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The plush look of crushed velvet enhances the interior decor of this optionally equipped van.



The sleek lines of this van suggest one of the many reasons for the increased popularity of vans in recent years.

## Transportation vantasy

by Scott Stuckey

During the past few years, the transportation industry has grown to become our nation's biggest industry. First, it was the small economy cars, the less expensive, more-miles-per-gallon models, but now the country is experiencing a new look in the buying trend of consumers: vans.

The van look has swept the country like wildfire. No longer are the vans just coated with a basic color and the sign on the side of the vehicle; their designs are limited only by the daring and imagination of their owners. And, believe me, the sky's the limit.

People buy their vans for different reasons, and their diversified interests are usually reflected in the vans they purchase. The family man may purchase a van in place of the station wagon. Because the price of a van is comparable to a high-priced, mid-sized car and it gets about the same mileage, many people consider the

van a bargain, particularly in these days of inflation. The second reason for buying a van may be its use as a recreational vehicle (I mean like hunting and fishing). The sports man or woman can load up all of his gear and supplies and have room to spare. The van may also be used to pull the family trailer to their favorite campsite. Probably the most interesting and the most popular use, however, is the customizing or converting of the vans to some of the exotic machines they are.

You can buy your van two ways: already converted or factory-done, or, as many people nowadays are doing, customizing a plain van themselves.

Most customizing vans are completely covered with plush shags and wild colored carpets. The rest may consist of a refrigerator, bar, small table, mirrored ceiling, TV and even a place to sleep. Also, elaborate stereo systems and the ever-popular CB's are present in almost every van. The only limiting factor for the interior seems to be space, and there's not a lot to work with after everything is neatly

tucked in and the edges hidden. For the driver, the swiveling captain's chair seems to be the way to go. These high backed seats are very comfortable and go along with the dream machine look.

After completing the interior tour, let's go to the outside. The exterior of most vans is every bit as impressive as the inside, but may be a bit more complicated. The paint you see on the outside of a muraled van is a work of art put on the vehicle with a tool called an air brush. There are many ways of doing the paint job on the van. One, is the stencil method. A stencil is placed over the side of the van, and different colors are sprayed on at certain times until the mural is complete. The lacing, and other fancy do-dads may also be applied in this way.

Another way sometimes used is the old decal method. Not commonly used on the expensive models, this method is employed to defray costs or uses of trim, but the most expensive and the best looking is the free-hand method. This way is very time consuming and takes a lot of talent. These designs may be selected by the

owner of the vehicle to fit his personal taste. The design of the mural is covered with clear lacquer when finished for protection from the elements and fading. Again the imagination of the individual is the only limiting factor.

The funny thing about the van craze is that it appeals to all age groups. The teenager has been hit the hardest, but the older people have been bitten by the bug also. The businessman who is on the road a lot may convert his van into a traveling office. Shelving and storage space may be built for the traveler's wares or records. Traveling cross-country, the van could serve as a hotel for the voyager. But for the most, it is transportation; whether it is a second car or the family workhorse.

No longer is the van only used for the plumbing and heating company or the Maytag repairman. The van has come to be a new way of life for some people. Tailgating, camping, business, or just plain beautiful transportation, the van has made a great impact and, very likely, is here to stay.

# editorial

## Shut up!



by Johanna Johnson

Every day, twice a day, announcements are read to the student body and faculty over the public address system. The contents of these announcements vary from day to day, but usually they contain information about club meetings, congratulations for individual and group achievements, and information regarding tests, pictures, and other such areas that are vital to the students in this school.

Why then is so little attention paid to these announcements? Nothing makes me more angry than trying to listen to these announcements and being unable to hear them because everyone is making too much noise. If the announcements don't pertain to you, the least you can do is to be

quiet so that others can listen.

Another thing that really burns me is when someone is talking during the announcements and then asks "What did he say?" In the first place, he should be quiet so that others can hear; and in the second place, if he wants to know what is going on, he should shut up and listen.

Too often kids don't show up for club meetings or practices because they didn't hear the announcements. This failure should not be.

When someone is receiving recognition over the P.A. for an achievement, it is equally important to listen. This short announcement is probably a big part of the little recognition that he will receive. The least we can do is give him a minute of our time and listen without blabbing to the persons sitting near by.

By the time we reach high school I think that we should be mature enough to be able to sit quietly for however long the announcements take. If the students are unable to control themselves, then the teacher should impose some restrictions. Something should be done because, as they now exist, the announcements are practically useless.

## Steady relationships may breed blindness to others

by Bernadine Hillesheim

I think that people who go steady all the way through high school are rather ignorant. Basically, there isn't anything wrong with going steady with one person; yet when it comes right down to it, there is more involved than just going out regularly with the same person.

Kids who go out steady when they're both in high school often seem to cut off everyone else from their relationships. I have walked in the halls, particularly at noon, and I've seen these couples all over the building. It's fine if they have a deep interest in each other, but what about all the other interests there are around? Have they forgotten about individual futures, their friends, and most of all, other people they haven't tried to meet?

They seem to become stagnant in their personal growth because of their lack of interest in what's going on around them. One can't see when he's in the middle of a relationship that there are things he's missing. How can he know about all the other interesting people in this world if he spends the majority of his hours in a day with one person?

I'm not saying that one-to-one relationships are useless. They're not because you learn how to relate to all people by understanding one. But if you never practice what you've learned, what's the use? A lot of people who go

steady really get good at understanding and accepting, but they can't take it and apply it to others. Perhaps that is because they're too involved with one to care about others.

I just hope these people realize that these relationships they have now aren't going to last through their whole life or even through their high school years. They will have to learn to get along with many other people.

One has to keep in practice to get along with all kinds of people. It may be easy to say others are unimportant, but by just writing these people off one misses the part of them that won't come out at first glance. Often people who are well worth knowing usually do not reveal their true selves until a more meaningful relationship develops.

I've been in and out of one-to-one relationships through my high school years, so I'm not saying that you shouldn't ever get involved in one. I have learned a lot, but you have to develop and keep other interests too. No matter how strong a relationship is, to truly get everything out of life, I need many other kinds of relationships to make my life complete.

I think a person is really blind if he spends his time with just one fraction of his personality when he ought to be discovering as much of it as he can while he's in school.



## Falling out of season



by Barb Gitter

Of the four seasons the most dreaded season for me is the one we are in right now. I hate fall.

There is no one reason for my disliking fall. I feel that September, October, and November are the most depressing and boring months of the whole year.

Probably the biggest reason that I dislike the coming of fall is that everything is so dark and dreary. When the sun does shine, it isn't a warm, bright sunshine. If it would have a face, I'm sure that it would be frowning. It would be thinking back to those nice summer days when it would start early each day with a big bright smile. Mr. Sun can only think back to those days now as he lies in his nice warm bed, "Ah, that was the life last summer. If he gets up at all, he may now see the dastardly work of Jack Frost.

That man Jack Frost is really a nuisance. He is one more reason for my hatred of fall. He comes and makes everything look crispy white and stiff. He does something to the grass to make it look awful. The trouble is he comes at night when everyone is sleeping to do his dirty work so no one can catch him.

The most noticeable reason for my not liking fall is the trees. I feel so sorry for them. How would like to lose all of your leaves and stand in that cold wind, just waiting for one of your branches to snap off? Well, I really don't think it would be too comfortable. You might say, "But look at all the pretty leaves." Sure, the leaves

are very pretty and quite colorful, but what good are colorful leaves when all they do is turn a dark brown, fall to the ground, and make a mess of people's lawns. All they create is another big raking job. I know that there aren't many people who enjoy raking, so, in my opinion, the leaves would be much better off just staying green and on the trees.

Another one of my pet peeves of fall is that nasty wind. Oh, how nice fall would be without the constant blowing of the wind. It makes everything look so dried out and stale. To me, the wind is the equal of someone constantly nagging and irritating you. It is always there; it never stops.

The wind blows everything away. It blows those pretty leaves from the trees. It even blows them to places where they don't belong. The other day I saw one of our janitors sweeping the steps. He found little dirt but collected a big pile of leaves.

The wind wouldn't be so bad if it would be a warm wind, but it isn't. It has a damp and cold feeling. It whistles sometimes and as you are walking, the wind encircles your face and blows your hair in every direction. You pull up on your collar and hurry on.

Fall is a time when many things happen and change. School starts and many of your friends leave for college, and you are unable to see them as often as you like.

Fall is a time when all of the tanned beauties start to fade back to their regular color. All of their sun-filled Sunday afternoons are nothing but past memories.

If you ever wake up one morning unsure of the season, take a look outside and stare into the sun. If he is wearing a sad smile and has a frost-bitten nose, it's fall.

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# C.I.'s "ups" are sometimes down

by Kathy Rathmann

In this issue of the Graphos, the honorable "teacher of the month" status is being awarded to Mr. Curtis Iverson. More commonly known as "C.I.," Mr. Iverson is the fearless leader of the purple music brigade.

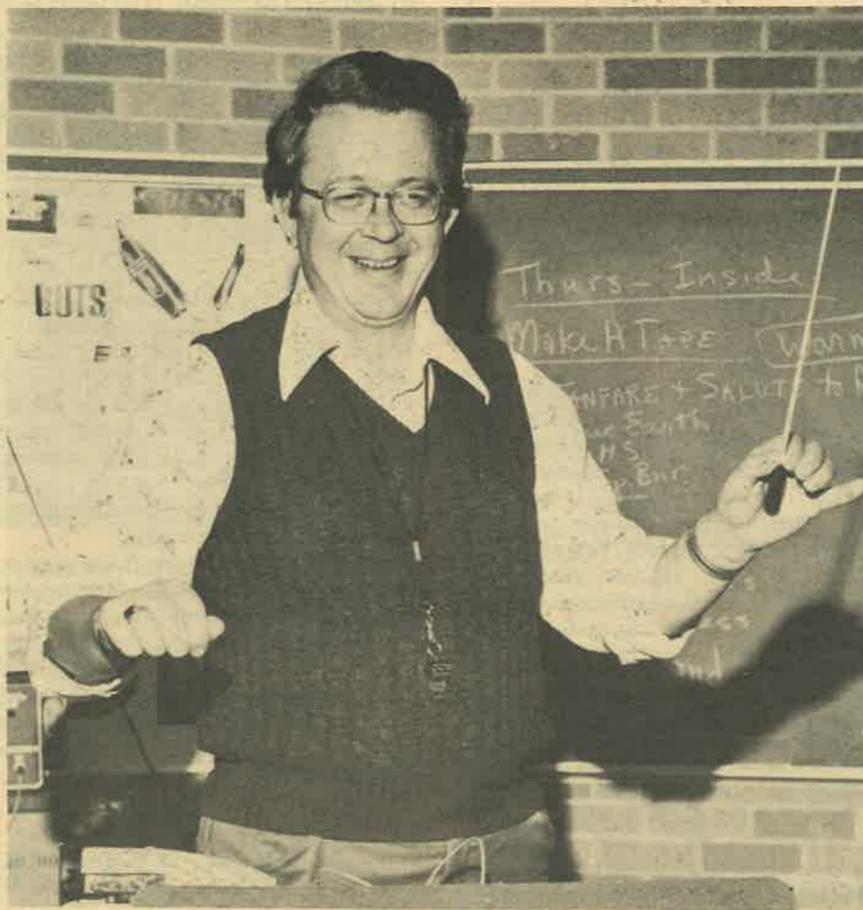
As a former member of the University of Minnesota Marching Band, Mr. Iverson strives for perfection with his "Marching Eagles." During the marching season, a rapid rise of his arms signals the band to raise their instruments and yell "up." However, it sometimes takes a dozen "ups" before anyone realizes C.I. is not just waving to the fans.

Though Mr. I. carefully maps out each maneuver the band makes, things don't always happen as planned. Occasionally, a few marching Eagles get their "rights" and "lefts" confused and wind up in strange places. Concert formations become mass confusion. Some people simply prefer to "march to the beat of a different drummer."

What the NUHS marching bands lacks in execution it makes up for with originality. Past halftime performances have included such ingenious displays as the band forming a chicken while playing "Real Goodness," (It's been rumored that the pom pom girls were asked to be eggs but refused out of fear of losing their reputations.) a fly swatter and bug to the tune of "Theme from S.W.A.T.," and an eye, complete with an eyeball, to the sounds of "Rockford Files."

Band members anxiously awaited Mr. I's next brainstorm when they began rehearsing the "Theme from Jaws." Everyone pondered his decision. Would the band form a shark, a fin, or a bloody, mangled body? Deep depression and intense disappointment were evident in the band members when Mr. I's charts indicated that "Jaws" would be played in concert formation! The decision was necessary because of a shortage of shark suits.

As a band director, Mr. Iverson exercises the delightful privilege of taking his band on fun little overnight trips. These overnight excursions mean motels, and that's where the fun comes in. Mr. I. often



New Ulm High School's favorite band director, Mr. Curtis Iverson, flashes a devilish grin as he contemplates another half-time performance.

spends three-fourths of his night policing students. At the state basketball tournament two years ago, band members became confused and C.I. had to direct girls out of boys' rooms and boys out of girls' rooms and everyone off the balconies. The trip to the Rapid City Band Festival in June 1975 was even more exciting. The motel was split into three separate buildings, and Mr. I. had to stand in the middle of the area, directing traffic.

Rapid City was quite an experience for the band. About twenty hours were spent traveling to do little else than march in one

parade. The main event of the three-day festival, a massed band ceremony, was cancelled because of flash floods. The band was on its buses when the rains began. Amazed by water gushing over curbs and trash cans floating down the streets, everyone dug out their cameras. The rain seemed to be the most exciting part of the trip. Of course, there was time to feast on yummy buffalo burgers, which bear a striking resemblance to ground buffalo chips and are still a favorite dish of every band member.

The NUHS band attended the Rapid City

Festival in 1972 and had the usual bad luck then too. Instead of staying in a motel, the band camped out at Outlaw Ranch in Custer, South Dakota, which is fifteen miles from Rapid City. Just as the band had boarded the buses to leave for the mass band ceremony, the Interstate Commerce Commission decided to inspect the New Ulm buses. A faulty brake light was discovered and the band never made it to the mass band finale.

Trouble seems to follow the band wherever it goes, and Farmfest '76 was no exception. Mr. Iverson was honored to have his band chosen as the first band to perform at Farmfest. Yes, it was quite an honor! Just as the buses pulled into the Farmfest grounds, rain began to fall. Two of the buses went to a parking lot and one bus stayed near the main gate so Mr. I. could inquire about performance details. The band wouldn't march until the rain ceased. The rain continued until the entire grounds was one giant mud-hole. Students soon got bored in buses and eventually wandered out into the mud after rolling up pants and taking off shoes. The two buses in the parking lot became stuck in the mud. Mr. I. was having quite a time riding around on a tractor searching for someone to pull the buses out of the mud. Even Mr. Iverson's uniform was dirty, a rare sight indeed!

Though Mr. I. gives the impression of being a perfect, eternally neat conductor at concerts, his bandroom and office prove quite the contrary. Posters are hung in the bandroom and are not taken down until they fall. Corners do not really exist. Upon entering his office, you may not see Mr. I. hiding behind the thick grove of papers on his desk. A ringing phone in the music department presents a frustrating problem. By the time you find the phone, the party calling has given up. Mr. I. was once given a scoop shovel for his birthday, to clean out his office. Unfortunately, it hasn't proven very helpful because Mr. I. can't find it.

Mr. Iverson has revealed a most shocking fact about himself, something students shudder at whenever they are reminded. He originally wanted to be an engineer instead of a music teacher.

## Got the galloping crud?

by Mr. Thomas Wilson  
Principal

Do you suffer from enuritis, neuralgia, or even the heartbreak of psoriasis? Maybe you are plagued by the creeping crud or the Egyptian jolic? Or perhaps you are occasionally overcome by the frustration of boredom.

While I did successfully rid myself of a bunion one time, I would quickly disqualify myself as a dispenser of medical prescriptions or advice. But I can offer advice on how to cure the most frequent malady befalling some high school students — boredom.

So what is boredom? Boredom is when you stand around in the hallway picking your nose, saying "Boy, this is a dumb school! Nothing to do!" Or boredom is when you herd your wheels up and down Broadway, burning up 60 cents per gallon gasoline in pursuit of nobody knows what except a bigger gas bill.

My RX for boredom? Get involved! Mr. Stead knows several con men who would be a real credit to Mrs. Ackerson's playcast or extemporaneous storytelling groups. Some of the stories he hears show real talent!

Some of you people who are wrestling with a smoking habit or a tendency to indulge in excessive consumption of alcohol should report to Mr. Peterson. Besides giving you something new to

wrestle with, he will help you rid your bodies of unwanted baby fat.

Mr. Macho will put some of your complaints on ice — meet him by the arena, or at Westside hill until winter sets in. If you don't want to play hockey, maybe you could carry Tim Steinbach's hockey stick for him.

If you have a poor picture of what's up in this school, see Mr. Wieseler or Mr. Olson. With a little training, you could become a shutterbug instead of a grouse. And Mr. Roelofs tells me you can meet some very interesting people in the darkroom.

If you feel these ideas aren't for you, maybe you have a real sad story to tell. Good, see Mr. Weber and he'll work out an opportunity for you to pour your heart out in the GRAPHOS. He's been looking for a lovelorn columnist. And you crude types who practice your spelling and artwork on building surfaces can check in with Miss Kaltsulas. Maybe you could get an accolade for displaying your talent in the yearbook.

The list goes on and on, and you guys with the clever retorts can probably think of even more clever examples of productive ways to deploy yourselves. But the point will be the same. Namely, if you're bored, it's your own fault! There are scores of activities around our school for kids of every race, color, creed, or dominant eye. Get involved!!

## Musical all-staters



Dan Stimpert and Scott Hogen enjoy the distinction of being New Ulm's representatives for All-State Choir and Band. They are looking forward to performing at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Convention in Minneapolis this February.

# The Guide Post

by Ms. Marty Webb  
Counselor

Why do people make fun of others? Lately I have been asked that question quite often. It seems that NUHS has had an outbreak of "Put-Downs," a disease which attacks anyone who is even remotely different from whatever norm happens to be operating at the time. If that sounds confusing, it does so on purpose because there is apparently no rhyme or reason for the outbreak and no one is immune. It attacks "A" students, "D-" students, the physically attractive, the athlete and the non-athlete. It seems that there is really no one who is left untouched.

One would think that with so many people susceptible to the disease that there would be more done to halt its progress, a telethon perhaps, but instead I see and hear the disease spreading, apparently with the blessing of the student body.

People who spread "P-D" do so for a purpose. They want to impress other people. The people who use "P-D" do so to make themselves look good and feel good at the expense of others. They build themselves up by putting others down. I believe most people are capable of seeing through their act, but are evidently not willing to voice their opinion.

How do you stop the spread of "P-D"? It's really very simple. The student body could simply say "no" to "P-D" and say "yes" to respect for one another. If one student would stand up and say, "I don't think that's very funny" or give support to the person stricken, we could save a lot of unnecessary pain and tears.

A friend of mine wrote a book called Twyla that is available in our school library. It's based on a true story about a high school girl who is stricken by the disease of "Put-Downs" and dies from it. *Perhaps that's a little dramatic, but I get*

angry when I see an innocent person getting hurt, and I've been seeing a lot of it lately.

I would like to think that, for the most part, people don't realize the harm in putting others down, but for those who are often the subject of jokes and criticism, the harm and the pain is quite real. I ask that the entire student body be on its guard and alert to the carriers of "P-D" and do their best to put a stop to behavior that only serves to hurt those around them.

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### Items to remember:

On November 9, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., we will again be hosting the Post-High School Educational Opportunity Night in the gym. Over 60 schools will be represented including colleges, vocational schools and trade schools. This event is open to juniors, seniors and their parents. You will have a chance to meet representatives from various schools, ask questions and pick up pamphlets and other information. A new addition to the night will be a financial aids representative. S/he will be giving presentations in the Lecture Theater and will also be available to answer questions you and your parents may have concerning financial assistance.

On November 23 there will be another financial aids night for students and their parents which will be held in the Lecture Theater. If you have questions regarding financial aid or filling out the FFS, please come.

Seniors should have received their financial aid packet from the State by now. It includes the Family Financial Statement (FFS) and Minnesota State Grant-in-Aid Application. If you have not received your packet and are planning on attending school after you graduate, please stop in the Guidance Office for your copy.

# "Debate is fun"

by Vicky Helget

Have you ever wondered what debate is all about? On November 13 an invitational tournament will be taking place, and everyone is invited to come and find out what takes place in a debate tournament.

"Debate isn't really as tough and uninteresting as people seem to think it is," replied debate coach, Mr. Jim Aufderheide. One year there were six new people on the debate team, but their inexperience didn't stop them from winning trophies.

Each year the debate team has a new resolution to be discussed through the season. This year's resolution, "A comprehensive program of penal reform should be adopted throughout the United States," will have a lot to do with police problems like drugs, rape, prostitution, and gambling. These subjects usually prove to be interesting, so debate should be especially exciting this year.

Debating the topics aren't the only interesting activities though. Meeting new people is also interesting. The team members have a great opportunity to meet people since there are 300 to 500 kids at most tournaments. This year the team will be going to eleven or twelve different schools for tournaments. Some will be overnight stays.

Mr. Aufderheide feels meeting new people is only one of the valuable opportunities in debate. "Debate is important for your schooling and future." Debate ties in with all sorts of classes, for instance, social studies because current events are discussed, English because communication skills are used, and science because organization and researching information are required.

Being in debate will also prepare you for the future in many ways. You become more confident of yourself since you learn to stand up in front of others and express an opinion. Debating also makes you more aware of yourself and others. It gives you a feeling of understanding. Since debate teaches many things, you'll learn a lot, and the more you know the better chance you have of getting somewhere in life.

During the actual debate there are only four to five people in the room. So if you're scared to join debate because of talking in front of a large group of people, you now know that isn't a problem. The normal debate usually takes about one hour, so it's not a matter of a lengthy discussion.

If you're the least bit curious about debate, why not look into it? It's a great way to learn new things and meet new people. "Debate is fun," says Mr. Aufderheide.

# The greatest movie



Photo of Poster: From the MGM Release Gone With the Wind 1939  
Selznick International Pictures Inc.

# A year to remember

by Scott Simkins

It's funny, now that school has gotten into full swing, how many seniors have forgotten that this is our last year in high school.

Many of us are so involved in athletics, work, studies, and other social activities that we forget where we are in our life. After this year, what is in store for us as individuals? This is our last shot at anything as a class, so we should make the most of the opportunity.

This feature is not intended to be a somber note but merely to remind us that "this is it" for a certain segment of our lives. Sure we start to make new friends as soon as we are away from home, but now we must be concerned with the friendships we have built up through our 13 years of being in school together.

We might see each other a year from now; maybe we'll come back for homecoming or another event, but those visits will be fewer and fewer as time passes. We have to cherish the people and times we have around us now because, before we know it, they will be gone.

Already a quarter of the school year has passed. We, as seniors, have seen our last homecoming festivities and are leaving the fall sports season behind for the final time as students of NUHS. As each day passes, another memory is recorded in our minds, but we aren't sad yet because there is also tomorrow and the promise of more excitement and happiness.

It seems that the whole world is run on this principle of looking ahead instead of dwelling on the present. But the past is a

key to appreciating the future.

Many times we look back and say "I wish I had done this" or "Why didn't I do that when I had the chance?" If we look ahead, let's plan to take advantage of the time that is left to do something we'll remember.

That is why it's good, I think, to realize there is little time left in our high school careers to get involved in things which are important to us. So go ahead, get involved in school activities and do something unique, something you will remember.

By graduation we students will be wondering where all the days went because they went by so fast. All the graduates will look back at their final year of high school, some with sorrow, some with satisfaction, and some with a sense of accomplishment. But for everyone, the thoughts that will be remembered are not the ordinary everyday struggles of school but the unique events that happened. The unique may be as simple as making friends with a cook or as important as finding a future spouse. It may be that you were crowned homecoming queen, or maybe you were able to make some real friends. Whatever the thoughts, they are unique to each person. No camera or newspaper can capture the personal joys you experienced; you are what makes them happen and only you will remember them.

At graduation we can only recall our high school memories but through the rest of the year we can actually make those memories. This is our final year, seniors. Let's make it unique, one to remember.

by Johanna Johnson

"But Rhett! You can't leave me! What shall I do; where shall I go?"

"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

These are the immortal words which shocked the nation when they were heard in the September 1939 premier showing of *Gone With the Wind*. Since then, *Gone With the Wind* has gone on to be one of the four biggest money-making films of all time, ranking only behind *The Godfather*, *Jaws*, and *The Sound of Music*.

Set during the tumultuous Civil War period, *Gone With the Wind* is the story of the life of Scarlett O'Hara, spoiled, willful, vivacious, the daughter of a rich plantation owner, and the belle of three counties. All her life she had known nothing but luxury and satisfaction as a result of having every desire fulfilled.

Due to the onslaught of the Civil War,

Scarlett was forced to grow up fast. From a spoiled, selfish child, she turned into a hard, calculating woman who would do anything for money. And always in the background was Rhett Butler, wanting to spoil and pet Scarlett but afraid to show it for the fear of being rebuked and tormented by her.

*Gone With the Wind* is truly a movie for everyone. For adventure lovers there is adventure galore. For history buffs, the movie paints an accurate and vivid picture of the Civil War and Reconstruction periods of American history. For all of you basic romanticists, it is plumb-full of romance. And for any girl, there is the added attraction of Clark Gable playing the part of Rhett Butler as no one else could.

The movie will be shown on KSTP-TV on November 7-8. I heartily urge everyone to watch and find out why it is called "the greatest movie ever made."

In satire and seriousness

# Candidates' views on issues differ



Photos by Wally McNamee - Newsweek, October 18, 1976

by Matt Dahl

"Where do the presidential candidates stand on the issues?" is a question many people are asking this election year. The televised debates between President Ford and Jimmy Carter were supposed to provide some answer to this question. The answers the candidates gave during the debates, however, were not notable for their shortness or their simplicity. To clear the air and help you make a decision between Ford and Carter less difficult, let's look at the candidates' basic positions on some important issues.

One very important issue is the nation's economy. Jimmy Carter has often stated his concern about the high rate of unemployment and has given his support to government-sponsored jobs for the unemployed. His objective is to decrease the jobless rate to three percent in four years. President Ford, on the other hand, claims a government jobs program would be too costly and opposes it. Ford wants to reduce the unemployment rate by giving tax breaks to companies who expand and create new jobs. Another current economic problem is inflation, which causes higher prices. Ford has tried to keep the inflation rate low by reducing government spending. Carter favors many new government programs that would require more money, but he says he would discontinue some of them if they had a bad effect on inflation.

With a few exceptions, the candidates views on foreign policy are in much closer agreement. Both Ford and Carter favor good relations with China and the Soviet Union. Carter, however, calls for taking a tougher position in talks with the Russians. He also distrusts Henry Kissinger's secret, one-man style of diplomacy and would replace him. Carter has been quoted as being "extremely reluctant" to involve the U.S. in another war. He advocates keeping tighter controls on the C.I.A. to prevent it from interfering in the affairs of other countries.

Related to foreign policy is defense spending. Carter wants to maintain U.S. military strength equal to that of the Soviet Union. Yet he also wants to reduce the money spent for defense by several billion dollars. He plans to reduce military

spending by scrapping the expensive B-1 bomber, and reducing U.S. armed forces overseas. Ford opposes these cuts and proposes even greater amounts of money for defense.

Other costly federal programs, such as welfare, have also attracted the candidates' attention. Both the President and Jimmy Carter are calling for reform of the welfare system, which they believe is wasting vast amounts of money. Ford would make cost-cutting procedural changes in the system while Carter favors changing the way welfare is financed. Instead of making financially shaky cities such as New York foot part of the bill, Carter wants the states and the federal government to share all welfare costs. Carter has also proposed a federally financed health insurance program. President Ford claims this idea is too expensive and is against it.

National farm policy is an important issue in this part of the country. In the past, President Ford and his former Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, have halted large grain sales to foreign countries. Ford and Butz claimed they were only trying to prevent a grain shortage in the U.S., but Jimmy Carter has attacked their policy as being contrary to the interests of farmers. At Farmfest Carter said he would stop grain sales "only in a catastrophic situation." He declared his intentions of replacing Butz, whom he called "untrustworthy." Butz, however beat him to the punch by resigning after an obscene racial slur Butz made caused great public indignation.

Even though a poll of voters has ranked it as less important than many of the issues previously mentioned, the question of abortion has attracted national attention. Jimmy Carter is personally against abortion, but he is also against a constitutional amendment that would ban it. President Ford has a different point of view. He calls for an amendment that would give the states the right to decide whether or not to outlaw abortion.

After studying the candidates' stands on these and other issues, your decision between Ford or Carter should now be a more intelligent choice when you vote next Tuesday.

by Marcia Quiggle

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I am Arther Barkley of ABS News, coming to you live from the Ford versus Carter battle. The two opposing teams have been prepared overtime for the decisive battle which will take place tonight. Both sides are in equal physical condition, and both have similar won-loss records. Suspense is mounting for the exciting clash we are about to witness.

Ladies and gentlemen, the opponents are now entering the arena. The crowd is going wild! Shouts and screams fill the air. Everyone is standing as the band plays "The Star Spangled Banner."

Ford has won the toss, and to kick off the competition, he has decided to let Carter receive first.

Reporter: Governor Carter, what do you think should be done about unemployment?

Carter: I think that we should provide more jobs for our citizens so they could earn money, put some money in the bank, and earn some interest. Then when they're old, they could use the money in their bank accounts and they would never have to work again.

Ford: They're not working now!

Reporter: President Ford, what have you done to control the recent sex scandal?

Ford: I fired my secretary. She couldn't spell. She kept asking me how to spell as she was taking dictation. I just didn't have time to look up all of those words.

Reporter: Governor, you have often been accused of being two-faced. What do you have to say for yourself?

Carter: If I had two faces, why would I be wearing this one?

Reporter: What do you think about Carter's plan for tax reform?

Ford: I wouldn't be surprised if, under

Carter's administration, income tax forms would be simplified to contain only four lines: 1. What was your income last year? 2. What were your expenses? 3. How much do you have left? 4. Send it in.

Reporter: Governor Carter, what will you do about overpopulation? This report says that somewhere in the world there is a woman having a baby every four seconds. Carter: I think we ought to find that woman and stop her.

Reporter: I th-th-think th-that the P-P-P-President of the U-U-U-United St-St-States sh-sh-should b-be m-m-more h-honest with th-the p-p-p-people.

Ford: Sure, that's easy for you to say!

Reporter: Governor, you seem to be a very religious man. Tell me, what must you do to receive forgiveness of sins?

Carter: Sin.

Reporter: What are your feelings on foreign affairs?

Ford: I'm all for them. I think that if you're going to have an affair, you should have it abroad.

Reporter: Governor Carter, what words of wisdom would you like to say in closing?

Carter: Never spit in a man's face unless his moustache is on fire.

Reporter: President Ford, what is your closing statement?

Ford: When you get kicked from the rear, it means you're in front.

There you have it, folks: live coverage of the Ford versus Carter clash. Neither team was in outstanding form tonight. Many times the opponents were caught off guard; defense was not very strong. Offensively, the teams were fairly even. Both sides had a few good plays, but fumbles and errors occurred frequently. Offensive strategy was poor.

The winner of the battle was...who won, anyway? Was anyone keeping score? I'm afraid we have a slight problem here —

## Pumpkin problems

by Naomi Isenberg

Usually on the morning after Halloween, New Ulm's streets are littered with the remains of smashed pumpkins strewn about.

It seemed to me last year that the Great Pumpkin might not look upon the murder of hundreds of his relatives too kindly and since no pumpkin had ever bothered me, I saw no reason for the senseless shedding of orange "blood" that yearly came with Halloween. As a result four friends and I decided to deliver pumpkins to good homes.

Our "Pumpkin Delivery Plan" went into effect with "D-day" set for October 31. Everything would have been fine had it not been for our immense popularity among these oversized oranges. More pumpkins appeared at my doorstep everyday as they all tried to help out.

Mercifully Halloween finally came. Four friends and I piled into my little car with lots of pumpkins. The first few deliveries were easy. People gladly accepted these whimsical jack-o-lanterns and took them into their homes. At the seventh stop, however, when I carried a pumpkin

to the house of a kindly old lady, I found out that she had her entire group of relatives over and they were just sitting down to eat their desert, pumpkin pie, of course.

The little pumpkin let out such a screech that the entire neighborhood heard. I ran to the car and we sped away.

It wasn't long before a patrol car overtook my pumpkin-laden car and the five of us were taken in for stealing pumpkins. We tried to explain that we were giving the pumpkins away for the benefit of pumpkin-kind. The police just

snickered with the exception of one officer who remarked that our statement was the best story of week.

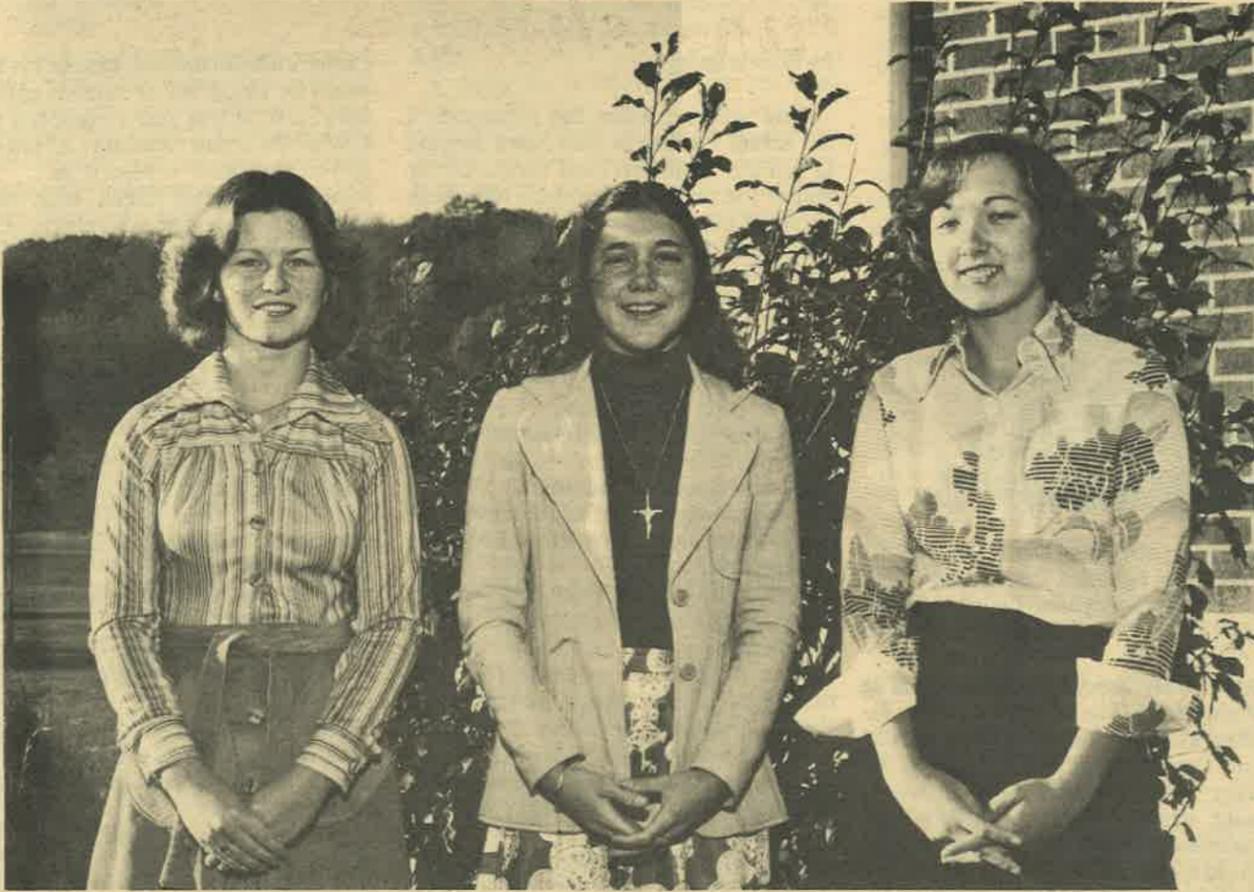
We were eventually released due to insufficient evidence, and my parents have just recently quit locking my bedroom door.

As I think of all the grief Halloween and pumpkins have caused me, I still don't plan on smashing pumpkins this year. Nor will anyone find me eating pumpkin pie or believing in the "Great Pumpkin" anymore.



The Merlyn Boesch residence at 520 South Broadway is well known for its holiday or seasonal displays.

# NUHS uncovers wealth of beauty



Pictured above are the three New Ulm co-eds who have received recognition in a variety of beauty pageants. From left to right are Cindy Peterson, NUHS FFA Sweetheart; Robin Berg, NUHS Homecoming Queen and Second Runner-up in Miss New Ulm; and Kathy Dittrich, First Runner-up in Miss New Ulm.

by Susan Deming

It seems that New Ulm High School has a wealth of talent when it comes to winning beauty contests not only within but outside the school. Several girls from our high school were chosen to represent New Ulm in the coming year.

Out of nineteen candidates Cathy Jo Prokosch was crowned Miss New Ulm for 1976. Cathy is a freshman at the University of Minnesota and a 1976 New Ulm Senior High graduate. She is the daughter of James and Mary Prokosch. Kathy Dittrich, the daughter of Robert and Darlene

Dittrich is the first runner-up. Robin Berg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Berg is the second runner-up.

Robin Berg was also crowned New Ulm Senior High School's Homecoming Queen for 1976. The other candidates were Patty Blackstad, Stacy Forbrook, Peg Hoffmann, Sarah Kiecker, Cindy Peterson, and Sarah Wyczawski.

Cindy Peterson received the honor of being the FFA Sweetheart for this year. The other competitors included Patty Forst, Barb Gitter, Bernadine Hillesheim, and Peg Hoffmann.

In an effort to find out more about these

high school queens, each was asked four questions. The questions and their answers follow.

### Q: AS A CHILD DID YOU EVER DREAM OF OR WISH TO BE A BEAUTY QUEEN?

Cathy Jo Prokosch: "You bet. I watched all the pageants on TV."

Kathy Dittrich: "Oh ya, I think every girl dreams of that at one time."

Robin Berg: "I always looked up to the queens but I never thought I would be one."

Cindy Peterson: "I never thought about it."

### Q: DID YOU ENJOY COMPETING OR DID YOU EVER FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH OTHER PEOPLE BEFORE OR AFTER YOU WERE CHOSEN? IF SO, WHY?

Cathy: "Well, there always is a certain amount of bad along with the good. There are always people who are jealous and envious and react in a bad way, but you have to take the bad with the good."

Kathy: "Yes, I enjoyed it very much. They asked a lot of hard questions and you had to think and give good answers."

Robin: "No, I didn't feel uncomfortable 'cause we were all in the same boat and all scared."

Cindy: "I enjoyed competing but I got very nervous."

### Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR ANY FUTURE CANDIDATES OR GIRLS WISHING TO ENTER A BEAUTY CONTEST?

Cathy: "Be yourself."

Kathy: "Just be yourself and have a lot of fun. Enjoy yourself otherwise it's not worth it."

Robin: "No, just be themselves and have fun."

Cindy: "Stay calm."

### Q: THIS YEAR AT THE UNVIERSITY OF MINNESOTA A NEW METHOD WAS USED FOR CHOOSING THEIR HOMECOMING QUEEN. THE GIRLS WHO COULD THROW A FOOTBALL AND RUN A REQUIRED DISTANCE WERE VOTED ON BY THE FOOTBALL TEAM. WHAT DO THINK OF THIS METHOD OF PICKING A HOMECOMING QUEEN?

Cathy: "Well, put yourself in their position. There are so many people that you would have to get to know that you couldn't do it any other way. It's OK because homecoming is a football function. If that's the way they want to do it, that's fine."

Kathy: "It certainly isn't your run-of-the-mill contest."

Robin: "It's neat. I think it's a good idea. It's something different."

Cindy: "I like it because she is the one who represents the homecoming football game."

## Drama season begins with comedy

by Roxana Peterson



A typical scene during this fall's play will be Shelley Reinking pirouetting across the stage.

This year's Drama Club is literally starting off with a shower of fireworks. The fall selection, "You Can't Take It With You," will be presented in early November.

"You Can't Take It With You" is a rather riotous comedy written by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. The story centers around a madcap family and takes place in their house. Martin Vanderhof, one of the main characters and played by Randy Hartten, is the head of the clan. Having been retired for the past thirty-five years in order to enjoy the good things in life, snake collecting and commencements, he provides a good example for his young relatives.

His children and grandchildren are also rather unusual. Penelope Sycamore, played by Johanna Johnson, is a good example. She spends much of her time writing plays while Karl Schroeder as her husband, Paul, makes fireworks in the basement for a living. Essie, (Sheiley Reinking) on the other hand, prefers the ballet. When she isn't dancing, she makes candy which her husband Ed (Wayne Roddy) sells.

Unfortunately, he enjoys printing and stuffs the candy boxes with communist propaganda.

Naturally the family can't be all bad, or should I say mad, for there is yet one member left, Alice. Alice is played by Kathy Dittrich and appears to be the only sensible, ordinary person to be found. She holds a more conventional job in an office where she meets and falls in love with Tony Kirby (Mark Pizel), a young man from a more conservative family. This relationship starts a series of problems for all involved.

The nineteen member cast is under the direction of the Drama Coach, Mrs. Carol Ackerson, with Julie Blomquist and Deb Eyrich as student directors. Mr. Mike Roelofs, who is in charge of props and set construction, is also an important factor in producing the show.

A lot of hard work and long hours, as well as a lot of fun, are put into a production like this. The Better Half, Stage Crew, Costumes, Make-up and sound-effects people, not to mention the ushers, are working hard to ensure a successful fall play.

The play will be presented at the Junior High Auditorium on the evenings of November 12 and 13. Student tickets will cost only fifty cents. According to Mrs. Ackerson, if you like fireworks, dancing, music, snakes and fun, you'll certainly enjoy this comedy.

So if you want a few laughs, go ahead and spend your money on a ticket, for, after all, you can't take it with you!

# sports

## CC Team closely follows Rodenberg's example

by Tom Wyczawski

Cross Country, unlike football, basketball and other sports, is a sport in which there is no backslapping or raucous activity. It is an individual and team sport. A person runs as an individual, but performs for the team. A team can run as individuals or they can run together. Generally, the result of a team running together is much more appealing than when everyone runs on his own.

Cross country, like many other sports, has a leader. In New Ulm's case, it is Tom Rodenberg. Rodenberg is a silent leader for a silent sport. He encourages the other members of the team by his excellent example.

Since the beginning of the year, the CC team has constantly been improving, and some credit can be given to Rodenberg. He has been a steady influence on the other members during meets and practices. For instance, during practice, Rodenberg is usually leading the runners through their practice routines or pushing the leaders. He is always trying to force the other members to work harder.

During meets he will help the other members improve their times by setting a fast pace. During a few meets this year, Coach Rich Peterson instructed the team to run as closely together as possible throughout the meet. Rodenberg would be ahead, but the other team members would be following close behind for about the first two miles of the race. At the end of the race, the times would generally be better because of the effort to stay close together and near Rodenberg.

During one meet this season, New Ulm had 8 runners with times under 17 minutes for three miles, an excellent team effort.

## Tennis team unstrung by close losses

by Kirk Gregg

"We've come a long way since last year, but it looks like '77 will be one of rebuilding for girls tennis," says the New Ulm girls tennis coach Bob Pederson.

The girls tennis team have hung up their rackets for the winter. They closed their 1976 tennis season as a team on October 6 after the district tournament and the last individual, Lori Suedbeck, finished her participation in the region tournament on October 14. The team ended the season with a 3-7 overall record and a 2-6 conference record, fourth place in a seven team conference.

Coach Pederson stated that experience is a very important factor in tennis. The importance of experience is especially true since tennis is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and also one of the newest in the New Ulm athletic program.

As the '76 season for girls tennis came to a close, so did the tennis careers of five senior girls. The graduating seniors are Deb Bowar, Stacy Forbrook, Lori Suedbeck, Tammy Engel, and Cindy Freiderich. All their positions will have to be filled next year.



Despite an injury suffered earlier in the season, Jim Wilfahrt was able to cut 2½ minutes off his running time during the course of the season.

"Our definite strong points for next year," added Pederson, "will be on our returning players from this year." Returning players who showed some promise are Deb Loucks, Chris Willner, and JoEllen Cashatt in singles competition and returning for doubles competition are Sandy Fenske and Colleen Berg.

Tennis was added for the first time this year to the junior high athletic program. Now that the younger tennis buffs are getting a chance to develop tennis skills, the future of senior high girls tennis seems brighter.

Many of this year's losses were by very close margins. Coach Pederson commented that there were two contributing factors for the losing season. An insufficient amount of poise and the inability to think under pressure were usually noticeable in this year's meets. He continued by saying that the only way to improve and overcome both is to get all the experience a player can and keep practicing. After the experience is achieved by a successful rebuilding year, New Ulm girls' tennis should become more competitive in the future.

## Gridders respond to fan support

by Bill Ostrom

Because it inspires the players to do a better job, fan support plays a vital role in the Eagles' football success. By cheering for the team, fans let the players know that they appreciate their hard work and determination. This support inspires the

## Girls CC Team runs short of goals

by Tom Rodenberg

Although the New Ulm High School girls cross country team has improved by leaps and bounds over the course of the 1976 season, inconsistency in training, a spree of injuries, and some slightly erratic meet performances have plagued the team throughout the season.

Coach Dennis Ellingson has described irregularity and a lack of positive attitude toward training as two of the girls' main obstacles. The girls, apparently, are a bit spotty in their attitude toward practice. They just cannot seem to string together a long series of good practice sessions which are required to show marked improvement in long distance running. Ellingson has continually stressed the need for seven days of running every week in order to bring out the true potential of a cross country runner.

Several recurring injuries have also slowed the girls' training. For instance, Carla Windschitl seems to have a recurring ankle problem which has affected the New Ulm ace. This injury has flared up twice and has forced Carla to slow down her training.

Kristi Risius, the team's second best runner, has also been troubled with injuries. Although Kristi has shown great improvement over the course of the 1976 season, it is quite likely that she could have improved quite a bit more if she had not run across various ailments which hampered her training schedule. Early in the season, Kristi was in constant misery due to a bad case of hay fever. Then she developed a knee problem and in a recent meet Kristi developed a bad case of blisters, which were painful long after the race was completed.

Mary Dittrich, the third New Ulm runner, has also been plagued by injuries this year. At the Mankato Invitational, Mary was not quite up to par due to a kidney injury which occurred in powderpuff football competition the day before. Recently Mary developed a type of food poisoning. Other injuries to team members have included blisters to Deb Rathmann, sprained ankles to Sue Dietz and Pam Forster, and a hip injury to Mary Rodenberg. Compounding the injury

players to give their best effort on the field in order to be victorious for not only themselves but also the enthusiastic fans. When a back makes a big gain, let him know that you are glad by cheering him. This recognition will motivate him to run harder the next time he receives the ball. When a defensive player makes a tackle, yell encouragement so he will be stimulated to make more solid hits.

Spirited fans filled the stands at homecoming when they saw the Eagles "Dunk the Wildcats in their Wells" by 14-6. Dan Walden had his top offensive performance of the year with 96 yards rushing. He scored the first touchdown while shaking off many Wells defenders. Quick moves, fine offensive blocking, and inspired play enabled junior fullback, Scott Werdahl, to score the other Eagle touchdown. Dave Hanson plowed over Wells tacklers for key yardage. Scott Stuckey gave 110 percent for his team and eager fans with a remarkable 17 tackles.

The fans, both young and old alike, motivated these players and their teammates, and the result was an impressive victory.

Enthusiastic fans inspire the players to work to their full capacity. When a player knows the people are rooting for the team, he will constantly try to do a better job. This effort is important for the team's success. The desire to win is an important aspect for the player to have and can come

situation has been a lack of runners out for the sport. The team has only seven girls, which is the minimum number for a full team.

The team has also been spotty on several occasions at meets as is indicated by their scores against conference rivals. For instance, the girls tied with Fairmont (but won by the tie-breaking procedure) in a regular season dual meet yet clobbered the Cardinals by a score of 38-68 in the South Central Conference Meet. Such was also the case with Wells, who also tied the Eagles in a dual meet yet was beaten by New Ulm by a twenty-five point margin in the South Central Conference Meet!

Considering all of these difficulties, the girls must be commended on their tremendous progress in all of their meets this fall. The girls have never placed lower than third place in any meet. The girls improved tremendously in the last week before the conference meet in which all of the girls put together good, gutty, performances. The team just missed the team title by a mere seven points! In addition, New Ulm came up with the individual champion in Carla Windschitl, who copped the conference crown by twenty seconds in setting another course record. In the process, Carla easily defeated Lisa Clark of Wells and Joan Pfaffinger of Blue Earth whom she had lost to in dual meets during the season.

Coach Ellingson is encouraged by the team's bright performances. In the South Central Conference Meet he felt that "all seven girls ran strongly and really were aggressive right from the gun." The coach also is encouraged by the youth of his team and believes that he can have some outstanding teams for years to come if the girls stay interested in the sport.

As far as the remainder of the 1976 campaign is concerned, Ellingson feels that, with some needed improvements and a consistent training period over the last two weeks before the Regional Meet, the girls could have an excellent chance to qualify for the state tournament as a team and with several individuals. Hopefully, the girls will be able to eliminate their problems and compete healthy in the region and secure a state meet position for Saturday, November 6.

largely from loud cheering in the stands. He wants to win not only for himself but for the "backers" too. Why not attend a game and cheer the Eagles on to another exhilarating victory!



Dan Walden 42, New Ulm's leading ball carrier, sweeps Blue Earth's right end.

# Bits from B.S.

# Girls struggle through dismal year



by Brian Shay

The girls' volleyball team hasn't gained any exclusive attention for their dismal showing this fall, but maybe it's time we look at some of the bright spots in girls' interscholastic athletics.

If you male jocks out there haven't yet realized that you've got some growing competition for fan support, then you're in for a rude awakening. Each year for the last several years, the boys' drawing power has diminished and the girls' has

deservedly increased. This trend will most definitely continue for several years until you may conceivably see comparable crowds watching both male and female athletic events.

This turn of events hasn't come about over night. There are several contributing factors, but women's liberation probably touched off widespread approval for girls' athletics, and soon the desire to compete on an equal basis spread around the country.

My hat goes off to all female athletes at New Ulm High School. However, a fair word of warning is also needed. Give this equal opportunity idea time. Don't rush into every sport with the idea that you want everything or you won't perform. Men have always been the dominant force in society so don't expect them to change over night. They'll change but give them time. It's a rough fact for us to accept after so many years of exclusive support and recognition.

Next month I'll have some in-depth views of the winter sports teams and some long range predictions on win-loss records. The basketball team has potential while the boys' wrestling team and the girls' gymnastics team look tough. It should be a good winter sports season at NUHS.

# Dedication is gymnasts' gift



With tense muscles and obvious concentration, junior gymnast Brian Benson braces himself before impact on the horse.

by Terri Ristius

What does it take to be a successful gymnast? Dedication is the answer most often heard to this question, but just what does it take to be a dedicated gymnast?

First of all, a gymnast must have a strong belief in himself and his abilities. Without self-confidence, a gymnast cannot perform up to his capabilities in front of an audience. He must have enough confidence to hold his head high and perform his best at all times. A gymnast, or any other athlete, must realize that there will always be someone better, but he should continue to give his best effort because that's what really counts.

As in all sports, team members should obey their coach. Coaches are there to help, and they will help those who want to be helped and have a desire to improve. A gymnast should never be afraid to ask for help as there is always room for improvement in everyone. Coaches are also there to encourage their teams to strive for success. A gymnastics coach is respon-

sible for coaching six different events, and if his team is to be successful, it must respond to his efforts. For example, a coach may decide that his team needs several hours of practice a day; and if they want to be a winning team, everyone will show up for practice and heed his instructions.

Complete concentration during practice or a performance is a gymnast's necessity. In a meet, he must perform his best the first time on each event as the first time is also the last time. He has only that one chance to show his talent and abilities. There are no quarter breaks, half times, or time-outs in gymnastics. During a routine, a gymnast cannot take a break and discuss his position with his coach; he is completely on his own. While performing, a gymnast must apply what he has learned and accomplished during his practice session; he has to have total concentration if he wishes to improve while doing his best.



Paula Tostenrud bumps as co-captains Sandy Kitzberger and Sue Albright look on in awe.

by Bob Skillings

The fall sports season is rapidly coming to a close. The New Ulm High School girls volleyball team wants to remember it as a good one.

They have struggled through what some people might classify as an unsuccessful season, but their spirit and determination doesn't indicate a lack of success.

Their schedule was a tough one throughout the season with many teams having much more experience than New Ulm's second-year team.

They did, however, give everyone a respectable battle.

Mr. Lyle Sparrowgrove, the girls head coach says, "The girls are working hard and have come a long way since the beginning of the season." The varsity team consists of all seniors, led by cap-

tains Sandy Kitzberger and Sue Albright. The other girls on the team are Cindy Peterson, Brenda Abrahamson, Jane Spelbrink, Jean Spelbrink, Maria Achman, Nancy Gieseke, Paula Tostenrud, Linnæe Forster, and Nancy Weisensel.

On November 6 the team will be in Marshall, MN, for the sub-region tournament. Sparrowgrove hopes to do well. He stresses fundamentals as being the key factor in winning or losing. "We hope to do well in the sub-region and it all depends on how we react to tournament pressure. A lot also depends on how we execute the fundamentals."

The team is definitely looked upon as a noncontender, but NUHS teams have surprised others in the past. Sparrowgrove feels they could possibly be a surprise. "We are starting to get the fundamentals down, so we could surprise a few teams in the tournament."



Pat Wesselman, another member of the young Eagle gymnastics team, performs on the still rings.

Of course an athlete needs patience if he is serious about his sport, and a gymnast is no different. First of all, he must be patient with himself. When he becomes frustrated and realizes that things aren't clicking the way they should, he just has to stay cool and work things out. Everyone makes mistakes, even gymnasts performing in the Olympics.

Last, a gymnast must continue to strive for new goals, goals beyond those already reached. According to Mr. Earl Neist, the NUHS gymnastics coach, a gymnast can always climb higher and continue to improve. As he improves his own skills and as new techniques are developed, he can continue to reach for higher goals.