

"You cannot fly an eagle
with the wings of a wren."
— William Henry Hudson

MAYO HIGH SCHOOL ADVOCATE

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victorious, is a national
misfortune."
— Helmuth Von Moltke

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Mayo teacher's farm presents multifaceted learning experience

by JIM BOEHLKE

From Cicero, 149 B.C.: "He plants trees to benefit another generation."

Arden Welte, Mayo's advanced biology teacher, is the proud owner of a 310-acre tree farm. Mr. Welte, known as the Johnny Appleseed of pine trees, moved to Rochester from Bloomington in 1959. In 1960, he purchased a 50 foot by 100 foot lot on Lake Zumbro.

Since his original purchase, Welte has expanded his lot to 150 acres of tillable farmland, six acres of tree-covered land, and 310 acres of nature and cross country ski trails. There are 80,000 pine trees and several varieties of hardwood trees growing on the tree farm.

Mr. Welte has named his little piece of heaven Cedarcrest, because of a group of cedar trees on a hill near the farmyard.

Mr. Welte sees his farm as a "long-term investment in conjunction with creating a natural habitat for the use of students and

other interested people."

Many of Mr. Welte's advanced biology students use his farm for a number of research projects, such as: soil studies, pond ecology, plant reproduction, fungi study, and other biology-oriented studies.

In addition to the trees and farmland, Mr. Welte also has a Siberian Husky kennel, a plant nursery, and quarter horses.

Pheasants, game birds, wild turkeys, lynx, bobcats, and squirrels are some common inhabitants of the Cedarcrest tree and game farm. And, a bear was once seen on Welte's farm. "One day, two of my hired men, who were pruning trees, heard a bear. They went on to find its tracks and evidence of it having been scratching on logs. An old fisherman happened to see the bear one morning while fishing," explained Mr. Welte.

Organizations other than his classes also use his facilities, such as: the Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs,

University of Minnesota study groups, and other nature clubs. "I welcome responsible persons to the farm by appointment," said Mr. Welte. The goal of his farm, according to Mr. Welte, is, "to maintain a small area as nature preserve; because of our rapidly expanding developments these areas are needed as they are becoming scarce."

Mr. Welte currently has one part-time employee, and in the summer he hires former students full time to shear Christmas trees and Norway pines. Three original employees grew to enjoy forestry that they became professional foresters. Mr. Welte is himself a member of the American Tree Farms Systems.

Mr. Welte said, "I feel I'm able to teach a better course. The farm enables me to live the course. When we study the reproduction of pine trees, the facilities are there. It gives me an opportunity to improve my teaching by being able to do private research to enhance my general knowledge. I'm able to pass this information on to my students."



A pleasant view of the country life at the Welte farm.
(Photo by Kent Miller)

Young Life proves that religion can be enjoyable

by JIM BOEHLKE

"I think kids are the most exciting things since Purina Dog Chow," said Steve Molin, an adult leader of Young Life.

Young Life, a religion-oriented organization that is present in over 500 communities in the United States and in eight foreign nations, is defined by Steve as, "Forming adult and high school young people."

With headquarters in Colorado Springs, Young Life employs about 1,000 full-time staff members. Steve Molin is the area director for Rochester. He is the only full-time area staff member, although he is assisted by 12 volunteers and a 12-member adult committee.

Young Life has its origin in Texas in 1941 and has spread throughout the United States. The organization came to Rochester in 1974. John Marshall was the first high school in Rochester to have Young Life. Young Life started at Mayo in May 1975.

Young Life meetings are held at the homes of student members. The meetings are very informal, and no dues are collected. Steve said the meeting format is, "a combination of chaos, quietness, singing, skits, and a short message of the Christian faith."

Steve, who once swallowed a goldfish at a meeting because attendance was over 100, said, "It doesn't embarrass me to make a

fool out of myself in front of kids if it makes them more receptive to what I have to say."

Young Life has sponsored several activities, such as: Ice Block Olympics, square dances, and broomball and "Almost Anything Goes" competitions. "I feel it is a sin to bore kids," Steve said.

In addition to its school year activities, Young Life has seven resorts in Minnesota, North Carolina, British Columbia, California, New York, and two in Colorado. This summer, 35 Mayo students will be eligible to go to the Silver Cliff Ranch in Colorado.

Steve said, "I see the goal of Young Life as being two fold: to develop friendships with high school kids; to introduce them to the person of Jesus Christ."

Steve grew up in the Twin Cities, and attended Concordia College and the Luther Seminary. He is married and has a son and a daughter — and an undigested goldfish — and an undigested goldfish. He skates with the Mayo hockey team several days each week. Steve sees his goal in Young Life as, "Being a model to kids, and being able to watch them sort out things in their lives."

The next meeting of the Mayo Young Life will be in late February. Activities at past meetings have included: marshmallow munching contests, Steve Molin swallowing a goldfish, and making ice cream sundaes in other people's mouths and then attempting to eat half of it.

Heart attacks-CPR

Life or death situation can end in life

by CREEP MANKIN

After the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys in the 1976 Super Bowl, Charlie Waters, a Dallas safety, received news that his 70-year-old father had been stricken with a "near cardiac arrest." Moments after the father's heart attack he had received treatment from one of the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation teams of the Miami Fire Rescue Unit. Several weeks later, Waters father was "doing fine."

More than 650,000 people in the United States die of heart attacks each year. More than 350,000 of these deaths occur within the first two hours of the attack. Speed is the major factor when dealing with a heart attack victim. The brain can't function properly without blood — meaning oxygen — for more than four to six minutes.

Warning signs of a heart attack can vary, but often consist of: a squeezing, heavy pain in the chest; indigestion, or nausea; shortness of breath; pain in the shoulders, arms, neck, or jaw; extreme sweating; pallor or unnatural paleness; and a noticeable fluttering of the heart. If you see someone with two or more

of these symptoms, medical help should be summoned immediately.

Also, if you, or a person in the area, has a good knowledge of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and heart massage, an attempt should be made to revive the victim until professional help does arrive.

The American Heart Association is quick to point out that CPR should not be self taught. In Rochester, the fee for a course in CPR is \$5. To register, or for additional information, one can call the Community Education office at 285-8646, or go to Room 311 at the Rochester Area Vocational-Technical Institute.

Increasing numbers of citizens are learning CPR. Secretaries, airline flight attendants, bank guards, and stockbrokers among others are learning CPR to help save lives. Also, all firemen and police officers are trained in CPR.

Many businesses are promoting CPR among their employees. Pennsylvania Electric's employees deal with electricity every day. If an employee should be electrocuted, another employee's administering

of CPR could be a lifesaver. Pennsylvania Electric has 3,724 employees, of which 2,100 are certified to administer CPR, with refresher courses available annually.

Hershey Foods Corporation began teaching the lifesaving technique last year. When Hershey introduced CPR, over 60 volunteers were certified on completion of the first course.

These are just two companies that have noticed the great importance of being trained in CPR. But, there is still not enough knowledge of CPR among the public.

Because of the Mayo Clinic's patients, Rochester is faced with people with unstable health conditions who may need CPR when least expected.

If you were in a room with a heart attack victim, would you stare at the many other horrified people, or would you be able to effectively respond to the situation? Who knows, it may someday be a person you know or love who is stricken with a heart attack.



Student broomballers in action during Winter Olympics. (Photo by Paul Lofgren)

Editorial

Journalism program threatened by familiar enrollment problem

A situation recently existed at John Marshall which could have meant the end of the official school newspaper — at least for the second semester of this school year.

The enrollment for the second semester journalism class (it is a combined class of second and fourth semester journalism students) was so low that administrators decided to drop the class.

The journalism students comprise the majority of the newspaper staff. Also, the journalism instructor receives additional school time to advise the newspaper. Now, however, there is no journalism class — meaning no journalism students — and no journalism instructor — meaning no additional time. For awhile, it appeared the newspaper might have to be discontinued.

Judy Carlson, the journalism instructor, was eventually able to obtain extra school time during the second semester to advise the newspaper. But, the newspaper is now an extracurricular activity for the students.

The origin of this situation — and others similar to it — can definitely be traced to the levy referendum failure in the autumn of 1976. The reduced number of periods in the school day — a result of the referendum failure — lessened the number of classes a student could enroll in.

Some students who may have intended to enroll in a journalism class probably changed their minds when the allowed class load was reduced by the budget cuts — a result of the referendum failure. This same theory can be applied to several other classes which were dropped because of an insufficient enrollment.

It is now practically impossible to solve the enrollment problem. It could only have been prevented if the voters would have cast their ballots in the opposite way in 1976.

As for journalism — which is affected two-fold because of the class and the newspaper — the enrollment in the second semester John Marshall class was about one dozen students. The current enrollment in the second semester Mayo journalism class is also about one dozen. This means Mayo may encounter next year the same situation that John Marshall just faced.

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Letter

Letter writer attacks self-centered students

To the Editor:

I was once your typical Mayo student. I once went to typical Mayo parties, and did typical Mayo things.

I have a few questions to ask the students of Mayo, or those who choose to read this letter. What makes this school tick?

Everybody in this school is so damn wrapped up in their own problems that they can't see what they're doing to themselves or other people. The world was not meant to be divided. You all think certain things are so "neat" or others so "sad." Why don't you give other people a chance? You are no better than them just because you are the number one football player, or because they may not be as "pretty" as you are. What gives you the right to judge people on their looks or personal belongings? **You are not God!**

I accept people for what's inside, not outside. You girls compete for popularity. What's that? Where does it get you in the long run? It is really sad to see what's happening in this world. I may not be totally correct in my opinion, but I do see a bunch of self-centered people in this school. I also realize that there are some good people in this school — those who accept themselves and others for what they really are.

I guess the real reason I wrote this letter is because if this world is going to get anywhere we have to start helping each other, and ourselves. Please be nice to your fellow humans — they have feelings too.

I have chosen to remain nameless not because I am necessarily a coward, but it will be interesting to stand by and listen to what people do, or don't say.

Name withheld upon request



(Photo by Wayne Brakke)

by PAT O'NEILL

Steve Miller is probably the most successful artist today in terms of hanging on to his old fans while constantly making fans. The original hardcore followers of Miller in the 1960's are still around, while Miller's "commercial" success has mainly occurred in the last two years.

Interestingly enough, you won't find "Swingtown," "Take the Money and Run," "Jet Airliner," "Jungle Love," or any other of his well-known hits on "Anthology." You will find what I believe is his best-ever record in "Living in the USA," an underground single recorded in 1968 which had minimum success in 1974, but has always been a crowd-pleaser at concerts. You can also hear it on the flipside of some copies of "Rock 'n' Me," apparently Capitol Records decided it was good enough to be released twice.

Despite occasional knocks at the "meaninglessness" of some of the lyrics of Miller's music, he still has the best medium-rock band around. It's hard to find a better dance band that sells so many records. Steve Miller made his first disc when the emphasis was on music — the supposed "culture" around rock music didn't exist — and the words simply weren't important.

"Anthology" contains some good rock music, "The Best of Steve Miller Band from 1968 through 1972" and maybe the subtitle should be "I Get by with a Little Help from My Friends." Helping with this recording were Lee Michaels (remember "Do You Know What I Mean?"), Ben Sidran (Space Cowboy), one of the best country instrumentalists around, Charlie McCoy, and then — Beatle Paul McCartney. Boz Scaggs, a long-time Miller associate, helped with most of the vocals.

If you're a Steve Miller fan from long ago, or recently decided you were one after hearing "Swingtown," you won't be disappointed if you add "Anthology" to your collection.

Letters policy

The ADVOCATE encourages readers to express their opinions and views through the letters-to-the-editor section of this newspaper.

Letters should be kept as brief as possible, and are subject to editing and condensation. All letters must include name and grade (if a student), but the name will be withheld if deemed necessary. Letters may be submitted in Room 2-247 to only the editor or adviser of the ADVOCATE. Priority will be given to letters that are typed, double-spaced, and less than 300 words in length.

Letters to the editor do not necessarily have to comment on this newspaper, but may discuss any issue which the writer believes is important.



The editor's notebook

by ROSS CORSON

News report: This year's senior trip to Duluth's Spirit Mountain was recently cancelled because of a lack of student interest.

Column: This recent cancellation poses an interesting problem for the students of Mayo High School. Something is desperately needed to increase student participation and interest; to raise these poor young souls from the treacherous depths of that sea of apathy and indifference. (That final clause should be spoken aloud in a Oral Roberts voice and manner.)

If some people believe a trip is what the students need, then several really exciting and interesting, but educational, trips must be arranged. I, and my distinguished travel consulting firm (Flybinitite), have come up with a few interesting, yet relatively inexpensive, trip possibilities.

The Soviet Union is now offering tours through some of their finer psychiatric hospitals. And, for the less adventuresome folk, tours of American psychiatric hospitals are being established. High school psychology credit will probably be given to those who complete the tour.

Brilliantly guided tours of the Bermuda Triangle area are being planned exclusively through Flybinitite. Each tour includes an actual disappearance. Financing can likely be managed through scientific grants from the government or a philanthropic institution.

Another new and exciting trip is to spend one week with the best CIA or KGB agents (your choice) operating in the United States. Preparations are now being made for two CIA seminars: "Dart Gun Making in Three Easy Steps" and "You Can Kill a World Leader and Not Go to Jail." The KGB agents will present a combined seminar dealing with conversational Russian and the complexities of microwave radiation.

Three trips can only be bought through the Flybinitite travel consulting firm, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sue, Grabbit, and Runn law firm, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the United States government.

Letter

Girls' swimming team chooses captains unfairly

To the Editor:

Something recently happened in girls' sports at Mayo which should not go unnoticed. The swimming team elected captains for next year, and the girls showed that they are not "big" enough, or mature enough, to handle this task.

Traditionally, when boys select their captains, they choose from the best, and the results come as no surprise because those who have been chosen have proved their ability. They have accomplished something for the team, and have succeeded in the sport.

On the swimming team at Mayo are several girls who have placed in state meets and hold team or pool records. Not one of the girls who gained points to put Mayo in sixth place in the state was recognized in the election for captain.

It is not held against a boy if he has gained excellence in ANY sport by hard work in the Amateur Athletic Union or Little League. Girls, look at your Mayo boys' captains in any sport. The Minneapolis girls can vote into office the best — the workers, the point getters. Are the Rochester girls spoiled brats having a popularity contest, or allowing petty jealousy to reign supreme?

Can you be jealous of the girls who worked hard all summer at seven in the morning to attain their ability while you were still in bed? In any athletic or academic endeavor, hard work and perseverance are rewarded — not so at Mayo, apparently.

One can only hope that in the future all girls in all kinds of elections use thought and judgement in casting their ballots in a positive way, rather than using a negative thought process. If I were coach, they would not have another chance — I would appoint the captains!

Mrs. Richard (Ruth) Cleeremans

Business editor needed

The ADVOCATE is accepting application for the position of business editor for the second semester of this school year. The job would involve the solicitation of

advertisements for the school newspaper. Interested students should contact Ross Corson or Mr. Volker in Room 2-247. Sophomores and juniors will be given preference over seniors.

Close-up look at Miss Kloos

by PAUL LOFGREN

"Kloos" encounters of the first kind are what this reporter experienced when speaking with Miss Phyllis Kloos, foreign language coordinator and Mayo Spanish teacher.

Miss Kloos is a native of tropical Minnesota, but said she prefers the sun of Mexico better.

Her father was an international real estate agent stationed in Mexico. This condition led to Kloos' learning of the Spanish language, as it is easier to learn a language when one is young. This was good, except when she wandered down to the boat docks and learned the wrong words. When she spoke these new words to some diplomats they would tell her father that she should be watched when he wasn't around.

Her father then left her on a boat with a friend during the day. She eventually became just like one of the family, and was treated as one. This meant she would awaken in the morning; eat breakfast; and spend the morning swimming in the sea with her friends. At about one in the afternoon, they would be fished out; eat lunch; and then tossed back in the water. Miss Kloos still retains her swimming ability. Also during her stays in Mexico with her father — which could last from two weeks to several months — she learned skin and scuba diving as an interesting hobby.

When Miss Kloos wasn't in Mexico, she would live with her mother in Minnesota, where her father would join them or work on business in Mexico.

Miss Kloos believes she has a "split life." She has a Minnesota life, Mexico life, Hawaii life, North Africa life, and many more that often include her hobbies.

Her numerous hobbies include: swimming, skin and scuba diving, underwater and above-water photography, archeology, and — yes — motorcycle riding during the summer.

These activities were somewhat cut off more than 10 years ago when she was involved in an accident



while riding in a taxi cab. Her cuts healed quickly, but she still has about one operation every year to fix the torn ligaments and tendons in her legs. Miss Kloos hopes the operations will be completed in three or four years. When this is done, she hopes to resume the very active life that was once a major characteristic of her life. This is not to say she stopped all action after the accident. She is still an avid skin and scuba diver and underwater photographer. Also, she still rides a motorcycle, and "quite well," according to her.

After college, Miss Kloos decided she needed a better job than the one she had — working in a factory manufacturing aircraft materials. Also, she helped the FBI on some cases that dealt with her work at the factory.

With majors in history, English, and Spanish, Miss Kloos decided to enter the field of teaching. Before her decision, teaching was almost the farthest thing from her mind. Now, she "loves teaching high school."

All of this leads up to her favorite hobby: travel. Miss Kloos believes that "to travel you have to plunge in and immerse yourself. When in North Africa do as the North Africans do." She doesn't believe that a person should not travel because of one's age. She said, "It is a mistake to put things off."

Three of Miss Kloos' students talked with this reporter about Miss Kloos. Junior Diane Lenherr said, "she is always telling us about her interesting travels."

Cory Peterson, another junior, said, "In my opinion, Miss Kloos knows the best way to teach, and she is extremely interesting."

Janet Stewart's feeling towards Miss Kloos was short and sweet: "I love her."



Coming Up

FEBRUARY

2	Girls' Basketball — Albert Lea	There
	Girls' Gymnastics — Albert Lea	Here, 6:30
3	Boys' Basketball — Faribault	Here, 6:20, 8:00
	Hockey — Breck	Here, 4:00, 6:00
	Wrestling — Fairbault	There, 6:00, 7:30
4	Hockey (A-squad only) — Madison Memorial	Here, 6:00
	Girls' Gymnastics — River Falls Inv.	There, 1:30
6	Girls' Gymnastics — Pine Island	There, 6:30
	Junior Varsity Basketball — Red Wing	There
7	Girls' Basketball — Faribault	Here, 6:20, 8:00
	Boys' Basketball — Austin	There, 6:30, 8:00
	Hockey — Owatonna	There, 6:00, 8:00
9	Boys' Basketball — Owatonna	There
	Girls' Basketball — Mankato East	There
	Girls' Gymnastics — Mankato East	Here, 6:30
10	Boys' Basketball — Mankato East	There, 6:30, 8:00
	Boys' Swimming — John Marshall	There, 4:30
	Hockey — Blake	There, 5:00, 7:00
11	Junior Varsity Basketball — John Marshall	Here
	Girl-Date-Boy Dance	Student Center & Cafe.
		8:30-11:30
14	Girls' Basketball — Stewartville	There
	Hockey — Albert Lea	There
	Wrestling — Regionals	There
15	Boys' Basketball — Sub Regionals	RCC

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Ski area opens near Wabasha

by LISA LOFGREN

There is a new ski area in southern Minnesota. This area is called Coffee Mill. Coffee Mill is about 38 miles northeast of Rochester, located in Wabasha. Coffee Mill Motel is within walking distance of the lifts. Both the motel, and the ski area are owned and operated by Richard Kastler.

At this time, they have two lifts and three runs open, however, they plan to add at least one lift a year until the eight or nine planned runs are all operable.

The three runs open this year are: beginner (Singing Hill), intermediate (Chippewa), and expert (Barnstormer). The larger lift is a 3,480-foot double chair. This is the longest lift in the Midwest. It takes 11 minutes to reach the top. Coffee Mill also boasts a vertical rise of 510 feet, one of the highest in the Midwest.

Coffee Mill is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on holidays; weekends; and Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The tow cost for adults is six dollars a day, and five dollars for people under 18. Rentals are five dollars a day, and as of now, lessons for beginners are free.

The chalet is octagonal, and has a built-in, eight-foot fireplace. The chalet has hot food service, and is large enough to have occasional dances.

The Coffee Mill Motel has 20 units, color television, and air conditioning for the summer months.

In addition to the plan for a new lift each year, Coffee Mill is hoping to have night skiing by next year.

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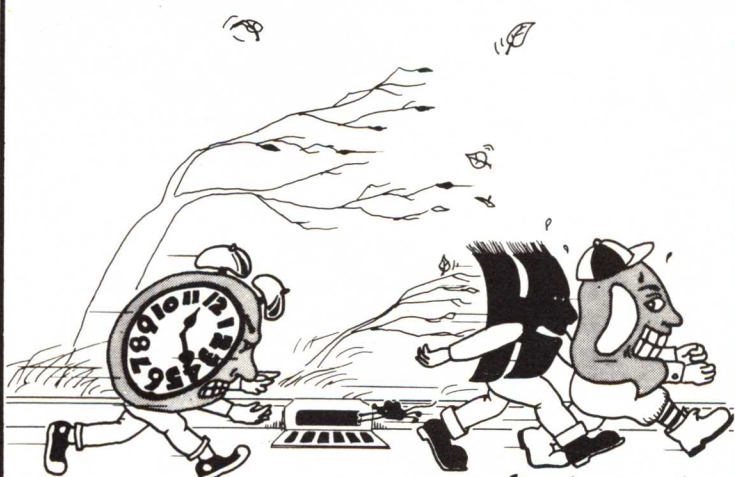


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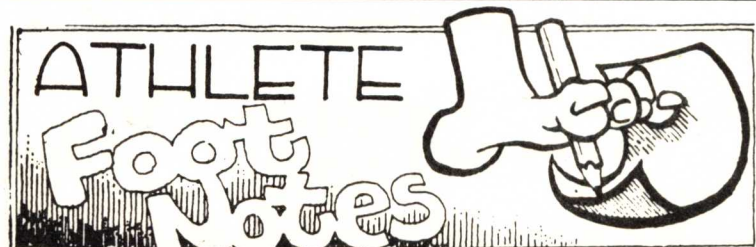
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by JOE LAUGHTON

UNACCEPTED INVITATION

Coach Sievers was preparing the Mayo boys' swim team for what was probably going to be the team's toughest test of the year — an anticipated close encounter with Albert Lea, a team full of All-American swimmers. Sievers was obviously concerned, as he was having his squad practice hard for the meet. Mayo was undefeated going into the meet, so perfection was in jeopardy.

As most of Sievers' friends and students may already know, he's a public relations man as well as a coach. Sievers works hard to develop a good relationship between the fans and his team. He cares about the spectators — you don't see too many coaches today that have a concern for the fans.

Coach Sievers, as he was getting his squad geared up for this important meet, decided to get as many fans as possible involved with the preparation for the upcoming battle. He wanted his team to have strong support — and to share the feeling of unity with his team and student supporters.

The coach opened up practice on the day before the big meet for any interested students who wanted to come. He invited the team's fans to come watch and boost the squad through its final practice before the big event.

Unfortunately, no one showed up. This writer did, and was disappointed to see the empty spectators' stands. I'm sure Coach Sievers was a little disappointed also. However, he remained conscious that he had to keep the squad going — and continued practice.

The next day, the Mayo swimmers topped Albert Lea 100-72.

Gymnasts surprised

The girls' gymnastics team prior to the start of the season was faced with the all too common dilemma of losing key seniors from last year's team. But four dual meets into the season, it looks like coach Joanne Bartsh won't have any worries after all.

"This is excellent — beyond my expectations!" Bartsh exclaimed. "I'm really pleased; real excited how it turned out. I thought this was going to be a rebuilding year since we lost eight seniors from last year."

"The girls have really surprised me," Bartsh went on to say. "They proved me wrong about this being a building year."

The reason the squad is winning is because there's no real dividing line in talent. Every girl contributes equally. "The team is so well balanced," Bartsh said. "I hate to pick out one individual. All of the girls are at the same caliber. They all developed real quickly."

The closeness in talent will come in handy since there is anticipation of a close Big Nine title chase. "Yeah, this is really tight," Bartsh assured. "We know everybody is tough. Winona is tough. JM is the easiest, but Mayo is the only undefeated team," Bartsh stated.

The Spartan girls showed in the Minnetonka Invitational how they can stretch its performance with the competition. In the four-team meet, Fargo (North Dakota) South and Minnetonka came out 1-2. Mayo finished right behind in third — and had to produce its best score so far this season (100) to attain that spot. Fargo has been North Dakotan state champions in five out of the last six years. Minnetonka, according to Bartsh, is a contender for the state title in Minnesota this year. Mayo ran into tough competition, but the Spartan gymnasts showed their staying power with the best around.

Mayo is figured to be a definite team to deal with in sub-sectionals and the region. "We should win in the sub-sections unless Red Wing makes improvements," Bartsh predicted. "We're definitely a contender in the region. Our biggest worries are Faribault, Albert Lea, and Owatonna. One of them, and maybe two of them, might get knocked off," Bartsh forecasted.

Wrestling

Bad luck all the way

by JOE LAUGHTON

If it wasn't for bad luck, the Mayo wrestling team would have no luck at all. Coach Campbell and his wrestling troops have been confronted with problems from all directions — and it all starts with injuries. Inexperience and a tough conference followed suit.

"Yeah, it is injuries that have been beating us," Campbell said. "Todd Nelson broke his collarbone early in the year. He's not fully recovered from that. Larry Grimm missed two or three meets, and that hurt. Tom Stamman twisted his knee and possibly tore some ligaments; he may be out for the rest of the season," Campbell revealed.

"Injuries have been one big factor in our losing," Campbell reemphasized.

With many important wrestlers absent, Campbell was forced to insert younger, inexperienced personnel into the lineup. "Since we're losing, you can see that

putting in the younger kids doesn't make up for the losses we've taken," Campbell said. "There were some meets we could have won if it hadn't been for those injuries," Campbell conjectured.

Losing has been tough on the squad. Many teams are coming down hard on the young Spartan wrestlers. Scores like 43-5, 47-12, 38-9, and ho-hum . . . it gets very discouraging for the young wrestlers.

"The young kids are lacking confidence after these meets," Campbell explained. "All I can do is try to explain why we lost. I can say to them that in a couple of years (if they keep working hard) they can do the same thing to them."

Inside the Big Nine Conference, there are two teams that are rated within the top ten in the state (Albert Lea second, Faribault sixth). This shows how tough the Big Nine is, and the countless headaches Mayo is faced with.

BOYS'SWIMMING (6-0)

The Mayo boys' swim team has come through the heart of its schedule smelling sweet success. The squad has left one hurdle over another. John Marshall came to Mayo's pool to give the Spartan swimmers a close meet. As it turned out, Mayo almost entirely dominated the meet by defeating JM 120-52. In the Cougar Relays at Mankato, Mayo stood up to three of the Big Nine's most serious threats. The Spartan tankers topped Albert Lea, Winona, and John Marshall; as well as all the other schools that participated in that meet. Winona and Albert Lea came next in line to try to overtake Mayo in consecutive dual meets. Mayo beat them both by 91-81 and 100-72 respectively. Not even 18 teams could halt Mayo's supremacy. Mayo conquered them all in winning the Eau Claire Invitational.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS (4-0)

In Big Nine girls' gymnastics so far, the Mayo girls are second to none. There is a rash of good talent in the conference this year, but that's healthy for Mayo. It can only improve the Spartans. Less than two points was the difference in a win of Mankato West (90.0-88.2). Austin's talent didn't equal Mayo's talent as evidenced by a 94.95-65.00 Spartan victory. The Minnetonka Invitational provided some tough competition outside the conference, as Mayo placed third out of four teams. Gymnastic powers Fargo South (from North Dakota)

and Minnetonka were the top finishers above Mayo in that meet. Owatonna lost to the Spartans 86.75-83.45 in a Big Nine dual meet.

HOCKEY (8-5)

State champion John Marshall seems apparent to repeat at least another state tournament appearance. The Rocket team has ousted Mayo twice this year — the latest game being a 8-2 manhandling of Mayo. Otherwise, the Spartan skaters are manhandling other teams in the Southern Minnesota Hockey League. Rosemount was buried 8-1. Mark Ahmann could have beaten Rosemount 4-1 (Ahmann scored 4 goals in the game). Inver Grove Heights Simley also lost to Mayo in a 5-2 encounter. Apple Valley was the next victim of Mayo's in a 4-2 game.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (0-11)

The Mayo girls' basketball team has taken to the court 11 times so far this season, only to come out losers each time. In a make-up game, Mayo lost to Winona 45-38. The Spartan girls traveled to Chatfield, and came home losers once more by a 56-45 score. Mankato West added another tally to Mayo's loss column in topping the Spartans 34-38. Insult was added to injury in the pressure-filled meeting with John Marshall. This time it was 55-37. Then the tallest team in the conference was more than Mayo could handle as Austin inflicted a 57-45 loss to the Spartans. Outside of the conference, Mayo couldn't find any greener pastures as Rosemount handed Mayo's its ninth straight loss 43-30. Owatonna and Albert Lea followed next on the Big Nine agenda — but nothing new developed. Mayo lost to Owatonna 55-48, and Albert Lea 57-37.

BOYS' BASKETBALL (9-5)

The Mayo boys' basketball team has lost only once at home this season . . . none. On the road, it's a different story — Mayo has won only once away from home so far. If Mayo had been as fortunate in other schools' gyms as it had in its own, the Spartans might have found themselves in the thick of things in the Big Nine race. LaCrosse Logan was stung by Mayo 59-57. The traveling jinx followed Mayo to Winona, as the Spartans lost there 54-48. Hastings came to Mayo gym, and ended up to be the second non-conference 59-57 victim of Mayo in a row. Mayo then sought revenge on JM in the Mayo gym. It was again, another thriller (49-47). Once again, the traveling bug struck Mayo in Albert Lea. The Tigers defeated the Spartans 61-56.

WRESTLING (3-11-1)

One-sided affairs have plagued the Mayo wrestling team this season, as the Spartans are paying the price of fielding a youngish team. John Marshall coasted by Mayo 38-9. Waseca literally pounded the Spartans into the mat by a 44-3 showing. Albert Lea didn't let up the pressure in dominating a 43-9 meet over Mayo. Invitationals have been somewhat of a different story for Mayo at least. One win, one loss, and one tie; was the result of a day's work in the Rosemount Invitational. Irondale fell to the Spartans 37-14. St. Paul Johnson battled to a 30-30 standstill with Mayo. The host team, Rosemount, added another unglorious loss to Mayo's record 33-21. At the Stewartville Invitational, Mayo tied for fifth place out of eight schools.



Car of the month



Mr. Herman's 1977 Dodge Van is the second vehicle this year that is owned by a Mayo teacher to win Car of the Month honors. This luxurious four-wheeler is powered by a 400 cu. in. V-8 engine. The exterior has a custom paint job. This van could suit the purpose of a traveling home as it is equipped with a refrigerator and sink, a cassette tape stereo system, and a CB radio (of course). (Photo by Wayne Brakke)

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