

"The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it."

— John Stuart Mill

MAYO HIGH SCHOOL ADVOCATE

"Taxes are what we pay for civilized society."
— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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Officer Bruce Norton of the Rochester Police Department and his specially-trained police dog, Denver. Denver is not only an excellent police dog, but is also a good companion for Norton's children.

Attention skiers: senior trip to Spirit Mountain

It is now definite that this year's senior class trip will be to Spirit Mountain. This ski resort near Duluth was the same spot for last year's senior class trip.

The original plan was to go to Spirit Mountain in January, but that was believed to be of too short notice for many students. The Parent Advisory Group is sponsoring the trip, which will cost \$65. This fee will include transportation by coach bus from Rochester to Duluth, transportation from the Edgewater Motel to Spirit Mountain, ski lift tickets, breakfast, and accommodations at the motel.

There will be four people to a

room at the motel, which has a swimming pool, sauna, and gameroom. The package price of \$65 is due by Friday, January 20.

A senior poll was taken earlier in this school year, and it asked seniors if they would like to have an additional trip. Most seniors were in favor of having a canoe or innertubing trip, such as on the Apple River in Wisconsin. This trip would be in the spring, and the cost would be partially covered by senior class funds. The participating seniors would pay the balance of the cost, but the price would be reduced a great deal.

Mayo students selected for leadership, political awards

Three Mayo students have recently received awards because of their interest in government and leadership. John Johansson, Tim Wong, and Jeff Thone, will be attending several different programs dealing with politics and leadership in the next several months.

John, a sophomore, will be the Rochester representative for the Hugh O'Brien Foundation International Leadership Seminar. He will be attending a leadership workshop Feb. 10-12 in St. Paul, where he has a chance to be selected as the Minnesota

representative in the national seminar.

Tim, a junior, has been selected by the social studies and guidance departments to represent Mayo in the Minnesota House of Representatives Page Program. He will work as a page in the state legislature for one week sometime during the regular 1978 session beginning this month.

Jeff, a senior, will be participating in Project 120. Project 120 is a seminar program at the state capital which deals with government and the political scene in Minnesota.

Police dog Denver's nose knows what to do

by JOE WAGONER

Police K-9 units have been established in many major cities across the country. On March 30, 1977, the Rochester Police Department added a K-9 unit to the force. As of now, only one dog is being used. Denver, an 81-pound German Shepherd owned by Officer Bruce Norton, is the dog currently on the force.

Denver is continually undergoing extensive training. One question asked by many students is "Can the dogs smell pot?" Yes, they can, but according to Officer Norton, "The dog is capable of detecting drugs, but as of now he specializes in tracking suspected criminals, lost children, and finding explosive materials." The Rochester Police Department was not involved in the locker search at Mayo last year.

Denver is also used in everyday police work. Norton said, "Denver has been involved in nearly 70

arrests." Norton gives Denver the same respect as he would give a fellow officer. Norton and Denver enter buildings side by side, unless there is a visible means of entrance, where Denver goes first.

Officer Norton and Denver were two crucial elements in the Jack Werner case this past spring. On May 17, Deputy Sheriff Jack Werner was slain while on duty in the parking lot behind Apache Mall shopping center. Soon, law enforcement officers swarmed onto the scene looking for clues or pieces of evidence from the crime. Their search led them to the woods behind Apache Mall. It was there that Norton's dog, Denver, found what was to be one of the single most important pieces of evidence. Denver found the empty shotgun shell that was used to kill Werner. Without the trained nose of a dog, the shotgun shell may never have been found.

Scent discrimination plays a major role in Denver's work. It takes a keen nose to follow and detect scents. A good tracking dog should be able to cross one trail and still be able to stay on the original one. This is one of Denver's many superior abilities. This past fall, Denver was used to apprehend a suspected felon (who was recently convicted) in a field southeast of Rochester.

Another outstanding ability that Denver possesses is the power to detect explosive materials. For example, Denver is sent into a room where some type of explosive device is hidden; he sniffs it out; and Norton then takes it. Among the different types of explosives Denver is capable of detecting are: plastics, detonation cords, dynamite, fertilizers, and powders.

When off duty, Denver is kept at the home of his master, Bruce Norton. Denver is very compatible with the children at home.

Local union leader discusses organized labor, unionizing

by JIM BOEHLKE

Throughout American history there has always been controversy and misconceptions surrounding unions, organized labor, and collective bargaining.

The Hotel, Hospital, Restaurant Workers, and Bartenders Union Local 21 is the union in Rochester which represents the largest number of student employees. Local 21 represents employees who work in union shops, such as: Michaels, the Kahler Hotel, the Holiday Inn downtown, Blue and White Cab, the Townhouse, St. Mary's Hospital, the Rochester Nursing Home, and the Hollywood Bar.

Mr. Buck Jackson, the head of Local 21, discussed organized labor, the ADVOCATE, and went over the steps one should take to organize a business.

To unionize a business, an employee must first get 30 per cent of the employees to sign union authorization cards. Or, one can form a petition designating a specific unit as their collective bargaining force. If 30 per cent of the employees do this, the employer is forced, by law, to have a hearing and election to unionize the business and employees. It takes a positive vote of 50 per cent plus one to elect the union into the business.

After this has been done, the employees negotiate an agreement and decide upon their union's proposal. The employer can make a counterproposal. This is the beginning of the bargaining and negotiating of a contract. After an agreement has been arrived at, the employees vote to ratify the contract.

Mr. Jackson said, "The employer cannot intervene if his employees are trying to unionize. It is illegal if he tries to do so."

He also added: "Over the past 20 years the National Labor Relations Act has been chipped away at. It has gotten to the point where some employers have intentionally threatened and lied to their employees that were trying to

organize as a collective bargaining unit. The Act clearly states that the employees have complete freedom to organize without the employer's interference, or threat of losing their job or benefits."



MR. BUCK JACKSON
(Photo by Paul Lofgren)

There is generally a 30 to 60 day probation period before a worker receives union wages unless the person was one of the original employees to organize.

The businesses that Local 21 represents hire a large number of students. This is because of the little training necessary, no apprenticeships, and mostly short shifts.

The Local 21 dues for a housekeeping employee at the Kahler Hotel are \$5 out of every other paycheck. Local 21 must send \$2.07 a month, per member to the international union, and 25 cents to the state union.

"I believe the dues are excessive and unreasonable. We are paying too much to the international and state unions, and we are not even close to receiving our money's worth," Jackson said.

George Meany, the president of the AFL-CIO, has a salary of

\$120,000 a year, according to Mr. Jackson. "Any international union officer, or officer of any intermediate body cannot possibly think like a working man, because they don't undergo the burdens and hassles of the working man," stated Jackson.

In addition to the high salaries of high-ranking union officials, they receive expense accounts, medical benefits, transportation, and a large pension. Mr. Jackson said: "For these officers to claim they understand the problems of the workers they represent is false. They are lying. These men are a long way from our trade."

In 1967, the Kahler Hotel employees went on strike for two weeks. Mr. Jackson claimed, "You win a strike when you have improved a working agreement." He also added, "A good businessman does not let conditions exist that cause his employees to strike."

For the most part, in the place of striking there is arbitration. "Most negotiations today are conducted with a mediator, such as the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service and the Bureau of Mediation of the State of Minnesota," Jackson said.

The mediator helps the employer and employees to amend their disagreement — to give and take. First, they work out agreements separately with the two parties, and then jointly. If this fails to work, the dispute generally ends up with a strike. Mr. Jackson said, "If an employer is taking advantage of his workers, and they can't reach a reasonable solution, then he has a strike on his hands."

The unions help to benefit its members with legal representation, unemployment compensation, and minimum wage. The union also acts as a referral service — if a member is unemployed temporarily, they will help him/her find a job.

Mr. Jackson concluded that, "Young people should take collective bargaining more seriously. By not doing so, it will be destroyed, and we will end up with a fascist-type government."

Editorial

Organized labor basic right, need of society

To most working teen-agers, labor unions are only known as the organizations which takes a few dollars out of each paycheck.

This is disheartening, because any worker — whether a teen-ager or a person on the verge of retirement — should realize the importance and historic significance of organized labor.

As early as 50 years ago, the working conditions in some businesses were horrifying — even by the standards of the time. As organized labor gained strength, working conditions improved so that today most workers are adequately paid and financially protected for retirement.

To some, labor unions do not appear to be needed any longer. But, such is not true, because fairness and quality could easily slip in working conditions. Also, it is important — and guaranteed in the Constitution — that workers be allowed to form collective bargaining units, and units to represent them in struggles for better job conditions.

So, it is vital that people understand the purposes and services of organized labor. Also, one should recognize the need for these representative units.

S. C. committees vital

by MARK UTZ
Student Council President

In the Student Council this year there are seven committees. Each Student Council member is assigned to be on at least one committee and no more than two. The committees are the heart of the Student Council. If there were no committees, the Student Council could not function.

On September 28, the Student Council had its annual retreat at Assisi Heights. The main purpose of this retreat was to help new council members get acquainted with each other and to formulate ideas and goals for the year. We spent the afternoon discussing problems and project goals. Then we broke up into committees, each group planning what they might work on for the year. Here is a list of all of the committees and some of the projects they are considering:

Building and Grounds

Chairperson - Katie Fontana

The building and grounds committee works on improving not only the inside of the building, but also the campus. Some of the projects under consideration are:

1. Benches and picnic tables outside
2. Anti-litter program, campus clean-up, more trash barrels
3. Fixing up Commons, put out foam chairs, round tables, repair the stereo
4. General repairs and projects to keep the building and grounds in good condition

Student Activities

Chairpersons - Chris Ritts, Mark Wernstorm

This committee will be responsible for most of the activities that are being sponsored

by the Student Council. Some of the projects under consideration are:

1. Snow King and Queen
2. Spring Club Fair — every Club in the school would have a booth in the fair as a general fund-raising project for all of the Clubs
3. Music Appreciation Week — sometime in the middle of the year have a week when all different musical groups of the school could give an assembly
4. Exchange Students
5. Student Assemblies — this would also be sponsored by the communication committee. Once or twice a semester, involving student rallies run by the Student Council, informing students on problems or issues that face the school.

School Board Advisory

Chairperson - Rob Stroebel

This committee meets with School Board members before the School Board meeting. The committee puts together proposals with school board members and then presents them at a School Board meeting. Projects being considered:

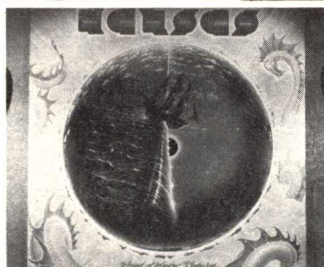
1. Money to fund benches outside
2. The addition of one more counselor
3. Shortage of books for classes

Communications

Chairpersons - Carol Karnes, Mark Utz

The purpose of this committee is to inform the students of Student Council happenings:

1. Publicize the agenda
2. Publicize the minutes
3. Create Suggestion Boxes



by PAT O'NEILL

Some ardent Kansas fans might get upset at my comparisons of Kansas to other groups. But aren't the guitar riffs similar to those of Queen? And, aren't the vocals sometimes like those of Styx? And, don't the keyboard and guitar combinations sometimes sound like Jethro Tull? The similarities are definitely there, but the point is that there is nothing wrong with copying if it makes you successful. Just ask Rich Little.

Also, have you ever noticed how you tell which song it is just by hearing the bass through the wall or ceiling? It happens often with Kansas and the other groups mentioned. "Point of Know Return" is Kansas' latest effort, and it includes the hit single of the same name, along with several other songs of the same imaginativeness. I was surprised to find such a clever instrumental track in "The Spider".

"Dust in the Wind" is also creative and a good prospect as the next single, not to mention the most mellow track on the album.

Actually, I expected to find many of the songs sounding alike but it wasn't the case. Also to my surprise, the album shows a good production effort, which is rare. "Point of Know Return" shows how pleasing stereo can be to the ear.

All I'm wondering now is how the group can top this album.

4. Organize Student Assemblies
5. Appearances at social gatherings
6. Encourage representatives from each club to attend Student Council meetings
7. Develop homeroom liasons
8. Develop bulletin board
9. Encourage film clips of the Student Council
10. Create a column in the ADVOCATE

Parent Advisory

Chairperson - Mark Utz

This committee meets with concerned parents once a month. We discuss possible activities for the students and problems that are facing students. This group plans the senior party.

Intra-City Student Council

Chairperson - Kent Miller

This committee meets once a month with the JM Student Council. This committee has not been in existence for many years, though we feel it could be useful. We discuss each school's problems and activities and as a result we get helpful ideas.

Food Service

This committee meets with the



The editor's notebook

by ROSS CORSON

MODEST PROPOSALS

Has anyone ever considered beautifying the restrooms at Mayo? Perhaps a well-done mural opposite the commodes could be managed. Or, a sculpture or two might be nice, but nothing too modern — some less art-minded students may mistake them for something else. There must be an enthusiastic Lady Bird Johnson in school who would be willing to take up such a magnificent venture. Those more civilized students who frequent the comfort stations would appreciate a little art.

I think it is time we have a few significant assemblies here with guest speakers. Some suggestions: Ann Landers, Bella Abzug, Idi Amin, and R. W. "Johnny" Apple Jr.

We need some fresh blood to add a little excitement to the school. Perhaps a trade could be negotiated to ship out some of our students, and ship in some new students from another school — maybe the Red Wing Reformatory.

The formation of some new clubs could add a cultured flavor to Mayo. Some possible new clubs: a film society for those who appreciate unusual and foreign films, a cricket club for those who wish to pursue that fine game, a Brats Club for the heavy drinkers, a turf club for the bookies and their customers (maybe the library can get the racing forms), and a skull & crossbones club for doctor's kids.

When student dress codes were abolished, many teachers worried that students would become slobs. But, it seems that quite the opposite has occurred. I believe there must be a halt to those bloody leisure suits and flowery polyester shirts worn by certain members of the faculty (you know who you are). Such dress is hardly an inspiration to students. Whatever happened to the well-worn tweed coat and the rumpled tie?

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director of the food program of the Rochester school system. We meet at JM and test and discuss many types of foods. The committee consists of JM, Mayo, Central, Kellogg and John Adams students. Some of the past accomplishments include:

1. Salad Bar
2. Tacos
3. Hamburger grill everyday

The committee meetings are open to all students. Most of these committees meet twice a month. The date, place and time of meetings will always be in the bulletin and Spartan Scene. A written report is handed in to me by each committee chairperson once every two weeks. I post the reports on the Student Council bulletin board in front of the Commons. Please either come to our meetings and give us your ideas and suggestions or give your ideas to any Student Council member. Do these goals please you? What do you want to see get done?

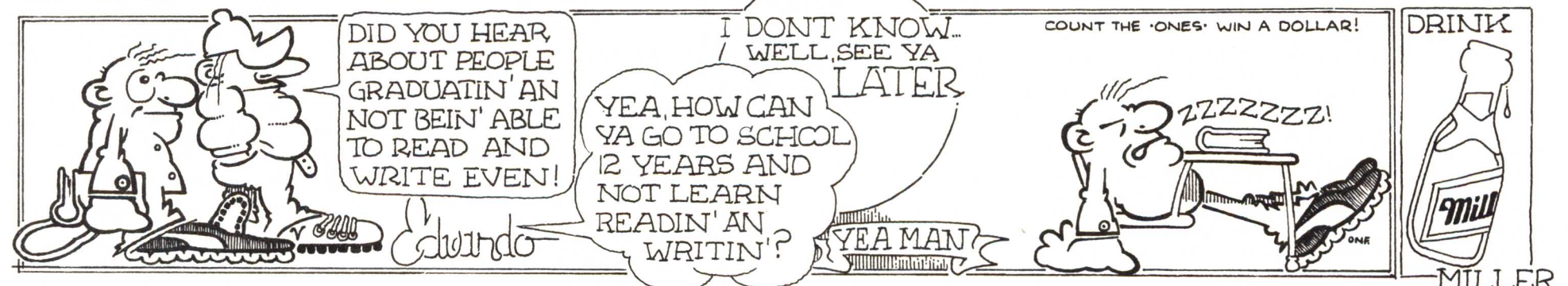
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The ADVOCATE encourages readers to express their opinions and views through the letters-to-the-editor section of this newspaper.

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.

1st SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE	
Wednesday, January 18 —	Period 5—12:00 to 1:30 Period 6— 1:40 to 3:10
Thursday, January 19 —	Period 1— 8:10 to 9:40 Period 4A— 9:50 to 11:20 Period 4B— 1:00 to 2:30
Friday, January 20 —	Period 2— 8:10 to 9:40 Period 3— 9:50 to 11:20 afternoon make-up and teacher work period



What's Happening

A retrospective look at 1977

by PAT O'NEILL

Upcoming concerts in January include Jose Feliciano and the Ohio Players on the 14th and 15th respectively. You can check your favorite concert information source for details.

With 1977 officially over, a look back at the events and news of the year may be appropriate. Remember . . . laugh, or just reminisce.

April: Two hit versions of the theme from "Rocky".

September: ANOTHER Beatles album?

November: Steve Martin came to Rochester. Craa-zy!

Widely reported rumor of the year: A tie between the almost-concerts of Barry Manilow and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. They were scheduled for Rochester, but cancelled when negotiations were bungled.

And speaking of concerts: Which concert(s) did YOU go to — Charlie Daniels? Crosby, Stills, and Nash? Marshall Tucker? Steve Martin?

Doobie Brothers?

August: Elvis died.

January: Jimmy Carter becomes a president (the first to officially rub elbows with rock musicians from Capricorn Records in Macon, Georgia — Marshall Tucker, The Allmans, and Elvin Bishop, among others).

Comebacks: Jennifer Warnes, Rita Coolidge, and James Taylor.

October: Electro/Asylum set a record, so to speak, by releasing two singles by the same artist simultaneously (Linda Ronstadt's "It's So Easy" and "Blue Bayou").

November: Elton John retired.

Best "new" artist: Dolly Parton became known to millions with "Here You Come Again" (her first country smash in 1967!).

1977 Introductions: Foreigner, Leif Garret, Al Stewart, and Andrew Gold.

In their prime: Frampton, BeeGees, Fleetwood Mac, Steve Miller, and Linda Ronstadt.

Past their prime: John Denver, Barry White, Elton John, The

Beatles, and Gerald Ford.

Best album of the year: "Rumors".

Worst album of the year: "Olivia Newton-John's Greatest Hits"

Best single of the year: Frampton's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered".

Worst single of the year: Three-way tie between "That's Rock and Roll", "Hey Deanie", and "Da Doo Ron Ron" (writer does not like Shaun Cassidy).

Writer's favorites: "I Go Crazy", "Just the Way You Are", and "Peg".

December: "Short People" by Randy Newman is banned by a Boston radio station because of listener complaints.

February: "Rich Girl" by Hall and Oates receives criticism because of the word "bitch."

Artist/group of the year: Eagles.

Writer's favorite: The guy who plays the piano at the Ground Round.

Best new restaurant: Waldo's!

Joke of the year: David Carroll attempting to imitate Elvis.

Coming Up

12	Girls' Basketball — Austin	Here 6:20, 8:00
	Girls' Gymnastics — Austin	There 6:30
13	Boys' Basketball — John Marshall	Here 6:20, 8:00
	Boys' Swimming — Winona	There 6:30
14	Hockey — Sibley	There
	Wrestling — John Marshall	There
17	Girls' Basketball — Rosemount	There 6:00, 7:30
19	Wrestling — Waseca	There 6:00, 7:30
	Hockey — John Marshall	Here 6:00, 8:00
	Girls' Basketball — Owatonna	Here 6:20, 8:00
	Girls' Gymnastics — Owatonna	There 6:30
20	End of the 2nd Quarter	
	Boys' Swimming — Albert Lea	Here 4:30
	Wrestling — Albert Lea	Here 6:00, 7:30
	Boys' Basketball — Albert Lea	There 6:30, 8:00
21	Boys' Swimming — Eau Claire Inv.	There
	Wrestling — Stewartville Inv.	There
	Hockey — Apple Valley	Here 6:00, 7:45
24	Girls' Basketball — Albert Lea	Here 6:20, 8:00
26	Girls' Basketball — Winona	There
	Girls' Gymnastics — Winona	Here 6:30

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Humanities

Unfamiliar religions subjects of classes

by PAT O'NEILL

In a nation where the large majority of the citizens are of one religion — Christianity — one can lose touch with other religions. Such is the situation that Mayo Humanities teacher Mrs. Claire Van Zant has tried to correct in her Humanities II classes.

The Humanities II classes studied various world religions in mid-December, culminating with group presentations. Among the religions studied were: Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam.

Junior Barb Hahn, a member of the Hindu group, said: "I learned a lot. Our group staged a wedding ceremony according to old tradition."

Another Hindu student, Sylvia Quast, said, "I learned how closely our cultures are alike and their differences."

Junior Ann Mayberry, a member of the Islam group, said she also learned a great deal, and "it is helpful to have that knowledge."

Mrs. Van Zant commented, "I think it was a tremendously worthwhile project. It allowed the students to at least get a glimpse of their respective religions, and to understand the concepts. The students were able to achieve this in most cases."

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.



"I never knew learning religion can be this fun." This group of students in Mrs. Van Zant's Humanities II class are doing a round of an Islamic dance. Left to right: Lynn Beckenbaugh, Carl Klausen, Rick Batchelor, Ann Mayberry, Randy Gibson, Nancy Belau.

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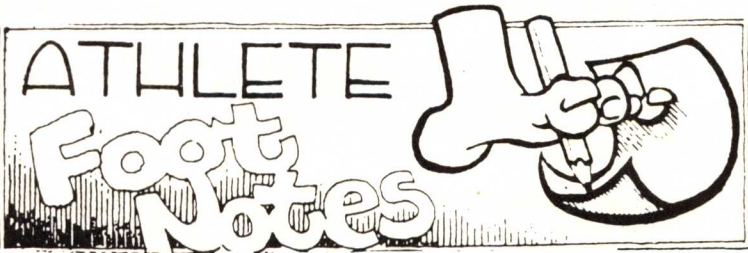
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by JOE LAUGHTON
THE TURNABOUT

My column of the Dec. 16 ADVOCATE was centered around the fact that the Mayo boys' basketball team was set to have a rebuilding year with 14 juniors on a 21-man squad. As a journalist, I believe it is important to point out the flaw that column presented.

It's not that the information in that column was inaccurate — but it was, perhaps, untimely. Coach Brunswold was seemingly planning to give the juniors all the playing time he possibly could to rebuild for next year. He started this season with a motive of getting a young team to grow.

And, as the cliché goes: "That was then, this is now." The team is coasting with a winning record, and is in a position to possibly take the Big Nine Conference if the squad can continue to win.

The most notable fact about this turnabout is that the seven seniors on the team are all finding plenty of playing time, with three or four of them starting in each of the first nine games. The juniors have only been able to see action in the waning moments of a one-sided game.

So far, there are no signs showing a rebuilding year.

FE-MAYO SPORTS

by SUE GRIFFIN

Do you ever get the feeling at most pep fests that you may be watching an E. F. Hutton commercial?

Whenever Mr. Pucci, Mr. Burnswold, or any other boys' coach gets up to speak, everyone shuts up and listens. But, when girls' coaches — Pfluger, Johnson, or Bartsch — go up to speak, most students resume talking as if the pep fest hadn't even started. Guess who the E. F. Hutton's are?

I think the situation is a pretty raw deal. If we can't give the girls' teams the polite attention they deserve at pep fests then maybe we shouldn't have pep fests. The girls' sports contribute a great deal to the school.

Girls' gymnastics and swimming are the biggest contenders in the Big Nine, and have been conference champs over the past years. I wouldn't doubt that they get more recognition from other schools than from their own. It goes quite the same for other girls' teams. The BUSH Club gets more attention than the girls do. Something is really screwy there!

So, why don't we let the girls be the "E. F. Hutton's" for awhile? Looking at some of the boys' team records, I'd say the girls deserve just as much attention.



The pyramid of state meet qualifiers for girls' swimming: Top to bottom - Lisa Thoburn, Sheila Miller, Leslie Cloutier, Lucy Bishop, Anne Martin, Elsie Thatcher. Missing: Christy Oman. (Photo by Wayne Brakke)

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Spartan sports capsule

BOYS' SWIMMING (3-0)

Three big wins got the Mayo boys' swimming team started in the right direction. Big Nine Conference competition opened successfully for Mayo with a 116-56 victory over Austin.

In the only non-conference dual meets scheduled for Mayo this season, the Spartans won against Golden Valley (55-28) and Prior Lake (108-63).

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS (1-0)

The Mayo girls' gymnastics team also began its season on a winning note. Red Wing visited the Mayo gym, only to go home losers 74.9-64.6.

BOYS' BASKETBALL (6-3)

The strength of the Mayo boys' basketball team has been shown during a five-game winning streak in the first half of the season. That winning streak was needed as the squad produced a 3-2 won-lost record through the first five games of the season. The Spartan cagers went on to capture three wins out of their next four games.

Austin was "packed" by Mayo's newborn success 53-46. Mayo

couldn't afford to take a breather in the 48-46 squeaker over Burnsville. The pace was kept up by romping Owatonna 60-40. The winning trend came to a temporary halt in a 47-44 loss to J.M.

HOCKEY (5-4)

A tough schedule full of tough opponents won't help the Mayo hockey team's won-lost record; but come tournament time the loaded schedule will prove to be a big advantage.

The nucleus of the tough games have come from competition with teams from the Twin Cities area. Mayo has played respectable against these teams, and at some points even played brilliantly. Mayo fell short of Irondale 3-1. The pucksters more than made up for that with an outstanding 9-4 win over Cottage Grove Park. Mayo then stunned Richfield in overtime 4-3, before losing to Minneapolis Southwest the next night 5-2.

Against more familiar opponents in the Southern Minnesota Hockey League, Mayo put away Owatonna 9-1; lost to J.M. 4-0; and defeated Albert Lea 7-3.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (0-3)

A snowstorm postponed the games against Winona on Dec. 8, and will be made up at a later date. Two losses followed that postponement, and the Mayo girls' basketball team is most likely wishing that it would have snowed on those dates also.

Red Wing wasn't too generous as a host, as Mayo lost to the Wingers 48-30. Lourdes defeated Mayo for the second time this season in beating the Spartans 49-33.

WRESTLING (2-7)

The Mayo boys' wrestling team hasn't had the best of luck in suffering a seven-meet losing streak. Opponents have been devastating against the young Spartan wrestlers, and have shown no mercy.

Austin overwhelmed Mayo 37-13. The situation didn't improve and, in fact, went worse as Owatonna stormed past Mayo 47-12. Even traveling to Iowa couldn't change matters, as Decorah defeated the Spartans 40-12. Twenty-four points wasn't enough to beat Winona, as the Winhawks won with a 37-24 score.

Swimming, gymnastics

Mayo athletes fare well in state competition

by JOE LAUGHTON

The Mayo girls' swimming team finished sixth at the state meet.

The highest individual finish was a third place awarded to Christy Oman in diving.

Four individuals worked together on the 200 medley relay team, and they captured fourth place in the state meet. Elise Thatcher, Sheila Miller, Leslie Cloutier, and Anne Martin combined to come in at 1:56.84 — almost a second faster than the section one record they previously set in the sectional meet.

Sheila Miller did something on her own in taking fourth place in the 100 breaststroke.

Leslie Cloutier was also busy on her own, competing in the 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley. She finished sixth and ninth respectively in those events.

Elise Thatcher was also entered in two other events: the 500 freestyle, in which she took seventh in the state; and the 200 freestyle, in which she took 12th.

Lisa Thoburn was the second Mayo girl to qualify in the 500 freestyle, and she came away with a 10th place ranking.

Lucy Bishop qualified as Mayo's second diver as a result of her third place performance in the sectional. Unfortunately, Lucy didn't survive the cut of the top 16 divers in the state; and therefore didn't compete in the diving finals.

by JOE LAUGHTON

The Mayo boys' gymnastics team's chances of gaining a berth in the state meet was like flipping a coin. Heads was finishing first in the section, and tails was acquiring a wild-card position. The Spartan gymnasts had reason to believe that they would compete as a squad at the state meet.

Unfortunately, the coin was never flipped. The Spartans' 120-point showing in Section One competition fell short each way.

Those points weren't enough to overcome Fairmont, which topped Mayo by 12 points. Fairmont became the section champion. Mayo was runner-up.

Mayo had to pull off the highest runner-up score in the state to gain the wild-card spot, but Mayo's 120.358 wasn't high enough.

As a consolation, three Mayo gymnasts qualified individually for the state meet. It took a third place

finish or higher in the sectional meet to go to state.

John Postier, Eric Mattson, and Van Bredeson represented Mayo at the state meet. Postier led the way, as he competed in four events while also being entered in the all-around category. Mattson and Bredeson each took part in one event.

Postier's best finish was sixth place on the horizontal bar. He also tied for 15th on the long horse, 17th on the still rings, and 21st in the state on the parallel bars. Postier's over-all performance gave him a seventh place finish in the all-around.

Mattson did well wherever he went. He finished first in the Section, and he went on to third place at the state on the side horse.

Bredeson received a higher score on the parallel bars during the state meet than he did in the sectional. He ended up in a 16th place tie at the state meet.



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