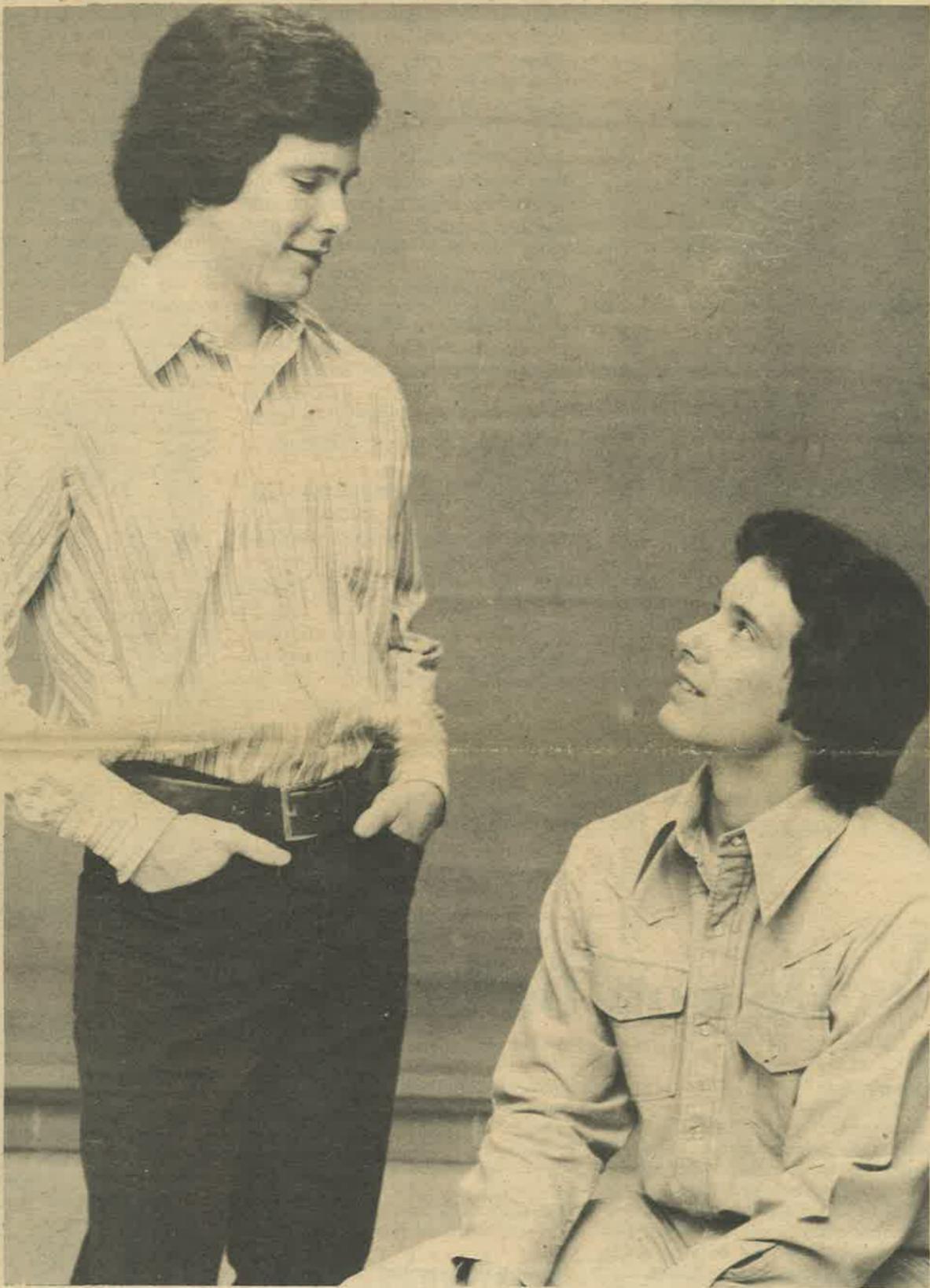


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Two sets of senior twins, Ann and Nan Nonnemacher and Jim and Paul Skoglund, discuss the merits of being a twin. One advantage is having twice as much clothing from which to choose.

Seeing double at NUHS

by Deb Bowar

What do the names of Spelbrink, Skoglund, Miller, Schwartz, Stein, Roddy, and Nonnemacher have in common? Of course, all are the names of twins at New Ulm High School, but what is it like to be a twin? Some interesting answers to that question were given.

The twins I talked to all agreed they liked being twins. When asked what it's like to be a twin the reply was "What is it like not to be a twin?" All wondered what not being a twin would be like, and if they

were alone, would they be a different person. Twins share a special closeness with each other that doesn't exist between other brothers and sisters. Not many twins I talked to would be willing to give up this relationship or the advantages that come with being a twin.

I questioned Ann and Nan Nonnemacher, Jim and Paul Skoglund, and Jean and Jane Spelbrink regarding their twin lines.

All of these twins dressed alike when they were little; however, now only Ann and Nan continue to do so. The Spelbrinks and Skoglunds said dressing alike was cute

when they were little, but now they would rather dress differently and share their clothes so they would have twice as much to wear. The Nonnemachers take turns deciding what to wear every day.

All twins mentioned the advantage of always having someone their own age with similar interests readily available. This advantage was especially helpful when they were in unfamiliar situations.

Only one set of twins felt there was any type of competition between them. All, however, do help each other with homework and other problems they might have.

When asked if people got them mixed up and how anybody could tell them apart, they said people very often were confused about their identities. Some twins even admitted to playing tricks on others, especially teachers. The Nonnemachers are so closely identical that only their closest friends can tell them apart by recognizing their habits and personalities. If you have trouble identifying these twins, remember Ann has the three moles on her face and Nan doesn't have any; Jean has the haircut, not Jane; and Paul parts his hair in the middle while Jim parts his on the side.

editorial

Women libbers are fibbers

by Scott Simkins



by Scott Simkins

After the last issue of *The Graphos* was released, we received an unsigned letter from "A Critical Friend" here at school.

Normally we wouldn't acknowledge such a letter, but we figured this one instance was an exception. Besides, we don't get much mail at all.

The letter was critical of an article in the February issue of *The Graphos*, but what was more disturbing was the few letters-to-the-editor we have received from our readers. The last issue contained some of the most liberal ideas and subject matter we have ever published, and yet there was a minimum of reaction and only this one unsigned letter. The

February *Graphos* presented a rationale for student drinking at parties and articles criticizing the school and city government; there were even some pot shots taken at *The Graphos* itself.

In an issue that overlooked girls' basketball, it's funny (?) that no one even noticed the failure. Or what's worse, no one may have cared. We wonder how many of the team members detected the lack of coverage.

We hope this lack of reaction is not a general feeling of apathy that students have because then we are really serving no purpose and are wasting time, effort, and school finances, which were, until the last school board meeting, in short supply.

Oh, yes, to that person who DID send us that letter, we thank you for making our day one February afternoon. That is the only sign we had that anybody really cared.

If you care, we would like to hear from you, but if you intend to tell us something, please include your name and address so we can verify the letter's authorship. The name can be withheld from publication if you wish. From now on, however, letters written by "phantom writers" will not be dealt with in this paper.

With the birth of more girls sports at the interscholastic level at NUHS, a sigh of accomplishment came from those who had been urging more competition. But from many sexists, a hushed laugh took the place of a sigh.

Well, this may well be a time when he who laughs first also laughs last. Girls sports at NUHS have not done very well except for gymnastics and some individual track team members. A look at the other sports shows a substantial losing margin between wins and losses.

The main reason for this disappointing record is the fact that girls, on the whole, are not ready for interscholastic competition. In other words, they just don't have the right attitude.

This poor attitude shows up first in preseason, when girls do a poor job of training. This is the part of the season that builds up the body for the actual sport, but many girls just sit back and wait for the coach to call them.

Once into the season, the girls' attitudes change. Some feel that they've made the team, so why should they work? Others feel that sure, they're on the team, but why should they work, they never play. There is a minority who feel dedicated to the sport and will always be good workers, but those few cannot make up the difference for the others. The following example is typical of these "others."

During the basketball season some girls were publicly exclaiming that they were not a member of the girls B team, while actually they were sarcastically getting the point across that they didn't play

much.

In any sports, male or female, an abundance of bench riders is a common problem, but I think there is a unique difference. Men don't complain about it as much and will continually battle an opponent for rank. If the girls had this same competitive spirit, their teams would greatly improve. As the saying goes girls, you either have to "shape up or ship out."

Girls would much rather sit back and complain than try and beat starters out of a position. You need some internal pressure to force the starting players to put forth their maximum ability and quiet the complainers.

The same types of problems afflicted the volleyball team. One problem involved a player who got a chance to play, but then was replaced in midseason. The replaced player made it hard on the newcomer and caused so much strife that the newcomer's game was affected.

Intra-squad squabbles only breed disenchantment and dissension which surely show up on the floor. As it is, girls sports have enough odds against them and don't need internal strife to set them back any further.

These problems alone were not the total reason for the downfall of girls' sports at NUHS. The attitudes of the girls involved were not desirable to facilitate winning teams.

After the resignations of several coaches effective next year, the prospect for the future looks even dimmer. But maybe the new coaching staff can instill a competitive spirit in the girls interscholastic sports scene at our school. If not, the subdued laughter now heard may grow into a full roar in years to come.

Do you believe?

by Barb Gitter

Have you ever seen the commercial that tells you to clap your hands if you believe in peanut butter? Well, unfortunately, showing that you believe in other things is a lot more complicated than clapping your hands. But many people, both young and old, don't know what they believe and this lack of faith causes some problems.

I think the first and most important thing to believe in is yourself. You have to believe that what you are and what you do are important. If you don't think you are worth anything, no one else will either. The way you portray yourself to others is the way they see you.

The first step in learning how to believe in yourself is finding out about yourself. Know definitely what you want out of life. You are the only one who knows that, and no one else can tell you what is best for you!

Secondly, know what you want out of others. Know how you feel about them and what you expect from them. If you don't know, how can two people ever get along? Maybe that is the reason for some of our arguments with others. We ask them for something without really knowing what we want ourselves. More than likely, we aren't satisfied and get upset and blame them for the confusion. That is really being very cruel and unfair. Before we can ask anything of someone else, we must know what we want and be able to tell that

person exactly how we feel. As a result, there will be fewer misunderstandings and a more meaningful relationship can develop.

If you are for or against something, know where you stand and stick up for your rights and beliefs. Don't ever give in to anyone just because he disagrees with you.

Some people say that it is foolish to believe in the impossible dream. I disagree. I think it is good for us to believe and look forward to something that is challenging and full of excitement as impossible dreams may often be.

There are a few old sayings that may seem rather ridiculous, but if we just think deeply about them, they have a lot of meaning. One of them is "To believe is to look at the tiniest seed and envision a blossoming flower." If we can look at the grass and trees in the dead of winter and believe that soon they will be green and alive once again, we can know that that little seed which seems so helpless will soon be a beautiful flower.

If we believe in nothing else, let us believe in tomorrow. Let us be able to look into the black sky at night and see the sparkling stars and know that soon that black sky will turn bright blue. The stars will be replaced by a big yellow sun of another day. If we believe in tomorrows no matter how terrible our nights may seem, we will have achieved the greatest gift of all — believing.



by Julie Hulsey

Several weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to come down with what is known in medical terms as the "LaPatka" flu (a rare strain which hits those not ready for certain rough exams). I say "fortunate," despite the nauseating side effects because I had an opportune chance to watch a very beneficial game show. On that very day "The Price is Right" displayed a magnificent showcase dedicated to leap year, which just happened to be my *Graphos* assignment.

According to Bob Barker and Johnny Olson, all one needed to "catch her man" was \$1,000 in cash, her own diamond ring, a paid honeymoon in the Bahamas and a beautiful new car. Now isn't that a relief? And all this time I thought love had something to do with it!

Leap year was added to the calendar to make the calendar year nearly the same as the solar year, which is the time required for the sun to pass the vernal

equinox twice. (Their words, not mine!) Leap year has 366 days or one more day than an ordinary year. It occurs every year which can be divided evenly by four except the numbers that mark the even hundreds. But what most people are concerned with is the tradition behind a leap year.

The traditional leap year is actually a romantic reversal of roles in which women are encouraged to display their feelings toward men. So girls, if you have been feeling overly aggressive, a bit forward, or perhaps downright affectionate (oh horrors!), fear not. It's in this year's blood. Or perhaps it's the hormones?

Luckily, I haven't been seriously hit by this presumptuous behavior; however, temptation is all about. It has been rumored there is to be a school dance to which the girls will invite a male companion. Do you realize what this fully entails? For a girl to come right out, exposing herself in such an unnatural manner; well seriously now, those boys fortunate to be asked should consider what a traumatic experience a "No" could cause. So have a heart. And patience.

I have the feeling this year is going to be a lot longer than just that extra day.

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The Guide Post

by Marty Webb

Most people have certain irrational thoughts that they let guide their actions. One of the most incorrect of these thoughts is that we have to be perfect. I'm sure many of you are now saying, "I know no one is perfect, let alone myself." That's very true; however, it seems that too often we don't really act as though we believe that statement. We let our fear of being imperfect guide our actions.

Haven't there been times when you didn't attempt to answer a question in class because you were afraid you might be wrong? What about the time you didn't apply for the job because you were sure you wouldn't get it? We have just finished one semester and are halfway through another quarter, so grades have been utmost in many people's minds. I have heard complaints about grades received, but only a very few about what was learned or not learned in classes. Yes, part of that problem involves parental and societal pressures on students to get "good" grades. However, that pressure only accentuates the fact that we put undo emphasis on success and failure and very little emphasis on what goes on in between.

The problem with this kind of irrational thought is that it too often keeps people from attempting all that they can. We've been dealing with registration for next

year, and too often we find that students select a course not because they feel that the course will be worthwhile, but because it won't hurt their grade point. One result of this belittling attitude is that people end up being wasted. We are afraid to make mistakes, to get a low grade, to make a wrong decision, so we find ourselves not trying, not challenging ourselves.

This works not only for the student who doesn't take some of the more difficult courses, but also for those who do. Some conscientious students who do challenge themselves spend the quarter worrying over test scores or grades on reports rather than concerning themselves with the benefit of the class as a whole.

This all leads to the philosophy that if you don't reach out for a goal, you'll never achieve it. For instance, some seniors say they don't know what to do when they graduate, so they don't try anything. In order to achieve at any task we must dare to make mistakes, to attempt even though we may not succeed; we must dare to be imperfect. The following poem illustrates my point:

Don't look;	Don't run;
you might see.	you might fall.
Don't think;	Don't try;
you might learn.	you might fail.
Don't walk;	Don't live;
you might stumble.	you might die.

Get ready for prom

by Kathy Rathmann

Despite rumors to the contrary, the junior class announces that they will host the 1976 Junior-Senior Prom, and the location for the prom will be the Cat'N Fiddle Club and Dinner Theater.

There has been some concern this year that the junior class cannot afford to finance the prom at the Cat'N Fiddle and that the prom will have to be held in school. The sudden worry stems from the recent law prohibiting schools from requiring students to pay fees. Students no longer pay class dues so class treasuries must be funded in other ways. However, this year's junior class does not have to worry about financing the prom. There is enough money in the treasury from class dues of the past years.

Even if money were a problem, the prom would not be held in school. The total cost of having prom at the Cat'N Fiddle is no higher than the expense of using the school. The banquet at the Cat'N Fiddle is nearly self-supporting; the prom tickets pay for all expenses of the dinner and the use of the ballroom. The junior class pays only for the band, refreshments, and security patrol. Having a prom at the

school would likely cost an additional \$500 for the decorations. Other costs, such as the meal, band, refreshments, and security, remain. Having the prom at school would not save any money.

Reactions to returning the prom to the school are, for the most part, negative. The Cat'N Fiddle seems to be favorable to most who have attended past proms. The attendance has been very good in the last few years. The only complaint is that the dancing area is somewhat limited, but the great majority of students still prefer having the prom at the Cat'N Fiddle.

New Ulm High School students are fortunate to have a place such as the Cat'N Fiddle to hold the prom. Few schools in the state have access to a facility so well suited for the event. The Cat'N Fiddle offers a fine smorgasbord with dinner music set in a festive atmosphere that needs no handmade decorations. (It has been said that taking decorations to the Cat'N Fiddle is like taking ice to the Arctic.) The prom price is very low compared to what other organizations pay for the same type of evening.

Prom is coming soon, so get ready for the Cat.

Higher fees expected

by Mr. Thomas Wilson, Principal

In the last GRAPHOS issue, the possibility of reducing some school programs due to the budget crunch was discussed. Since then, the School Board has considered Driver Education in particular.

The Board members had the options of (a) keep our program and pay for it; (b) keep our program, but charge a higher fee to the student; (c) turn the program over to a commercial firm and share costs; and (d) turn the program over to a commercial firm completely. They have selected option "b," and the cost has been raised to \$50 per student. The cycle training cost will remain at \$25 per student.

At this point, no decision has been reached concerning when and where the classroom portion of driver education will be taught. Hopefully that will be determined by the end of March.

Another area of financial concern for the school district is the high cost of school activities. This includes athletics, drama,

debate, music, and speech events. The Board of Education is considering charging students a fee to participate in these areas. Watch *The Journal* for information on the fees which may be set.

In a further effort to reduce the budget, it is very likely that the admission prices for school events will be raised for next year. The most likely prices appear to be 75 cents for students and \$1.50 for adults. Also, there is some consideration being given to charging admission fees for music concerts, but that possibility will need to be discussed further.

Additional areas of consideration for cost reduction include reducing the number of teachers, combining classes where class sizes are too small, reducing the number of coaches in some sports, and reducing the school equipment purchases to a minimum. Since all these decisions affect the senior high students directly, students should follow the local news closely to be aware of what decisions are made.



Hermann, atop his monument on Hermann Heights, has a clear view of the city while he keeps vigil today as he did centuries ago. Photo courtesy of THE JOURNAL.

Arminius

by Naomi Isenberg

Did you ever wonder about Hermann as he stands up there overlooking New Ulm raising his sword against tyranny. Herrmann is, of course, the beloved statue at Herrmann Heights. Many people glance at him now and then, but few people know much about him.

Hermann's real name was Arminius and was born in 18 B.C. His father, Segimer, one of the chiefs of the Cherusci tribe in Northern Germania, sent the young Arminius to Rome to learn the ways of the Romans. Arminius was a quick learner and was soon decorated for his valor in battle and granted Roman citizenship.

Although many Germans helped the Romans, Arminius could not see his country ruled by Romans. When Rome's emperor Augustus decided to conquer the German tribes, Arminius prepared the German people to defend themselves. The resulting battle lasted for three bloody days in Teutoburg Forest. The end saw the Roman division almost annihilated. Even though there were more battles, the Romans were never able to completely control Germania.

Since the Romans no longer presented such a threat, Arminius set out to unite his people. His plans were never started, however, for his dead wife's relatives murdered him in 19 A.D.

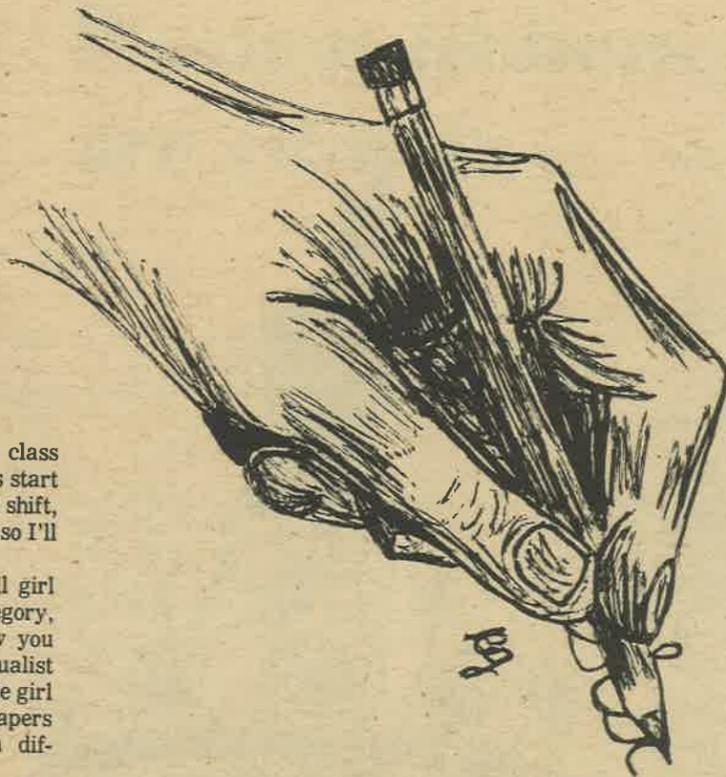
The German people never forgot Arminius. In 1838 a monument in his honor was erected at Detmold, Germany, the site where "Herrmann's Battle" was fought. The builder of the monument was Ernest von Bandel, who worked 37 years to honor Arminius.

During the 1840's lodges of the Order of the Sons of Herrmann were organized in the United States. Later on in 1885, New Ulm's architect and builder, Julius Berndt, suggested to the Philadelphia Sons of Herrmann at a national convention the idea of building a Herrmann monument in the United States. The idea met approval and a nationwide fund was set up to build the monument in New Ulm. At that time New Ulm had a population of a little under 3,000. The monument was finally completed in 1895. Arminius now had two memorials in his honor.

The monuments do not look the same, but they're both similar in their respect for Arminius or Herrmann, the German god of battle.

arts

The Agony of Deefeet



by Linda Pivonka

Hi there, all you sports fans, I'm a tennis shoe. Now before you turn the page, hear me out. I am not just an ordinary tennis shoe; I am the left sneaker (we have always been sly devils, hence the name "sneaker") of a member of the NUHS's girls' basketball team. And whether you know it or not, that makes me special.

Seems to me that my owner (who shall remain anonymous) is an underrated sports person but then so are we tennis shoes. Do you have any idea of what we go through day in and day out to provide a good foundation for the team? Do you? Let's take a look at a typical day for me, and you'll see how much hard work we tennis shoes put forth for the team effort.

My day starts early, right around 8:30. The first hour class of the day comes in and wakes me up. They come bouncing into the locker room making noise and creating a general racket that would wake the dead. I wish they would try to be quieter. Waking up that early leads to a long day of anticipation. I try napping during the day so I'm more awake for practice, but every fifty minutes there's a new class coming in and the din is too much to overcome. How is one supposed to sleep with lockers banging and showers running and the general racket twenty-five girls can make? I tell you, it just can't be done.

Around 3:30 the seventh hour P.E. class clears out and the basketball players start to show up. When we work the second shift, it's later, but the routine is the same, so I'll stick to the first shift routine.

A lot of people tend to classify all girl basketball players in the same category, but I just can't understand it. Now you have to admit a person is an individualist when she wears a tee-shirt with a little girl and a little boy looking in their diapers with the caption "See, there is a difference" printed below the picture.

When I get laced up, I'm ready to go. My owner wears the standard tee-shirt, cut-offs, a pair of sweat socks and my brother and I. I'm a conservative, a size 6 Adidas Rom. Nothing too flashy, but it's a good family name.

Now I'm not quite sure what the girls are doing in practice, but I sure know my part in the affair. First, my owner runs around and stops, runs around and stops. I think that she's doing things called "lay-ups."

All I know is that they're murder on me. I wonder if she realizes how much strain she puts on me and how much it hurts when she kicks the wall after missing a shot. Usually when she does that, she says bad words, and then she gets told to watch her mouth. I can understand her being upset, but doesn't she realize that the jumping up and down and dragging my toes hurts?! She jumps up and down when she's making good shots too, but it's a nice, happy bounce. We tennis shoes can tell the difference.

The girls do windsprints too; it's things like that that make me glad that it's my cousin, not me that belongs to Chris Everet. The starting, stopping and pivoting are murder. I started the season with a nice tread, nothing too showy, but at least I had some shape, and now I'm almost flat. But that's what exercise will do to the figure.

To end the practice we do eleven laps around the top of the gym. Eleven laps! I'm glad my owner bought me Johnson Odor Eaters for Christmas; the hard practices gave me a perspiration problem, but now that that's been solved the other tennis shoes are talking to me again.

After she's done with me, my owner puts us back in her locker. If she's in a good mood, she sets me in; if she's in a bad mood, I get bounced in. That's the gratitude I get for my faithful service!

Well, now you know how a practice is, and I hope it makes all you athletes more appreciative of your foot wear. Did you ever stop to think how hard it would be to play in your stocking feet? So, please, be kind to your shoes, and we'll be kind to you.

The Photograph

The image is faded and cloudy
Yet she stares as if it had been only yesterday,
She reaches for the yellowing photograph worn with age,
It appears as brittle and wrinkled as her tired face-
As full of memories as the deepest recesses of her mind.

Her thoughts drift back to the days of her youth,
Those happy days of endless sunshine and carefree smiles,
The dancing, the singing, the exhilarating spirit of life-
Loneliness had never existed, not then.

A solitary tear rolls down her colorless cheek.
Her friends are all gone,
The laughing freckled-faced boy in the picture is gone too.
After so many years of love and devotion,
So content they hadn't noticed the passing decades-
Hadn't expected the inevitable toll of time.

The gathering dusk settles heavily around her
And she lights the warped candle on the mantle,
The flame dances flickers of light across the room
Illuminating the photograph clutched to her heart.
She closes her eyes and bows her snow-white head
Silently traveling back to those other days.

As Dawn edges its shadowy fingers across the sky
A tiny breath of air extinguishes the flame-
And the photograph falls from her cold, lifeless hand.

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Keeping the Bears off your Bumper

by Denise Simonson

Before I ever heard of CB radios, the only citizens band I knew of was Harold Loeffelmacher and the Six Fat Dutchmen. It wasn't until a few weeks ago that I encountered someone from the CB radio world. He assured me that CB's were a form of communication with me in the popular CB lingo. Five minutes of our conversation had passed before I realized that I had no idea what he was talking about. He felt that I was being terribly naive and gave me a list of CB terms so I

could be with the "in" crowd. I was told to look up each one carefully and memorize it. The following is a complete list of my studies:

1. Ratchet Jaw — (non-stop talker) — Mechanic who pulls bolts out with his teeth;
2. Wall to wall Bears — (high concentration of police) — Como Park Zoo;
3. Smokeys — (police) — girls bathroom between classes;
4. Put the Hammer Down — (driving fast) — what you do when you have

finished building something;

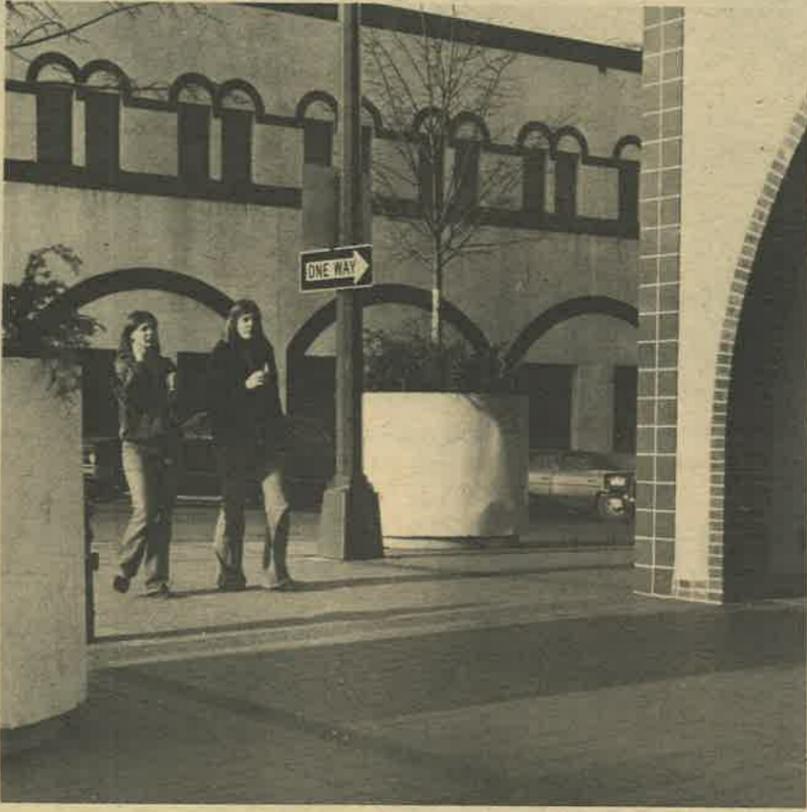
5. Bodacious — (clear ahead) — a place of the illrepute;
6. Double Nickles — (speed limit of 55) — 10 cents

7. Feed the Bears — (collect ticket from police) — what the cooks say in the lunch line;
8. Snow Job — (fabricated lie) — what you always give the teacher of the class you are failing in;
9. Shakeytown — (Las Vegas) — Han-

ska.

CB Radios have been very popular, especially in big cities. I have even heard of street gangs threatening each other over a CB Radio. I've received a few threats also, not because I'm on the wrong channel or anything, but because I'm on the right one. Oh, well, keep your nose between the ditches and the smokies out of your britches, keep your sunny side up and your greasy side down, 3's in 8's and rollerskates, we've gone bye-bye.

Dilemma "malls" city decision



Much improvement is evident in downtown New Ulm, and the beginnings of a mall are characteristic of this recent progress which provides a pleasant atmosphere in which to shop.

by Thor Mickelson

Where will we be shopping in a few years? This question is now confronting the city of New Ulm. "A main street can serve one of three purposes: a parking area for cars, a means of moving traffic,

or a center for shopping," said real estate developer and businessman Mr. Jerry Dannheim.

The downtown businessmen face a dilemma: unless improvements are made

in the downtown business sector, a competing shopping center may be created. Carl Wyczawski, mayor and owner of Green Clothiers, stated that main street suffers if a shopping center is established. Steps have been taken to improve the situation. The New Ulm Business District, a retailers organization, has helped to renovate and improve the downtown. "Forty-three percent of the businesses have done something to improve their stores in recent years," said Wyczawski.

A feasibility study for a downtown mall is being made by a joint committee of the New Ulm Business District and the City Council which will be completed in March or April. The study is investigating the possibilities and effects of a mall.

"A mall would discourage a shopping center and aesthetically improve the downtown," Wyczawski observed. He is in favor of a mall if adequate off-street parking is provided. Wyczawski emphasizes the need for added parking: "People will resent having a mall without additional parking." He believes a mall will probably be created in four or five years.

Harold Hippert, businessman, city councilman, and a committeeman on the feasibility study, reiterated the importance of additional parking if a mall is built. "The major problem with a mall is parking," said Hippert. He added that parking must be close to the business district, and because of growth, the city should provide more parking places than it eliminates when the mall is constructed. Hippert points out that the city has acquired several lots near the downtown area for possible use as parking space. He

believes a mall is possible within three to five years, but only if additional parking is provided.

Dannheim favored a modified mall with a sidewalk extension comparable to the Hallmark and State Bond locations with a mid-block crosswalk. He added that both the store fronts and the interiors of the stores should be improved and redecorated.

The question of where we will be shopping now hinges on the findings of the feasibility study and the availability of additional parking.

Political interest picks up

by Kimberly Contag

New Ulm High School students demonstrated increased interest and participation in politics this election year. Evidence of this increase was indicated by the number of students attending the GOP and DFL precinct caucuses on Tuesday, February 24. The students who attended these caucuses learned about the apathy of some adults in addition to the "grass-roots" functioning of politics.

Many students were bewildered by the unconcern imposed by some adults. This apathetic mood and lack of adult support gave students a chance to get involved. Many students were surprised to learn that becoming a delegate, alternate delegate or party officer was not as difficult as they had expected. Twenty-one seniors were elected delegates to the county conventions in March. These delegates were Mike Stapleton, Fred Fredrickson, Chris Lund, Monte Mecklenberg, Paul Wyczawski, Tim Brudellie, Tammy Hildebrandt, Tom Stadick, Larry Guggisberg, Kevin Finstad, Beth Roiger, Sara Rosenbloom, Paul Penkert, Jon Kahnke, Tom Gustafson, Chris Lueck, Dave Contag, Joel Walden, Dave Contag, Jim Galvin and Mark Manderfeld. There were also seventeen alternate delegates and six party officers elected from the student body.

All of these jobs require two years of participation and party support. These students will be called upon for assistance in fund drives and committee service besides their required presence at the conventions.

Although some students did not secure party offices or delegate positions, they still had a voice in what was said at the caucuses. Fourteen out of fifteen resolutions offered at the caucuses by students were passed. These resolutions varied in topics from increased military spending to the drinking age issue and tax support for abortions. Most of these resolutions will be considered and voted on at the county conventions.

The GOP or DFL County Convention, depending on the party affiliation of the delegate, will be held on the 13th of this month for the Republicans, and the Democratic convention will be held on the 20th. The twenty-one student delegates, along with the other delegates, will be representing their precincts by attending and participating in the county conventions.

Over 53 percent of this quarter's Action Politics students attended the precinct caucuses as participants or observers. A large percentage of these students participated by becoming party officers and delegates. New Ulm High School students have exhibited an interest in politics and have assumed responsibility in the political process of our nation.

Questioning a computer



Mr. Conrad Trapp looks over the work of an avid computer science student, Bryan Dahl.

by Lisa Dotzenrod

Just ask the computer any question about any subject, and as easy as that you'll get the answer? Unfortunately, that's not the whole truth.

Most people, however, believe this common myth about computers. The popular, but false, belief many people unfamiliar with computers hold is that if you have a problem you want answered, you just punch a few keys and buttons and your friendly computer will cordially solve the problem. But computers are much more complex than that.

Computers cannot think. In fact, they can't perform any tasks that a man can't perform himself. Before the computer can be of any use to anyone, it must be told exactly what to do. The set of instructions, written out in a language that must be followed exactly, is called a program. Programs can range from about four lines up to hundreds of lines, depending on the complexity of the problem. Because of the importance of the way these programs are written, it is safe to say that a computer is only as good as its programmer. Once a computer is told what to do, its uses are infinite.

The computer can complete mathematical calculations at lightening speeds. Calculations that would take a man working eight hours a day for thirty years can be completed by a computer in just minutes.

Files can be maintained by the computer. A storehouse of information can be held in its memory banks. The records of the FBI, for example, are kept up to date and accurate by the use of computers.

All of these uses affect us either directly or indirectly, but for those students who want it, there is the opportunity to come into contact with a computer in our own school. New Ulm Senior High uses the exact model that NASA employs to simulate space travel and moon landings.

There a number of useful and entertaining programs that the computer department would enjoy sharing with members of the student body and faculty, but very few people take advantage of them.

Football and hockey are available games for the sports-minded. For those who care to learn something, there are various math, spelling and even German games waiting to be put to use.

The program, called "talk+talk" lets a person talk, through the computer, to people in other towns. The person running "talk+talk" simply types out his message on the keyboard of the computer. The message will be printed out to the other person's computer. The person receiving the message then types back his reply, which is received almost instantly by all the various people running this program. Up to eight different parties can be communicating at one time. Pipestone, Mankato Wilson, Roseau, and Winona are just a few of the towns a person can "talk to" through the computer.

A practical use for the computer the counselors have found helpful to students is the G.I.S. service. This program is designed to help find a college or vocational school suited to a particular student's need. What the computer does is to ask the student various questions about what he may be looking for in a college or vocational school. Size, cost, and areas of study are just a few of the areas considered. The student answers these questions, and in a few seconds the computer provides a list of twenty-five colleges that fit the specifications that were given to the computer.

Why does the school put so much emphasis on Computer Science and even offer a whole year course in it? The basic reason is that computers are playing a larger role in our lives, and that role will be growing even faster in the future. It has been predicted that many tasks in our daily lives will be performed by computers, so just about everyone will come into direct contact with them. With job scarcities in many employment fields, the study of computers opens up a vast number of employment opportunities.

Off to the circus

by Linda Pivonka

It's not Ringling Brothers Barnum and Baily, but...

The circus music starts, the flowers grow out of the bottom of the screen, and it's time for another episode of "Monty Python's Flying Circus," better known as just "Monty Python" when discussed in the enlightened circles of NUHS. To quote Mr. Lowell Liedman, "It's the one show I try not to miss every week." I couldn't agree with him more.

"Monty Python" is aired every Saturday night at 10:00 and Sunday night at 11:00. That isn't exactly what you'd call Prime Time, but the show is definitely choice. It's "Monty Python" that makes me have some faith in PBS's programming choices. You have to believe in an institution that would air something as zany as "Flying Circus."

"Monty Python's Flying Circus" is a group of young actors from England who hold absolutely nothing in reverence and manage to cut to shreds anyone or anything that they don't believe in or that they consider too stuffy.

"Monty Python" was originally aired on the BBC, which has no censorship. After watching "Monty Python," you may view the lack of editing as good or bad, but it definitely makes for interesting TV during this dismal season. Without censorship, the "Flying Circus" can discuss things that the others can't or won't. After a solid week of cops and robbers, doctors, and Archie Bunkers, I'm ready for a new theme, and "Monty Python" has it.

"Monty Python's" main way of conveying a 30-minute theme is the use of skits and some truly outstanding examples of animation.

The animation is well done and manages to fill the bill when real humans just won't do. But I still reserve my first love for the skits. The humor is fast-paced and wry. The combination usually leaves me with an aching side from too much laughing.

Most of the time, a skit will start out looking like a perfectly normal scene and develop into something totally outrageous. For example, "Ned's fairytales" opens with Ned sitting in a rocking chair with the usual over-sized storybook in hand and urges all the little kiddies to gather 'round for Ned's story hour. In the sing-song voice so typical of readers of children's stories, he starts the story of "Jack the Fisherman." So far, so good, but Ned continues and finds out that that night Jack dresses up as a lady and strolls on the docks. Here the story is abruptly cut short.

Ned pages through the book and finds another story about another character, again, the person turns out to be not-so-typical, and the story is quickly concluded.

By now you have the general idea of the sketch. And that's only one example of the absurd goings on during "Monty Python's Flying Circus." I could tell you about the Blamanch that won Wimbelton, or about the blood-lusting barber, but there's truly no way I can convey to you the outstanding comedy seen on "Monty Python's Flying Circus." So tune in some weekend and find out what you're missing. I think once is enough to get you hooked.



This view is typical of what a New Ulm policeman sees every day from behind the wheel of his patrol car.

Hitchin' a ride

by Dave Mildenberg

Every so often, we should all do something we have always wanted to do but never have taken the time to do it. I had one of these experiences on a recent Friday night when I rode with Corporal Roger Burdorf of the New Ulm Police Department during his night shift. I not only had fun "learning how the other half lives," but also became acquainted with a great guy.

We often stereotype policemen as being cranky robots who are out to hassle and make life difficult for us. This thinking was struck down the moment I met Corporal Burdorf. He asked me to call him "Rog" and gave me the impression of being very pleased that our school paper was interested in his career.

Even though Roger has worked for the NUPD for over 10 years, I wondered if he ever regretted his decision to become a cop. He told me he has had some doubts, but that for the most part he had found his work interesting and satisfying. His pay is much better than what it was at his former place of employment. He has a fringe benefit of being able to attend criminology classes at Mankato State University with the city picking up his educational expenses. His comment that one never stops learning in his field is one that merits remembering no matter what occupation we enter. Many city policemen are now taking a night course in karate that is specifically suited for their career needs.

Roger told me that on one hand he hoped it would be a "quiet" night but, for my sake, he hoped there would be some activity. Although Roger might not agree, I felt that the night contained plenty of excitement.

Our first call came from a man who claimed he had seen two youngsters loitering in his garage. Although nothing was missing, he felt the boys were planning on taking something. It took less than five minutes for the three on duty police cars to nab three suspects who were then

brought down to the police department and questioned. Roger commented that if people would call the police when something important is stolen instead of waiting until the insurance companies request a police statement, there would be less burglary.

While cruising around the cemetery going west, we saw a car approaching us on our side of the road. Fortunately there were three lanes at that point or there might have been a collision. As Roger was writing out the ticket for illegal passing, the voice of police dispatcher Mike Asleson came over the intercom. There was a fire alarm at the 3M plant. Since Roger was the head officer that night, Mike needed to know if he should send out firemen. The dispatcher noted that a water cooling system had been activated, so Roger told him it was serious enough to take extra precautions and send the firemen. By the time Roger had written out the ticket and driven over to 3M, there were 3 fire trucks and 2 police cars on the scene. Again the efficiency of our police force was very evident. The alarm turned out to be a water pipe break, so there was no damage due to a fire.

The rest of the evening was relatively quiet with only a few minor incidents. Roger said that things have been very quiet in New Ulm for the past few months with very few major problems. We did not even spot any speeders on this night.

One thing that Roger said during the course of the evening has really stuck with me. He remarked that many times a person who writes a bad check will receive a tougher sentence than a child-molester or sex-offender. When the sex-offender is sent to Stillwater, he is often scorned by the other inmates. When one reads about a killing or beating at Stillwater, it may be the inmates way of making up for an injustice they believe exists.

My short exposure to law enforcement work greatly increased my respect and appreciation for the people who have chosen that career as their contribution to society.



Paul Penkert, one of several students at NUHS who has found employment at The Country Kitchen, finds that he can stand the heat and consequently stays in the kitchen.

What's cookin' in the Kitchen?

by Roxana Peterson

As most of us know, the Country Kitchen recently opened a restaurant in New Ulm, which has provided a pleasant addition to New Ulm's selection of eating places.

Although the Country Kitchen hasn't been open long, it has already gained a lot of popularity in this area. The grand opening brought a flood of customers, and even after several weeks of business, it is still quite busy, especially during dinner hours and weekends. The good food and pleasant atmosphere attract a wide variety of people: families, businessmen,

and teenagers. Many people find the Kitchen a nice change from the fast-food places while others enjoy the relaxed and informal style which is more comfortable than some restaurants. The good service and round-the-clock hours also prove to be appealing to a great number of customers.

With the arrival of the Country Kitchen, many new job openings appeared. Since there are few openings in the job market lately, the Country Kitchen was really appreciated. Teenagers particularly awaited its construction. Part-time work is scarce, and openings are snapped up quickly. Many area students took ad-

vantage of this opportunity and applied for work. Several were hired, and can now be found working as waitresses or cooks after school, nights and weekends.

The hours and shifts often vary among employees, but their work can cause problems and become irritating at times. Night work is frequently exhausting and causes problems for students during the week. Weekend plans are altered or eliminated. The work itself can be hectic, especially during the rush hours, but these difficulties pertain to almost any job. So far the employees seem able to cope with any problems quite well.

There are many enjoyable times despite the problems. The employees get a chance to meet people and gain a lot of valuable experience from their work. Of course, the greatest asset to the work is the pay, and the average salaries are quite reasonable when tips are included. Generally, the student employees seem satisfied with their new jobs and obviously enjoy them.

In just a short time, the Country Kitchen has become an important part of our community. It excels not only as a good place to go when you're hungry but as a source of employment in an expanding business servicing our area.



Members of the Girls' Gymnastics Team are, left to right front row, Nancy Baker, Karen Crowl, Sue Deming, Nancy Zimmerman, and Patty Wieland; second row, Cathy Guldan, Denise Gieseke, Karen Kamm, Jean LeGare, Jane Spelbrink, and Jean Spelbrink; last row, Denise Zimmerman, Beth Rasmussen, Robin Berg, Sue Voves, Karee Rasmussen, and Jody Hakes.

Gymnasts: finding the quirks

by Lisa Knutson

Every member of the girls gymnastics team has her own habit or quirk that sets her apart from everyone else on the squad. Beginning with the younger team members, Cathy Gulden, the eighth grade pixie who joined the team during mid-season, has the ability to go through an entire routine with her eyes shut. A seeing-eye-dog has been ordered for next year to help her find her way around the floor exercise mat.

Eighth grader Patty Wieland is the squad sock nut. She comes to practice in toe socks, Mickey Mouse socks, stripes, solids, and plaids.

Denise Zimmermann caught a lot of attention the day she wore red hot undies beneath her white team leotard.

Jody Hakes, don't worry. That back walkover will come... eventually.

Denise Gieseke is one of the quietest and hardest working members of the team.

Ninth grader Karen Kamm managed to place third in our team "short-temper" contest. After a few more years of practice she will probably run away with first place.

Beth Rasmussen recently made one of her smoothest moves of the year. After completing a death-defying floor exercise routine, Beth sprained her ankle walking off the mat. Beth is also the team's music

lover. Because of her, Nancy Backer's "Chicago" album (featuring Just You and Me) has really gotten a workout this year.

Sophomore Karen Crowl is famous for getting herself into terribly tangled positions on both the beam and the bars.

Sue Deming has successfully recovered from her first meet bout with nervousness and is now one of the calmest members of the squad.

Nancy Backer has a constant hair problem. By the end of a routine a few strands of hair always manage to find their way into her mouth so she has something to chew on.

The Spelbrink twins are famous for their bickering. They lose patience with each

other faster than they do with anyone else. They are also noted for their strange use of pitholders. Instead of using them to remove things from a hot oven, they put them up inside their leotards to help protect their already bruised hips from the uneven bars.

Until recently, Nancy Zimmermann has been way ahead of the rest of the team in short-temperedness. Lately, however, Jean Spelbrink has been steadily increasing her weekly number of tantrums. With a little extra effort Jean could probably pass up Nancy.

The girls on the team are generally natural born eaters. Most of them could easily down four candy bars per hour without too much effort. Captain Robin Berg is just the opposite. She never eats sweets. In fact, she hardly ever eats.

Junior Karee Rasmussen has really come a long way this year. She has cut down her pre-back handspring pause on the balance beam from ten minutes down to only two. Karee and Susie Voves are both terribly modest. It is really a challenge to get them to take off their sweat pants before a performance.

Susie's hair also presents a challenge. Fixing her hair before a meet has lately become more and more of a team project.

The coaches are really super. The team was about to suggest to Mrs. Sandy Fritz that she go on a strict diet until they found out that even Weight Watchers couldn't help her. They will just have to wait until May for Mrs. Fritz to get back to her slim 'n trim self.

By the end of a normal practice a sweaty, worn-out Mrs. Cindy Theophilus can hardly manage to drag herself out of the Jefferson School gym. Not only does she help spot and give her advice concerning routines, she really gets into things. She goes through more routines each night than the girls themselves do.

The team would like to extend a special thank you to the boys basketball team and their coaches for always clearing out the gym on time so the girls can get in to set up their equipment before a meet. It usually did take a few subtle hints though — like moving in and setting up all their equipment around the boys.

The girls also wish to thank Mrs. Carrol Berg, Robin's mother, for being President, Vice President, Secretary and Orange Supplier of the NUHS Girls' Gymnastic Team Fan Club.

This year only the gymnasts and their few faithful followers have experienced the thrill of victory over and over again. If by chance you missed seeing the team in action, you missed the opportunity to see a group of very talented and attractive girl athletes.

Hockey: athletics at its best



Bryan Meyer battles against a LeSueur player for the puck during a face off.

by Brian Shay

Now that New Ulm High School's first-ever interscholastic hockey team has been eliminated from tournament play, it is a

good time to reflect upon the players and the game of hockey itself.

What type of person plays hockey? Well, in New Ulm there is no real stereotype for a hockey player. A quick glance at the roster shows a variety of people, ranging from big, burly, defenseman Dohn Pagel, to short, tough, Bryan Meyer, who was a real spark-plug in anyone's lineup.

Probably the most unique player was Tim Steinbach. Steinbach, a short, stocky, bundle of energy, is not only a standout performer on the ice but an excellent baseball player. But best of all, he takes all of his ability and sports success in stride. You could never tell that he is a college prospect in two sports by the way he conducts himself in and out of school.

As for the other players, they're no different than the average high school student, except that they have a burning desire to play a very physical, action-filled game. They are a special breed of people who enjoy competitive athletics at its roughest and very best.

Why is hockey considered athletic competition at its very best? Because hockey is one of the fastest sports in the world, and to play the game you have to combine strength, balance, reflexes, and

stamina just in order to survive. Usually, the game doesn't include much scoring, but the fast-paced action makes up for that. When played with enthusiasm and intensity, hockey is exciting, graceful, and enjoyable. Speaking of fun to watch, next year's NUHS hockey team should be just that. The Eagles have the makings of another top-notch team with Steinbach, Scott Fisher, Mike French, and Bryon Dahl providing the nucleus of an already experienced group which will surely try to avenge this year's disappointing first-round loss to St. Peter.

Gym team closes season

by Darv Turbes

The Eagle gymnasts recently wound up the 1975-76 regular season with a respectable 3-4 final record. The entire season went as expected except for the last meet, which was at Austin on February 20.

The Eagles were not very impressive, coming away with a rather mediocre score in the mid seventies.

The Eagle team began the season scoring only in the low sixties but then took an impressive leap into the nineties.

The regional meet was held at Farimont on March 6. Either Fairmont or Albert Lea were expected to be strong contenders for the regional championship.

Next year there will be some very major state-wide changes in the boys' gymnastic program. First of all, the trampoline is on its way out, so all of you tramp fans had better make it up to the regionals to see the last high school meet in which the tramp will be included in the competition.

Filling in the spot being vacated by the trampoline will be vaulting over a long horse. The vaulting will be similar to the vaulting done in a girls' gymnastic meet except that instead of flying over the center of the horse the boys will go over the length of the apparatus.

Another change in the gymnastics program is the season itself. Instead of being held in the winter, the 1976-77 season will be in the fall along with football and cross country.

There will be a major change in the membership of next year's Eagle squad as well. There are nine graduating seniors, but some excellent young talent will be returning to the Eagles next year.



Paul Thiede 55 stretches for a layup as another New Ulm player moves in for a possible rebound.

Basketballers end "close" to expected

by Kevin Wilner

The New Ulm High School basketball team ended its season Tuesday, March 2, with a 55-46 loss to Worthington in the sub-region 2AA playoffs. The Eagles finished with 11-10 record, which was near the 50 percent season predicted by most people. This record was not indicative, however, of the play of the Eagles, especially in the last half of the season. New Ulm lost three games by one point, and several others were not decided until the closing seconds, including the Worthington game.

The Worthington game came close to symbolizing the season for the Eagles. In the first half they played their best defense of the season, holding the high-scoring Trojans to just 16 points. Unfortunately New Ulm's offense sputtered and scored only 15 points. In the second half the offense got going, but the defense faltered, giving up 39 points. Many of these points were on free throws at the end of the game

when the Eagles had to foul to get the ball.

The high scorer and rebounder for the year was Dave Miller, who averaged around 14 points and 10 rebounds a game. Guy Tostenrud averaged around 12 points a game. Miller also had game highs for the Eagles in both scoring and rebounding, hitting for 28 points against Fairmont and grabbing 18 rebounds against St. James.

Probably the main difference between this year's team and last year's is the defense. The Eagles scored as much as last year, 56 points a game, but gave up 57 points a game, 14 more than last year.

New Ulm can take consolation in the fact that this year they were competing in Class AA, which is composed of the large schools in the state while last year the Eagles were in the smaller school grouping, Class A. The Eagles also played three teams that were at one time or another rated in the top ten of Class AA, Mankato West, Fairmont, and Worthington.

Wrestlers conclude "overall good year"



New Ulm's regional competitors were, kneeling left to right, Rich Hoffman and Steve Dittrich and, standing left to right, Terry Kral and Rocky Bernard.



Rocky Bernard, New Ulm's only state qualifier, maintains control over his opponent.

by Jim Henning

The Eagle wrestling team can reflect upon a very successful season. Although the team itself did not advance to the state meet, New Ulm did qualify one wrestler. Rocky Bernard, a senior, competed in the 180 pound weight class. He lost out, however, in the first round and also the

wrestlebacks. Prior to the state meet, Rocky qualified with a second in the regional meet at Mankato.

Assured of a state berth, Coach Rich Peterson held Bernard out of the region finals because of a sore shoulder. Bernard has had a shoulder problem throughout the

season. "I think Rocky could have done a lot better had he been healthy," Peterson said. "Rocky did wrestle with this sore shoulder and before that he sat out a few weeks to rest it. He just wasn't as sharp as he normally would be."

The team itself ended with a record of 9 wins 7 losses in dual meets. They were fourth in the final standings of the South Central Conference, which is highly respected in Minnesota. St. James and St. Peter shared first place followed by Blue Earth.

Leading the team this year beside Bernard's 22-4-1 record were Terry Kral at 145 with a 24-4-1 record and Rich Hoffman at 105 with a 19-5-1 record. Both Kral and Bernard are seniors who will be missed next year. However, Hoffman is just a freshman and should be a strong wrestler in high school. His brother Doug, an eighth grader, wrestled varsity at 98 pounds and should also steadily improve.

"Overall it has been a good year. We were champs in our own invitational and also Worthington's. The team had several outstanding individuals and a well balanced team," Coach Peterson summed up.

Paul's Sports Parade



by Paul Wyczawski

The 1975-76 boys basketball season came to an abrupt end on March 2, when the Eagles bowed out to Worthington 55-46 in the first round action of sub-regional play.

It marked the first time a New Ulm boys' team played in the new alignment of Class AA division schools.

Actually the Worthington game was much closer than the final tally indicates. The first half of play was very tight with both teams playing tough defenses, and the poor outside shooting was unable to loosen up either team's offense. The score at half was only 16-15, with Worthington holding the slim lead. With just under a minute to play, New Ulm trailed only 48-46 but had to foul to get the ball and Worthington pulled away.

Throughout the whole season the boys' basketball team produced a courageous and spirited effort. Oftentimes the team was a decisive underdog but not once were they outthusted or outscrapped. Their "never give up" attitude was evident throughout the season.

Whereas 1975 will be remembered as the year the New Ulm High School Basketball Team went to the state tourney and finished with a 21-6 record, 1976's 11-10

team will be forgotten. Forgotten, that is, by all except those associated with the team and those ten seniors who dressed their last varsity basketball game.

FINAL BOYS' BASKETBALL STATS

The Eagles outscored their twenty-one opponents 1139 to 1132 for an offensive average of 54.2 points a game and a defensive average of 43.9 per game... top five scorers for the season were all seniors with Dave Miller leading the way at 282 total points (13.4 per game average), Guy Tostenrud had 226 for a 10.8 average, Kurt Larson had 165 points followed by Kevin Wilner with 148 (15 games) and Paul Wyczawski with 80 total points... Wilner

led in free throw shooting making 32 of 47 attempts for a 68 percent average from the charity line... Scoring by quarters found the first quarter to be the most productive for NU with a total of 302 points compared to the opponents 234, second quarter was 279 to 293, third quarter 266 to 286, and fourth quarter totals were 293 to 319... high scoring game for NUHS was at Springfield with 80 points... high scoring individual game was Dave Miller's 28 point effort against Fairmont in New Ulm... lowest total points given up in one game was 42 in the second game of the year against Tracy...

One final thanks to the five senior cheerleaders who followed the Eagles so closely this past season. These girls whose cheerleading careers at NUHS are now over are Yvette Bloomquist, Lori Benson, Leslie Johnson, Tammy Blackstad, and Renee Buck.