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There probably wasn't much singing around this campfire.



An ideal winter campsite includes fresh water, wood, a secluded area, and plenty of snow.

Camping?!

In the middle of winter?

by Randy Hartten

The last thing one would think of doing in the middle of winter is camping, but that is exactly what 14 daring people decided to do on January 21.

Mr. John Olson, the organizer and leader of this hardy crew, along with his wife Barb, Miss Webb, and a couple of friends, took nine senior high students on a winter camping weekend. The campers included Karen Krowl, Cindy Sperling, Terri Reiter, Steve Anderson, Jeff Albrecht, Sandy Fenske, Cathy Hartten, Sue Johnson, and Lisa Peterson.

After weeks of preparation, the campers became very enthusiastic as the big day approached. Everyone met at Mr. Olson's house for breakfast at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 21. When breakfast was finished, the group proceeded to their campsite located a few miles north of New Ulm.

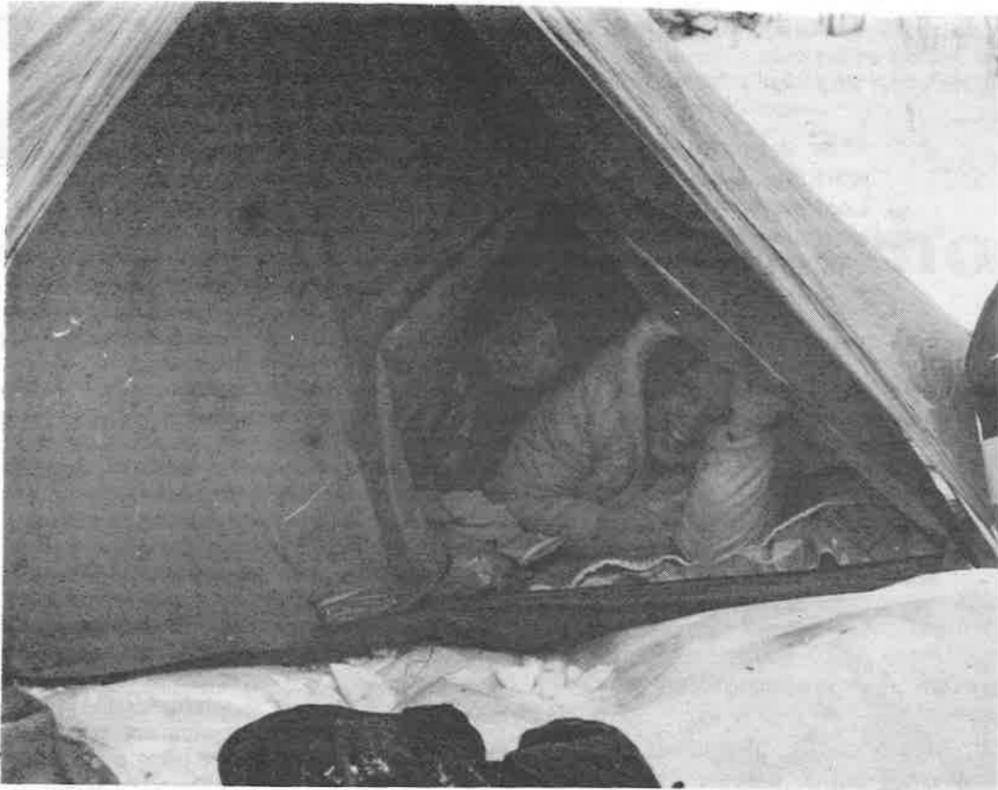
The first major task was to set up the tents and prepare the campsite for the overnight stay. After dinner the afternoon was spent enjoying cross-country skiing. Before nightfall everyone pitched in to gather enough wood for the evening campfire. Later that evening the campers went on a short hike to warm up their bodies before turning in for the night.

The most challenging part of the trip was yet to come: sleeping through the night in very cold weather. While trying to sleep outdoors in below zero temperatures, some of the campers wondered why they had waited for the campout with so much anticipation. A couple of students even started arguing over whose idea it was to sign up for the camping trip in the first place.

But thanks to the many layers of warm clothing, everyone woke up alive and healthy. Most of Sunday was devoted to packing up their gear and breaking camp. They did, however, have an opportunity to

do some orienteering by setting their special maps in agreement with the compass points. The hardy campers found that experience very interesting.

Several of the campers expressed the idea that a feeling of unity within the group had developed during the weekend — they were all trying to keep warm and have fun. The entire group had an enjoyable time and felt that the winter camping trip was a very worth-while experience.



Snuggled in their tent, Sandy Fenske and Cathy Hartten seem to enjoy their winter camping experience.

editorial

Find excitement in life



by Mike Matz

A television commercial not too long ago depicted several people, young and old, swaying in rocking chairs letting time pass them by. We have often wondered how many people saw themselves in that commercial and got the message. Those people in the rocking chair reminded us of branches on a tree, swaying back and forth with the wind and letting life carry them along.

Another commercial has the saying, "Take stock in America. Buy US bonds." In other words, become part of America by becoming part of the national debt. But both these commercials hold significant meanings to those who care. To those who don't an unfortunate type of apathy has set in.

Too many people today complain about how boring school is or how there is never anything to do in New Ulm. Both these

statements are false. School is as boring as you make it, and there are always things to do if you look.

We can see where attending NUHS might be ho hum if every day you came half-heartedly, didn't care about your classes, and never became involved in anything. If you took stock in your school and didn't sit around on your hind end, things might get interesting. Take classes that interest you, not just the ones rumor has are easy.

Find something that is fun and a challenge. NUHS also has numerous clubs and organizations that offer many diversified areas of interests. Find one that suits you.

There is always something to do in New Ulm. The problem lies in choosing which one to do. Go bowling at the new Cloverleaf or sledding on one of N.U.'s many hills. Join the crowd at a basketball game, wrestling meet, hockey game or other sporting activity. Better yet, get involved in one of those activities. You're not good enough you say? Then get together a group and go play your own basketball, football, or broomball.

School isn't boring unless you make it boring. Likewise it isn't exciting or interesting unless you make it so. Get off your rocker, take stock in yourself and life around you. Become a part of your school and your community. Find something worth-while that's fun and makes life more enjoyable.

The Cloud Without a Lining

After a month and a half of waiting...
Looking to the future and watching the mail...
The answer came today.
Funny, now I wish it hadn't.

Voices From an Oughtamobile —
dedicated to anyone required to take a bus trip!

"I get the back seat."
"I want to sit by the window."
"Why do they put these seats so close together?"
"Hey — turn the heat on!"
"I'm hungry."
"Aren't we almost there yet?"
"Turn the heat off!"
"Can we stop at the next gas station? PLEASE!"
"My back hurts."
"Maybe I'll bounce a couple of pounds off."
"Now we know what popcorn feels like."

by Lisa Hubert



by Tammy Pfeiffer

Midwinter blues epidemic hits

by Cindy Sperling

Are you feeling depressed and irritable for some unknown reason? Bored with all your classes? It could be that you have a case of what is commonly called the midwinter blues.

The midwinter blues are fairly common during January and February. During most of December everyone is admiring the new snow and enjoying the Christmas vacation. However, once the grind of school starts up again and no vacation is in sight for two months, things don't look so rosy anymore.

The days are an endless repetition of the same things over and over again; get up, go to school, come home, do homework, go to bed, get up... The schedule seldom varies.

The weather doesn't change much either. You can go for day upon dreary day without seeing the sun. Every morning is cold. Come to school and the rooms are cold. Going out to the Annex is cold. The

cold just can't be escaped.

The outdoor scenery is also blah. The trees are bare and dead. There is little snow, and what is left on the ground is dirty. Everything is the same, dirty, bare, and gray.

People are forced to be in close, cramped quarters during the winter months. They can't be out running around in the fresh air. As a result people tend to get on each other's nerves. Sickness also goes around much more easily during the winter.

All activities are restricted by the cold. To go anywhere you have to pile on layers of clothes. It's a hassle to do anything. Everyone seems to be in a slump. It's no wonder that the midwinter blues are so widespread.

Winter tends to be a dreary season for most people. They usually stay indoors and are generally bored and tired of the cold. Now that winter is firmly established, however, more are cheered by the longer hours of sunlight and the hopes that spring isn't far away.

Board installs new policy



by Dan Stimpert

The state legislature has enacted a new policy called P.E.R., Planning, Evaluation, and Review, designed to aid school boards in examining the school districts.

Through this plan the board will have several responsibilities:

- adopt a written educational policy
- adopt educational goals
- adopt a process for evaluating and reporting these goals
- review and make the necessary revisions.

These are only a few of the new duties delegated to the school board by the state.

This new law requires the board to take a look at the classes offered by New Ulm schools, decide what the goals of the school system are, and then find out if these goals are being met.

The school board and any additional help from the State Department of Education or the South Central Educational

Cooperative Service Unit shall decide what objectives and goals should be set for all schools and grade levels within I.S.D. No. 88.

Once these goals have been established, the board must then determine how well they are achieved or what must be done to attain them. The board must be able to

- state the present condition and
- state the difference between the present system and the projected on.

Several schools have used surveys of the community to find out what the people think of the school system. This method is one way of evaluating a school's educational programs.

The whole idea behind P.E.R. is to develop communication between the schools and the community. The reporting should be used throughout the entire process by always informing the people of the current status of the program. The people should be informed of the entire function from beginning to end. The board members that compile New Ulm's P.E.R. committee are Wanda Penrod, Rodger Ryberg, and Darrell Dotzenrod.

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education primarily rests with the parents, and it will be their responsibility along with the students to prove that a need exists. It is for this reason that the Family Financial Statement (FFS) is required. It is a four page document which requires that the previous year's income be reported as listed on the official income tax return. The FFS is sent to an Iowa City computing firm which provides a need analysis statement. The information is then sent to the financial aid office at the school to which one has applied.

by Mr. Jim Zetah
Counselor

"I want to go on to school but I can't afford it." "What will it cost?" "Can I get a scholarship?" "My parents have told me I am on my own."

These are but a few of the statements made or questions asked by many concerned seniors as they make decisions about their future. These concerns are real. Post-high school education costs money. Tuition, fees, room and board, books, personal expenses, and transportation costs are escalating along with the inflationary trend found throughout our economy.

The 1978-79 school year will find area vocational technical institute students under age 21, paying tuition for the first time. The legislature enacted a tuition payment program of two dollars per day or forty dollars per month for all 33 AVTIs in Minnesota.

The state university system, including the community colleges and the 4 year institutions, have all seen an increase in their over-all costs. These increases have occurred in the private school sector also.

I hope I haven't given the impression that only a limited number of students can afford to attend schools, colleges, or universities. That is not the case. Financial aid is available to assist the needy student; however, financial need must first be established. Financing an

Once the school financial aid office has received the FFS results, the aid officer will develop a financial aid package for you. Your aid package will depend on the need shown on the FFS. It will list parent and student contributions plus possible state scholarship or grant-in-aid, federal grants in the form of the BEOG, work-study, loans or other money sources such as social security or vets' benefits.

The key to the entire process depends on the FFS. The forms must be postmarked on or before March 1, 1978. Ms. Webb, Mr. Guckes (intern counselor), and I are available to assist students and parents in completing the financial aid form. We have also scheduled a financial aid information night on Thursday, February 9, to assist parents and students with their financial aid concerns. Steve Anderson, Financial Aid Director of Gustavus Adolphus, will be presenting the program for both vocational and college minded students. Parents of seniors will receive a letter giving more details.

I want to say something about two programs Ms. Webb and I feel strongly about. We will be conducting Peer Counseling Groups again this spring. If you are interested, please sign up in the guidance office. We would like to expand our tutor assistance program. We have some students available to assist fellow students who are having difficulty in some course areas. We need more helpers. If the study halls or study times match, it can be done during that period or before school. Please sign up in the guidance office.



Hanska bustling and active little "city"

by Kim Schmiesing

You've all heard of Hanska, right? You haven't? Well, regardless, you're going to know about it now.

There are many misconceptions about this small town of 500. For example, the population doesn't include cats, dogs, and fire hydrants. Hanska is much more than a widening in the road. A blink of the eye as you are passing through will not let this little town pass by unnoticed. Not everyone running around there are blonde Oles or Lenas with the distinct scent of lutefisk and lefse on their breaths.

Hanska is really quite a bustling little community. You won't see many sitting around whittling the time away.

As you drive down Broadway, you may stop at the Clover Farm grocery store, a very busy place which hasn't changed for years. It may not be your big city supermarket, but for many years it has satisfied the needs of the locals. Kids like the Clover Farm too; they find the best selection of 2 cent candy around.

You might take a U-turn as most of the Hanska-ites do at the end of the block by the park. This park has slides, swings, and see-saws which keep the kids busy in the summer. In the winter you'll see them running in and out of the warming house and onto the ice skating rink.

On your way back down Broadway, you might notice the Gambles store. At this stop you'd see a corner full of Scandinavian "nik-naks." This spot is well known by many in the area, and the owner takes much pride in the stories she could tell you about any article she'd happen to have on hand.

At the end of the clock you could take a right onto Main Street and you will see progress. Hanska has its very own suburb - Scandia Terrace. In the past few years many houses have sprung up in Hanska's "suburbia."

Hanska even has its own elementary school affiliated with School District No. 88. The little brick schoolhouse contains many grand memories.

Most Senior high students know of the Viking Vocational School located in Hanska. Several trips a day are made to the center by area students for classes.

In the summertime Hanska is buzzing with softball and baseball practices and games for the young and old. Some years there is supervised recreation in the park.

Hanska is a nice place in which to live. It's a fun place to visit, and if you can't find what you're looking for and what you're looking for is lutefisk, go to Hanska, young man.

Student Council

supports idea for more spirit in school

by Vicky Helget

Been wondering what's happening in Student Council?

"We're trying to get a spirit committee started in the school," said Student Body President Gretchen Schmiesing. What our school needs is more school spirit, and the Student Council decided to do something about this need when they attended a meeting in Mankato a few weeks ago.

Josten's sponsored the meeting called, "Let's Hear it For Spirit!" Its purpose was to show different ways of getting students involved with spirit.

The idea that interested most members of the Student Council was one in which an iron on slogan would be designed for each class and sold for use on a T-shirt.

"A slogan would be adopted by each

class," replied Gretchen. Any student could suggest slogans and pictures to represent his class. Then each class would decide which one they want. An example would be "Shine On! Seniors," "78 is Great," or "80, The Class With Class."

"Perhaps wearing 'Shine On Seniors' T-shirts to the optional pep-fests would bring more enthusiasm," said Student Council advisor, Mr. Gene Brand.

Meetings are in the process of being planned for each class, so they can get an idea of what these spirit committees involve. Each class will have their own committee.

"Letting each class have their own committee will create competition between each grade and should get kids more enthused," said Gretchen.



Many NUHS students display all kinds of spirit during home hockey games at Lund Arena, St. Peter.

Preparation for college full of hassles

by Susan Deming

The hassles on the way to entering a college for today's seniors are many. Yes, it's Big Decision Time for all of us, whether we like it or not.

Being accepted to a college is no easy matter. The admission procedure usually entails: lengthy sessions with guidance counselors, academic evaluation tests known only by their initials, intricate application forms, visitations of campuses only light years away, the realization that you've spent over \$50 on college applications, and the worry over present high school term papers and grades.

Choosing a college can be the source of much anxiety. There is, of course, the exceptional student who has known since he was five years old what he wanted to be or what Fate had meant him to be. The matter of his choosing a college is not very difficult. He's the go-getter type.

The more passive breed of senior may be content to go where his friends enroll, where his parents want him to go, or where his counselor says he should go.

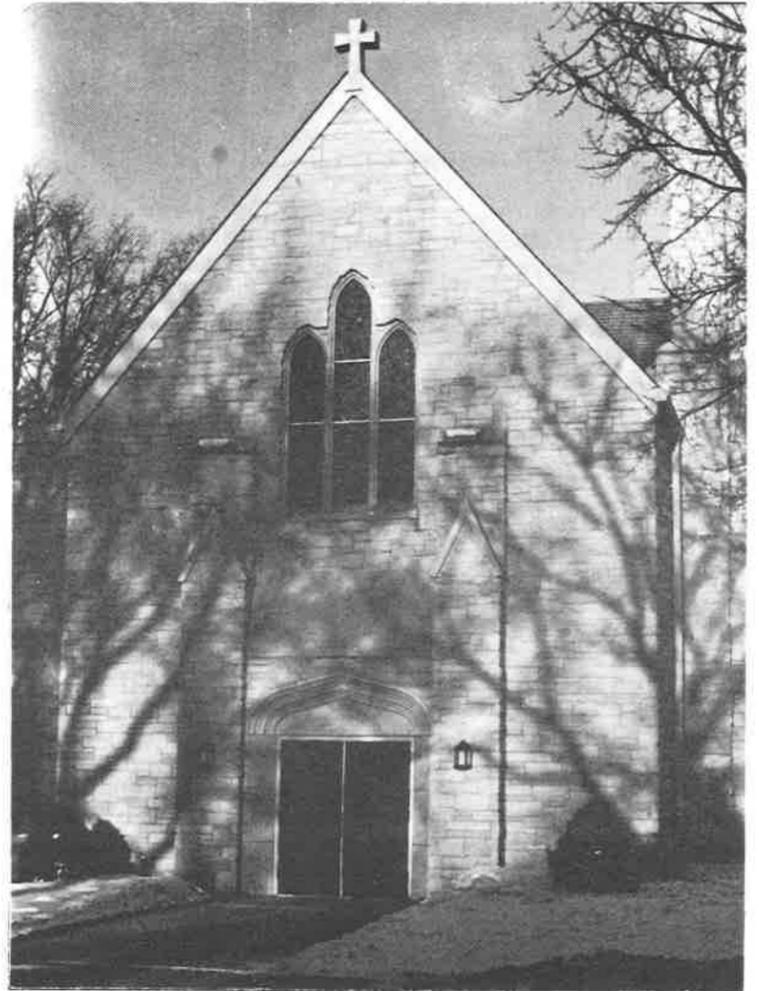
Another easy way to limit one's future options is to sink into apathy and simply ignore all decision-making demands. Forgetting to apply, wavering on decisions and conveniently losing things are sure-fire maneuvers for taking away the agony of choosing. Stalling makes it incredibly easy to pick up a college because eventually hardly anyone wants you anymore. Setting goals, finding likes and dislikes, and then matching a college to them is your best bet instead of finding a hole and hiding.

Many people will inquire what college you are planning to attend. The name, cost, age, and tradition of a college is, to some students, more important than what it has to offer them. Many students seem to feel a sense of power as they collect letters of acceptances from "brand-name" colleges.

Do you choose a college or does a college choose you? Test scores, grades, and activities seem to be important when the college looks at you. The trouble is you can't hide these facts if they embarrass you. You're stuck with them. They're on your record. For life. PSAT, SCAT, and other academic evaluation tests are traumatic experiences for many. Tension, shakey nerves, blank minds, numbed fingers, and broken pencil leads are all part of the game. Just think — one measley test may be determining your lifetime academic outcome!

Many students are told that a number of visitations of different college campuses is paramount. One is also told, however, that he is allowed only one day out of school in which to accomplish all of these important visits. Absences because of college visitations on other days are considered illegal. School work of the accused traveller during the unexcused time is given zeros thus reducing his grades, the all-powerful GPA, and the chance of getting in at the college(s) he visited.

The decisions thrown at us in our senior year may seem mind-boggling, but they force us to fix priorities and set goals that start us on the road to becoming who we want to be. And who knows? Those who don't suffer mental breakdowns may even live to enjoy the "college of their choice"!



Most of New Ulm's many churches will celebrate the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday, February 8, until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, March 26.

Lenten season will soon be upon us

by Lisa Isenberg

Soon another season of Lent will be upon us, so a look at Lent, its history, and its customs is appropriate.

Lent, on the Christian calendar, is a forty day period of preparation for Easter. For many, it is a time of prayer and penance.

The season of fasting and penance has been in existence since the fourth century. Prior to that, only forty hours of fasting and prayer were required directly before Easter. In the fourth century Lent was created and extended to forty days. This number was chosen because it corresponded to three other religious or Biblical events: the time that Moses spent on the mountain, the duration of the journey of Elijah, and the length of the time of Christ's fast in the desert.

In the fifth century the Church strictly required its members to follow a program of self-denial during Lent. This included such things as eating only one meal a day; abstaining from meat, fish, eggs, and alcoholic drinks; praying more frequently; and giving more alms to the needy. Such acts of self-denial reached its highest point in the Middle Ages but declined steadily thereafter.

In the seventh century as the Easter Holiday was lengthened from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, Lent was also changed. Instead of starting on the first Sunday in Lent, it started on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday derived its name from a ceremony instituted by the Catholic Church. In this ceremony the ashes from the burned palms of the previous Palm Sunday are used as a sign of penance. The priest traces a cross on the foreheads of the congregation and says, "Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return."

After the Middle Ages in more modern times, the Roman Catholic Church limited its required fasting to Ash Wednesday and

Good Friday. The Church also began stressing Lent's dual purpose of "preparing for baptism and disposing the faithful by charity and prayer."

With the Great Reformation in the sixteenth century, the Protestant churches did away with the traditional fasting and self-denial of Lent. It was considered too ritualistic. Instead, the people were called to special Lenten services in order to contemplate the true meaning of Lent. Today most Christian churches mark Lent by special ceremonies or services. Although every religious denomination may celebrate Lent in a different way, each shares one purpose: to think about the significance of Lent and prepare for an even greater time, Easter.

All this background on Lent may sound very drab, dreary, and solemn, and indeed it was. In most places almost all social activities ground to a halt during Lent and did not resume until Easter. From Lent, came Mardi Gras, a day of feasting and celebration. A French term, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday," Mardi Gras is also known as Shrove Tuesday or Shrovetide. It was first introduced to America in 1766 and is held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It is the last day of a long carnival season, beginning on January 6. The idea behind Mardi Gras comes from an ancient Roman Custom of merrymaking before a period of fasting. During Mardi Gras masked parades are held and sponsored by organizations called Krewes. Only Rex, the King of Carnival, remains unmasked during his one day reign. Although primarily a Catholic holiday, Mardi Gras is a day widely known for feasting and a carnival atmosphere observed by several different faiths. Tourists from all over flock to places that observe Mardi Gras annually, such as Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana, especially New Orleans.

People of all faiths observe Lent and the message it gives to Christians.



Financial aid questions answered

by Pete Weissmann

The demand for higher education in the 1960's has resulted in more people wanting a college education than ever before. Unfortunately, the cost of a four-year institution may discourage many talented students from pursuing post-high school education. In order to ease this dilemma many state and federal organizations have tried to augment a prospective student's financial resources.

Before receiving any monetary aid, however, a student must demonstrate his financial need. One of the most common forms used for determining need is the Family Financial Statement (FFS) of the American College Testing Service. If you have not yet received your FFS form in the mail, you can write to the American College Testing Program, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, Iowa 52240, and ask for one.

FFS applicants submit their own and their parents' savings, yearly income, and total assets and debts to the ACT Service. ACT then uses these figures to compute a family's ability to pay for a post-high school education and sends the results to the aid organizations and schools which the applicant has specified on his FFS form.

One of the most beneficial types of aid is the Minnesota State Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid Program which a student can apply for on his FFS form. Applicants to the scholarship program will request either a monetary or an honorary

scholarship, depending on their financial status, and winners are chosen on the basis of high school rank and academic achievements. Grant-in-Aid winners are chosen solely on the basis of demonstrated financial need. In either case the maximum award is \$1000, and the applicants must be U.S. citizens and legal residents of Minnesota on the program's filing deadline.

Another major source of financial aid is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (BEOG) which is sponsored by the federal government. Maximum awards in this program are \$1400 although the average grant is usually less. Applicants to the BEOG Program can also be made on the FFS form or by writing directly to BEOG, P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044. The deadline for this application is March 15. Like the Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Program, the BEOG is based only on need.

The largest source of student aid, however, is the federally-funded Guaranteed Student Loan Program. An estimated \$1.2 billion is borrowed through this program each year. Essentially, this program enables students to obtain loans from banks, savings and loan associations, and even some colleges. In turn the federal government insures these loans up to \$7500. Loans under the program carry an interest charge of 7 percent annually, but repayment is postponed until the student leaves school.

Furthermore, if the family income is below \$15,000 per year, the student is entitled to Federal Interest Benefits. That means payment of the interest charges are delayed until nine to twelve months after the student stops attending school. The criteria for obtaining such a loan is not strict, for family income is not considered and even part-time students can easily finance their educations by this method. The average amount borrowed per person per year is \$1300 although as much as \$2500 can be received annually.

In addition to the financial aid program mentioned, there are numerous specialized scholarships and grants offered at various schools; many of these depend on the prospective student's plan of study. Many schools also offer work-study programs in which the student works about 15 hours each week in order to ease the cost of his education. Also, numerous monetary awards are available from local agencies. A full listing and description of the various types of aid is available in the guidance office.

When searching for aid, however, do not automatically assume that scholarships and grants are available only to the poor and for those who plan to attend a four year college or university. A helpful hint is to apply for all the forms of aid one can find and let the agency in charge determine if you are eligible. There is no need to pay more than one had to when financing an education.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About _____, But Were Afraid to Ask!

by Susan Deming & Lisa Hubert

Wondering what the interest surveys in the cafeteria were all about? They were held to find out what areas interest the female youth of New Ulm. Many girls filled in the +blank+ above with their choices from a list of many varied areas.

Guest speakers on the most popular areas will be found for the Project Awareness '78 to be held on Tuesday, March 7. This day will include many interesting and fun workshops held in New Ulm from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students will be excused from school to attend these sessions.

Project Awareness '78 is sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The local branch of AAUW received a \$200.00 grant to put on this workshop.

The day promises to be fun and interesting. Participants will be out of school for the day but will still be learning a lot. One of the participants last year mentioned that she learned more during that workshop day than she had from some courses taken in school. Girls and boys are encouraged to attend, but there may be a limit on attendance, so hurry and sign up!

If you have further questions, you can contact the guidance office or see one of us.

Drama students present "God" for play contest

by Lynn Ludewig

Members of the NUHS Drama Club participated in the one-act play contest at Marshall. The play they presented was a comedy entitled "God" written by Woody Allen.

The play involves twenty-six total characters. The nine members of the cast included Scott Werdahl, Tom Thompson, Susan Deming, Karl Schroeder, Mitchell Anderson, Randy Hartten, Wayne Roddy, Chet Haatvedt, and Lisa Hubert. Many cast members portrayed several different characters.

The setting of the play is Athens, Greece, approximately 500 B.C. The play begins with Hepatites the Writer, portrayed by Tom Thompson, attempting to write a play for the Athenian Drama Festival. He is accompanied by Diabetes the Actor, played by Scott Werdahl. They are discussing the possible endings of the play which Hapatites is trying to write. In the discussion between the two characters, Woody Allen ridicules philosophy, questions reality as opposed to fiction, and poses the question, "Is there a God?" which is never definitely decided. He generally makes fun of common situations in modern and ancient life. This ridicule is done with the help of the other characters who are introduced later in the play.

"God" actually contains no main story with a beginning, middle, and end as a play usually does. Through "God" Woody Allen satirizes other plays which have a definite plot. He tries to defy an unwritten



"No, I'll do anything!" Scott Werdahl exclaims as Randy Hartten nonchalantly holds a dagger to his throat. Other cast members in NUHS's one-act play entry include from left to right Tom Thompson, Karl Schroeder, Susan Deming, Mitch Anderson, and Wayne Roddy.

law which states that a play should have some purpose and meaning to it. At the same time, he also applies this defiance to

life in general. Mrs. Carol Ackerson, who directed the play, commented on his attempt by saying, "Most things in life are

absurd and have no meaning or purpose behind them. I think that's what Woody Allen is trying to get across."

people



Otto Pfeiffer, New Ulm's noted artist, has done portraits of many superstars. Loretta Lynn, Paul Newman, Billy Graham, Joe Namath, and President Jimmy Carter are among Pfeiffer's "heads."

Talented local artist aided by his own life experiences

by Sandy Hindermann

Very few small communities such as New Ulm can claim a man who is so artistically talented and widely known, a man whose ability as a commercial artist has brought him national fame and recognition.

When Otto Pfeiffer was twelve years old, he began to take an interest in art. After experimenting with several mediums like charcoal, pencil, oil painting, water color, and sculpturing, he decided to make art his vocation during his freshman year of high school.

On his own since the age of fourteen, Pfeiffer experienced life in the most

demanding ways. While living in Chicago he would roam the streets at night and explore the world around him. He had no fears about being mugged, even though he was practically asking for it!

At fifteen he started working as an usher in the local theater. Besides the routine usher work, Otto also did the signs and art work for the theater. Two years later, while still in high school, he started his own business — Otto's Art Service — which specialized in portraits, sketches, logos, and letterheads for his customers. But because of his age and inexperience, Otto couldn't make it as a commercial artist in New Ulm. He was rejected because he wasn't well known and hadn't yet really done anything.

After a time Pfeiffer tried again, this time in the commercial sign business. He changed the name of his business to Otto's Sign Service. This venture was much more profitable than his first business attempt. In the same period of time he made twice as much money as his previous effort.

Otto's goal was always to go to art school. Since he came from a poor family, Otto had to save most of his own earnings. His parents were unable to give him any support or help. But when Otto served in the Korean War, he had the chance to take art and portrait classes and put his talents to use. He did portraits of his fellow soldiers while in the service. It was said that he was the only private who could tell a general to sit still.

After starting his family life in 1956, Otto began attending art school in 1962. He attended seven different art schools including the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis School of Art, Southwest State, and the School of Associated Arts. Many of these courses were taken during the summer. At one time he was going to art school and taking museum and private art classes at the same time. An interesting fact is that in 1962 Pfeiffer was also the youngest mayor in New Ulm history.

The desire to do something brought Otto to design and build his own home which he is presently living in at 1418 Heien Hill in New Ulm. After this project was accomplished, he began to teach art in his own private art school eight years ago.

His professional classes were conducted in his garage studio. They attracted pupils from as far away as St. Paul. In a single week, 128 students passed through his classes, and in the whole eight years Pfeiffer has had a total of 873 students. He has taught art to children in kindergarten and to adults on the college level.

Otto Pfeiffer is a "head hunter." In the field of art, a head hunter is an artist who hunts celebrities to do their portraits. He has done about 45 portraits of celebrities ranging from the slightly well-known to the superstars. Some of these include Loretta Lynn, Chet Atkins, Charlie Pride, Billy Graham, Elton John, Norman Rockwell, Paul Newman, and Robert Redford.

He has also done portraits of such sports figures as Chuck Foreman, Joe Namath, and John Gillian, and his political figures include Vice-President Mondale, Senator Wendell Anderson, Jimmy, Billy, and Amy Carter.

Pfeiffer was also commissioned to paint Elvis and his Graceland mansion, but unfortunately Elvis died before the portraits were begun.

Otto had studied art at Carnegie Hall with John Howard Sanden and at the New York Art League with Daniel Green, who are considered two of the ten best portrait painters in the world. Otto admires the techniques of Piet Mondrian, an artist of the early 1900's whose paintings have influenced today's architectural and advertising designs.

While in New York, Mr. Pfeiffer had the chance to have a small part in the movie "The Turning Point," starring Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft. He also may be in a film with Loretta Lynn called "Coal Miner's Daughter."

Most people don't know that besides being a commercial artist Otto Pfeiffer is also an actor and novelist as well. He is currently writing a book depicting his struggles and experiences while trying to become a successful artist. Part of the book is a criticism of colleges and universities and their art-rating methods which Pfeiffer feels are very unfair. The book is about half done.

Presently Otto is commissioned to do a mural for Sleepy Eye which he hopes to complete by the end of February. It will be a history of the town's industries, businesses, and rural farm areas.

Otto Pfeiffer's career as a commercial artist is at its peak, and he is now benefiting from the 29 years of struggle. Concerning his life and work, he said, "I have seen life in all phases which cover from birth to death — killings, sufferings, needs, wants. I have seen the elite, the blue-collared workers, the white-collared workers, people who are starving, struggling, and in need. I've seen every facet of life there is, and this is the basis of what makes a good artist. Any experiences that he can see will make him better understand, and they help him put it down on a surface."

Success may have ended early for southern band

by Randall Stuckey

Success is the magic word for most rock groups and many achieve success very suddenly. For many it is short-lived and for some it is very lengthy. The success and fame of the Lynyrd Skynyrd rock band might be over.

On October 20, 1977, the plane in which the Lynyrd Skynyrd band members were flying crashed in Mississippi. Ronnie Van Zant, the well known "leader" of the group who had the public reputation of a bar-fighter, was killed in the tragic crash. Also dead were guitarist Steve Gaines; his sister Cassie, a singer; their road manager; and the pilot and co-pilot. It has been reported by the group's management that the surviving members of the band will very likely resume public appearance some time in the future.

Jacksonville, Florida, was the town in which the band's original members started the group. It is said they got the band name "Lynyrd Skynyrd" from a high

school gym coach, Lenoard Skinner.

When the group started, they played at bars and clubs throughout the South. An agent named Al Kooper discovered them in an Atlanta bar one night and recorded them. They became distinguished by the groups three guitar attack and the singing of Van Zant. From their first album in 1973, **PRONOUNCED LEH-NERD SKIN-NERD**, through **SECOND HELPING**, **NUTHIN FANCY**, and **GEMME BACK MY BULLETS**, they toured the country making a name for themselves as a group of boozing brawlers.

Their next album **ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD** was recorded in 1976 and their current album, **STREET SURVIVORS**, reflects the group's wish to cut down on their often self-destructive habits.

They had reached the platinum sales level with three of their records, and two other albums had reached the gold level. Their tragic crash will almost surely send



all of their seven records to platinum. The group's producer said in a recent circus magazine: "The crash could not have come at a more tragic time." The group's manager also added, "The songwriting and singing between Ronnie Van Zant and Steve Gaines had given the group a new dimension. They had become very sober

about practice and business-like."

Indeed the tragic crash did come at a bad time for the group's success. Because success is the key word in the rock business, the group plans to keep playing together and producing the quality of music that lead the original group to its legendary success.

Locker room "search" produces interesting man



Teacher of the Month, Mr. Clifton Anderson, spends much of his spare time in the boys' locker room attending to the various aches and pains of New Ulm's athletes.

by Brad Berentson

After searching in the boys' locker room for some time, I finally found Mr. Clifton Anderson, a very interesting man.

Mr. Anderson was born and raised in Warren, Minnesota, a small town in the northwest part of the state. At Warren High School Mr. Anderson participated in varsity football, wrestling, track, and baseball. He played on four teams because the school found it difficult to get a full team together unless all boys went out for several sports.

After his graduation from high school, Mr. Anderson went to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where he majored in physical education. He also managed to play football, wrestling, and track. Mr. Anderson received all-conference honors in football his senior year.

Following his success in college football, Mr. Anderson tried professional football with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. He played a few exhibition games with Winnipeg but decided he wasn't brainless or crazy enough to play professional football.

After the stint with pro football, Mr. Anderson came to New Ulm in 1959 to begin his teaching career. Besides teaching phys. ed., Anderson was also head wrestling coach and assistant foot-

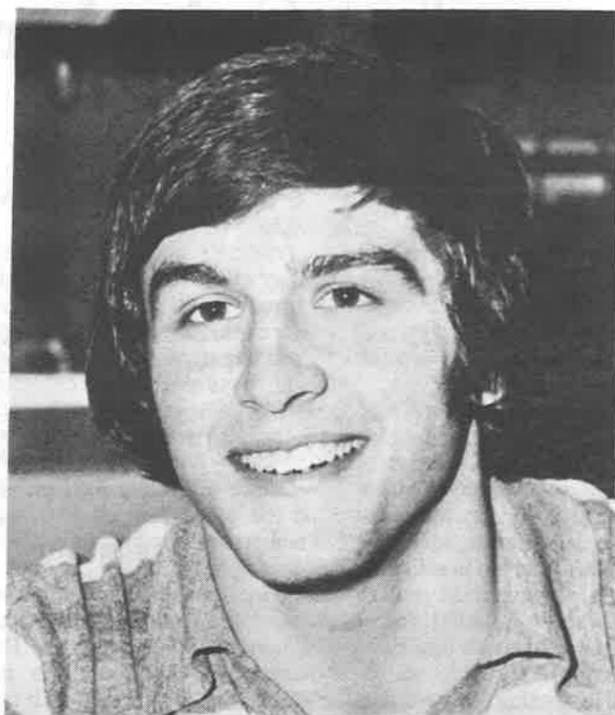
ball coach. After seven years of being head wrestling coach he became the school's athletic trainer. Holding down both assistant football coach and athletic trainer positions became too much, so Anderson resigned as assistant football coach to concentrate on athletic training.

Mr. Anderson really enjoys being a teacher because he enjoys being around kids. "I enjoy seeing kids accomplish things as they grow older. This really shows in phys. ed."

Anderson sees one downfall in phys. ed., however. Lack of money restricts new activities in gym class so the teachers are forced to do the same things every year. Mr. Anderson would like to see cross-country skiing become a new sport in phys. ed., but there are no funds. Because of the lack of new activities, most of the phys. ed. classes in the area have been declining. NUHS phys. ed. enrollment is increasing. Maybe that increase is a reflection on Mr. Anderson and the rest of our phys. ed. teachers.

The Andersons keep themselves very busy enjoying skiing, camping, and all spectator sports. He also spends the summer months teaching driver-education and motorcycling.

Anderson's athletic training abilities and his enthusiasm for school are often overlooked by most of the student body. But not by the boys in the locker room.



BMOC Brad LeGare brightens up at the thought of all those starry-eyed girls.

Busy BMOC finds time to dazzle NUHS girls

by Julie Blomquist

As you walk down the halls of NUHS, you may find yourself tripping over the bodies of many goggle-eyed, starry-eyed girls holding their hands to their hearts. These girls are victims of seeing Brad Legare walk by them, this month's BIG MAN ON CAMPUS.

Brad Legare is a handsome, husky farm boy. He lives on a 400 acre farm at Route 1, Lafayette, about 11 miles from New Ulm. Brad has to get up every morning by 6:00 to help with the chores. His family has 40 dairy cows and 275 pigs so there's work to do every morning. He also helps with the evening chores when he comes home after school. Brad prefers living on a farm because it is more peaceful than living in the city. He comes from a large family, five brothers and five sisters.

Driving bus for New Ulm Bus Lines keeps Brad busy one or two nights a week. He drives our athletic teams to their various meets and games. He really enjoys driving bus although he gets hassled from many of his friends who are passengers.

When asked about what he thought of NUHS, he said he likes it very much. He likes being able to choose and schedule his own classes but doesn't like teachers who have pets though.

"Everyone should get involved in extra-curricular activities." Brad feels extra activities are a very big benefactor for everyone. He is the type of person who likes to get involved with as many activities as possible, and when he gets involved, he does as much as he possibly can to contribute to the activity. As a member of an activity, you "get closer to your teammates through happiness with your winnings and suffering together through your losses." Brad likes this closeness and gets a lot of satisfaction out of trying to achieve his best.

Believe it or not, Brad wasn't even going to go out for football this year until the new football coach talked him into it. Brad played as a guard for the Eagles this year and set making the All Conference Team

as a personal goal. He achieved his goal and also made the All Area Team as well. Brad really liked Mr. Stan Zweifel as the new coach. He thinks Zweifel and the New Ulm coaching staff are the best in our conference. "In a few years they should be pretty successful."

Being President of the New Ulm FFA Chapter is a big job which keeps Brad busy the entire year. He enjoys being President because as an officer he gets to help plan their many activities throughout the year. The advisors let the officers do all of the planning in FFA.

One of the activities that Brad was proud of this year was the breakfast that many of us students attended. A guest at this breakfast was a national officer (which was a girl by the way!) As an FFA officer she gets to travel around the country attending various FFA meetings. Brad cherishes a thank you note from the national officer complimenting the New Ulm Chapter for its fine programs.

Next year when election time comes around, Brad is going to run for State President of FFA. He has two goals in life. The first one is to be a State Farmer and the other is to be a state officer. He figures that he may as well shoot for the top!

A special advantage that FFA has done for Brad is to give him a chance to travel. He has gone to Chicago, Washington, and Kansas City for various FFA meetings. Without FFA he probably would never have gotten to see these places.

"FFA is the best organization to belong to. It lets a person be creative at the level of his own abilities."

After Brad graduates, he wants to attend the University of Minnesota in St. Paul or else the University of Wisconsin in River Falls. He has not yet decided, but he wants to major in some area related to agriculture. Eventually he wants to own and run his own farm.

The next time you are walking down the halls of NUHS, don't be surprised if you trip over a few starry-eyed girls. They are just victims of admiring Brad LeGare.



After several years of fund-raising activities, the NUHS Music Department recently purchased this organ in memory of former student Tim Thompson. His unlimited musical talent was evident in the original composition of an oratorio before he died suddenly during the summer of 1975.

Dollars for Scholars to aid college financing

by Mike Matz

The time is coming when New Ulm seniors will be seeking financial assistance for college or vocational school. Most of us will definitely need help financing our post high school education. Where will it come from?

Thomas Wilson, principal at New Ulm Senior High and Youth Director of the New Ulm Rotary Club, is in the process of organizing a means of helping students who need financial help for advanced education. The organization is known as "Dollars for Scholars," which is affiliated with a national organization called Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America. This foundation was conceived in 1958 by Dr. Irving A. Fradkin, an optometrist who while running for the school board in Fall River, Mass., promised that if elected he would find financial aid for students who wished to attend college.

He lost the election but proceeded to devise a way because he was moved by a high school student who came up to him and said, "I'm sorry for you, Dr. Fradkin, but I'm even sorer for the students. You lost an election. We lost a college education."

So Fradkin argued and persuaded Fall River leaders into backing his idea. They agreed and he became president of the organization. His drive for funds began in February 1958. The mayor of Fall River proclaimed a "scholarship week." Students in caps and gowns roamed the streets selling \$1 memberships.

As the organization became better known, contributions poured in until at the completion of the first drive, Fradkin and his associates had collected \$4,500. Each following year the collections increased, and by 1961 Fradkin's idea had produced

225 scholarships with a cash value of \$56,500.

Fradkin's plan has been instituted in many other cities where people are concerned about helping students get an education. Since 1958 Citizens Scholarship Foundation has spread from the Northeast to all parts of the nation. Minnesota has 20 such organizations including groups in St. Peter, Fairmont, and now New Ulm.

Dollars for Scholars in New Ulm is based on the same idea as Fradkin's. Collect enough money to help as many students as possible.

New Ulm's organization began when the New Ulm Rotary Club designated Mr. Wilson to find a use for the Dr. Muesing Memorial Fund, which is now \$1,500. Wilson had been toying with the idea of a Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America for several years. He presented the idea to the Rotarians, and they agreed it was a good use for the memorial fund.

The Dollars for Scholars organization has now been incorporated with Mike Neely, personnel manager of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing plants in New Ulm, as president. The organization held its first meeting on January 4, 1978. Its primary purpose was to expose new board members to what New Ulm's "Dollars for Scholars" program is and what it hopes to accomplish.

The group's main goal is to collect money. Some of the possible means include small contributions, door-to-door campaigning, or student sales of \$1 memberships. Other possibilities include larger contributions of \$100 or more for a name stipend, such as the John Doe Scholarship, or a donation of \$1,500 or more for a trust fund as in the case of the

Dr. Muesing Memorial.

The Dollars for Scholars members also plan to talk to insurance agents, local CPA's and lawyers in an attempt to encourage the creation of more trust funds. These might come from wills or insurance policies.

The Fairmont chapter has a donor who has half a million dollars in life insurance on himself with Dollars for Scholars as the beneficiary. Donations to Dollars for Scholars are tax deductible because it is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit corporation.

At the January 4 meeting a tentative schedule was prepared calling for an advance gifts campaign in February and March. The heavy publicity will take place in late March for the fundraising drive ending May 1. Decisions on awarding scholarships must be made during the first week of May.



Awards will be based strictly on need by a committee within Dollars for Scholars. The applications will be coded by number so that no individual preferences occur and no one knows the identity of the recipients until the judgment is complete.

Any scholarship coming from Dollars for Scholars is considered an interest-free "loan" in hopes that the recipients will pay back his loan within four or five years to help some other needy student.

With \$1,500 already in the pot and hopes of much more during the fundraising campaign, the New Ulm Dollars for Scholars has a great beginning. With the public's cooperation Dollars for Scholars will give students who want to go to college, vocational school, or some other type of advanced education but can't afford to do so the chance to enhance his life by furthering his education.

Kobs is backbone of Park and Rec Department

by Dave Traurig

Remember playing little league baseball or going to the swimming pool? How about skating, playing peewee hockey, or watching your dad or mom play softball? These and many other programs come under the supervision and responsibility of Mr. Larry Kobs, Park and Recreation Director of New Ulm.

Mr. Kobs came to New Ulm in 1964 from his hometown of Meade, Kansas, and the University of Indiana. He was hired as the city's first full-time recreational director.

When he took the job, the program was under the part-time direction of Mr. Joe Harman. Some of the work was divided among other city departments, but this division sometimes caused confusion. Mr. Kobs helped reorganize the various recreation programs under the newly created Park and Recreation Department.

Being director of the Park and Recreation Department covers many areas, from supervising little league baseball to developing New Ulm's many city parks and fighting Dutch elm disease. The most recent addition will be the new indoor swimming pool, which will be under construction this spring.

Kobs' duties cover such a wide range that only a few can be mentioned here: having a crew go to all the ball parks to chalk the fields for evening softball games; organizing teen splash parties at the pool; and drawing up the many schedules for softball, basketball, volleyball, broomball, baseball, summer track, and hockey. Many of the participants in these programs range in age from four to young adults.

Also coming under his direction is the staffing of all the parks with maintenance people, coaches and instructors, life guards and others necessary to staff the summer park program.

Always present is that old problem of staying within the budget. The park and recreation budget for 1978 is \$109,788 for the recreational programs and \$208,311 for the parks and their maintenance.

Mr. Kobs feels New Ulm's program compares favorably to other communities our size. "I feel for a city this size our program is around the top. There are some better and many way below us."

One of the department's most important programs has been the development of park lands. New Ulm has many plots of land set aside for the future development of baseball parks and the installation of playground equipment.

The department is now developing North Park located north of Madsen's. There is one ball field located there now, and another should be developed in the near future. Also being planned for North Park is the construction of an all-purpose building such as the one located at Westside Park.

The development of more parks, however, is in the future. Right now the biggest priority is the construction of the indoor pool, which is scheduled to be completed in June of 1979.

An obvious reason for the success of New Ulm's program is the dedication and many hours of hard work put in by Mr. Kobs and his staff of full and part-time employees. Their dedication and work will continue to be needed to keep up with the growing recreational needs and demands of the people of New Ulm.



"Sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Kobs. No, we don't want to know if peewee hockey practice is cancelled. Yes, all we want is your picture." Park and Rec Director, Mr. Larry Kobs, is personally involved in many of the activities he directs.



New Ulm city councilor Virginia Burnett, (center), ponders an issue involving the new indoor swimming pool at a recent planning session.

Council deliberates pool issue

by Kris Wilner

As many of you know, a bond issue for a new municipal indoor swimming pool was approved in May. This issue allowed \$1.25 million for the construction of the pool.

Architects have been hired and are now trying to decide on the design and additions to be included in the pool. These decisions must be reached quickly because the costs of construction are rising so rapidly that a delay of a few months could increase the cost of the project by several thousand dollars.

During the week of Jan. 16 — Jan. 20, nightly meetings were held between the city council, the architects, and the public

to discuss the pool's design, shape, and size. The city council has decided on a Z shaped pool. They think this arrangement is better suited for usage by all age groups. The depths proposed will range from 2.5 feet to 13 feet.

One architect estimated the cost of the Z shaped pool to be between \$1.24 and \$1.29 million. The price variances are due to the amount of extras that are being considered by various council members and citizen groups.

Two definite decisions have been made about the design besides the shape of the pool. The building is going to be placed facing Garden Street, across from the Medical Clinic, and the pool and deck area

are to be ceramic tiled instead of concrete.

Some issues are still being discussed. The council has not yet decided to have a three meter diving board. The total cost of this feature would be about \$50,000 because of the increased ceiling height and pool depths that would be necessary.

Another extra which is being considered has encountered strong opposition from some people. This consideration is whether or not to have a whirlpool included in the building plans. The cost of the whirlpool is estimated to be between \$45,000 and \$50,000. It will be able to hold about twelve people and have a large deck area. Architects have termed this addition uncommon in municipal pool facilities, but

some people think it could be very beneficial to the elderly and the handicapped.

One of the arguments against having a whirlpool as part of the facilities is that the people of New Ulm only voted for a swimming pool. They did not know about the whirlpool or the extra costs this would include. Some people feel this addition is unfair to the voters and taxpayers who approved the bond issue.

There are still a lot of problems to be solved and decisions to be made before construction on the pool can begin, but the important fact is that the city of New Ulm is finally going to have an indoor municipal swimming pool.

Importance of education provokes concern

by Bob Skillings

In a recent issue of the New Ulm Journal a "letter to the editor" was published explaining the need for the formation of a parents club at New Ulm's junior and senior high schools.

Mrs. Frank Carthey of New Ulm wrote that letter, and this writer wanted to find out more about her idea and the person behind it.

In the letter, Mrs. Carthey said that she was disturbed by the falling averages of national and local test scores and the mounting vandalism and violence in not only ghetto schools but our own schools.

So she decided to "get involved" and learn more about the reasons for these education woes.

She has done extensive studying looking for answers only to find as she put it, "the more you learn, the more you don't know." She has since directed her efforts toward asking questions instead of trying to get

some answers.

Mrs. Carthey's idea about a parents club originated when an elementary school parents club was begun a short time ago in New Ulm. She said it has worked out well, and it is a learning experience for teachers as well as parents.

To bring parents and teachers together four times a year to discuss education is her main objective of the club. Teachers could present their views concerning different educational matters and then parents could ask questions which ultimately could develop a better understanding between both groups. The matters discussed would pertain to just education, not contract negotiations or administrative problems. Only those items which can help Johnny learn will be discussed.

Mrs. Carthey believes that through a

club such as this, teachers would have a chance to communicate their ideas, practices, and reasons for their teaching efforts, and have an attentive audience.

She said that a teacher has a tougher job today than twenty years ago primarily because students values have changed so drastically. Today Johnny watches television instead of reading and studying. Today Johnny goes to a baseball game instead of a seventh hour math class. Parents would learn that to be a teacher today, requires much more teaching because most of Johnny's formal education is now limited to just the classroom.

Mrs. Carthey said she spoke with approximately 30 teachers throughout the New Ulm school district and found that most of them were very enthusiastic about her idea. She also visited the administration and found less enthusiasm

but a tentative "okay" if she had 200 others willing to participate in the club. She added, "It would not just include parents and teachers, but anyone interested in education."

Mrs. Carthey has had a close association with education for most of her life. She is a mother of five children, and her husband is a doctor in New Ulm. She was the last vocal music director in New Ulm to handle every public school vocal music program at one time. She has also been active in many school oriented clubs and programs.

Everyone's first thought is always, "Not another PTA meeting!" Mrs. Carthey wants to stay away from the PTA meeting approach which tends to be more of an endurance test than anything else. She would like to have many speakers and group discussion as well. She did not know what will become of her efforts, but as she pointed out in her letter, four evenings out of 365 should not be too hard to fit in.

sports



"What are you doing, Jeff?" Cover up that puck!" Defensemen Tom Leskey (3) and Scott Fischer (4) skate to the aid of goalie Jeff Schugel (30) in New Ulm's 3-2 loss to Apple Valley.

Defense leading way to successful season

by Kevin Oklobzija

Another successful season is shaping up for the New Ulm hockey Eagles and again, as in the past, defense is leading the way.

One major obstacle which opponents have encountered while attempting to penetrate the New Ulm zone is senior defenseman and captain Scott Fischer.

Fischer has been on the blueline since the first Eagles game at Lund Arena and has played steadily ever since.

The 6'3" defenseman says, "My main job as captain is to act as a leader — to provide leadership to the team." At times when things were about to get out of control on the ice, Fisher has been forced to keep teammates out of serious scuffles.

Scott Fischer had played in 50 games and didn't score a goal. Finally, against the Montgomery Redbirds Fischer scored his long-awaited first goal.

His teammates had done everything possible to set him up for a goal on numerous occasions, but the opposing goalie was always in the right spot at the right time.

However, Fischer says he's not an "offensive" defenseman. "My main goal is to keep opponents from scoring. I don't carry the puck up ice often in hopes of scoring."

A year ago Fischer was leading the team in penalties and inherited the nickname "maddog." But the nickname doesn't really fit this year because Fischer has cut his penalty minutes in half.

Along with Fischer other members of the New Ulm team defending the Eagles' nets are Bill Fischer, Tom Leskey, Jeff Van Keulen, Paul Macho, and Gary Hogen.

Together these six defensemen and the two goalies — Jeff Schugel and Bryan Dahl — have held opponents to under three goals a game.

Schugel holds a goals against average of just over three but has turned in stalwart performance against Apple Valley, Albert Lea, and St. Peter.

Meanwhile, Dahl's goals against is around two, including a shutout over Le Sueur.

If the defense continues to be stubborn, New Ulm just may reach the goal they set in the beginning of the year — to play in the region semi-finals at the Sports Center in Bloomington.

by Bill Ostrom

Brad Portner, a Sigel farm boy with great wrestling ability, has become a state tournament prospect and a vital member of the NUHS "grappling" team.

Brad was dethroned in three of the seven varsity wrestling meets he competed in last year. As of this writing, he has defeated 14 of 17 varsity wrestling opponents.

Weighing 197 pounds, Brad wrestles in the heavyweight or unlimited weight-class. He has faced opponents weighing well over 200 pounds. By being so successful despite wrestling heavier foes, he has proved he is a highly talented and strong wrestler.

Mr. Rich Peterson, NUHS wrestling coach, paid tribute to Brad. "It's nice to know that the last person you got out on the

Senior captain works at it

Dedication key to success

by Scott Werdahl

What does it take to be a successful gymnast? Dedication is the answer most often heard. Self-confidence and concentration are also often mentioned.

Senior Nancy Backer knows just how much dedication is needed to be a winner. She has been a participant in girls gymnastics since the third grade, when she started at Turner Hall, a haven for young, aspiring gymnasts. Nancy also knows that confidence is very important. A gymnast must have a strong belief in herself and her abilities. Without self-confidence, a gymnast cannot perform up to her capabilities in front of an audience and knowledgeable judges.

Since Nancy is an all-round gymnast, which means she performs on all four events, she must concentrate equally on every apparatus. Her favorite event is the floor-ex and rates vaulting a close second. Her least favorite event is the balance beam. Her highest all-round score has been a 28, but she has set 30 points as her goal. Complete concentration during practice or a performance is a gymnast's necessity. In a meet she must perform her best the first time on each event because the first time is also the last time. While performing, a gymnast must apply what she has learned during her practice sessions.

Dedication has proved worthwhile to Nancy, three trips to the Girls' State Gymnastics meet. She performed in the state meet as a freshmen on the floor-ex, as a sophomore on the vaulting event, and as a junior on both floor-ex and vaulting.

"After we lost our top four girls from last year's team, we knew we had work ahead of us. Plus many vacant spots had to be filled, but the girls this year are really close and help each other out a lot," Backer continued.



Sophomore gymnast, Patty Wieland, is one of New Ulm's top performers on the balance beam.

The girls' gymnastic team has done a credible job, beating Nicollet, Mankato East, Mankato West, St. James and St. Peter. Their only loss is to conference rival Fairmont. "We really are looking forward to meeting Fairmont again and pulling an upset if we're up for it," Nancy remarked.

With dedication, self-confidence, and concentration in ample supply, the girls' gymnastics team should soar higher and perform as winners more and more.

"Port" spurs success for self and team

mat is going to do a good job for the team. Brad has always done this. The team and I know that if we are within six points when we get to the heavyweight match, we have a good chance to win the match. All good teams have to be anchored by a tough heavyweight."

Good athletes set goals for themselves that challenge their ability. Brad believes he has the ability to compete in the state tournament. Mr. Peterson also believes Brad has state tournament potential.

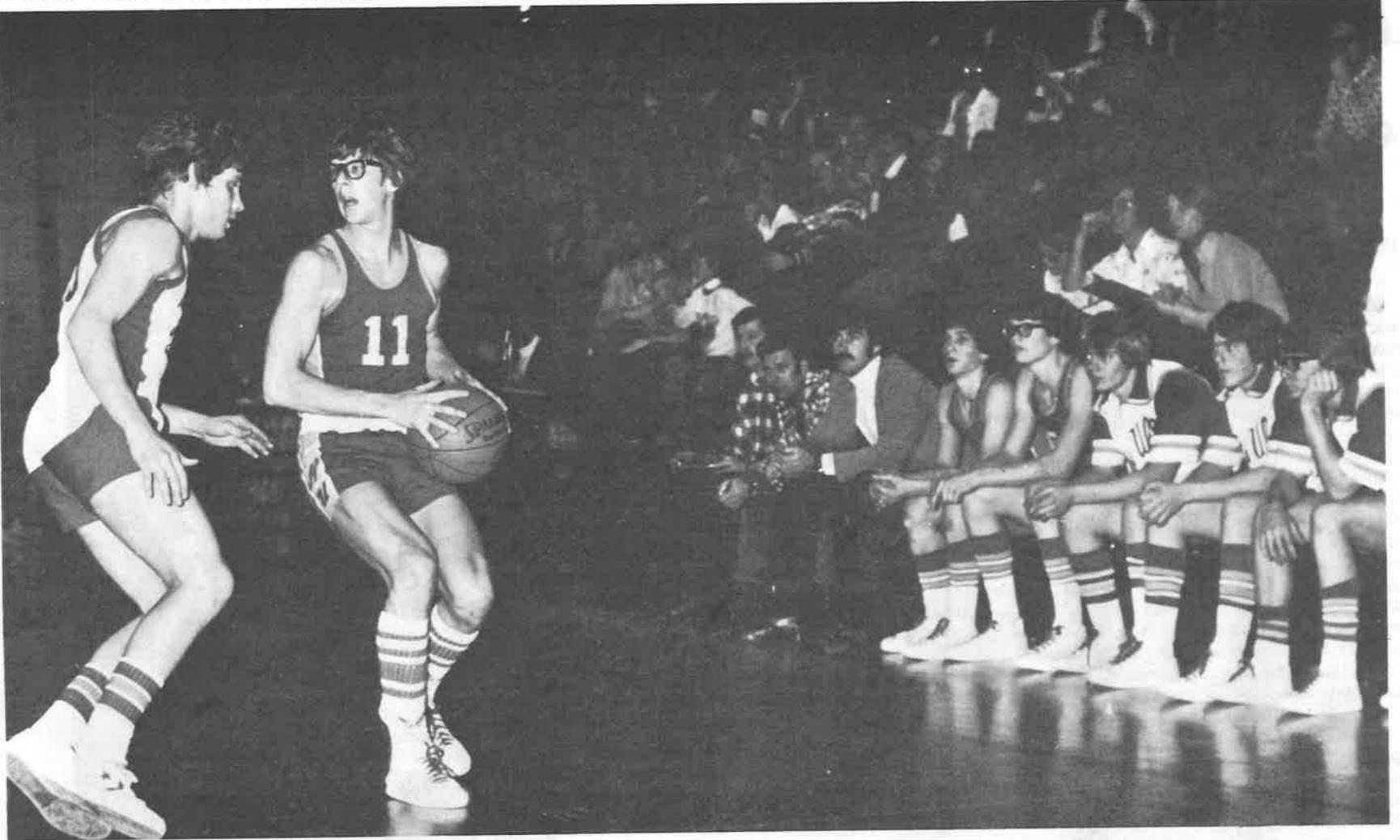
"Brad has demonstrated his ability to handle most competition with a 14-2-1 record. For anyone to get to the state tournament he must wrestle six very good matches on a weekend. A little luck along with Brad's ability and hard work may make a state trip possible for 'Port,'" observed Peterson.

Because of his work on the farm, Brad



Brad "Port" Portner

has developed strength and a good wrestling attitude. He realizes he has the wrestling ability to represent New Ulm in the state wrestling tournament.



Senior Brett Thomas tells his opponent to just "try and take the ball from me" as Coach Harv Dartmann and other Robins look on.

No joker, Robins ace Cards

by Mike Engel

Finding few basketball topics at New Ulm High School this season, I decided to look elsewhere.

Picking a town entirely at random, I went there to write about their team and fans as I saw them.

Travelling to Elm, New York, the home of the Wilson High Robins, I interviewed students to see what they thought of their basketball team. The answers I received varied from, "The cheerleaders could do better," to "I didn't know we had a basketball team." I found the team was without a win.

This was the same situation I had left behind before coming to Wilson High. I thought of leaving then but decided to stay until I had heard the whole story and seen the team for myself.

It takes hard work, dedication, and practice to become a winner. The Robins new head coach, Harv Dartmann, knew this and drilled and redrilled his players, but it didn't seem to do any good. They still finished every game with fewer points than the opposition. The number of fans became fewer and fewer each game. The Robins desperately needed a win.

Their last chance of the season came, but it looked hopeless. They were up against the number one team in the conference, the Fairview Cardinals.

No one knows exactly why, but the gymnasium was packed that night. Maybe they wanted to see a good team play, or maybe they even thought their team could upset the Cardinals. It didn't matter, they were there.

Much to the amazement of the fans, and the Cardinals, the Robins won the jump and got on the board first with a basket by senior Rick Hull. His basket was followed by two-pointers from Brett Thomas, Smerky Ericson, and Stann Hoggy. The Robins were quickly on top 8-0.

The Cardinals battled back, and the lead

seesawed back and forth until the first half ended with the score in Wilson's favor, 38-35. The fans were going wild, the band was playing, and everyone was stunned but excited. They couldn't believe their team was still in the game.

As the teams came back onto the floor after the halftime intermission, their fans greeted the players with screams of encouragement.

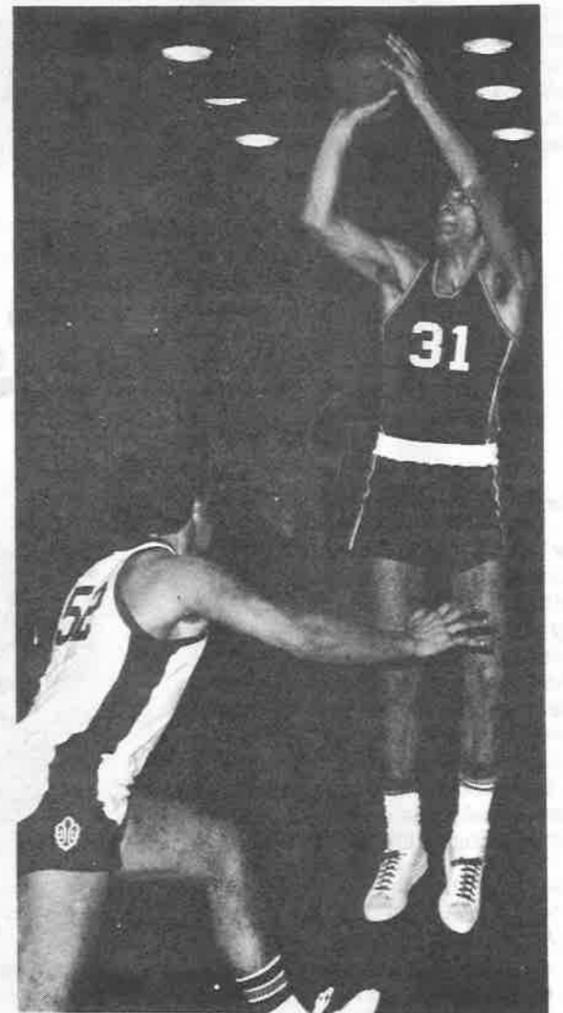
The players felt the excitement; I could see it in their play as the third quarter progressed. The Cards were also playing a good game, however, and the second half was similar to the first with the lead changing hands many times. The final minute of the game approached with the score tied.

Suddenly, out of the murmur of the crowd, came a chant of some sort. "We-lo! We-lo! We-lo!" A group of juniors wanted Will Bradley off the bench and in the game. Coach Dartmann gave in to their wishes and sent him in to replace Brett Thomas at guard. Bradley immediately fouled a Cardinal player, who sank both free throws, putting the Robins behind by two points.

Just moments later Ted Butler of the Robins was fouled in the act of shooting, giving him two free throws and a chance to tie the game. Butler completely missed the backboard on his first attempt but regained his composure and sank the second. The Robins were now down by only one point.

With only seconds remaining in the game, the Cardinals made a costly error by turning the ball over. The Robins had one more slim chance to win their first game of the season.

Smerky Ericson stood on the sideline with the ball searching for an open man. He spotted Will Bradley and threw the ball in his direction. Bradley grabbed it and, with one tremendous effort, hurled it towards the hoop. Swisshhh. He had made the basket, the buzzer sounded, and the Robins had won their first game.



High flying senior Rick Hull started the Robins' upset by hitting this jump shot early in the game.

Minnesota girls BB program nothing in comparison to Iowa popularity

by Eric Senske

Girls' basketball is a relatively new sport on the scene in Minnesota. It has become a full-fledged sport in most state schools in just the past five years, but it lacks popularity. Minnesotans are still used to the days when boys' basketball was the predominating sport. In Iowa, however, this is not the case.

Iowa has had a girls' basketball program for well over a half century. There the sport lacks nothing in popularity, and in fact, it is more popular than the boys' program. Mr. Dave Stead, our assistant principal can testify to this popularity. For four years he was the assistant girls' basketball coach in Rockwell City, Iowa and helped coach that team to two state tournament appearances. Mr. Stead gave me some interesting reasons why girls' basketball is so popular in Iowa.

He feels that the main reason behind the sport's amazing popularity is that it is a unique game. It is not like the regular basketball played in Minnesota. First of all, each team has six players in the floor at once, not five like most of us are accustomed to seeing. Each team has three players stationed on its offensive end and three on its defensive end. The players on one end must stay on that end or a penalty is assessed to the violator. Therefore, these basketball games are generally high scoring contests.

A lack of media coverage in Minnesota is another reason why the game is not very popular in this state. In most small town and big city newspapers it is still the boys that get most of the ink. On televised news programs it is still the boys that get the majority of the air time. Last year was the first time the girls' state tournament was televised.

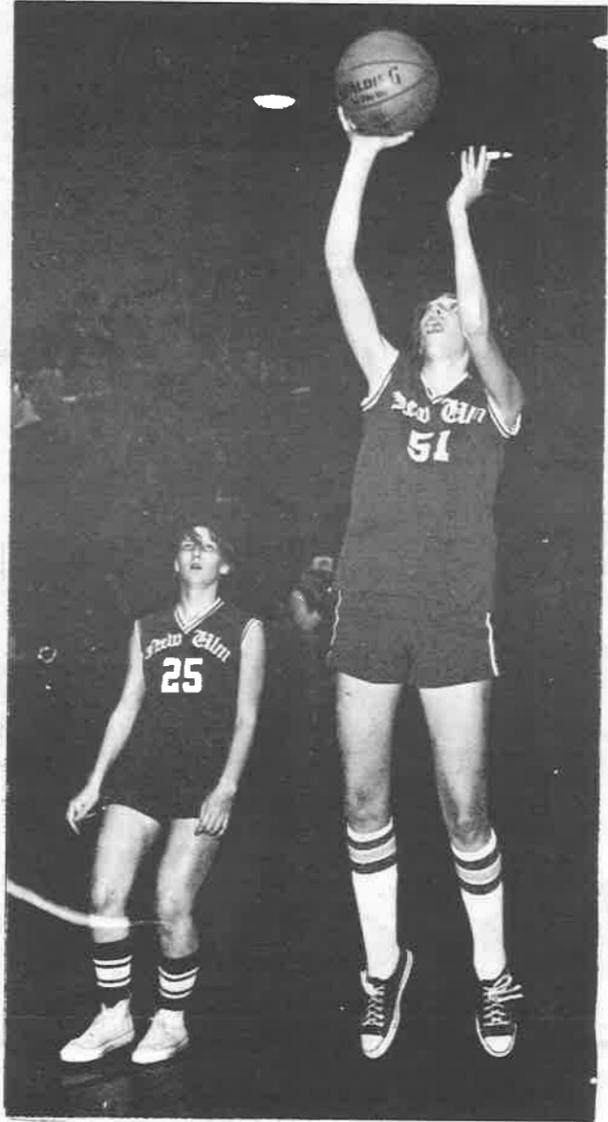
In Iowa, however, the opposite is true. The girls' teams get as much newspaper and television coverage as do the boys — sometimes even more. The state tournaments have been televised for over fifteen years, just as long as have the boys' tournaments.

One thing that shows how popular girls' basketball is in Iowa is the tremendous and enthusiastic fan following. It is nearly impossible to find a leftover ticket for a state tournament game, and the girls are used to playing before full houses for every game. In Minnesota there were many vacant seats during most of last year's state tourney games. Regular season games draw few fans.

The single phase of Iowa girls' basketball which seemed to impress Mr. Stead the most, however, was the amount of work that the girls put into their game in the off-season. This work he feels, is what separates a mediocre basketball player from a good one.

The biggest difference between the basketball programs in Iowa and Minnesota is the quality of play. Iowa clearly has the edge. The reason is that girls in that state participate in an organized program from the time they enter elementary school. There has only been a good program in Minnesota since 1973, and most state schools have just begun programs for younger girls in the last year or two.

These are the reasons why girls' basketball is so much more popular in Iowa than in Minnesota. In time, however, this situation should change. Mr. Lyle Sparrowgrove, girls' basketball coach at NUHS, feels that with time and an improved building program in the lower grades, Minnesota's girls' basketball program will receive the attention and recognition it deserves.



"This one had better go in." Joanne Steinbach (25) and Kay Buysse (51) find themselves all alone under their opponent's basket.

Tom's Sports Stories

by Tom Wyczawski

New Ulm High School may not claim any All-Americans in collegiate football, basketball, and baseball, but a surface survey shows many Eagle athletes have participated at the college level.

Although our survey only covers the past decade or so, the New Ulm Eagles have put out Earl Current, who was captain of the Golden Gophers between 1910 and 1919. Mark Hendricks is the only other NUHS graduate to participate on the University of Minnesota football team.

Aside from these two athletes, there have been many NUHS graduates who have played football at junior colleges or other state universities. In the last 10 years, there have been 15 who have played intercollegiate football. Ex-coaches Don Varpness and Skip Davis have produced a number of fine athletes. Bill Koeckertiz played under Varpness and went on to become an All-Conference tackle at St. Olaf; Mark Zeise was starting at defensive tackle as a freshman at Gustavus; Steve Martinka was a starting fullback in his sophomore year at Mankato State; Bill Reitter became captain for Augustana; Dan Hirth was starting as a sophomore for Augustana; and Steve Altmann played on



the NCAA Division III champs at St. John's University.

Of course, football is not the only sport in which individuals have been successful. New Ulm has traditionally been a "Baseball Town." Under head coach Jim Senske, 17 former NUHS graduates have played college baseball, and barring any injury, that number should turn to 18 as Tim Steinbach, a 1977 graduate, should be playing this spring.

Some of the more outstanding ones have been Roger Zahn, son of athletic director Vern Zahn, who played for the Big Ten

baseball champions at the University of Minnesota and was a 3 year letter winner. Scott Backer lettered four years at the University of Minnesota-Morris and was a captain his senior year. Bill Rietter was a four-year letter winner at Augustana College; Larry Jensen was the M.V.P. of the North Central Conference while playing at Mankato State. Jensen is currently playing in the Cincinnati Reds Class A farm system.

Perhaps comparing the participants of each sport to the numbers who have been successful in college athletics, gymnastics shows the highest rate of success. Ted Marti went to the University of Michigan and finished eighth in the nation on the High Bar. Charles "Cheese" Marti was a member of the University of Minnesota gymnastics team and a Williams Scholar. Jay Lowinske, who is currently enjoying much success at the University of Minnesota, was an active participant on the Big Ten championship team at Minnesota last year. He is considered one of the finest all-around gymnasts on the team.

While being rather successful in football and baseball, Eagle graduates have been less fortunate in other sports such as basketball and wrestling.

In recent years NUHS can claim only two basketball players to play on the college level. These two are Brad Isberner and Ken Hagg. Isberner lettered at two different schools, Worthington JC and St. Cloud State. He had two letters at each school. Ken Hagg has lettered one year with the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

New Ulm has had many fine high school wrestlers, but only three have wrestled in college. "Fritz" Burnett wrestled at West Point, Lane Schmiesing is currently wrestling at Hamline University, and Mike Galvin wrestled for a year at St. John's. Why haven't there been more wrestlers from NUHS in the college ranks? Many of New Ulm's good wrestlers have been farm boys, and following graduation, they have chosen agriculture rather than education.

As you can see, NUHS has produced many fine individual athletes, but in recent years, the team outlook in some sports has been poor. One reason may be that New Ulm's talent is divided between three different schools. Have you ever thought about what our athletic program would be like if New Ulm had one school, rather than one Catholic, one Lutheran and one public?