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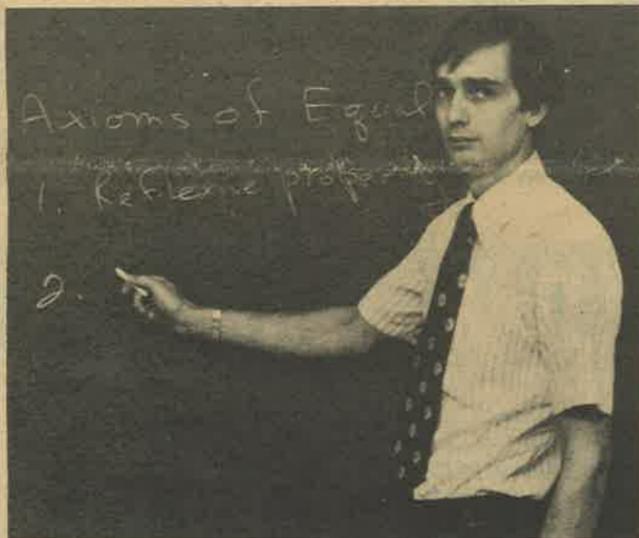
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Judging by the smile on his face, John Ferret must enjoy his new teaching position.



Sue Kaltsulas, lower left, works on her first book order as New Ulm High School's new librarian. Jack Christenson, lower middle, looks to his class for a second axiom while Lyle Sparrowgrove, far right, continues to combine teaching and coaching in New Ulm.

"Students are friendly"

New faces in the lineup

by Bernadine Hillesheim

We have a few new faces in the line of teachers this year, and here's some information to help everyone learn a bit more about them.

John Ferret is originally from Chicago, Illinois, but after attending St. John's University at Collegeville he decided Minnesota was definitely a great place to live.

He is a guitar player and performer and feels he's usually best known for that. He said he's a sports freak with specific emphasis on racketball, soccer, and tennis. With his wife he shares camping, biking, and gardening activities.

One reason he came to New Ulm was because of its size and location. He didn't want his daughter Erica growing up in a

large city. He said that New Ulm seems to be just right.

He believes the students here are friendly, courteous, and a lot of fun to be with in the classroom even though he still doesn't know all of his students.

Mr. Ferret added, "I am a man not only dedicated and committed to my family, but to mathematics and education as well. I promise all my students I'll do my best for them so that they'll have the opportunity to gain a good math background."

Mr. Lyle Sparrowgrove, Jr., is originally from Redwood Falls. He had taught for the past two years in Milroy, Minnesota.

Some of his hobbies are sports, reading, hunting, and enjoying the outdoors. He likes coaching girls' volleyball and other sports. He has coached football, girls'

basketball, and baseball.

When he applied at our school, he applied for a teaching and coaching position. He was familiar with New Ulm through athletics and said he knew the town to be first class. He feels everyone is friendly and helpful. Mr. Sparrowgrove said that his wife and he really have enjoyed New Ulm's people, parks, and students.

Our new librarian, Susan Kaltsulas, is from South Dakota. She went to school in Kansas. She likes New Ulm, although she isn't used to living in a smaller town and thinks it is a friendly town.

She likes to travel and be in the outdoors. She hopes to learn how to ski this winter. She also likes reading.

Miss Kaltsulas believes the library is a place for learning and reading. She said that so far she hasn't had to police the

library and hopes not to because that isn't the purpose of a librarian. She believes the kids are very friendly and didn't think she'd have any problems with behavior.

Jack Christenson was born and raised in Fairmont, Minnesota. He believes New Ulm has an old world flavor which he likes. He also thinks it is a very picturesque town. The students he's met so far have been friendly and cooperative.

One of his hobbies is photography; he was a photo club advisor for several years. Theatre and drama also interest him. He was in several plays in the Civic Summer Theatre in Fairmont. Last summer he was in the play, "Come Blow Your Horn."

Mr. Christenson is married and has two children. He just bought a home in New Ulm, so it appears he plans to stay with us for awhile.

editorial

Drunken lobbying



by Scott Simkins

On September 1st, 1976, a new law affecting high school students was put into effect.

Supposedly, anyone having his 18th birthday on or after that date would have to wait until his 19th birthday to legally buy or drink alcoholic beverages.

But a quirk was found in the rule books that has caused some unexpected confusion. A 1949 State Supreme Court ruling declares that a person actually is 18 the day before his 18th birthday. This finding means that those who had an 18th birthday on

September 1st can actually legally drink without having to wait an extra year.

Not only is there a question in the ruling, but there is also a question of the law's merit. Many don't think the law will solve the problems it was set up to alleviate.

The law, aimed at high school students, will not drive drinking out of the high school, but force those who want booze to find older friends to buy it for them. Drinking being a natural pastime for many high schoolers in New Ulm, it will be interesting to see the local effect of the new law.

Before, at 18, almost anyone, including junior high students, could manage to find an "adult" to buy booze for them. But there are many 19 year olds running around the streets of New Ulm who are willing to support and contribute to the needs of minors.

The Minnesota state legislature may think that the new law was the answer to Minnesota's high school drinking problems, but the effect the law will have may be negligible.

The Guide Post

by Mr. Jim Zetah
Counselor

Welcome to a new school year. Even though this is a belated greeting, it is nevertheless sincere. Almost a month has already elapsed and perhaps the tone of your school year has been set. What kind of a year will it be for you? What goals have you set? What do you want to accomplish? Will it be to just get by, acquire the minimum number of credits with a minimum amount of effort, or will this be a growth producing year?

We know areas of growth will occur in a number of dimensions. It can be in your physical self, your status as a student, the grades you receive or progress made in certain skill areas. The most important areas, I feel, are in your personal self. This would include your emotional being, personality development, self concept, values you have acquired and the relationships you share with others. These areas of growth are the most difficult to achieve and measure. Sometimes it may seem as if we have no control over how we act, or who we are, but in reality I believe each of us has the capability to become the kind of person we want to be. Make a self inventory of where you are now and set some goals of where you want to be next spring.

Perhaps next May you can honestly state: "I have grown, I feel I am a better person". A quote by Bob Dylan says so much: "If you're not busy being born; you're busy dying."

There is a need to announce certain events and dates that you should be aware of. The dates and application deadlines for the ACT are as follows:

Test Date	Registration Period
November 20	Oct. 4 — Oct. 25
February 5	Nov. 22 — Jan. 10

The SAT, or College Boards, will be given at Mankato State University on the following dates:

Test Date	Registration Deadline
November 6	October 1
December 4	October 29
March 26	February 18

Applications for the above tests are available in the Guidance Office.

Juniors will have one more test battery to take this school year. College-bound students will be invited to take the PSAT NMSQT, and vocational school bound students and all others will take the SCAT-DAT on Tuesday, October 19. More information will be made available to you pertaining to these tests.

Seniors are invited to discuss their post high-school plans with us and complete the necessary applications at your earliest convenience, especially those of you considering area vocational schools.

We will again sponsor the post high-school educational opportunity night on November 9 in the gymnasium. We extend an invitation especially to seniors but we encourage juniors to attend also.

Military recruiters will be available to discuss career opportunities. Please stop in the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

Miss Marty Webb and I welcome your stopping in. We will make every effort to assist you with your needs.

by Marcia Quiggle

'Twas three months before Christmas; my house was a mess
 Because of my three little brothers, no less.
 Their stockings were thrown on the floor without care
 'Cause mom and her clothesbasket hadn't been there.
 The day had been full of confusion and noise;
 They were typical, misbehaved, boisterous boys;
 So when they were finally chased off to bed,
 My demon-like brothers named Bill, Jack, and Ted;
 I was exhausted and ready to sleep,
 So I crawled into bed and began counting sheep;
 When out in the kitchen I heard such a racket
 I jumped from my bed 'cause I just couldn't hack it.
 Into the hall I ran on the double
 And flicked on the lights to see what was the trouble.
 There was paper and ribbon all over the place,
 Tape on the table and glue on the floor,
 Glitter and sequins and crayons galore,
 And there in the midst of all this commotion
 Were three little boys filled with eager devotion,
 Making a ring chain of paper and paste;
 It was fourteen feet long. (My God, what a waste!)
 Halloween and Thanksgiving weren't even near
 And they'd counted the days 'til Santa'd be here.
 Unless I could get this fracas to cease
 We'd be invaded by local police!
 I yelled, "Get to bed! Enough of this folly!
 I want to be able to sleep now, by golly!"
 The pre-season noise didn't end with my brothers;
 Heaven forbid! Through the town there were others!
 B.W.'s choirs about Christmas were singing,
 And Mr. I's chimes in the band room were ringing.
 Tell me in truth, don't you think it's insane
 To be caroling "Jingle Bells" out in the rain?
 Salesmen who came to my door numbered many.
 They tried to sell cards, but I didn't want any.
 I was still purchasing swimsuits and kites
 When the merchants cleared shelves to stock Christmas lights;
 And inside the greenhouse poinsettias were growing
 Before it had even begun to start snowing.
 Buying a Christmas tree just isn't keen
 When it's sixty degrees and the grass is still green.
 There isn't a way to stop this craze;
 It seems to be more than a passing phase;
 Just give me a chance to enjoy the fall,
 Then I'll wish "A MERRY CHRISTMAS" to all!

Vandals immature



by Barb Gitter

On August 28 vandals broke into New Ulm Senior High School and stole over two thousand dollars worth of athletic equipment as well as many jerseys and sweatsuits. In my opinion, the action of these vandals was very immature, as all stealing is, but for some reason it seems that stealing from a school is excusable.

I have a difficult time trying to comprehend what anyone would want with athletic jerseys and sweat suits. They would be of no use to them, for they could not wear or sell them in the New Ulm area. So what was their motive?

Good question. I've thought about this subject for a long time, and I couldn't come up with any logical conclusion for their lawless behavior. But if you consider all the absurd reasons they might have had for their action, you may find some explanation.

For example, as the usual saying goes, "We had nothing better to do." I fail to see how any sensible person could find nothing better to do besides "rip-off" a school.

Another pathetic but possible motive for their wrong doing is that they wanted attention and wanted their behavior reported in the newspaper and on the radio. Well, stealing is a heck of way to gain attention.

Probably the most common reason for the vandalism is that they wanted to impress their friends and show them that they could do something daring. Many times pressure from peer groups is so great that one feels forced to participate in these illegal acts. In this case, I really don't know what to say. I feel sorry for people who can't withstand the heat they might get from their friends. But I can hardly feel sorry for someone who is so ignorant he breaks into a school, causes thousands of dollars damage to the building, and steals equipment that is of little or no use.

I suppose these people should be satisfied. They got their thrills by breaking into our school. Their actions were highly publicized and the news was broadcasted on several area radio stations. So if they wanted attention and recognition from their friends, they got it.

But what really infuriates me is that these vandals might have been or are now students at NUHS. It really makes me very mad to think that alumni or present students would have that much disrespect to steal from their school.

Whether these destructive punks are students or not, no matter if they are young or old, I hope they are apprehended, and that the rest of the stolen equipment and clothing is recovered in good shape. Too many people have suffered from their criminal act for them to go unpunished.

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Jones rises to new heights

by Johanna Johnson

This year every issue of the Graphos will have a "teacher of the month" column. The dubious honor of being the first selection goes to that beloved English teacher, Mr. Jones.

For all of you wretched urchins who have been remiss enough not to have had Mr. Walt Jones for a class, you have missed quite an experience.

For one thing, you never really get to know conference rooms until you have Mr. Jones. Some students have gotten to know them very well as a result of Mr. Jones. Is there a conference room in your future?

Another unique privilege that you receive when you have Mr. Jones is the joy of playing "shuffle the theme." This funny little game is everyone's favorite, and here is how it is played. When you hand in a theme, Mr. Jones grades it. He finds all sorts of spelling, grammatical, and construction errors. Check, check, check. He hands back your papers and you correct all of your mistakes. You hand your paper back, but he is still not satisfied. Check, check, check. Guess where it goes next! Right! Back to you it comes; whereupon you make another effort to fix it. This goes on until all of your mistakes have been satisfactorily corrected. Isn't "shuffle the theme" fun?!!

It is nearly impossible to suffer the pangs of ennui while Mr. Jones is lecturing. Just as you might start drifting off, his voice will rise to a deafening roar. This increased volume usually results in either mass hysteria or an epidemic of nervous tension.

Mr. Jones' appearance belies the power



Visions of Henry David Thoreau bring a smile to the usually somber face of Walt Jones.

of his voice. He is five feet, six inches tall and not at all ashamed of it. As he once said, "It's not how high the manure pile is that counts!" Also, Mr. Jones is always

impeccably dressed. I took a round-robin poll in school and not one student that I talked to had ever seen him when he wasn't wearing a suitcoat. We're starting

to wonder if there's really a body in there!

As everyone knows, Mr. Jones is also a farmer. Last year he had four bushels of carrots in sand in his basement. They keep better that way, you know.

His farm is small, seventy-two acres, and he used to have six dairy cows. He decided, however, to cross-breed them and raise beef cattle for one reason — he needed the manure! I kid you not, folks. He is growing his crops organically and needed the manure for fertilizer.

Since we are on the subject of manure, now is a good time to talk about Mr. Jones' hero, Henry David Thoreau. This man, the most out-doorsy writer of them all, is idolized and revered by Mr. Jones. He can lecture for hours on the virtues of Thoreau. He can and frequently quotes Thoreau at great length. In fact, if you ever have Mr. Jones for a teacher, you can count on being introduced to Thoreau. Even if the class is Grammar and Usage, he manages to work in a little bit of Thoreau.

After knowing Mr. Jones, one would assume that he teaches English merely for the love of great literature and fine grammar. Wrong. He was originally going to major in Agricultural Education. The only reason he taught English was because he got through it quickly. Aren't you all crushed? It seems that nothing in life is as it appears.

I have a final bit of advice for those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of having Mr. Jones for a teacher. When he whips off his glasses, gazes at you quizzically and calls you a sophomoreish twirp, don't take offense. He does it to everyone.

Nature "reigns" over Farmfest

by Sue Deming

The way Farmfest '76 began and ended might make one suspect that Old Mother Nature was paying her own special respects to America's official bicentennial salute to agriculture by choosing this time to dump the rain so sorely needed. Mud and traffic were probably the two main topics of conversation during the week of September 13-19. For those who braved these and other minor inconveniences, there were many attractions on the 1400

acre plot near Lake Crystal, Minn.

The 20th World Championship Tractor Pull originally slated for the first four mornings took place on Wednesday and Thursday. Fans watched enthusiastically while conventional machines did "wheelies" during the stiff competition. They applauded the unusual entries, "Solid Junk," "The Vibrator," and the turbo-powered engines.

Horseshoe pitching championships, World Horse Pulls, and National Horse-

plowing contests also drew morning crowds.

Field demonstrations were held each day until noon. Those who stayed within the exhibit area could view small plots of crops grown throughout the U.S., including cotton and peanuts.

A 1500's Indian farming village and a working farmstead of the 1900's run by FFA members contrasted sharply with the ultra-modern grain and feeding operations and the modern homes on display.

A whistle toot invited young and old alike to ride a miniature steam locomotive while antique autos and the world's largest collection of working antique agricultural equipment were other reminders of the past.

Balloons, blimps, and aircraft hovered above the 120 acres of commercial and educational exhibits. Here Farmfest goers could inspect new products, watch interesting demonstrations, and obtain many informative leaflets and giveaway items. Special activities were planned for the women in the food, crafts and clothing areas, including a style show featuring fashions worn by our nation's first ladies of the past.

At the end of each day the crowd massed on the hill to relax and be entertained by some of our country's top performers, including Glen Campbell, Loretta Lynn, Helen Reddy, Bobby Vinton, John Davidson, Lynn Anderson, Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass, the Statler Brothers and other name stars.

In attendance during the week were Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, Vice-presidential candidates Mondale and Dole, and Senator Humphrey. All took advantage of the opportunity to meet and address the large crowds assembled for Farmfest '76.



Stress on writing Skills emphasized

by Mr. Tom Wilson
Principal

Homecoming time each year finds many former students returning from far-flung locations. Teachers and present students always enjoy visiting with these recent grads to see how well they have been prepared to meet the world.

Many of the returning grads tell us they wish they had prepared themselves better for vocational school or college saying they should have taken more English, writing, or math. Many wish they would have been more serious about their studies in high school.

Our faculty listens carefully to the suggestions made by these people, and often finds that many of their own feelings are shared by the grads. One suggestion has resulted in a major program at NUHS this year to renew our efforts to teach writing skills to all students.

The English department has initiated a

new course required of every sophomore, called Communications I. This semester course will feature an emphasis on writing, requiring several themes and papers to be written by each student.

Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure, style, and form will receive heavy concentration in Communications I. Every sophomore must take the course, and class sizes have been held below twenty to allow for individual attention for each student.

The entire faculty is cooperating with the English department by adopting the recommended theme form for each writing exercise and requiring all written exercises to be grammatically correct. They share the feeling of grads, teachers, parents, and community that writing skills are extremely important.

It is our hope that, with the help of this new program, you will be more prepared to deal with your experiences once you leave New Ulm Senior High School.

Tailored and dressy for '76



Cindy Peterson's layered ensemble has many fall fashion features including a natural wool plaid fabric in a longer skirt and vest combination.

by Kathy Rathmann

The look of fall fashions for '76 is tailored and dressy. The gaudy fads that were once popular are gone. Instead women are buying classic-style, quality separates, two layered together in different ways so they can be worn for several seasons. High schools find girls wearing more dresses, many of the longer length variety, and fewer but more stylish jeans.

This fall's skirts are full, swingy, and often pleated. The kilt skirt is back in bright, tartan plaids. Wrap skirts, as well as wrap jumpers and dresses are also prevalent. The length of the skirt covers quite a range, but is usually down to the knee.

Pants remain a very vital part of the wardrobe. They are cut full, in the men's style with pleated, trouser fronts or cut straight. Gaucho, or "city" pants, which are full and come to just below the knee, are catching on in this area. Jumpsuits, new last spring, are still very popular, but are now featured in rich corduroys.

Sweaters are big fashion news, especially ones with cowl necklines. (The cowl neckline is like a very large, loose turtleneck collar.) Cowl neck sweaters, in lovely shades of rust, green, and brown, are worn under wrap sweaters with kimono sleeves, vests, jumpers, and big, tunic-styled sweaters. Hoods are attached to long and short cardigans and some knit sweater-dresses. V-necks, rugby collars and stripes, and rich cable weaves, are other sweater highlights. Sweaters are found in every shade of the rainbow and in many interesting woven designs.

The peasant look also has an influence on the fashion scene. Flowery-print

boleros are worn over contrasting print skirts and peasant blouses. Slinky tunic tops are worn with drawstring-waists, ankle-tie pants. The peasant costume is often accented with a gypsy print head scarf.

This year's coats and other wraps are large in order to fit comfortably over the bulk of a blazer or thick, wool sweater. Shawls and blanket-plaid ponchos go nicely over cowl-neck sweaters. Dressy coats, usually in boot-length styles, are cut in interesting ways and often wrapped with a tie-belt. Common fabrics are camel's hair, soft wool, and leather. Fur trimming is not used very often anymore.

The vest, one of the hottest items this fall, is part of the classic ensemble, which consists of blazers, skirts, pants, blouses, and sweaters. Vests appear in plaids and solids, in fabrics of wool, corduroy, and velvet. Sweater vests are also shown. Underneath the vest, a variety of things are worn, including silk shirts, turtlenecks, plaid blouses, and bow-tie blouses.

Accessories complete the layered look of separates. The classic suit ensemble requires oxford type or wedge-heel shoes in soft, comfortable leathers. A very important accessory this fall is a pair of fine leather boots to wear with gaucho pants or very straight cut pants. Handbags are big, often round-shaped and made of soft, rich leather. Neck scarves are still around, but not quite as important as they were last spring, partly because of the bulky cowl neck. Copper, pewter, and gold are popular types of jewelry. Novelty jewelry, such as the bangle bracelet, is also very prominent.

Fall look for men is natural

by Scott Stuckey

If you want one word for men's fashions this fall, it would be "natural." Fabrics and styles have that rugged, outdoors look, and the slogan for this season may be "easy care, easy wear."

The denim look is still going strong, as it did throughout last year. Denim jackets, along with "the old jeans," ...matched with a patterned shirt, seem to be one of the most popular styles for the fall scene. But fear not, guys, the stand-by consisting of the shirt and jeans is still in, and, as some say, will live forever. If it's pre-washed or just washed, the denim or jeans look is still going hot and heavy for fall.

Along with the "outdoors" trend this year, the corduroy fabric is the talk of the town; this material can be worn everywhere and still look good. Whether it's to the football game or dance, "cords" look great, feel great, and wear great. It makes no difference at all whether you are boy or girl, the "Levis" or "Lee" trademark tags show up anywhere. The colors seem to vary about as much as the occasion does; blues, greens, browns, and greys are seen as the going back to nature colors.

As the cooler weather approaches, sweaters will be seen more and more. The looks this year have not changed much from the last two years, but a few minor alterations may be noticed. Older styles, such as the cable stitched and patterned sweater, will show up on the smart dressed young man for fall. Also, the collared sweaters will be showing their faces on the scene. So the look for the cooler weather will be sweaters. Some will feature the old fashioned look to them.

Rounding up the casual look for the fall

season is the ever growing "Cowboy look."

You bet, boots, buckles, and all. The style was first evident last fall, as the quilted shirts with the western cut came out. Next the boots and hats became more and more popular. Then the belts, bandanas, and even the buckles were in every clothing store in town. Now the real "dude" is outfitted in everything the rodeo cowboy today would wear. Probably the only thing missing is the horse.

In direct contrast with the casual, rugged, natural look, the semi-formal fashions have taken the old-fashioned twist. Now is the time to ask grandpa to loan his old pocket watch to you. Yes, the pocket watch and chain have made the comeback from years in the drawer or on the shelf. The new suits this fall are all going to the three piece combination, jacket, vest, and slacks, so the watch may be worn with the vest and jacket suit.

The fabrics have changed along with the styles of the suits themselves. Knit material has taken a different attitude about itself than did last fall's leisure suit look. The patterns have been changed to look like the natural fabrics. As for the natural fabrics, wool is the word again. The older look to the apparel has turned about. The wild checked or patterned materials of last year's semi-formal wear have changed to the pinstriped or herringboned look, which again, is an older style. Solid, top-stitched shirts, with the more conservative ties, are coordinated with the more dressy, more soft semi-formal wear.

The outlook for fall seems to be toward the more simple fabrics and apparel. Softer colors and quieter prints will also be in order for the fall of '76.



At tonight's homecoming dance many fellows may wear this season's popular vested suit worn here by Chris Contag. Men's clothes were furnished with the cooperation of Leuthold-Jensen Clothing of New Ulm.

One will reign



The 1976 Homecoming queen candidates are from left to right, bottom row, Sara Wyczawski, Robin Berg, and Stacy Forbrook; top row, Sarah Kiecker, Peg Hoffmann, Cindy Peterson, and Patty Blackstad.



Homecoming winner

by Vicky Helget

Homecoming has always seemed to be something everyone looks forward to, and with this year's changes it's sure to be a winner!

The biggest change this year was the coronation of the queen, which was held in the evening for the first time.

After the queen candidates and their escorts were introduced, the queen wasn't announced until after the variety show in order to increase the suspense.

At conclusion of the 1976 Homecoming Queen coronation, many students returned to working on their floats.

To get everyone in a winning spirit there will be a pep rally held in the gym at 12:45 today. Immediately following the rally

there will be a parade downtown. The parade will include all of the completed floats, queen candidates, their escorts, and the reigning homecoming queen.

After the parade it's on to the powder-puff football game, which will be held at the senior high school practice field at 3 p.m. The game pits the juniors against the senior girls. Since everyone enjoyed the game last year, it was continued this year in hope that it will be successful again.

At 7:30 the New Ulm Eagles will be doing their best to "Dunk the Wildcats in Their Wells." The band will be performing with the pom-pom girls during a special halftime routine.

We hope that the new changes meet everyone's approval and contribute to a very enjoyable homecoming for all Eagles fans.



Dean Laraway is attired in denim slacks with a toggle-closure shirt. For cooler weather, a suede jacket completes the picture.



A cowl neck sweater and a leather accented vest dress up the familiar jeans modeled by Karen Gatewood. Fall fashions for girls were provided with the cooperation of Pink's.

AFS Students: happy learning, and adjusting

by Deb Bowar

This year at NUHS we are privileged to have in our midst two exchange students through the AFS program. One is from our own United States and the other is from the far-away country of Turkey.

Lori Smith is a junior from Susquehannock High School in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. Glen Rock is a hilly town with a population of about 1,300. It is very near the Maryland border and is a few hours drive from the ocean. Lori has seen the ocean a couple of times and claims it is a beautiful blue sight.

Our school is much the same as Susquehannock except the ninth grade is also in the high school. No track or ice hockey is offered there, but field hockey is played and is a sport in which Lori herself participates. Softball, football, and wrestling are also among Lori's favorite sports.

The Smith family consists of seven members. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith work. Lori's twenty year old brother, Wayne, and her eighteen year old sister, Kathy, are married. She also has a twelve year old brother, George, and a nine year old sister, Lisa.

The Minnesota weather is colder here than in Lori's home state. In Pennsylvania cold is temperatures in the 20's and 30's which here are sometimes considered mild. Snow is not unheard of but it doesn't last overnight. Because of this moderate weather, not many heavy winter clothes

are worn; however, clothing is basically the same.

Lori likes it in New Ulm because "all the kids are really nice and they treat me like I belong and I'm a part of them."

Tughan, whose full name is Fahrettin Tughan Uludag Alpat, is a senior visiting us from the country of Turkey. Tughan is from Izmit, a city with a population of about 50,000.

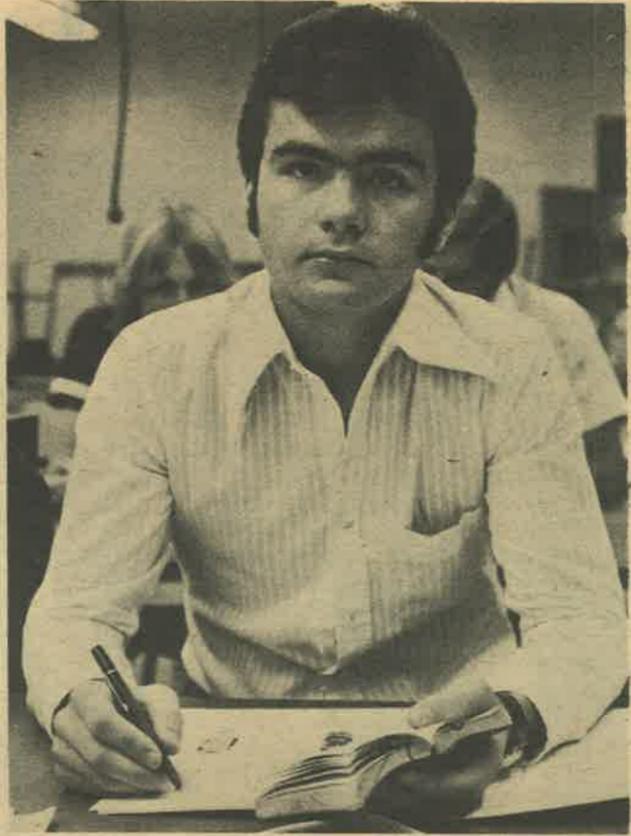
In Izmit school is very different from our American school system. Classes run from 8 o'clock until 11:30. Also many subjects are included under one class. Except for the language difficulty Tughan finds his academic load relatively easy.

Tughan's family consists of four members: his father, an officer in a paper factory; his mother, a homemaker; a sister; and himself.

Weather here is a big change from Tughan's warm country of Turkey. The coldest temperature approaches 45 degrees and rarely drops to the "cold" temperatures of the 20's. The weather there is also humid.

Clothing is basically the same except ours consists of brighter colors. Our foods differ in that pork and pork products are included in our diet. Otherwise Turkish foods are pretty much the same as ours.

When asked if people are friendly here Tughan replied, "Yes, very much." Also, he felt people here are really no different than back home.



Looking up from his studies, Tughan's thoughts may briefly return to his homeland.

AFS: a learning experience

by Johanna Johnson

By now probably all of you know that we have two "new" students here at NUHS: Tughan Alpat and Lori Smith. What you may not know is how they got here.

American Field Service (A.F.S.) is the organization behind Lori's and Tughan's presence in New Ulm. A.F.S. is a worldwide organization which works to promote understanding and peace through an interchange of living and learning experiences. To translate that, it simply means that by sending students to different countries, perhaps foreign relations will improve, and we will have better international understanding.

A.F.S. has many different types of programs. Perhaps the most famous are the winter program and the Americans Abroad Program. The winter program sends foreign students to America for the entire school year. Last year, Martin Roden stayed with us through the winter program; this year Tughan Alpat is with us.

The Americans Abroad Program has two different sections; the first is for the entire school year, and the second involves just a summer. This past summer, Jayne Laraway was in Germany through the A.A.P. Marcia Quiggle was our representative for the school year; however, there was nowhere for her to stay, so she had to remain at home.

Another program is the Domestic Exchange Program. This program involves sending students from the United States to other areas in the United States. Lori Smith is from Pennsylvania and is at NUHS for the first semester of school. In turn, we sent Jim Nundahl to New York for his first semester of school.

The final program is the Short Term Exchange. In this program, several students are sent to another school in the United States for a short period, usually two weeks. Then the people from the host school will come to the visitor's school. Last year, NUHS had an S.T.E. with Lewiston, Minnesota.

The only drawback to these many and varied programs is that they cost money. In fact, the prime objective of the A.F.S. Club is to raise enough money for these programs. In past years, A.F.S. has sold candy at basketball games to help raise money. This year they are kicking around ideas for a couple of big projects. Some of the ideas mentioned at the meetings were a computer dating service and dance, a donkey-basketball game in the gym, a greeting card sale, and a few other suggestions.

A.F.S. is a club in which you meet new people, see new places, and have new experiences. Try it out and experience it for yourself. It needs your help.



Lori Smith and her friendly smile are welcome additions to this year's school life.

Student Council to "wipe out apathy"

by Roxana Peterson

Each spring the student body elects representatives to our Student Council, people whom they feel would improve our school and student-administration relations. This year's council is already hard at work on a variety of projects after only a few weeks of school.

The Student Council members accept many responsibilities when they take office; one of the most difficult obligations is the management of homecoming. Homecoming is their main concern at the moment; everyone is trying to make it a success. Many suggestions were offered last year that would improve the occasion, and as a result the council has decided to move the Queen Coronation to Thursday night following the Homecoming Review rather than the Friday afternoon of past years. Hopefully this change will add

something to the coronation besides giving the rest of the community an opportunity to view the crowning. Naturally not everyone will be satisfied, but a Thursday coronation seems to be the best idea for the majority.

The Student Council is planning most of its activities with one goal in mind: more student involvement in the coming school year and more kids cooperating with the administration instead of causing troubles for it. In order to give the team more support, the council is promoting the away football games. The idea is that support for existing programs is just as important as starting new ones.

There are many new activities in the works for this year which should draw more students into participating. We can look forward to more school dances, a

Snow Week celebration and a foosball tournament. Along with these entertaining projects for the benefit of the student body, the council would like to raise money to make improvements around the school building during the year. Mr. Eugene Brand has also suggested a Peace Corps type of project which would involve the raising of funds by the council to be used in the construction of a school in Africa.

One thing is necessary to enable the Student Council to do its job and that is the students themselves. Without ideas and suggestions from the student body, the council is forced to try to second-guess the majority's opinion. As Student Council President Scott Stuckey put it, "Representing the student body is what Student Council is all about. If we get zero ideas from the students, how do they ex-

pect the council to do anything?" Any suggestions are more than welcome. If any student or faculty member has an idea, feel free to tell one of the members, Council advisor Mr. Brand, or one of the principals, and it will be considered at a future meeting.

The Student Council members feel this is going to be a good year. The Sophomores have adjusted quickly and work is proceeding on schedule. Mr. Brand, Mr. Stead and Mr. Wilson are strong supporters of the council, and with the help of the students the year could be a success. According to Mary Dittrich, vice-president, "The Student Council is all fired up this year to do the very best job that we possibly can. We are out to serve the whole school and to try to wipe out student apathy all-together."

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Gymnasts realizing outstanding talents

by Terri Risius

Many changes have been made in the boys' gymnastics program this year at NUHS. Among them is Earl Neist; he is the new head coach after serving as an assistant coach to Jim Schmidt for two years. Mr. Schmidt resigned from teaching and coaching last spring. Mr. Neist's new assistant is Ted Marti, a former graduate of NUHS. Mr. Marti, a great help during practice, was ranked with the top fifteen gymnasts in the U.S. during his college days.

These coaches have twenty-four team members to work with this season, including sixteen sophomores, four juniors, and four seniors. Six of the twenty-four boys are returning lettermen. "This team is a real workable, enthusiastic bunch," according to Neist.

The coaches and boys realize that the team has some outstanding capabilities and talents. They also believe that given two years of hard practice and lots of support from fans and followers, they can become champions like the 1973 gymnastics team.

The gymnasts have been putting in a lot of hard practices before and after school. The morning practices will continue throughout the season as will regular practices after school. Mr. Neist also said, "If need be, evening sessions will be added." There hasn't been much grumbling about these practices because the team knows how much they have to give to

become the team they want to be.

Since last season, the State High School League has decided that boys gymnastics will take place in the fall instead of the winter. One reason for this change is to equalize the number of girls and boys sports per season. Another reason is to improve the problems of over-crowded facilities. It became very difficult for teams to hold constructive practice sessions during the winter season due to the lack of space and facilities. It was also a problem to schedule games and meets for all the teams during the same season when they all used the same gymnasium.

Fans may notice another change in boys gymnastics this season. The trampoline has been replaced with vaulting. This decision was made because vaulting is a Collegiate and Olympic event while the trampoline is not.

Interest in boys gymnastics has dropped in the past few years in New Ulm. A reason for this decline is that the program had to regenerate itself after losing the terrific 1973 squad. Fans didn't realize the time and work involved in starting over again and soon became impatient. Coach Neist and the team are hoping to regain fans and support throughout the season. They would especially like it if the support and spirit they need will come from the students at NUHS. The team hopes that with a faithful crowd following it will give them the confidence they need to try their best during practice and meets:

CC team, Rodenberg: work is never through

by Tom Wyczawski

If the name of your game is running, then cross country is your game.

This year's team consists of 13 members including seniors Tom Rodenberg, Steve Johnson, Todd Gaard, Mark Hofmeister, and Dave Mildenberg; juniors Mike Matz, Mike Davis, Dennis Abrahamson, Dan Waibel, and John Healy; sophomores John Genelin, Doug Schultz, and Peter Kretsch. The team is coached by Mr. Rich Peterson, who is in his 10th year of coaching and assisted by Mr. John Pytleski.

Cross country is one of the best sports to get and keep a person in good physical condition. The members of the team will vouch for that. To show you just how hard the team works and how they get in such good shape, take a look at a normal week of practice for the boys cross-country team.

Monday, 7:00 a.m. Today the team will have two workouts, one at 7 o'clock and the other at 3:45 after school. Before each practice, the team loosens up and stretches in order to reduce the possibility of muscle pulls or cramps. They then start running. Everybody takes off towards Flandrau State Park. After running through the park, the team comes out on Camelsback Road where they then run back to the school. Showers and breakfast follow the morning workout. 3:45 p.m. The routine is much the same as before except the members take off for Riverside Park, where they have one of their hardest



Tom Rodenberg, hair flopping in the breeze, maintains his winning stride.

workouts. The practice starts out by segment running, which is judged by time instead of distance. They have a pattern of 2 ten minute runs, 3 five minute runs, and 2 four minute runs. In between each segment there is a slight rest period.

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. Two practices again today. After stretching they proceed to 10th and Jefferson where they get ready to run up 10th Street hill. The harriers will sprint up the hill, which is about 2½ to 3 blocks long, and then jog for two miles. 3:45 p.m. Practice starts with several miscellaneous items, such as sprints and 440's. The practice ends with a 30 to 60 minute run.

Wednesday, 3:45 p.m. There is only one practice today, but it is a hard one. A two mile warmup run starts the practice followed by multiple running. Multiple running is similar to segment running except that multiples deal with distance instead of time. The runners will have run a total of 6 miles by the end of practice, most of it sprints.

Thursday, 7:00 a.m. One of the more scenic routes is in schedule for today's practice when the boys head for Schell's Garden. On the way down from the garden, everybody will run along Broadway down to 5th North before returning to school. Some more stretching routines follow this run. 3:45 p.m. This afternoon's workout is one of the team's easiest. They go on a one hour run wherever they want to. Stretching and Resistance exercises follow as usual.

Friday, 7:00 a.m. Today the runners will have "10th Street Hill" practice again. Most of the runners will go up the hill twice with coach Peterson right beside them. A two mile cooldown follows these sprints. 3:45 p.m. This afternoon's workout is a tough one. It starts with a two mile warm-up run before running two miles as fast as they can on the course. The rest is well deserved, as most of the members are by now breathing pretty hard. Four 220 yard sprints come before a two mile cooldown run. This last session ends a week of practice. You may think that they're glad it's over, but Peterson tells them to get in their weekend running of about 15 miles a day. A cross-country runner's work is never through.

Oh, yes, Tom Rodenberg is rated number 1 in Class AA competition this fall.

Gals' CC hoping for success



Mary Dittrich makes a strenuous effort to win her race.

by Tom Rodenberg

Although the squad is very young and somewhat inexperienced, the NUHS girls' cross country team has high hopes for a very successful season in 1976.

The new coach for girls' cross country at New Ulm is Mr. Dennis Ellingson, a 6th grade science teacher at Washington Elementary School. Ellingson was quite successful as a high school and college distance runner himself and was a stand-out competitor for Thomas Roberts Senior High School and Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa. Ellingson graduated from Luther in 1973 and has continued to train quite seriously since the time of his graduation. This past summer, Ellingson

covered about eight miles daily and competed quite successfully in two summer meets. The New Ulm coach ran the mile in two Governor's Track Meets, placing second in the District Meet which qualified him for the State Meet in which he took fifth place! Ellingson is very enthusiastic about running and would enjoy competing in more meets in the future, although he finds the availability of races in the New Ulm area somewhat limited for post high school runners.

Coach Ellingson feels that the girls are still very young, but have already shown marked progress. Because of the youth of the team, Ellingson feels that the girls can look forward to winning seasons for many years to come. His goals are to get more and more girls interested in running and to keep on building every year in order to instill a more competitive attitude. Ellingson is optimistic about the future and feels it is only a matter of experience and tougher competition before the girls will become skillful competitors.

The NUHS girls' harriers have eleven members, including just two seniors, one junior and two sophomores. The balance of the team is comprised of two freshmen, three eighth graders, and one seventh grader, all of whom appear to be promising runners.

The two senior runners are Robin Berg and Pam Forster, both of whom are participating in cross country for their first year.

The lone junior is Mary Dittrich, who is also out for cross country for the first time. Mary, however, has some distance running experience as she was a varsity competitor in the two mile run last spring in track.

The two sophomores, Kristi Risius and Lora Schwab, both have more distance running experience than most of the girls on the team. Although this is her first year out for cross country, Kristi Risius is

already a veteran distance runner. Kristi has been a standout miler in track for two years, already competing on the varsity level as an eighth grader and as a freshman. Kristi achieved much success last spring, winning the South Central Conference and the Sub-Region in the mile run. Lora Schwab, also has a bit of experience. She is a returning letterwinner from last year's seven-member team.

Leading the team is freshman Carla Windschitl, another 1975 letterwinner. Carla is also experienced as a track runner, having won the South Central Conference, the Sub-Region, and Regional meets in the two mile run last spring as an eighth grader! Although Carla achieved most of her track victories with a blazing finishing kick, she used front running tactics to pull off a victory in the New Ulm Invitational. Carla figures to be the leader of the pack for the NUHS girls this fall and for several years to come.

The girls have stepped up their training considerably this fall over last year, and so far the results have been very good. Although several key competitors were injured for the first meet at Redwood Falls, the girls showed very well taking places second through sixth. At the New Ulm Invitational, New Ulm missed the team title by a mere three points but came up with the individual champion in freshman, Carla Windschitl. These impressive early season performances are the result of a mileage increase from about fifteen miles per week in 1975 to about thirty miles per week under their new coach. Coach Ellingson puts the girls through four to six miles on road-running days and about three miles per day when they do intervals.

With their new coach, new prospects, and new training loads, the girls are quite enthusiastic about their running and have every right to be optimistic about their future... for many miles to come.

Defense slowing, offense lacking



Tim Steinbach, 40, reaches up for a Randy Ulrich pass in the Mankato East game.

offense lacking

by Bill Ostrom

The key to New Ulm's success as a football team this year has been their tremendous defensive play. The Eagles held Litchfield to 12 points, and Mankato East failed to score.

One major change coach "Skip" Davis has made is a switch from the 4-4 stack to the 4-3 monster. The monster defense has a man who plays on the left or right side of the offense depending on where their strong side is. When the Eagles have an extra man on the strong side, it makes it difficult for the offense to make yardage because most offensive plays are run to this side.

The offensive showing has been poor this year but what the offense lacks, the defense compensates with hard hitting tackles and key defensive plays. With time running out, Litchfield was moving the ball into scoring position when Tim Steinbach made the play of the game by picking off a Litchfield pass to preserve a 15-12 victory for New Ulm.

Coach Davis cites Jeff Sievert, voted KNUJ lineman of the week, Dana Bloedel and Tim Steinbach as defensive standouts for the Purple People Eaters.

The chant — "Blood, blood, blood makes the grass grow," — pinpoints the Eagles' defense because Johnson Field has never been greener.

Courts, ball machine added New facilities improve tennis team

by Kirk Gregg

New facilities, equipment, and people's understanding and interest have improved the development of the NUHS Girls Tennis Team into a team of unity and greater potential.

Last spring the New Ulm school board voted on the building of five new tennis courts at the south end of the high school football field. Many tennis players around the school are saying that the board's decision was "the best investment for NUHS tennis yet."

Earlier this spring, the high school also purchased a new ball machine for developing better skills in tennis. The ball machine is similar to a pitching machine in baseball, but the tennis machine serves tennis balls to the player from across the net, so skills on how to return the ball are better developed. One advantage of the machine is to eliminate error, in this case on the part of the server.

The machine is capable of placing serves anywhere on the opposite side of the court very accurately, so the player can work on his individual weaknesses.



Lori Suedbeck, number one singles player, displays a strong right arm.

So far the machine has only been used indoors in the gymnasium, but now electrical outlets are scheduled to be installed at the new tennis courts, so the machine can be used outdoors too.

When you're at the courts to see the girls tennis team play, you might not understand how the team is organized or a meet is conducted.

The team consists of three single matches in which individuals play one-on-one competition and two doubles matches that create two-on-two competition. The winning of each singles match and doubles match is worth one point. The team with the most points at the end of play wins the meet.

Tennis is a very individualistic sport and there is constantly, like in all sports, interteam competition for promotion. Therefore positions often change individually from one meet to another. But as individualistic as tennis seems, it still requires team spirit.

In all sports an enthusiastic crowd helps drive the player to victory, so come out to see the NUHS Girls Tennis Team and watch them give tennis all they've got.

More fundamentals needed

by Bob Skillings

There are many new faces this year in the coaching ranks at New Ulm High School. Among them is the new head coach of girls' volleyball, Mr. Lyle

Sparrowgrove.

Although this is his first year coaching in New Ulm, Sparrowgrove did coach girls' volleyball last year. "I sorta got involved by accident," he answered when asked how he got into girls' athletics. "The high school in Milroy, where I taught last year, just started girls' sports and I volunteered to coach them."

Sparrowgrove, who has succeeded Mrs. Sandy Fritz, has four returning letterwomen from last year's first NUHS girls' volleyball team. The returning girls are Maria Achman, Lynnae Forstner, Sandy Kitzberger, and Nancy Zimmermann.

The team has a schedule of twelve regular season games before they start post-season play. A varsity contest is determined by the best of two out of three games. The winner of a game has to reach eighteen points and win by two.

Sparrowgrove pointed out that having girls' volleyball during the fall season is a benefit to everyone involved. Finding facilities for practice and games is very easy; whereas in other seasons the facilities are constantly in use. Furthermore, there is less chance of postponements due to bad weather.

The outlook for the team is good. Sparrowgrove says that the South Central Conference will feature a tight race. He also added, "If we can serve the ball across the net and get our fundamentals down, we'll be all right."



New Ulm's volleyball team gathers around Coach Sparrowgrove while he emphasizes their game strategy.

Bits from B.S.

by Brian Shay

As I begin writing this column for the year, I can only look forward to the many hours of sports participation and spectator enjoyment which lie ahead.

There is a vast amount of sporting events which are yet to come, and as a spectator or participant you will find that the enthusiasm and determination of most athletes is second to none.

As a participant in two sports and a spectator of many others, I feel I can accurately describe and report the real facts about the status of the athletes' rapport between coaches and all their players. These sports stories do exist but

most likely not at NUHS. So stick with me throughout the year. You'll not only read some interesting stories but also learn some surprising facts about the realities of high school athletics.

I'd like to first start with football. Considering the fact that NUHS isn't known as a powerhouse in football nor have they had more than one winning season in Skip Davis' three-year outing as head coach, the Eagles this year should be a formidable foe despite the 39-0 loss to state-ranked Fairmont. They'll be sporting a classy, quick backfield to go along with a strong defense which should prove to be a winning combination. Best of all, the attitude of the players is excellent and, as everybody knows, that's one of the main

ingredients in any winning team. As for a prediction on the Eagles overall season, I see a 6-3 record, which is an impressive and respectable tally in any sport.

The NUHS basketball team begins practicing in about a month and a half, and as usual inexperience will take its toll at the beginning of the season. Last year, as always, all five starters graduated and thus this year's cagers go into the season with little experience and even less confidence. Another building year?

I'll sign off this time on an upbeat by telling the hundreds of "golf fans" in the high school that this year's squad looks unbeatable and this might mean a rare state tournament appearance for the "hack squad."

