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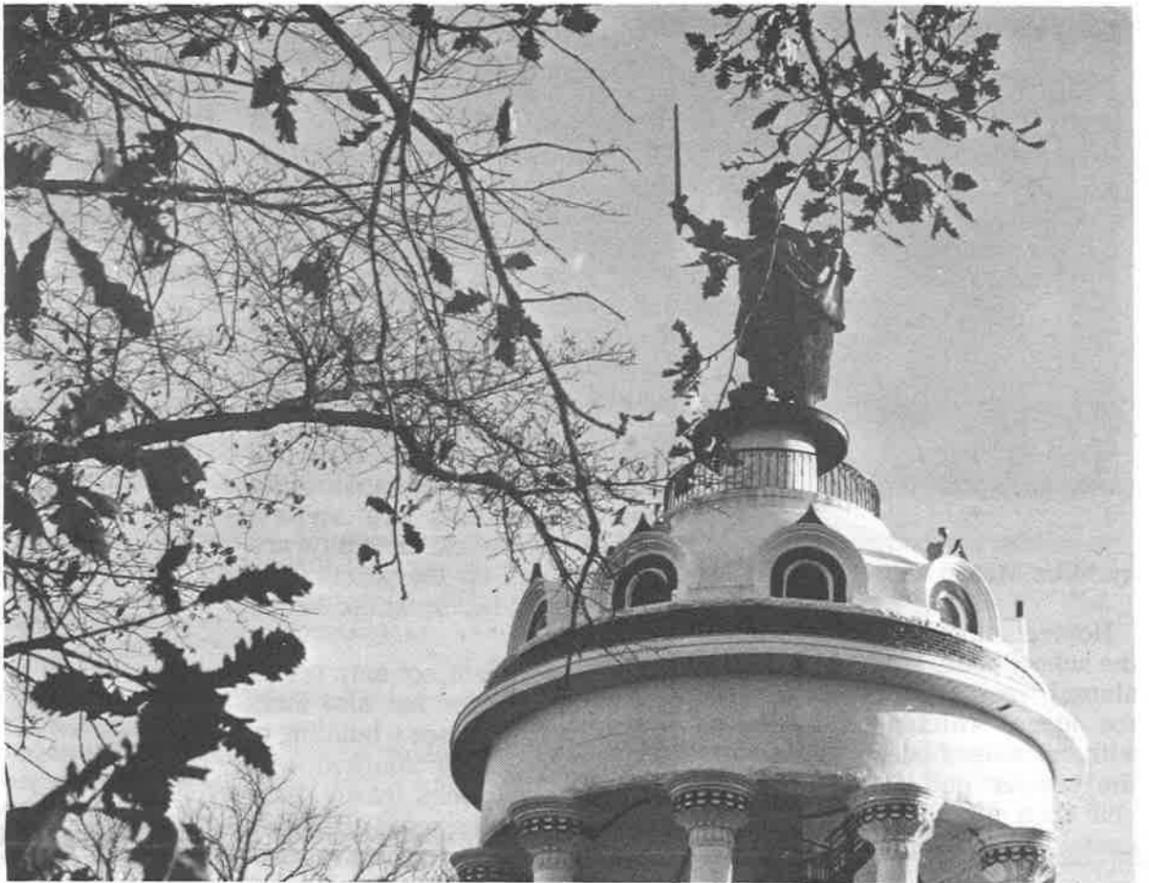
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autumn song

These are the days of falling leaves,
The days of hazy weather.
Smelling of gold chrysanthemums
And gray wood smoke together.

These are the nights of nearby stars,
The nights of closer moons,
When the windy darkness echoes
To crickets' farewell tunes.

Elizabeth-Ellen Long



Fall's last leaves cling to their branches as "Hermann the German" prevails over New Ulm. (Photo by Karl Schroeder)

Autumn falls differently

by Sandy Hindermann

What do you think of when you think of fall? Is it raking leaves, hunting, or halloween? Or football games, homecoming, and crisp autumn nights?

Fall is many different things to each person. The most noticeable sign is the turning of leaves as they float to the ground and cover your lawn in a multi-colored carpet of orange, gold, and brown.

As you dig out the rakes that were so carefully stored away last fall, remember the time when leaves were kicked into the air, raked into huge piles, and then burned instead of being stuffed into plastic trash bags. While you were warming your hands over the dancing, flickering flames, nostalgia settled in, and the spiraling, gray smoke drifted past your nose and left a homey, down-to-earth feeling in your bones. As the crimson leaves are again collected today, we throw them into the air with the hope that they might stay on the scarlet maples a little while longer.

Hunters are filled with the anticipation hunting season brings as fall approaches. As we tramp through the woods over crackling leaves and brush, pheasants are flushed, deer startled, and scampering squirrels caught in the act of storing nuts for the winter. The excitement and exhilaration of the hunt are topped with pride and satisfaction as the sportsman returns with his game.

Halloween is truly a reminder that autumn is upon us. Seeing houses and yards decorated with candle-lit jack-o-lanterns, pumpkins, cornstalks, and scarecrows brings back memories of childhood days when we dressed up in outrageous ghost, goblin, and witch costumes and tried to get the most candy trick-or-treating. Did you join in the annual halloween activities of soaping windows, throwing eggs and tomatoes, toilet papering houses, sticking gum and marshmallows to car windows, and stealing the little kids' candy?

Fall brings to mind weekend and Sunday afternoon football games when cheering crowds, bundled in winter coats and blankets, encouraged their teams on to victory while sipping coffee and hot chocolate from a steaming thermos. Homecoming festivities revive spirits as everyone is caught up in the excitement of the parade, the queen at the homecoming review, and the big game and dance. Fans are aroused with strong emotions as rival teams attack each other in periods of frenzied commotion.

When autumn days become more clear and crisp, the realization that the snowy white of winter's cold will soon be here is characterized by the sight of neighbors replacing summer's screens with storm windows. Wood for fireplaces is chopped and stored so that quiet evenings with

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Glimpses of the sun's rays peek through the trees on a clear, crisp autumn day. (Photo by Karl Schroeder)

editorial

Letter to the editor

Spirit can go too far



by Mike Matz

Homecoming is a great time in the school year. Welcoming back alumni, seeing the coronation of the queen, watching the parade with our class floats, laughing at the powder puff football game, and then attending the varsity game are all a part of this traditional fall spectacle. Later there are the dance and the parties.

Spirit is an essential component of all these activities; however, sometimes we can get carried away.

Many know what I'm referring to because it's not hard to see the painting on the buildings, walls, and roads around our town. Was it difficult to clean the car of soap, shaving cream, and eggs? Some call it "goofing around," "practical jokes" or just "having fun," but these acts are all synonyms for vandalism.

Sure it may be fun but stop to think of the possible outcome. First and foremost, we believe this vandalism creates an im-

pression. What will New Ulm citizens think of the "Class of 1978" when that's what's painted all over town? What does DMLC think of us when "Shine on Seniors" and "78's" are plastered all over the college's retaining wall? What does the school board and faculty think when the annex doors are painted? How do fellow students feel when their cars are soaped? All these actions breed harsh feelings among the victims because of the damage to public and private property? Invariably your own parents are victims because the taxes they pay are used to clean up the painting on Center Street hill or on the Annex Doors.

This vandalism not only leaves a poor impression but also looks bad. Who likes to see a building or a water reservoir marked with paint? It just looks trashy. New Ulm is one of the most attractive cities in the area, but we're turning it into a tarnished community.

Possibly the time and energy used in creating all the "masterpieces" around town could have been better used in preparing our own homecoming floats. We know that the three or four who did all the work on our senior float could have used a little of that help.

It's this kind of behavior that causes the older generation to consider us students to be a bunch of no good hoodlums. We may not have created this attitude this time, but if we have, maybe we can give NUHS students a better reputation with our raking projects, school sports, class plays, and other school activities.

Homecoming 1977

by Lisa Hubert

Preparations were made and practices were set. Another homecoming challenge was met.

Coronation was not all serious you know. On the lighter side was the Variety Show.

The beautiful candidates started it out and

the queen closed it without a doubt.

Our players put up quite a fight while we showed our backing Of the purple and white.

The dance was the final touch they say. After that we split up and went our own way.

To the faculty, administration and student body of New Ulm Senior High school:

We would like to call your attention to the New Ulm FFA Chapter. We have an outstanding record in many areas, one being the top chapter in the state of Minnesota, but yet we cannot get the support of our own school. We are misunderstood and for this reason often put down and laughed at for the very same reason.

The department teaches not only academic skills but also human relations in life-time skills which are needed to survive in the world after graduation. We all understand that these skills are needed because life does not end after high school. It is the beginning and what we learn in this department gets us ready to go out and start our future.

In the Ag department we learn the need for each other which everyone should be

taught and come to understand. Going along with this feeling we help many organizations not only with money but time and understanding.

Some of these are Camp Courage and the New Ulm school district. Every year we serve cherry pie and coffee for the administration and faculty of New Ulm Senior High School. This lunch brings others into our department to show them what we are all about, but as yet it seems that we have not been successful.

All we ask is that you try to understand us as we will remember you when you come to us for help with fixing broken musical instruments, shoes, and other things.

We just want the same chance that you are given.

Yours truly,

Betty Hanson, Margaret Fleck, Tammy Johnson, and Debra Brown
The New Ulm FFA Chapter



School board fills vacancy



by Dan Stimpert

Independent School District No. 88 has bid a fond farewell to Ms. Janet Mildenberg, a six-year member of the school board. Ms. Mildenberg submitted her resignation at the board meeting on Oct. 6, 1977.

She was one of New Ulm's most dedicated school board members who was an active participant in school affairs. She had always tried to be a part of the decision making process. During the last two years on the school board, she was the treasurer.

Being civic minded, Ms. Mildenberg took part in a variety of different clubs and organizations like the League of Women Voters and Current News Club. She also found time to write a column for The Journal, "The Spice of Life."

We would like to thank Ms. Mildenberg for her time and efforts spent serving the city of New Ulm as a member of the school board of I.S.D. No. 88. We would also like to wish her the best of luck in whatever the future holds for her.

It is now the duty of the school board to select a new member to fill the vacancy of the resigning Mildenberg. Although the board has the power to appoint any school district resident, the most logical choice is Mr. Darrell Dotzenrod, who finished third last spring behind the two winning board candidates.

During its October 18 meeting Dotzenrod was appointed to fill the remainder of Mildenberg's term, which expires June 30. He is the father of Lisa Dotzenrod, a 1976 graduate of NUHS and a former editor of The Graphos.

The school board has also decided to install aluminium bleachers in the senior high gym. However, because the seats must be made specially, they will not be delivered until June 1978.

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the guidepost

by Mr. Jim Zetah, Counselor

Looking Ahead to Tomorrow!

An obituary, according to the dictionary, is a notice of death, but defined as a career planning program it is a story of life. I would like to ask you to participate in a little exercise. Write your own obituary.

Assume that you will live a long, full life. List some of your personal values which are reflected by the various experiences you have had or might have. Attempt to discover who you are, what you want, what you can offer and what options are available in preparation for making career decisions and organizing an effective job search. Look at the future as if it were the past and tell how and why you would like to be remembered.

I wonder what your obituary will say. Will it reveal family survivors, educational achievements, occupational endeavors, and club memberships? Will it also take note of life style, contributions to society, volunteer activities, or a personal philosophy?

You may be wondering what all this means or how it applies to you. Just as an obituary reflects a lifetime of activity so does career decision-making. It too is a life-long process.

Planning a career is actually planning a life style, a pattern for life. It began early in your life as you observed the life styles of various people. It continued through many other experiences. School is just one avenue in assisting your career decision. This whole process takes on real significance during senior high school. The course selections you make are an integral part of the process. There are a number of directions you can take. When you consider there are approximately 33,000 different types of jobs, it can become mind

boggling to set plans in motion to eventually enter a particular career. School curricula have been developed to provide some guidelines for preparation, however, within that very curricula lie many problems for students.

The courses at NUHS provide many varied possibilities. General education, college prep, vocational school or trade school prep, military or job entry directions are available. These offerings prompt many questions. What combination of courses will best serve my needs? What should I take if I am totally unsure of my future plans? If I don't take a particular course area, will it prevent me from entering a certain school or program? If I take a class and I do poorly, will that affect my chances? As you can see, it's a perplexing problem.

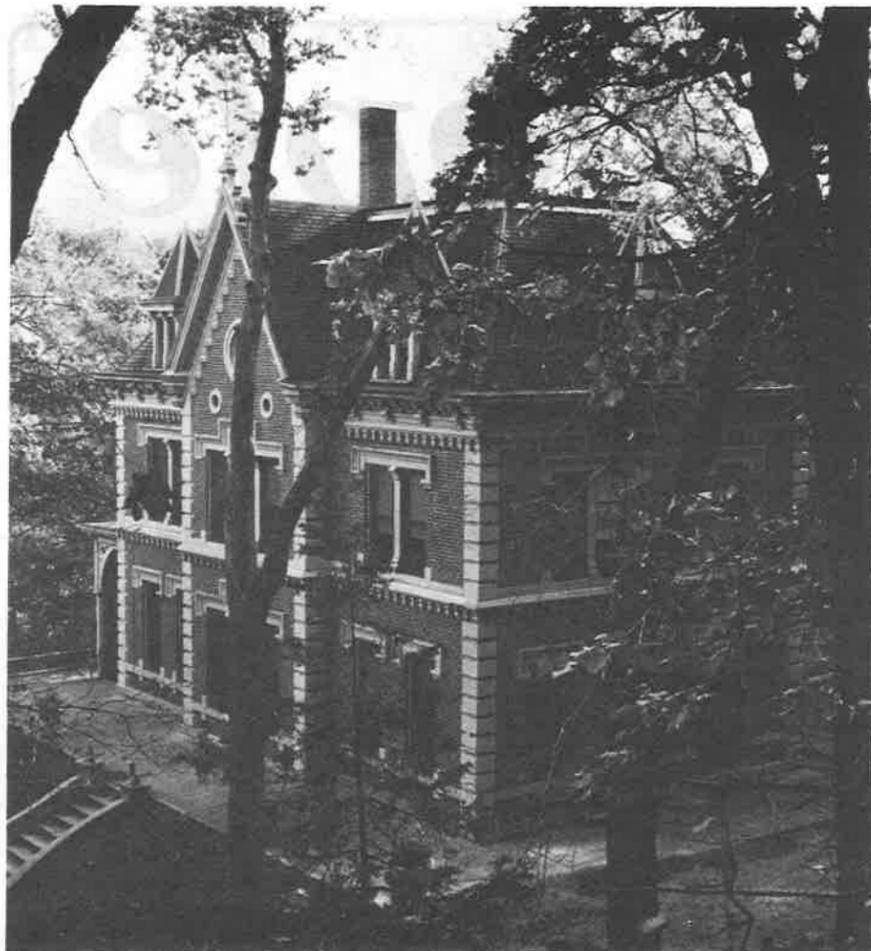
There is a need to be aware of one's level of competence, interests and aptitude as you make your decision. Please avail yourself of teachers, administrators and counselors to assist you in the decision-making process. Look ahead to tomorrow via yesterday and today.

NOTE:

The ACT will be given on Saturday, November 19. The last ACT to be given at NUHS during this school year will be on February 11, 1978.

Ms. Webb and I hope to have at least two groups of PEER Contact going by the time this issue goes to print. We invite anyone interested to see us about participating in later sessions. It is not our intent to exclude anyone, and we apologize if anyone has felt ignored. Please see Ms. Webb or myself for more information.

A Mankato State University student intern in counseling will be working with us during this school year. Dave Guckes will be here on Wednesday mornings through December. From January through the end of school, he will be available 2 days each week to meet with students. We will announce his specific schedule later.



Autumn accentuates the beautiful setting around the Nineteen Century house built by August Schell, founder of Schell's Brewery, and now owned by Warren Marti. (Photo by Tim Fenske)

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friends and family might be spent around the warmth of a cozy, blazing fire eating caramelized apples, popcorn balls and roasting marshmallows. Lovers take last minute moonlight strolls, while the stars twinkle and watch over them like a thousand eyes.

Crisp, frosty mornings, birds chirping among the last falling leaves, and shortened daylight hours are all reminders that the barefoot days of summer are past, and the frigid, blustery winds of winter are yet to come.

In the remaining days of mild, dry, hazy weather, after the first frosts of autumn, enjoy and live these days to the fullest extent. Fall is a season of maturity and the prime of the year; a time when nature is in its fullest color and beauty. We should not think of it as a period of decaying vegetation surrounded by a bleak and desolate life but as a period of rest when trees, plants, and animals ready themselves to be born again in spring.

Fall is many different things to each of us. Make the most of your fall.

Indian summer is on its way,
It's cool at night and hot all day
Poco

Jobs vs. involvement: which is better?

School activities

by Susan Deming

Is having a job more worthwhile than being busy in student organizations?

When a student is in high school, he must choose how to ration his time. Oftentimes the choice comes down to having a job or being involved in student activities. Although having a job in high school has its advantages, I feel that being active in school groups and organizations is more important and beneficial. Let's look at the advantages of being active in groups.

Many worthwhile and long-lasting relationships are established in group activities that are not found in a job experience. In group functions there is a chance to relax, share ideas, socialize, and work toward a common goal. On the other hand, there is not much that unites fellow employees. In fact there may even be a feeling of competition between fellow employees.

When one has a job, he has no choice as to whom his fellow employees are. People with absolutely nothing in common may be

stuck together; whereas in school activities, students learn to cooperate with their peers in a much more favorable environment.

Quite a few individuals like to point out that high school jobs are a good training for their lifetime work. This explanation is not always appropriate, however. For instance, how many people actually want to make a career out of selling hamburgers, washing dishes, or running errands? Debate, though, is excellent training for future lawyers; drama and vocal or instrumental music are good experiences for anyone interested in the performing arts; and some type of athletic experience is almost necessary for one of the many sports oriented careers.

Sure, if one is to deny homework, sleep or leisure time for any reason, why not get paid for it? If one is thinking of attending a college, there must also be some thought of obtaining funds. Going to college takes money.

In a round-robin survey I took, most working students indicated that they have not saved much money. It was spent as quickly as it was earned. Good intentions aren't always enough.

Another valid point is that many colleges tend to look at student involvement as well as the all-powerful GPA. If they see a list

of jobs, it probably won't impress them as much as a list of individual and group accomplishments.

I feel that high school is the time to enjoy yourself. After all, we've got the rest of our lives to work. High school should be a time in which to create and find out who we are and not a time in which to be regimented into someone we may not be. Now is the time to prepare for a variety of careers, not time to make premature judgments that may cause us to end up where we may not belong.

Job commitments

by Kim Schmiesing

Work might be called the great American pastime. Most of us were brought up by middle-class parents who were taught by their parents to practically worship the work ethic. Keep busy and stay happy! Keep busy and stay out of trouble!! That's what we were told.

How about work for the student? Can a student hold a job for pleasure, interest, or money and still be the student he wishes to be? Will his grades suffer? Can he still be involved?

One of the pluses of our school is that there is something here for everyone if we

are willing to participate. If our dream is to be a football star but our talents are not enough, there are always more areas to try. The possibilities are endless.

Extracurricular functions are important, but so are grades. Anyone pursuing post high school training knows that keeping up the GPA is important. Just ask any tentative employer.

School activities aren't the only opportunities open to us, however. Involvement is a job or community events are also available, and the type of involvement doesn't really make much difference. Any participation is good because most likely it is something we enjoy and value.

Having a job is also important because it prepares us for the vagaries of Joe Public. We have to please or we are out of a job. Too many others want the same job.

We don't have to find ourselves spread too thin, nor do we have to find ourselves bored with a routine work schedule. It can be done, but no one said it would be easy. Here's where that all important idea of budgeting enters. We must budget our time and talents. If we are lucky, it all works out and our challenges are met. Oftentimes there may be doubts, but we gain precious experiences on many fronts.

people

“Serita” attempts to spur interest in class and school events

by Pete Weissmann

My first contact with Mrs. Joan Helling, October's teacher of the month, came when I interviewed her for this article.

In this brief encounter with New Ulm High School's Spanish teacher, I learned that she entered college as a nursing major. Being required to study a foreign language, she chose Spanish because she had enjoyed her limited exposure to the language in high school. Becoming dissatisfied with nursing, Mrs. Helling acted upon her Spanish professor's advice and switched her major to Spanish. In her classes Mrs. Helling tries to emulate this

professor by trying to develop her students' interest in Spanish.

Despite her genuine concern for her students' educations, Mrs. Helling maintains an informal classroom atmosphere. One Spanish student commented to me about her teacher, "She's more of a friend than a teacher." In fact Mrs. Helling is often addressed simply as "Serita." Mrs. Helling's nickname originated in her first year at New Ulm High. Seniors who were only a few years younger than their new teacher felt uncomfortable when they addressed her as Seniorita Grassel (her maiden name) in Spanish class, so her title was shortened to "Serita." Since then, most people who are



Mrs. Joan Helling teaches Spanish at both the New Ulm Junior and Senior High Schools.

acquainted with Mrs. Helling refer to her by this nickname.

The people who probably know Mrs. Helling best, however, are the New Ulm High School cheerleaders, for she is their advisor. Mrs. Helling enjoys her role in this extracurricular activity because she was a cheerleader and likes the sporting events at which the cheerleaders perform.

Mrs. Helling tries to help instill interest in our school's athletic events through her cheerleaders. One of New Ulm's

characteristics which Mrs. Helling does not like is the lack of school spirit and enthusiasm. "It seems as if there's a general feeling of apathy here," she noted. Disfigurement of school posters also disturbs Mrs. Helling. "Most people don't realize how much effort the girls put into those posters."

Despite these negative aspects of New Ulm High School, Mrs. Helling enjoys teaching here. "Some of my best times have been in teaching," she concluded.

Preparations for play begin

by Lisa Isenberg

In November New Ulm High School will be presenting the fall play, *A Thurber Carnival*. It is a humorous play which was performed on Broadway for some time.

A Thurber Carnival was written in 1945 by



Senior Lisa Hubert participates in a rehearsal for NUHS's fall play, "A Thurber Carnival," in preparation for the Nov. 11th and 12th performances. (Photo by Karl Schroeder)

James Thurber, one of the most famous American humorists of this century. It is a collection of his short stories about the behavior of the average individual in everyday situations and confusing predicaments. His fables are also included in which people behave like animals and animals behave like people.

The play begins with a Word Dance, a series of one-line jokes. That is followed by a mixture of short stories and fables. Some of the more familiar ones are "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," "The Night the Bed Fell," and "The Unicorn in the Garden."

In the middle of the play, a slide presentation of "The Last Flower," one of Thurber's illustrated stories will be shown. (Thurber illustrated many of his own stories.) "The Last Flower" is a fictitious account of the near destruction of the earth in the future. The play ends with the second part of the Word Dance.

Mrs. Carol Ackerson, play director who made the Thurber selection, said she did so because she thought it was very funny. It will be shown on November 11th and 12th at 8:00 p.m. at the Junior High School Auditorium. The play's performance will be less than two hours. Student tickets are available from cast members.

The cast consists of ten boys and sixteen girls who will be assuming various roles throughout the entire play. The cast includes sophomores and juniors as well as seniors. Mrs. Ackerson is assisted by student directors Tammy Maidl, Tami Schwager, and Debbie Loucks.

Mrs. Ackerson and the cast hope you buy your tickets and set aside either the night of November 11th or 12th to see *A Thurber Carnival*. They think you won't regret seeing this year's fall play.



Mr. Rich Peterson has been the cross country head coach in New Ulm for the past eight seasons.

Successful coach serious runner

by Mike Engel

For Rich Peterson running was something he did to get in condition for wrestling. He liked to run but never had the opportunity to run competitively. His chance finally came in his junior year at Anoka High School in 1957. It was the first year Anoka offered cross country as an interscholastic sport. Rich went out for the team and lettered in his junior and senior years.

After graduating from Anoka he attended St. Cloud State, where he majored in physical education. Because of the overlapping sport seasons he gave up cross country and concentrated on wrestling. Even though he didn't participate in cross country, he still retained his enjoyment of running.

Upon completion of his college education, he accepted a position teaching

physical education at New Ulm High School. A year later New Ulm started a cross country team, and Peterson was given the opportunity to become its first coach.

Coach Peterson looks back at his first practice as coach and remembers there were only three boys on the team. The team has come a long way since then. In the last eight years Coach Peterson has had many of his teams compete in the state tournament and has developed many outstanding individual runners. He believes the last eleven years have been successful coaching experiences.

Coach Peterson is not only a cross country coach but also a serious runner. Over the summer months he logged 275 miles and entered a thirteen mile race held in northern Minnesota. During the school year in addition to teaching and coaching, he runs an average of thirty to forty miles per week.

Lounge bustles with senior activity

by Randy Hartten

The senior lounge is always bustling with activity. It serves many different purposes for all senior students. When entering the lounge one finds that there are many activities going on at once. Students are eating, watching television, playing foosball or ping-pong, and most of all, relaxing.

One of the nicest things about the senior lounge is that it is a place where one can go and relax when school activities become too hectic. Many students find that a ping-pong game relieves frustrations. Perhaps this is the reason for having so many cracked ping-pong balls. Students compete to become "Champion of the Hour." For some seniors a ping-pong game is the most important part of their day. After all, ping-pong is much more satisfying than studying for a trigonometry quiz.

Most seniors complain about how much work they are not getting done, but no one ever seems to feel guilty about it.

The lounge also has its regulars who would not think of missing their daily foosball game. No one sees much of these students because they are too involved in the game to realize or care about what is going on in the world.

Occasionally the happy-go-lucky seniors get into petty arguments that turn into major battles. The first battle, called "The Young and the Restless vs. The Courtship

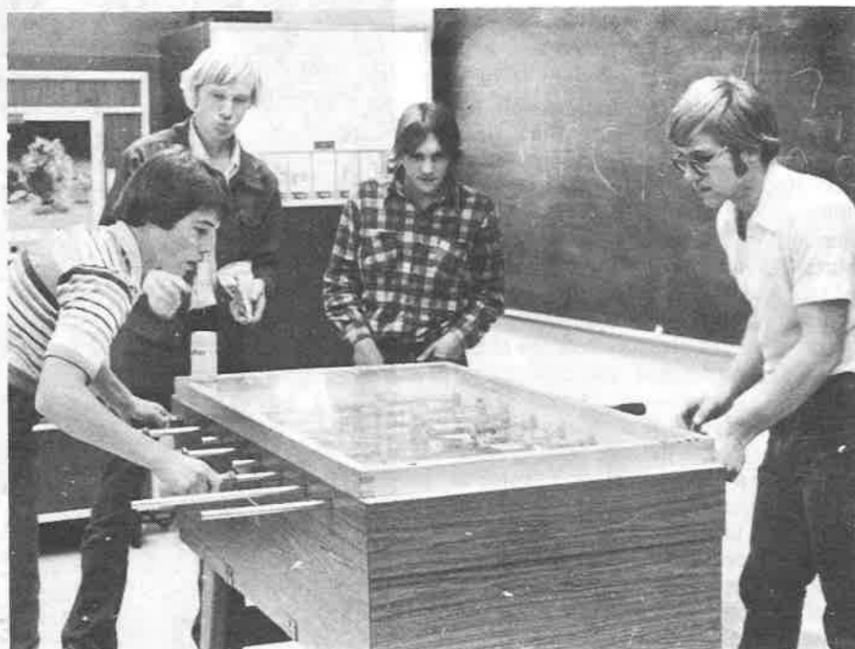
of Eddie's Father," took place when the first television set appeared. Some of the seniors wanted to watch one program while some wanted to watch another. At first everyone kept switching channels on each other. Before sanity and a logical manner emerged, the programs were over.

Many seniors enjoy being spectators. These students go into the lounge and watch everyone else. Some people sit on the floor, but most sit on the chairs and couches, which are known for serving more than one purpose.

Many students like to listen to the jukebox, which never seems to be loud enough for the average student. Coins are constantly clanging through the vending machines because someone is always drinking pop or eating candy.

The lounge is also a place of information. Students sometimes run in just to check the bulletin board which is usually plastered full of advertisements informing everyone of the dates and locations of parties.

There are, however, some serious aspects concerning the senior lounge. It provides seniors with freedom to budget their free time. Most seniors are finding out what it is like to have more responsibility, and if they aren't using their time well, they sure are having fun in the meantime.



John Mohr left and Paul Walden right play their "grudge" foosball match in the senior lounge while Tom Palmer left and Jim Seifert watch closely.

What are the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America?

by Dave Traurig

The idea is old, but Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) is fairly new.

VICA was founded in 1965 and has been growing in leaps and bounds ever since. It is an organization for students who are enrolled in vocational trade and industrial education classes at the Viking Vocational Center in Hanska.

The purpose of VICA is to develop leadership ability, create an enthusiasm for learning, help attain a purposeful goal in life and to have a deep respect for the dignity of work.

All students enrolled at the center are members of the local club, which numbers approximately 200 strong. In the 1976 school year the enrollment was 223, second largest in the state. State and national membership is voluntary.

The local club is divided into three groups, one for each two hour vocational block. There is a president for each block and two instructors acting as advisors. The club tries to meet at least once a month to discuss such things as fund raising events, social activities and the state convention which is held twice a year.

Unlike other clubs such as FHA and

FFA, which begin their membership in the ninth grade, a VICA membership is usually good for a year. You usually cannot get into a vocational class until you are a senior so membership is limited to only juniors and seniors. This is one reason why you may not have heard much about VICA.

The enthusiasm is there; all VICA lacks is a little publicity. Just ask a VICA member or advisor.

Big man on campus Involved student carries on family tradition



Student Council President Gretchen Schmiesing is involved in many NUHS activities and functions.

by Cindy Sperling

Most of us have heard of Gretchen Schmiesing, our student council president, but we may not know much about her.

Gretchen was born in New Ulm and has enjoyed living on a farm near Hanska all her life. She comes from a large family, nine brothers and sisters who have always been very involved in school activities.

Her older brothers were involved in sports, and one of them was the student body president of NUHS. She also has a younger sister who is on the Graphos staff.

Gretchen says she doesn't really have any hobbies because she is so involved in school that she doesn't have much free time. During the summer she stays at her uncle's resort in northern Minnesota where she paints, cleans cabins, and does other odd jobs.

During the school year she is involved in cheerleading. She is involved in FFA and was chosen the FFA chapter sweetheart this year. Gretchen participates in drama and has a part in the fall play. She was also in a number of skits in the Homecoming Review and has been a formidable flag football lineman whom it was almost impossible to get past.

Gretchen was chosen as the student body president at the end of last year. At first she was nervous about speaking in front of so many people, however, she now enjoys being the student council president.

When asked what she wanted the student council to accomplish this year, she said that she wanted to get students involved in school. She favors activities that interest all the students and not just a handful and would like students to contribute ideas rather than having the student council come up with things to do.

Gretchen doesn't mind getting up and coming to school. She enjoys her friends and likes meeting new people. Wrestling is her favorite sport, but she enjoys going to all the activities. One thing Gretchen doesn't like about school is labels. She doesn't think people should be classified as "hoods" or "jocks."

Last spring Gretchen traveled to Spain with other members of the Spanish class. She liked Spain very much. She returned to lots of homework. She was at it until the end of the year. "I just couldn't catch up," she said.

Gretchen hasn't decided which college she will attend, but she has chosen her career, Special Education. She would like to be a speech therapist or pathologist.

Season for hunters in quest of game in progress

by Bob Skillings

Fall is anticipated by many people for many different reasons. For Rich "Hucky" Beyer and numerous other NUHS students, it's the time of year for hunting.

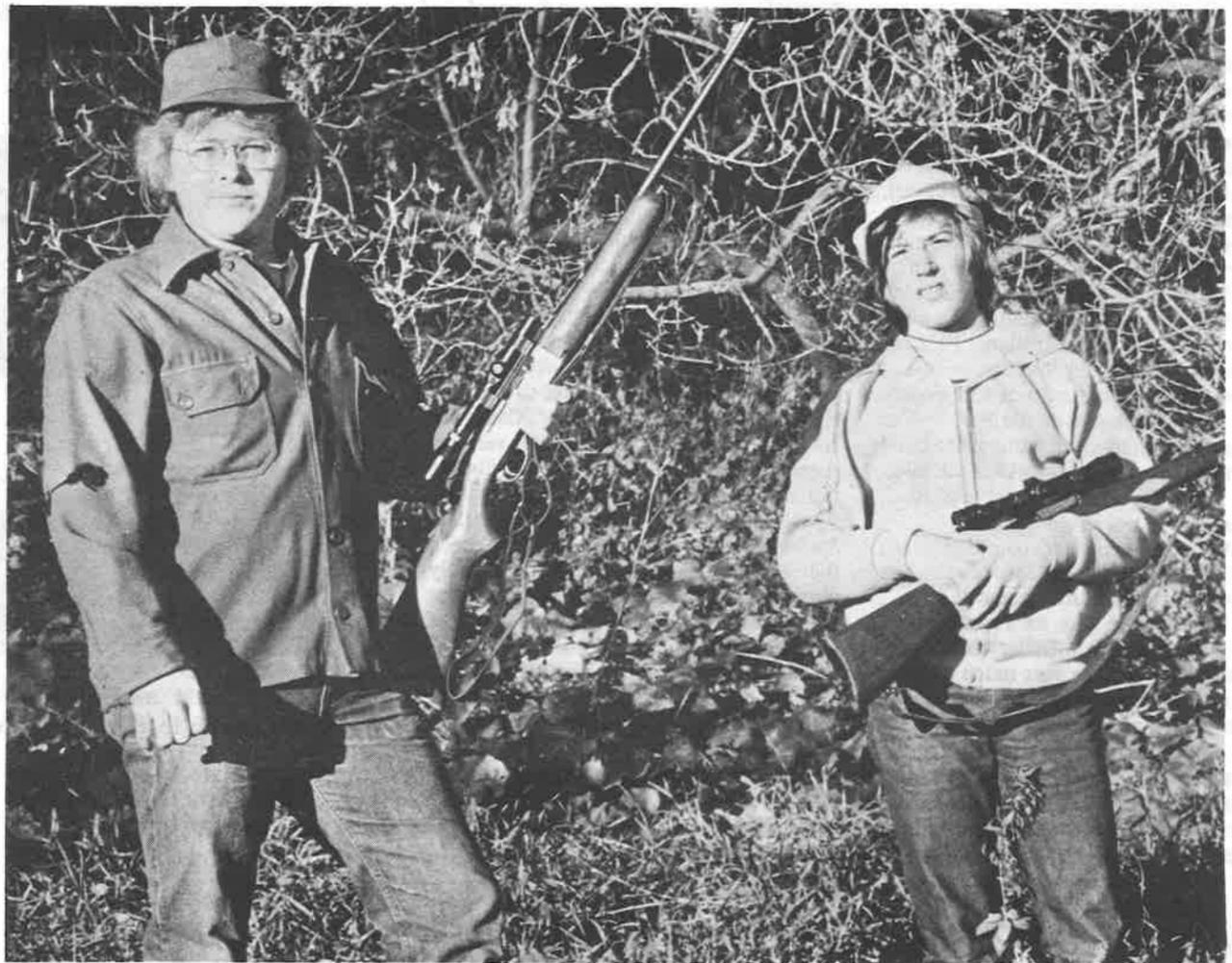
Hunting has always been a favorite pastime for Americans. Many Americans used to make their living or get their food from hunting, but few people today hunt for more than just pleasure because of the shortened seasons and the scarcity of game.

In Minnesota there is a great variety of small and big game that are legal to hunt. There is also a variety of ways in which to hunt these animals. Obviously guns would be one way; another way that is rapidly growing in popularity is bow and arrow hunting. Trapping is another so-called form of hunting. It is used often to get fur-bearing animals such as muskrat.

At NUHS one can find every kind of hunter from the infrequent squirrel hunter to the avid bear hunter. Hucky Beyer, a senior, hunts everything: squirrels, ducks, deer, and bear. Recently he returned from a bear hunt in northern Minnesota with Randy Kraus and Keith Schroeder, two junior hunting enthusiasts.

Hucky has been hunting ever since he can remember. He says that his father taught him everything he knows about hunting. His father was well known in this area for his wild game feeds he had while operating the former Beyer's Bar and Steak House. Hucky enjoys hunting because, as he puts it, "It gives me a chance to get outdoors and away from the city. It is so relaxing I forget about everything except hunting."

In Minnesota bear is considered big game along with moose and deer. All three are hunted in similar fashions. However, deer hunting is generally the only time a bow and arrow are ever used. When hunting these animals, a hunter selects a spot where he knows there is game. He then camouflages himself within his stand (the term used for a hunter's spot where he sits in wait of the game he is hunting).



NUHS's mighty hunters, "Hucky" Beyer and Keith Schroeder, check out their rifles before leaving on a bear hunt in northern Minnesota.

Sometimes a hunter will bait the area around the stand with fish if he is hunting bear or deer scent if he is deer hunting.

Any good hunter, no matter how or what he hunts, has to have patience and poise. If he gets flustered easily, his chances of success will be slim.

The majority of hunters in Minnesota are small game hunters. Some of the more popular animals hunted are pheasants, rabbits, squirrels, and ducks and geese (waterfowl). With the exception of waterfowl, all small game is generally

hunted in the same manner by walking groves and grain fields. Road hunting is another way in which small game is hunted. It is usually done when hunting time becomes short because much more area can be covered.

Waterfowl hunters combine big game and small game hunting practices. Fields are walked for ducks and geese during their feeding hours, usually in the afternoon, and a waterfowl hunter can set up a blind or stand close to the water he is

hunting. Waterfowl hunters outnumber all other kinds of hunters.

Many hunters use dogs when they hunt because they are of such great value. The dogs are trained to locate, flush, and then retrieve game. Golden Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels, and Pointers are some highly regarded hunting dogs.

Hunting can be exceedingly fun and exciting. It provides good exercise and a healthy atmosphere if safety precautions are taken seriously by hunters.

No matter in "witch" country, Halloween is loved

by Kris Wilner

Whether it is called All Hallows Eve, All Saints Eve, Nutcracker Night or Halloween, this holiday is known and celebrated the world over from Ireland to the United States.

Halloween has more folklore, customs and superstitions associated with it than any other holiday. Much of the folklore about Halloween originated in Ireland. The Irish say the jack-o-lantern, a traditional Halloween symbol, came about because a man named Jack was too much of a miser to get to heaven. He couldn't enter hell because he had played practical jokes on the devil so he was doomed to walk the earth with a hollowed out pumpkin for a lantern until judgement day.

To the Germans and Scandinavians, Halloween meant a time to see what the new year would bring. According to tradition, if the Halloween weather was a soft wind, then the coming year would be easy, good, and peaceful. If the weather on Halloween was stormy and wicked, the next year would be bitter and full of warfare.

Many customs have been formed during past Halloweens which are still observed today. A custom that originated in Great Britain was the throwing of objects like stones, vegetables, and nuts into a fire to ward off evil spirits. In many other areas in Ireland, Scotland, and Great Britain,

huge bonfires were kept burning through the night with men standing guard to scare away witches, ghosts, and goblins.

Probably the most famous custom which is still observed in the U.S. is going from door to door saying "trick or treat." This custom started many years ago in Ireland when men would go from door to door asking for food to feed some of the village people. If the people were generous and gave them food, they were praised and blessed, but the stingy people were threatened with pranks and tricks.

In Europe Halloween became a time for a girl to try to find out who her future husband would be. One way was to set chestnuts in a fire and assign the names of boys to those chestnuts. The one that burned the best was supposedly the girl's future husband. A girl could also eat an apple in front of a mirror on Halloween and supposedly see the image of her soon-to-be husband in the mirror beside her.

Halloween is invariably a time for tricks and pranks. In times when they were more abundant, sheds, small buildings, and outhouses were often tipped over. More recently, kids have fun soaping windows and winding toilet paper around numerous objects.

No matter what country in "witch" it is celebrated, Halloween is one of the most loved, enjoyable holidays we celebrate.



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Stars in a not so bright season

by Kevin Oklobzija



Mark Palmer

Although the New Ulm Eagles have not been winning in 1977, there are several players who have been outstanding. Two who have stood out on defense are Senior linebackers Mark Palmer and Dean Laraway.

The season hasn't been the best, but both players agree it could have been better. Palmer says, "I think we're a better team than our record shows. A few breaks and we may have won several more."

Laraway feels the same way. "I think we've been in every game except Waseca and maybe St. James. We've got a good team with a lot of talent. There are a lot of good juniors such as Larry Zimmerman and Jaime Schneider. There's a lot of good seniors too."

Laraway feels Coach Zweifel has been good for morale, leadership, and coaching. "He knows a lot about football."

Palmer is an outside linebacker and has several duties. "In the 4-4 defense, I have the outside on a sweep. I'm supposed to turn the plays toward Dean and the other middle men. On passes I have the short flat, and on other running plays I'm supposed to knock down the interference."

While Palmer is on the outside, Laraway occupies the middle and is in the heart of the action. His main job is to cover the hook zone on passes and stop the ballcarrier on all running plays.

Laraway also plays in the offensive line but prefers defense. "You're in more control of yourself because you can use your hands. I like seeing a cringe on a runner's face after he's been hit."

He likes hockey a little more than football, but he "feels he's better at football."

Palmer participates in three sports, football, wrestling and track but does consider any his favorite. "I like football and wrestling a lot so it would be a toss-up between the two."

As far as a preference between offense and defense, Palmer has none. "I like carrying the ball or just blocking for somebody, but I also like getting out and hitting somebody. It gets you psyched up."

Head Coach Stan Zweifel considers the linebacking duo "Our two leaders on defense. They are our strongest linebackers and lead the team in tackles."

And do they lead the team in tackles! Laraway is in front with 95 tackles with Palmer in second with 91 tackles through the first seven games.

Both Laraway and Palmer have a chance to play college football, but Palmer may be forced to change his position and become a defensive back due to his size. Palmer is 5'10" and 150 pounds while Laraway stands 6'2" and weighs a 194.

The two feel the same about playing college football. They would like to play but not if their academic needs are not met.

Zweifel feels they have a shot at the college game. "They both could play for some college. What Mark lacks in his size, he makes up in his heart."

Since the two have been playing varsity football, New Ulm has never been a winner and, as seniors, they could have given up but they haven't. "They've both been really workin' hard and haven't quit — and neither have any of the other seniors on the ballclub."



The NUHS Cross Country Team "heads out" with seniors Mike Davis, (9), Dan Waibel, (7), and Dennis Abrahamson, (4), leading the way. Junior Peter Kretsch, (8), and sophomores Randy Hager and John Senum, wearing cap, begin the "long run."

Building season for young team

by Scott Werdahl

"This season was a builder," explained girls' cross country coach, Dennis Ellingson. The season will end soon, but he knows that his young runners will be much improved, stronger, and experienced for next year.

Ellingson has been coaching girls' cross country for two years and has been an elementary teacher in New Ulm for four. He was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota, September 15, 1951, and attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He participated in basketball, wrestling, track, swimming, and cross country in his high school and college days.

Many students don't really know what cross country is all about. Well, it involves long-distance running or jogging. It is an endurance feat, perhaps nothing else, but there are rules to follow just like any other sport.

Usually a team can have seven runners in a meet, but in some instances more runners can be added for more competition. The course that they run is two miles long, although some courses have an unlimited length. A course can be hilly or smooth, in town or on a golf course. A race is seldom run on a track. A runner scores according to her place at the finish line. One point for the first runner, two points for the second runner and so on.

Unlike many other sports, the team scoring the fewest points wins.

During practice the girls usually run five miles for endurance and building distances but other days run just two miles to increase their speed.

Even though the girls are young, they have shown tremendous improvement. They have cut between two to five minutes off their running. "Individually they are very successful, but we can't get all the key people at the same meet," Ellingson noted.

They have had nine meets. In the Mankato Invitational, Carla Windschitl placed first.



Junior Kristi Risius smiles nicely for the cameraman as she goes by in a recent cross country meet.

"Last season we ran hard to win as much as possible. This season we ran hard to keep people out — to keep the interest going and develop a good positive attitude. It shows," Ellingson noted.

To give you some idea how young the team is, he has four 7th graders, two 8th graders, four 9th, one 10th and two 11th graders.



Dean Laraway



With fire in his eyes, John Brudelle pursues with help from fleet-footed Joel Hartfiel during the St. James game.



Gymnast Scott Fruhwirth concentrates on improving his routine on the pommel horse in preparation for the season's final meets. (Photo by Melanie Werner)

Gym team faces stiff opposition

by Brad Berentson

Matched against stiff opposition, the New Ulm Eagles gymnastics team placed sixth in a field of sixteen teams at the annual New Ulm Invitational held on Saturday, October 15. Many of the teams were ranked in the top 10 in the state.

With a team score of 104.57, the gymnastics squad finished over the century mark for the second straight time this season. Until this year, a New Ulm boys' gymnastics team had not scored over the century mark since 1973, when the team was ranked number one in the state for most of the season.

All eight teams in our region participated in this year's invitational. The Eagles finished ahead of all regional opponents except Fairmont and Rochester Mayo. Robbinsdale won the meet with

Fairmont in second and Rochester Mayo finished fifth, only 3.3 points ahead of the Eagles.

The team has two very good all-around performers in juniors Steve Byer and Pat Wesselman. Byer finished eighth in all-around at the invitational with a 32.82 score, and Wesselman finished tenth with a 32.28 score.

New Ulm did very well in the vaulting event with a team score of 21.1. The vaulting was led by Byer's score of 7.0 and Chris Lohman's 6.9.

The Eagles were also very strong in the floor exercise and pommel horse. The floor exercise event was led by Wesselman's 6.9, the best score in that event this year for the Eagles. Brian Benson's 5.2 on the pommel horse was good for tenth place in the meet.

Reminiscing fall sports' success

Tom's Sport Stories

by Tom Wyczawski

When the people involved with athletics this fall look back on the 1977 season, what will they see?

Many people might look at the final record and think the football team had a poor season, but with just a few breaks, many of the losses could easily have been converted to victories.

The 1977 football season will probably be remembered most because of the unfortunate weather conditions the team had to endure.

The outlook for NUHS football looks good. Many underclassmen saw plenty of playing time. In fact, this year's team was one of the youngest in years. It consisted of 14 seniors, 15 juniors and eight sophomores.

The boys' cross country team has been one of the pleasant surprises for the Eagles this season. The team relied more on team performances instead of the individual running styles of recent years.



With senior Mike Davis leading the Eagles this year, the rest of the squad members have been running close behind, normally within one or two minutes of each other. This "pack running" has proved to be effective and may lead NUHS to some unexpected post-season success.

With the team graduating only 5 seniors, the squad next year should again be

Season ends for netters

by Randall Stuckey

The girls' tennis season has come to a close, so let's take some time to recap the season and pay tribute to the two seniors, Deb Loucks and Kris Wilner.

Both agree that tennis is a great individual as well as a team sport that can be a lifetime activity. "Tennis is a very relaxing sport that requires a great ability to concentrate. Tennis is a sport that can be played all the time because you don't need a full team to play it," added Loucks.

Loucks started her tennis career in the 9th grade while Wilner started playing tennis in the 8th grade. Both girls coached junior high tennis during the summer tennis league and had extensive playing time during the summer while playing in local tournaments and practicing in their spare time.

Coach Bob Pederson commented, "These two girls were very coachable and readily accepted suggestions. It was interesting to watch them use the strategies we had talked about." Because they were upperclasspersons on the team, Kris and Deb took over the role of team leaders. Pederson continued, "Kris and Deb did a fine job, and all of the girls on the team respected them. They were very concerned about how well the rest of the team was doing."

Deb and Kris were quality players during the seasons in addition to being team leaders. Kris played very respectably and Deb went to three sets in all of her matches. A couple of points either way could have changed the outcome of the matches. Pederson added, "Deb and Kris also played doubles this year and did a



Senior doubles player Kris Wilner intently awaits a serve.

super job for us. As for the team, the netters finished 1-5 and tied St. Peter in conference play. The team is very young so many underclasspersons will be returning.

Coach Pederson mentioned that he was very happy to see all of the girls improve their play. "They were a swell bunch of gals to work with."

Jim Wilfahrt scored a 5.9 on the still rings, good enough for a ninth place finish. Lon Lindell of Fairmont and Gary Dubke of Mankato West were the only two in New Ulm's region who scored higher. If Wilfahrt matches that effort at the region, he will go to the state meet.

The parallel bars was the only event that kept New Ulm from finishing higher. Coach Earl Neist said, "With a better score from our parallel bar team, we could

have edged out Rochester Mayo for fifth place."

When asked if he was satisfied with his team's finish in the meet, Neist replied, "I probably wouldn't be satisfied with a state championship, but I thought our team did a super job."

Their season's record shows that New Ulm has a good boys' gymnastic team, and with highly respected coaches Neist and Ted Marti they should get better.

successful as the overall enthusiasm for cross country continues to rise year after year.

The main problem for the girls' cross country team this season seemed to be creating enough enthusiasm and getting more girls out for the sport. Although there are four returning letterwinners, only Carla Windschitl and Kristi Risius are in the senior high school.

The outlook for the girls also looks better because the entire team consisted of underclassmen.

While most fall sports are ending, the boys' gymnastics team is looking forward to some post-season individual or team competition.

The gymnasts will probably be remembered for the excitement they brought back to boys' gymnastics in New Ulm. For the first time since the late 60's and early 70's, the team has scored over 100 points.

Next season should bring much more excitement because the team will lose only three seniors, Brian Benson, Jim Wilfahrt, and Jeff Hoffman.

Both all-around men, Pat Wesselman and Steve Byer, and 18 other experienced gymnasts return.

Girls volleyball is in its second season with Coach Lyle Sparrowgrove.

Like girls' tennis and cross country, the volleyball team is young. Only two seniors will graduate, Monica Tauer and Theresa Roeder.

The main point Coach Sparrowgrove stressed is the need for the girls to develop a winning attitude.

The girls' tennis team finished their competition with 1 win and 5 losses, but the season could easily have been a winning one.

Many of the losses this season were close, and with an inexperienced and young squad, the team's future looks brighter.