving school, but hopes to continue playing in college.

When I asked Ken what classes or subjects he enjoyed most in high school, he replied that he probably liked history classes the most. (That ought to give you some points with the social studies teachers Ken!)

All of Ken's hard work in the past few years seems to have paid off in awards. This year Ken was nominated the KNUJ player of the year, was awarded the Wieland Memorial trophy for his outstanding abilities in basketball, was named All-Conference and was also selected to the state all-tourney team.

Ken would like to compliment the great fan support in the past year. "I think school spirit was really great this year, especially in basketball."

The following comments are from friends, fans, and teammates of Ken's. These are answers to the question, "How would you describe Ken Hagg in one sentence?"

- "Tall, dark and handsome!"
 - "Someone who stands above the rest."
 - "He can't be described in one sentence."
 - "He's the funniest, super, most fantastic guy I've known."
 - "The Kareem of the crop."
 - "A great basketball player!"
 - "Heck, I can say it in one word, 'TALL!'"
 - "He's a big one!"
 - "What I appreciate most about Ken is his wit and his humor in addition to his talent."
 - "He oughta be in with the Globetrotters!"
- And that, folks, is Ken Hagg.

arts

Storm

Tonight I heard the crashing of thunder
and the pelting of the hard rain,
and I wished that you were here by me
to guard me from the threatening thunder and
calm me as I heard the rain banging against my window.
Then everything turned calm
and I wished you were here, by me
to share the music of the soft rain and the clasps
of gentle thunder,
and to share this beautiful night.

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A Boock's Worth

by Bruce Boock

As everyone knows, fads come and go as the weather, and lately the current trend seems to be hollering contests at area taverns. I had nothing better to do and it was a rainy DEY, so myself and some of my BODDYS DIETZided to investigate the situation. We all hopped in the CARTHEY and headed for MADSENS for some munchies. We weren't PFARR away now, just a block from the White CASTLE. Finally we arrived at the bar and met some prospective shouters and told them to KAMM in also. As soon as we opened the door, a GUSTAFSON wind rushed in and, BURRIS, was it cold.

There was HARTLEY any room in there. If I had KLAUSTrophobia, I would be KEIMing the walls. Although I felt all KOOPed up, it didn't bother my appetite. I didn't have time for ZUPFER, so I was going to order some WYCZAWSKI here. I couldn't make up my mind between HAMANNeggs or a WURTZBERGER and BREUs. But after LANG consideration, I decided on a BALOGA sandwich.

The contest was about to get under way, and I noticed some NEUMANN that looked unfamiliar. I found out that there was even a guy here from HOPKINS. It was still EARLY in the evening but some DIZZY had ROLLOFFed the table and MESSNERed up the floor. Of CORDES, this meant that it had to be SCHWABed up. One of my friends offered to BUYSSEx next round, so I said ALBRIGHT, but DOEn't worry, I'll GITTER the next one.

As the crowd sat awaiting the first contestant, the judges read aloud the BOOCK of GULDEN rules. When all of a sudden, a little kid sQUIGGLED between the tables and KRALED up front. Everyone there asked HOWK he got in and suggested that maybe a LOKENSGARD should be placed at the door. After they HULSEY little kid out of there, a tall, HANSON man ENGELED his way to the REISER. He strutted around and acted like a real COOLEY dude, so the judges told him to quit DEINKEN around and get on with it. Just as he was about to holler, he sneezed, "ASCHENBRENNER." A little old HAGG sitting at the bar countered, "God bless you," as she sat pulling the CORCORAN out of a bottle.

The man did yell his lungs out but EVANS though he was good looking, I FIER he didn't do too good. Just then the door broke open and a TAUERING man strode in. He walked with a funny kind of HOPPE, so I asked him what was the matter with JANNI. He told me that he drove a MACK truck and was carrying a load of LANGBEHNS and some SCHMIG trees to a POTTER in BURNETTdot. And that a long time ago, a MENK had bitten

him and permanently injured his knee. PEHRSONnally, I think he STOLZ the truck and is just WOLLERing about on his knee! By this time another contestant was ready. He climbed on TOPP of the table as his girlfriend wished him good LOUCKS. After he did his thing, the crowd stood up and shouted, "HIPPERT, HIPPERT, HUIRAS." I thought for sure that he had the contest in the PALMER of his hand, but one of my buddies said, "ACHMAN, he doesn't have a chance." I just told him to get HOFFMAN back, and that was that!

Just as we had finished arguing, someone passed the word that the vice principal BLACKSTAD was on his way, but unfortunately everyone thought he was just crying WOLF. All except one guy who tried to sneak out but I'm sure that HELGET caught. I was pretty worried for I thought our GUTH was cooked but when the MANTHER walked in, he just said, "How ya doing you OLSON of a gun, how's SCHLEIF been treating you?" I told him that I was a MILLER in the MILLS. He asked me why I decided to work there and I told him that the head TILLMAN drowned in some PUGMIRE and I just REESEplaced him.

After the taproom settled down, the contest was under way once more. The last contestant, an old HACKER, came STRATEing up to the front. In one hand he was carrying a STEWART sandwich and in the other, a STEINKE of beer. He sort of reminded me of someone I once saw as he stood up front and said, "How SWEET he is!" He was big enough to throw a guy through a SCHNOBRICH wall, yet it sounded as though he were giving a reSCHEITEL. Before he hollered, he told the barkeep to turn off Alias SMITH & JONES which was playing on TV. Immediately after he began coughing and SCHMIESING. But that didn't stop him. He let out a yell that SHAYked the foundation.

What he yelled I am not exactly sure, but it was something like, "There is fungus among us!" Now isn't that WITTE. One could win a ZOBEL prize saying a thing like that. But alas, he didn't win either. He accused the contest of being TRAUIGed, but WERDAHL convinced that it was a completely legitimate sport.

I never did find out WATSON of a TOTMAN did ever win, but if there is a WILLS, there is always ways. All I know is WEIER all going home because I am too confused to keep going anymore. So if you haven't ever witnessed a hollering contest, you must see one. You can't help but LEIKAM, unLENTZ you're sane.

P.S. I am very sorry that the BRAUNREITER of this story was unUBL to include all the senior names, but if you sMARTis think this was easy, YOU TRY IT!



They sat all about me,
Laughing and talking and "being themselves."
I had learned to love some of them,
and not to love some of them.
But I'm not sure now, what it's all been for.
The time, the energy and the love.
I wonder if it's all been wasted on them.
Someone calls my name.
I smile.
No, it hasn't been wasted,
it's been more than worth it.
My only regret, if I must have one,
is that the magic is fading - fast,
and soon we'll all have to face reality,
alone.

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Senior recalls high school experience

by Lois Becker

Mention the two words "Senior year" to almost anyone and immediately a smile creeps over his face as memories drift back.

I have great hopes that the Class of '75 will remember this year as one of their best. This is the year we've waited for since we were proficient enough in our arithmetic to figure the number of the big year. Once found, the number was remembered by the use of a grade schooler's game of association. Seventy-five was easy to work with — the number of pennies in three quarters, which was probably the extent of our money reserves.

Back in elementary school, the year had little meaning. It seemed just as far away as middle-aged years do now. The closer we approached the senior high, the more realistic 1975 became.

The moment we can walk out those school doors for the last time has nearly arrived. What we will carry with us will vary with each person. No doubt the most valuable learning experience could not even be traced to a textbook or test. The greatest learning experience requires little studying and no homework.

The school provides its students the opportunity to meet people. We learn how to relate to our fellow classmates. The way we treat our peers throughout our life will probably reflect our high school experiences.

High school friends are very special friends. They may know the "you" inside better than anyone ever will until we finally choose our life-long companion. In the last few years we have spent more time with friends than our families on many occasions. Having good friends makes school an enjoyable place to be.

The opportunity to communicate with adult authority is also given by a school.

Students learn to work to meet each teacher's standards. Different teachers require different amounts of work for their classes, but each demands and deserves respect as an instructor and a person.

As seniors approach and reach adulthood, the gap between students and teachers is shortened. You begin to examine them as people. Strange as it may sound (and yet it shouldn't), students actually find friends in their teachers.

An important part of school life to many students is the extra-curricular program. Through activities you meet a mixture of students you normally wouldn't know. Everyone involved in an activity is working for the same goal. Sports are not the only activity in which teamwork can be found. Any group that helps each other to obtain success can be called a team.

Seniors are expected to provide the leadership and organization a group needs. The group benefits and so does the senior who learns to take responsibilities, meet deadlines and accomplish goals.

Other responsibilities are placed on students during their last year. Seniors are given the opportunity to grow as a person and handle their duties as an adult. Free periods are one of the seniors' biggest responsibilities. Every senior finds it more difficult as the year progresses to make the best use of his time, but he accepts the consequences.

The time allowed to seniors does give a sense of freedom. No longer do we need to carry a green pass every time we leave a room. And the traditional study halls were never missed.

Responsibilities were handled well because students didn't want to lose them. The manner in which seniors acted determined how we were treated. Everyone who finished his high school education valued it enough to spend twelve years working for it. Yes, it is worth it!

A New Experience

by Sjs

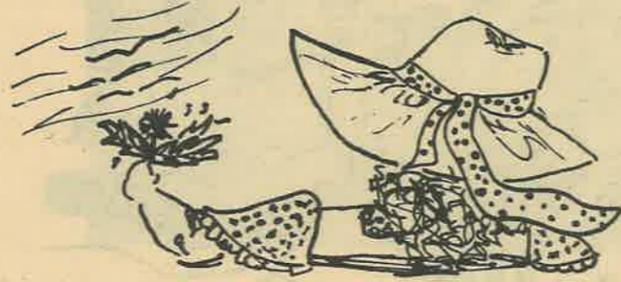
The feeling is exciting and stimulating.
It wakes you up and sets your blood churning.

Your mind opens up and you see and feel things you never imagined.

The feeling causes you to feel fresh and new.

What's the experience?

You tell me, we all have our own.



The Red Poppies

by Sheryl Clear

The crisp wind hit Angie's face with a chilly slap as she looked at the rich soil beneath her. The tears refused to stop as she looked at the bright red poppies.

Her mind wandered back to that sunny day when Jimmy had come out of the doctor's office with that unfamiliar, solemn look on his face.

"Well, what did he say?" asked Angie impatiently.

"He said I should take it easy and not be so active. And he said that he wants to see you in his office."

Angie didn't look at the eight-year-old face that put so much trust in her. She knew Jimmy wanted her to make everything right as she always had. But she was afraid that this time she couldn't.

Angie started towards the doctor's door and wondered why she had to always take care of everything. But she knew the answer to that. Her mother had died when Jimmy was born, and her father was always away on business trips. Jimmy had become her responsibility.

She opened the door and the doctor asked her to step in. The next half hour of explanations and instructions were the most miserable minutes of Angie's life. How was she going to tell Jimmy that he couldn't play football or baseball anymore because the strain on his heart would be too much for him? How was she supposed to tell him to change his whole life?

When Angie left the doctor's office, she thought she would explode. Angie was fourteen and had a right to her own life. Not having a mother had already cancelled out that right. But it wasn't fair to make Jimmy's life miserable too.

The months that followed were almost more painful for Angie than for Jimmy. She hated to see the look of envy in Jimmy's eyes when he watched the other children running and laughing.

After awhile Jimmy didn't take interest in anything. All he seemed to do was read. He was getting smaller, and it was getting harder to get him to go outside.

In the spring Angie finally found the one thing that could bring life back to Jimmy, the precious garden that was only his.

After working in the garden for a week, the color began to come back to Jimmy's cheeks, and he started laughing and smiling again.

It was so good to see Jimmy happy again. Angie didn't complain when Jimmy stayed out too long watering and caring for his flowers and vegetables. He spent most of his time around his beautiful, bright red poppies. They were his prize possession. He'd given them to teachers and was forever bringing a bouquet of red happiness to Angie.

But there was one day when Jimmy didn't come in for dinner, even when Angie had called three times.

She had found him there, in the garden, holding the red poppies with that solemn look on his face. Peace had finally come to Jimmy. The tears stopped as Angie thought of that peace. She gently took the poppies and walked to the house.

James Edward Henderson died at age 9 of a terminal heart attack on April 22, 1975. He was buried in Oak Hill cemetery in Crest Valley on April 24, 1975. The grave was adorned with red poppies. Survivors include Angela June Henderson, sister of the deceased and Michael James Henderson, father.

The Meeting by Sjs

I met someone the other day,
and he reminded me of you.

The meeting was sort of nice,
because it made me think
of you, and sunshine.

A teacher has an awesome responsibility whenever he walks into a class because he now has to say something worth remembering. (EW)

Understand your teachers

by John Johnson

Well, graduation is just around the corner and pretty soon this year's seniors will be gone for good. Since this is my last opportunity, I am going to bless all you underclassmen with some invaluable advice on how to succeed in school. The secret, you understand, is knowing how to get along with the administration and faculty.

I might as well start at the top. Some of you seem to be under the false impression that the way to get along with Tom Wilson and Dave Stead is to be nice and polite and helpful. Wrong! Mr. Wilson and Mr. Stead can see right through that phony courteous student routine. They both realize that students are here to make their jobs as difficult as possible, and they appreciate it when they see a student trying to do a good job.

The real way to get along with the administration is to raise as much hell as possible. And you'll be rewarded for your misbehavior too because I speak from my own personal experience. You will spend so much time in the office that before the end of the year you will be on a first name basis with Uncle Tom and Uncle Dave.

Now to the faculty. Ask any senior what the best way to get along with social studies teacher Dick LaPatka is, and the answer will always be the same, argue with him. That's right, argue with him.

Mr. LaPatka appreciates a student who livens up the class by starting an argument. The class will appreciate you also because it is very entertaining to observe the great debates. If arguing doesn't work, try cheating. Mr. LaPatka enjoys catching students cheating on his tests because this enables him to discipline the student. Ask any basketball player how Mr. LaPatka likes discipline.

I don't know if any of next year's seniors are taking Mr. Trapp's Math Problems class next year, but if you are, I can give you some helpful advice. The best way to get your work done is to wait until the last quarter to do it. That's right, procrastinate. Mr. Trapp really doesn't want to see you around until then anyway, and if he does, he can always look you up in the Chem II lab.

Speaking of Chem. II, I don't know if you future seniors know how dangerous it is to have juniors in that class. Why, this year some of them actually worked ahead during their study halls. If I were a senior in that class next year, I would let the juniors know at the very beginning that ambition won't be tolerated. Mr. Podolske actually gave a couple of seniors "C's" in that class this year for not working hard enough.

The best way to get along with Ed Heille of the math and physics departments is to understand his hatred of learning and

agree with his philosophy. I'm sure that any of you who have had Mr. Heille for a class can recognize that he only teaches for the money anyway. Who knows, after you get to know him well enough, he might even pull you out of the ditch with his '49 Chevy.

Carol Ackerson of the English department enjoys loud, boisterous, male students who talk constantly and hardly ever work. I think that kind of behavior is called being "gutteral," but I'm not sure. If that's not your style, she also likes "cute little rabbits," but the worst thing you can do is to just sit quietly and work.

Robert Jenson of the English department idolizes Johnny Carson, and many of you have probably noticed how much he enjoys being compared to Johnny. Just tell Mr. J that you like his Johnny Carson suit, and you'll get along with him just fine.

Lastly, a word of advice to all you future journalists. If you were dumb enough to let Mr. Weber rope you into writing for next year, do him a favor by not turning your work in on time. Mr. Weber doesn't read that well, and he appreciates it when part of the staff hands their articles in a few days late. Then he doesn't have to read all those stories in one night.

Well, that is all the advice I have for you at this time, so I'll spare you any future agony. Think about me next year when I'm in Mankato at the other "party" school.

*I threw a snowball into a mud puddle,
and thought how strange it was
that there should be snow and
mud puddles at the same time.
It was ok with me though,
because I had liked winter and
was looking forward to spring.
It made me think of my life
because I had liked what had
been and was looking forward
to what was yet to come.* J.S.

Report Card No. 259973462

by Julie Hulsey

Report cards have certainly become sophisticated since the computers have taken over. A simple "S" and "U" have given way to a student identification number, a print out of class schedule, an attendance record, a grade code, a comment code, and an instant reply of grades by quarters and semesters.

I recall bringing home my second quarter report card — at the end of third quarter, wasn't it? My mother glanced at it, then looked at me and said, "Well, number 259973462, we have a lot to talk about."

I tried to pass off a joke, "Just call me 2599." No response.

"It says here," she continued, "that you have a G.P.A. of 3.860, a G.A.P. of 2.899 and a G.N.P. of 3.450."

"So?"

"Is that all you can say for yourself? And here under code 5 it says you could make better use of your time."

"That's not true," I exclaimed. "I never goof off in that class. I use every minute."

"To study?"

"To eat my lunch so during lunch period I have time to run around in the halls. You can't budget your time better than that."

My mother once again looks up and makes another remarkable statement: "According to section 3-2 under code 4 paragraph 5, it says your social grade is good, but you are not working up to capacity."

"But I don't know what my capacity is!" I pleaded.

"Ask your teacher."

"I did, and she said she didn't know because I never work up to it!"

My mother sighed. I sighed. The report card sighed. Sometimes I wish schools would lay it on us... in English.

Movie "murders" audience interest

ACADEMY AWARD

WINNER
BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

INGRID BERGMAN

ALBERT FINNEY
LAUREN BACALL
MARTIN BALSAM
INGRID BERGMAN
JACQUELINE BISSET
JEAN PIERRE CASSEL
SEAN CONNERY



JOHN GIELGUD
WENDY HILLER
ANTHONY PERKINS
VANESSA REDGRAVE
RACHEL ROBERTS
RICHARD WIDMARK
MICHAEL YORK



PARAMOUNT PICTURES CORPORATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH NAT COHEN PRESENTS A JOHN BRABOURNE-RICHARD GOODWIN PRODUCTION

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
"MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS"

and COLIN BLANEY - GEORGE COULOURIS - DENIS DALLEY - Music by RICHARD RODNEY BENNET - Screenplay by PAUL DEHN - Produced by JOHN BRABOURNE and RICHARD GOODWIN - Directed by SIDNEY LUNET - COLOR - PRINTS BY MOVIELAB - AN EMI PRODUCTION A PARAMOUNT RELEASE

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED
SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN



by Jane Zupfer

Imagine a passenger train stranded high in the mountains, surrounded by huge drifts of snow. Aboard is a vicious murderer who at any moment may strike again...

The preceding paragraph reads like a teaser for an extremely good or an extremely bad movie. Unfortunately, "Murder on the Orient Express," adapted from the Agatha Christie novel, is neither. Although the movie possesses an intricate plot and boasts of an all-star cast, it never manages to really interest or entertain its audience.

To its credit, the movie is highly polished, both visually and technically. Costumes are lovely and manage to evoke the feeling of the 1930's almost to perfection. Fine editing refines the moments of suspense, and special effects, especially at the climax, are responsible for any chills the movie may impart.

The entire cast consists of well-known, entirely professional actors who make the most of relatively shallow characters. Albert Finney's Hercule Poirot is strictly in keeping with Christie's description of the vain, pompous but somehow endearing Belgian detective.

I found Lauren Bacall especially interesting as the embodiment of the typical European's view of the pushy American tourist. Although she was often forced to

portray a mere caricature, as the movie progressed, she managed to rise above this rigid role and add some depth and realism to her character.

This lack of character depth and realism seemed to be the most outstanding flaw of the movie. Each role seemed to be merely a portrayal of a type. We see a retired English general, a hot-tempered Hungarian count, a grave, impassive butler, all conforming exactly to a preconceived character type.

In any really well done whodunit, there is ample room for character development. In Christie's novels, even though the complex plot often predominates, major characters evolve into very human, unpredictable people. In this movie adaptation, however, the director seems primarily concerned with the presentation of the stars in his cast rather than the characters in the novel. As a result, it is difficult to become really involved with solving the murder. As a viewer, one isn't given enough information or insight into a character to be able to make a judgment as to whether or not the person may have committed the crime.

Although the plot itself is very complex and interesting, audience interest seemed to be lost before much of the plot was revealed. While the opening segment, a vivid reenactment of a kidnapping crime, caught the audience's interest, the follow-up was a disappointment.

The introduction of the characters takes place in a crowded, extremely noisy railway station. The noise level is irritatingly high, and the whole process is tedious and overly long. The director manages to lose the viewers' interest and fails to really involve them with the characters.

Although the movie is adequate and has all the earmarks of a Hollywood success, including some Academy Award nominations, a true Christie fan will find much more enjoyment in reading the novel.

Today I had to realize, that every dream just can't come true.
I know there's nothing I can do to make you want me.
Maybe later, when things have changed, and times have passed,
I will find you, waiting for something, like Love.
But there is one thing I know, and that is
Forever won't begin today, for you and me.

anonymous

Note to Survivors by Sjs

Treat this school well.
It once housed important people,
as it still does.
Everyone in it is important and
an individual, and thus should
be thought of, and remembered.
I ask you to uphold the integrity
and quality at what is fought
within these walls.
It's a part of growing up,
and it's so important to living.

A Touch of Nostalgia

by Denise Simonson

About this time of year most seniors begin to feel a touch of nostalgia. Soon they will be leaving the sacred halls of NUHS for the opportunities that lie ahead.

It is with this in mind that I ask the question, "What 'cha gonna miss when you're gone?"

Here are a few answers that will bring a tear to the eye of many upperclassmen.

Let's start with familiar sounds, the roar of a schoolbus. Actually, there are two kinds of roars, the crowd inside and the engine. Sometimes the noise of one cannot be distinguished from the noise of the other, depending, of course, on what bus you are.

That old familiar changing of lockers and laughter spilling out of the senior lounge is another sound. Also spilling out of the senior lounge can be heard a foos ball table in-use and a few words about the opponents playing. There is the sound of candy bar wrappers and yesterday's research paper crunching underfoot to lighten the spirits. The moaning and whaling drifting down the hall from the physics room as students view their grades after a test. The colorful expletives issued by fellow classmates caught up by the joys and sorrows of academic pursuit.

Finally the banging of trays in the lunchroom.

What about the familiar smells of school? One weird odor that no amount of time can erase is the smell of a locker room on a warm September day. The invigorating smell of rotten eggs floating up from the chemistry room. How 'bout the smell of fresh dittos from the teachers workroom or the lingering aroma of burnt tobacco coming from the facilities? The smell of the home ec. girls making Ger-formula was also used in cleaning Hermann the German when he fell into disrepair.) The odor of cold wet coats after a snowfall. The smell of victory, how sweet it was!

What are some familiar sights? Soap dispensers reading empty. The tired eyes of students lurking in the halls. The student picture that is your mother's pride and joy. (She really hung it on the wall?) The sight of students trudging through eighteen-foot snowdrifts to get to the Annex. The color white; that's all we saw this winter. Checking the color of your pass after an absence.

These are a few of the familiar things that mark everyday life at NUHS. Soon we will be missing a few of the most familiar faces around our school. We only hope that now and then the memory of high school days will bring a smile and maybe just a touch of regret to our leaving seniors.



Pom-pom girls and alternates chosen for the 1975-1976 season include (top row left to right) Sandy Huevelmann, Jean Hoffmann, Lisa Heubert, Val Olson, Lisa Vath, Cindy Peterson, Karen Gatewood and Mary Hoppe (bottom row left to right) Bonnie Weisensel, Beth Roiger, Kim Boelter, LaNaye Becker, Kathy Prokesch, Stacy Forbrook and Linda Schrader. (Photo by Felix)

Cheerleading program expands

by Lisa Knutson

The number of interscholastic sports has increased in the past few years so the NUHS cheerleading program must expand to accommodate the new activities.

Next year's cheerleading schedule will be divided into two separate seasons, fall and winter. Girls or boys may try out to cheer for a sport in one or both of the two seasons.

During the fall there will be eight varsity cheerleaders and four B-squaders. The varsity squad will cheer for football, cross country, and possibly girls' volleyball. B-squad cheerleaders will support the sophomore football team.

During the winter season there will be separate squads to cover each of the different sports. Girls' basketball and gymnastics will share their own four person cheerleading squad. This squad will be responsible for supporting both of the girls' sports but as of this writing, it appears that they will perform only at basketball games.

There will be three cheerleaders for boys' gymnastics and also three for our

school's new hockey program. It will be necessary for the hockey cheerleaders to be able to skate.

Basketball and wrestling will be the only two winter sports to have B-squad cheerleaders in addition to the varsity cheerers. Each of these two B-squads will consist of four people. There will be five A-squad basketball and four A-squad wrestling cheerleaders next year.

Technically, all varsity cheerleading positions are open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors at NUHS, but these A-squad spots will more than likely be filled by only juniors and seniors unless there is an extremely outstanding sophomore.

Another change in cheerleading procedure is that this year tryouts will not be held in front of the entire student body. They will be held at the senior high and the judging panel will consist of athletic coaches, graduating senior cheerleaders, the cheerleading advisor, some student representatives, and a few selected faculty members.

It is hoped that this new arrangement will get more people involved and make the year a bit easier and more pleasant for next year's cheerleaders, whoever they will be.

Tennis lineup gains new figure

by Scott Simkins

Tennis has taken on a new dimension, so to speak, at New Ulm Senior High School this year. The new dimension is that of a girl, Lori Suedbeck.

This addition to the team wouldn't seem quite so strange except that this spring sport was previously dominated entirely by males. Lori though set out to prove the chauvinists wrong by trying out with the boys and earning a spot on the team.

The boys, for the most part, have accepted Lori. Everyone from the coach to the players thinks that if she can prove herself she will play because that is what competitive sports is all about.

There is one problem with that statement though. It is hard to get competitive without practice, especially outdoors! Nearly a third of the season has passed, and four meets have already been cancelled due to Mother Nature. Of the first two meets we did get in, one was played entirely in the rain, and the other was partially played on wet courts.

In the time since practice started, there have been few days of outdoor practice,

thus making it hard to improve upon skills on the court. During the indoor practices we got very closely attached to the walls and got into a very personal relationship with the floor, which was never swept until we finished push-ups.

The dreariness of a gym does nothing for the morale of a team in any sport. I'm sure this has been noticed by others, but tennis has suffered the worst, I think, because of limited diversity. Spring sports are supposed to be played outdoors, under sunny skies and not in crowded gyms.

As the weather breaks though, if it ever does, things get brighter both in the weather and on the courts. The tennis team has started off rather slow but hopes that it will finish out its season strong. The main thing is being able to get out on the courts and practice the fundamentals.

With sunny weather and warm temperatures being the key, the tennis team and coach Joe Poncin sincerely hope to do well in the conference meet on Saturday, May 17, and also in the district meet. The District 10 meet will be held in New Ulm at DMLC's tennis courts.

NUHS transfers to Class AA

by Bruce Budahn

New Ulm High School will transfer into Class AA next year. This was decided by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League. They established a plan for two-class competition — Class AA and Class A — for activities with more than 50 per cent of the schools participating in an activity except for football and music activities.

The present thirty-two districts and eight regions were realigned because it was necessary to balance the number of schools and create some equity in representation and competition. A questionnaire of member schools by the Class Plan Committee showed that 91.6 per cent of 1,543 responses supported realignment.

To establish two classes the Class AA

schools are the largest 130 schools, and Class A members comprise the other 395. The Board of Directors established the largest 130 schools by the average daily enrollment of grades 9, 10, and 11 for the 1973-1974 school year. The enrollment cut off was 516 with the largest 130 schools in the state put in Class AA.

In Class AA, the 130 schools will be divided into eight regions with 16 schools in each region and those are then divided into four sub-regions.

In Class A, the 395 schools are divided into eight regions with each region having four districts.

Of the twenty teams from District 10 this year, eight of the teams are going to different districts. Echo is going to District 11, Fairfax, Wathrop, Gaylord, Gibbon, New Ulm Luther and New Ulm Cathedral

are going to District 14, and New Ulm High School is going to Region 2AA.

New Ulm High School will compete with these teams in post-season tournaments in Region 2AA next year: Mankato East, Mankato West, St. Peter, Hutchinson, Willmar, Litchfield, Buffalo, Cold Spring-Rocori, Eden Prairie, Chaska, Shakopee, Prior Lake, Worthington, Fairmont and Marshall. The last three teams will be in a sub-district with New Ulm. The winner of this region would then go to the state tournament.

New Ulm will play its regular games against the teams in the South Central Conference with some games against non-conference teams. The only major difference next year will be that post-season competition will be with larger schools that are in Class AA.

Late season tees off "goffers"

by Dave Loucks

Like all the other spring sports the New Ulm High linksmen got off to a very slow start. What effect all the bad weather has had on the team remains to be seen until the season progresses. Everyone is really eager to get out, but it is hard to "psyche yourself up" when all you do is hit balls into a net indoors. Fortunately the extra long basketball season took some of the boredom out of the couple of weeks between sport seasons.

Nonetheless, our "goffin team" is both eager and optimistic about this season. There are quite a few boys trying out for the team with 16 practicing at the varsity level.

Returning lettermen this year are seniors - Dave Loucks, John Johnson, Jeff Doe; sophomores - Brian Shay, Brian Patterson; and freshman - Bill Ostrom. Other boys who will be trying for spots on the team are Jim Dehn, Scott Werdahl, Mark Paulson, Dave and Monte Mildenberg, Thor Mickelson, Erin DeMars, Bob Alsop, Brad Martinka and Dave Keene.

This may sound like a young team, but our first four men from last year's team (Loucks, Johnson, Shay, and Patterson) are back this year. Mark Paulson, Doe, and Ostrom will probably provide our fifth and sixth man help earlier in the season. Most of the other boys are only in their first year of competition, and all they need is a little time to gain more experience and improve their game.

Actually, our varsity team is not "set" for the whole year. In other words, it can change from meet to meet depending upon how everyone is playing. Conceivably a boy can play first man one meet and not even play in the next.

For instance, there are six spots on each team for each meet entered. High school golf is based on medal play which means that "the leastest, not the mostest" wins.



Despite inclement weather and numerous postponed meets, golfers John Johnson and Dave Loucks, as well as their coach Dick Werdahl, appear ready to start swinging. (Photo by Lloyd Marti)

The low four scores of each team are totaled and the lowest team score wins the meet. The individual from any team with the lowest score in the meet is the medalist.

Last year, our team was very successful in having every one of our top four golfers take the medalist honors in the majority of the meets. The low four players in each meet automatically make the team for the next meet. The fifth and sixth positions are

open to the rest of the varsity, and if there isn't a meet the next day a qualifying round is played and the two low scorers make the team.

As I stated before, our team has had limited practices in the early part of the season. The Country Club opened April 23, and we began practice on March 31. New Ulm is pretty lucky, however, with our available facilities. There is a giant net in the little gym which makes it possible for

us to get the kinks out. With the aid of a video-tape machine, we are able to analyze our swings and try to improve them. I say "try" because hitting indoors doesn't quite compare with letting loose outside. Sometimes a few players let loose indoors, and we had a few exciting moments trying to duck golf balls ricocheting around the gym because someone missed the net. Occasionally, we were able to hit out by the baseball field, but baseball players and trackmen get tired of dodging stray golf balls too.

We also have the benefit of a very fine and challenging golf course. Last year, extensive work was done when the clubhouse was remodeled making it one of the most attractive buildings in town. Also, the front nine had a sprinkler system added, and the steep hill on the ninth hole was eliminated improving the view from the clubhouse.

There are twelve meets scheduled plus Conference and District competition. We will be out to defend the District 10 championship, which we won last year by playing very strong team golf. Patterson, Johnson, and Loucks (who was meet medalist) were the three low team scorers and advanced along with Bryce Fier to the region meet at Hutchinson. The Region was a disappointing day as no one shot lower than the cut of 81.

The district meet will be held at a tough Redwood Falls course later this spring. I look for a showdown between New Ulm and Cathedral, which is entering District 10 competition for the first time. CHS has had basically the same team returning the past few years including some very fine golfers. Whoever makes the cut at district time will advance to the Region 3 at Marshall. Both CHS and public have several players who are very capable of taking medalist honors. I'm not making a prediction because during the past several years I've learned that golf is about as unpredictable as girls. Everything can be fine one minute, and the next minute you wonder what went wrong and why.

Girls' softball

underway

by Marlys Forstner

The girls extramural softball team is a group of girls "out to have lots and lots of fun." The 45 girls out for softball this year are split into an "A" squad and a "B" squad. By the end of their season, they will have played four games. The final game will be here against St. Peter on the 22. All games start with the "B" squad at 4:30 and are immediately followed by the "A" squad. Coach Sandy Fritz noted that the team does have a limited schedule, but there are enough games for the amount of practice the girls have had. There was a late start with practice due to the weather.

April Showers?



New Ulm baseball fans demonstrate their loyalty as they weather cold and rain to cheer the Eagles on to an early season victory. (Photo by Lloyd Marti)

Mother Nature's wrath seems almost endless

by Scott Simkins

Mother Nature has finally conceded and loosened its fateful grip of ice and snow, letting the sun's rejuvenating rays revive the sleeping plants and animals.

The icy grip of winter has left the land, opening the doors of spring and summer to everyone. Gone are the days of parkas and mittens, cancelled games and practice indoors and unintended school vacation. All gone — until winter lashes out once again in its yearly cycle.

Instead, we can look to the sky and praise the Lord for being able to see the sun, which you may have feared had gone into hibernation. The animals themselves have awakened while the birds have come north, and earth is readily visible again, an uncommon sight since the middle of January.

Alas! This occurrence must mean that once again we can venture into the outdoors to participate in our favorite spring

and summer activities. The baseball fields have cleared, ditto for the tennis courts and track. The sports teams have conquered their "cabin fever" and no longer are limited to the confines of a gym or hallway, which make poor substitutes for the real thing.

We can now look around and see the real beauty of the land for so long masquerading under its costume of white. As spring is unveiled, we see that the rivers have receded into their respective banks, with open shorelines awaiting the camping enthusiasts. Expectant fishermen are getting antsy to wet their lines and lure the "trophy fish" from the safe depths of the water, muddied by the fertile soil in which the farmers have planted their yearly income. The tributaries, the creeks, are flowing, with spawning trout waiting in their pools. Trout fishing is more popular than most people think, even in the immediate area, while the area lakes have also attracted many fishermen who formerly have ignored them for "better fishing." In any sense or location, spring is a fisherman's delight.

Some fishermen travel great distances to reach a secluded spot, previously untouched by humans, while others just prefer to soak up the beauty of America from behind the steering wheel of an automobile with no other purpose in mind.

Spring treats the traveling sector of the population to a marvelous showing of budding trees, flowing streams and blooming flowers. The land takes on a greenish hue as the mercury climbs higher and the sun shines brighter. For most, this is the favorite of seasons because of its beautiful surroundings and mild temperatures. This past spring has been the exception and not the rule with its unending reign of snow, cold and rain.

The snow and cold have left now, much to the delight of many who are happy just being able to go outside and feel the warmth of the air on their cheeks. They can oil up their bikes and mow their lawns, which have also been touched by the fingers of spring and have grown to an undesired length. Some people find pleasure in these simple tasks of cleaning the yard or mowing the grass, but to others

they seem like demeaning rituals carried out annually for the satisfaction of the Creator.

Spring carries a strange force into everything it touches. People are not the first to notice spring, but the best reactions come from humans. Warm weather compels people to take stock of their possessions. Some items are kept and others are discarded. This cleaning process provides more room to accumulate new things. The cycle of throwing away and replacing makes the annual spring cleanup a necessary job. If spring were a human invention, this phenomenon would certainly be a reason for its annual appearance.

As warmer weather appears on the scene and spring moves into summer, we can look forward to all the usual activities, but we will never forget the long winter and spring of '75 with its endless snowstorms, blizzards, and icy cold temperatures which dropped the mercury to newfound places. Mother Nature has given us something to remember and we certainly will not let her down.

Tradition marks baseball team



Bruce Johnson prepares to make contact with the ball during a game at the senior high diamond while the umpire takes a close look. (Photo by Lloyd Marti)

by Mark Stewart

Why is it that New Ulm baseball teams are always expected to win? Why is baseball any different than any other sport at New Ulm High? The answer is simple; it's Tradition.

A New Ulm Eagle baseball team has won the District 10 title nine years in a row and has made numerous trips to the State Tournament. There is something about playing baseball in a New Ulm uniform that seems to put you ahead before you even walk on the field. There is a winning tradition that accompanies the baseball team and this tradition is a definite and obvious asset.

There has always been a losing tradition in football and, speaking from experience, I can tell you that it's more than just superstition. When you win, your whole attitude is different than when you lose. You have confidence in your ability and in your teammate's ability, and you expect things to break your way. But when you're losing, you have doubts about whether you

really can win.

The basketball teams at New Ulm High have been trying to win that District 10 title for 25 years until finally they won this year, our last in District 10. There were teams in those 25 years that were by far the best team in the District, but they got beat by a losing tradition. Year after year you would wonder how, not if, New Ulm would lose another tournament. It took a special team to win the title, a team that believed in itself and refused to be beaten and, as a result, made it all the way to the State Tournament against huge odds.

I hope you can get some idea of what tradition means now. Not just some word backed up by hollow statistics but an attitude that is brought to the field of competition to give you the edge or make you the underdog. New Ulm's baseball teams have had this edge for a long time and so far this year's team is no exception.

GENERAL FACTS: New Ulm returns nine lettermen from a District 10 championship team of a year ago. Pitching will

be handled by senior Bruce Johnson, juniors Steve Dittrich, Kevin Wilner and sophomore Tim Steinbach. The other positions shape out like this:

Catchers — Dan Sweet, Larry Guggisberg

1st Basemen — Bruce Boock, Mike Totman and Wilner

2nd Basemen — Jay Hamman, Paul Wyczawski

Shortstops — Ron Starke, Donny Gieseke, Guy Tostenrud

3rd Basemen — Jerry Boddy, Spencer Mills, Kurt Larson

Outfielders — Charlie Achman, Roger Gillick, John Hoppe, Chuck Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Ziggy Reinhart, Tim Steinbach, and Mark Stewart.

Dave Schwarz and Steve Altmann look like sure crowd prospects.

Fairmont and Waseca look tough in the South Central Conference this year as New Ulm tries to repeat as champions. New Ulm should again be the favorite in the district this year.

Bits of "Was"dom

by Brian Wasmoen

First of all, I would like to mention the sport for the uppercrust. This sport, although we average people refer to it as golf, is known by the sophisticates that involve themselves in it as "goff." I hope that these little-white-ball-chasers continue to do well.

Our other minor spring sport is tennis. For you who don't know it, this sport requires several qualifications that not all of us possess — urge to run around in jockey shorts and desire to ruin elbows, cute legs, good reflexes, and a lot of "Spunk."

We always arrive at an interesting clash in our major spring sports... "The All-American Sport" of baseball and the sports events that we put together and call Track and Field, which have been around since Ancient Greece.

Baseball combines the best features of primitive cricket, lawn tennis, Puss-in-the-corner, and Handel's Messiah. Baseball is an exciting sport; it's the sport that packs five minutes of breath-taking excitement into two or three hours of play. But it is the one place that a sacrifice is really appreciated.

At track and field meets I would really like to see the fans pay more attention to the field events. Get off your duffs and support these guys. The field events are important and these guys need your encouragement too.

I was really surprised to find out that so few of our seniors were out for three sports this year! With all the athletic talent in our senior class, as well as in our junior and sophomore classes, I feel that more of our students should be in more extra-curricular activities.

On this point I would really like to commend the girls. When I was at the girls' track meet that got rained out awhile ago, I was really surprised at the number of girls participating. This is a distinct difference from the boys' athletic programs in which guys go out only if they think that they have a good chance of playing. It's good to see you out!

Now, I realize that if the fans don't want to come to the games and meets this spring, no one is going to stop them, but I would like to encourage everyone to come out and support our athletes (be athletic supporters?) this spring.

Women break school track records

by Marlys Forstner

Since the season started, the girl's track team has broken three school records. These records have been set in the past three years when track has been interscholastic. The team of 45 girls is relatively young with mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Lisa Vath, a freshman, broke Les Johnson's 60 yard hurdle record. The old record was 9.5 seconds; Lisa's time was 9.4 seconds. Lynnae Forster broke her own 100 yard dash record of 12.3 seconds with a time of 12.2 seconds. The record for the shot put, previously held by Doris Keim, was replaced with a 33 foot 7 1/4 inch heave by Diane Tauer. The earlier record was 33 feet. Last year Renee Buck broke her own record for the 880 yard run while she was at the state meet. She was clocked at 2:22.2 minutes and took fourth place. This was an improvement of 6.9 seconds.

The other school records are as follows:

- MILE: 1973, Deb Lindstrom, 5:44.0
 - 880 YD RELAY: 1974, J. Schwartz, M. Byer, J. LeGare, S. Voves, 1:59.9
 - 440 YD DASH: 1974, Renne Buck, 62.0
 - 110 YD HURDLES: 1974, Cheryl Smith, 17.3
 - 880 YD MEDLEY RELAY: 1974, J. Schwartz, K. Blackstad, L. Forster, L. Johnson, 2:02.7
 - 220 YD DASH: 1974, Jean Schwartz, 28.7
 - 440 YD RELAY: 1974, E. Lowinske, A. Byer, L. Forster, K. Blackstad, 53.0
 - MILE RELAY: 1974, J. LeGare, J. Spelbrink, S. Gieseke, R. Buck, 4:37.8
 - DISCUS: 1974, Linda Martens, 96'7 3/4"
 - LONG JUMP: 1974, Eileen Lowinske, 15'8 3/4"
 - HIGH JUMP: 1974, Sandy Hage, 4'7"
- Indications are that more of these records will fall before season's end.



Renee Buck's face shows the strain of a first-place finish. (Photo by Lloyd Marti)

Coach Ev Beug feels the girls are "really shooting for the district this year." She thinks the sport gives all the girls a chance to compete with other teams and between themselves as they fight for a position on the varsity team.

The girls track team would like to thank the boy's team for their support at home meets. Miss Beug commented, "The boy's track team is our best buddy."

Baseball leagues prepare for summer season

by Jim Henning

Three Bi-County leagues head up baseball for this summer. They are Bi-County Juniors, Bi-County Peanuts, and regular Bi-County.

There are 10 teams in Bi-County Junior league. For 1975 they are Northside, Southside, Westside, and Hilltop from New Ulm and Lafayette, Essig, Sigel, Searles, Courtland, and Hanska.

Teams in New Ulm will make up one league division while the six other teams are in a separate division. Teams will play each other twice in the same division and once in the other.

In the Peanut League there are seven teams: Searles, Sigel, Hanska, Essig, Courtland, and Tachronic Westside of New Ulm. Several rule changes for the Peanuts have been made this season: Ear flaps must be worn, 25 members are permitted on the roster, the ten run lead rule has been dropped, players may not leave a base until the ball crosses home

plate, and smaller diamonds will be used.

The regular Bi-County league has seven teams: Leavenworth, Sigel, Courtland, Searles, Hanska, Stark and Essig. League play will start May 4.

Juniors may not reach age 16 until June 1 and Peanuts may not reach 13 until June 1. Regular Bi-County boys have to be under 19 as of May 1. The minimum age for Juniors is 11 by June 1, 9 for the Peanuts.

One surprise for the Bi-County is that New Ulm has dropped its entry. The lack of funds and declining individual interest were the reasons for the decision. Last year, individual donations helped finance the team, but the struggle became too much. The team operated independently from the New Ulm Baseball Association, which runs the Brewer and Kaiserhoff programs. Al Tietel started the team many years ago with Les Johnson trying to keep it alive in recent years.

The Bi-County league had hired the Southwest Umpires Association. The New Ulm Umpires Association, which handled the job last year, has only the Ara Wilson this summer.

Weather slows track team

by Kevin Wilner

The New Ulm High School track and field team has been slowed by the constant rain and cold has not had the chance to get in much outdoor practice. The Eagles have had limited indoor practices

due to the lack of facilities. The track men have had to share the gym with the baseball team, and the only people who were able to use the gym were the shot-putters and the high jumpers. The runners weren't affected nearly as much as those in the field events since they could run outdoors and in the gym foyer. They used the foyer to develop their timing and get the feel of passing the baton in the various relay races.

The Eagles have had several meets including the South Central Conference indoor meet at Mankato State, an Invitational at Redwood Falls, and a dual meet with Albert Lea.

In the South Central Conference Meet, New Ulm finished third, behind Fairmont and St. Peter. It was a fairly good showing for the first meet. The Eagles were missing seven seniors who were sick plus hurdler Dave Miller and high jumper Tom Schrader, who were with the basketball team. New Ulm got first place performances from Dan Walden in the long jump, and Perry Wieland in the pole vault, a second place from Tom Rodenberg in the two mile, and a third place from Brian Roegiers in the shotput.

At the Redwood Invitational, the Eagles finished second, 30 points behind Glencoe. Tom Rodenberg again took the two mile while Mike Gentz got New Ulm's only other first place in the pole vault. New Ulm was the defending champion of the Redwood Invitational.

A pleasant surprise for the Eagles this year has been the performances of the underclassmen. Tom Rodenberg, a sophomore, has won consistently in the two mile and another sophomore, Dan Walden, has won often in the long jump. Among the juniors the top performers are Brian Roegiers in the shotput, Dave Miller in the hurdles, Ralph VanKeulen in the 880 yard run, and Mike Gentz in the pole vault.

The outlook for the season appears optimistic with a good balance of seniors and underclassmen, and come district and region time, New Ulm cindermen could be tough.

Paul's Sports Parade

by Paul Wyczawski

Spring sports are here once again but unfortunately the spring rain has also come and given most of the area's athletic teams a slow start.

All of our NUHS teams have suffered from not being able to get outside, some more than others. But with the facilities at NUHS, it is a little easier to cope with the inclement weather.

For instance, the NUHS golf team has been able to hit golf balls in the auxiliary gym the past few weeks, and although they couldn't do any putting inside, they were able to concentrate on getting their swings improved. The Eagle linksmen are defending District 10 Champs and hope to defend their title at the Redwood Falls golf course on May 24.

Another new addition to NUHS athletics is the Jugs pitching machine. It was purchased by the New Ulm Jaycees for the use of all New Ulm baseball teams. The Eagles have been using it indoors in their portable mesh batting cage that runs the length of the gymnasium. The machine has two rubber tires rotating side by side at speeds up to 100 m.p.h. A ball is inserted between the two rotating wheels and the balls shoot out. The Jugs throws a variety of pitches, including fastballs, curves and screwballs. Even knuckleballs may be thrown by this unique device. Perhaps the biggest asset of the Jugs is that it throws a perfect strike nearly every time which is



something our pitchers aren't often able to do early in the season.

NUHS has won the District 10 title nine years in a row and hopes to make it ten when they open District play in mid-May.

Track also has been slowed by poor weather, and the team has been in the gym the past few weeks. The field events are practiced inside while the sprinters and long distance men have been outside doing their own thing. Region track championships are on May 30 and will be held at the Winthrop High School track.

Likewise the tennis team has been indoors at Jefferson working towards their outdoor season and the district and regional meets.

In looking back over the past athletic year at NUHS, I noted we had a good year in post-season tournaments and generally a good athletic year.

The football team improved from an 0-9 year to come back and win five out of their nine games and had the first winning football season since 1970. Although we don't have a conference championship to show for it, a 555 percent increase in winning isn't too bad.

In cross country, Tom Rodenberg competed in the State Tournament and finished 32nd while coming in with the best time in the state for a sophomore.

Boys basketball had their most successful season this past winter since 1937. The cagers had a 21-6 record and won the District 10 and Region III Titles. The Eagles also participated in the State Tourney, something that hadn't been done in 38 years.

Finally, the most successful of all the NUHS teams so far this year was the girls gymnastics team. They were 10-0 in regular season meets and went on to win the Region III Gym Title at Glencoe. The girls then finished fourth in the state meet, which was the first ever for girls gymnastics.

This past year has been a good one in athletics at NUHS, one we will never forget. The experiences in high school athletics will be cherished by those who have participated in them. For the seniors it is just about over, but for the underclassmen, the chance to succeed, improve and to compete is still there for yet another year or more.