

School district presents new-junior-high-school issue to voters

by ROSS CORSON

On May 16, the citizens of Rochester School District 535 will vote on an \$8.9 million bond issue calling for the replacement of the Central Junior High School.

The decision to bring the junior high school bond issue to the district's voters was made after more than one year of studies and research by citizens committees, school district administrators and members of the Rochester Board of Education.

The major points leading to the district's proposal for the construction of a new junior high school included: the various needless costs of maintaining the Central Junior High School; the various weaknesses and generally poor condition of the present school; the projected enrollment for the next several decades; the consideration of different alternatives to the construction of a new school; and the money problems and issues that arise when discussing the construction of a new school.

During the 1976-77 school year, the cost of heating the Central and Coffman Buildings, which comprise the junior high school, was \$75,697. The combined cost of heating John Adams and Kellogg Junior High Schools for that same school year was only \$30,196. Heating costs at the two buildings of Central Junior High School for this past December and January totaled \$57,033. For those same two months at the other two Rochester junior high schools, the combined cost was only \$11,865 — less than one-third of the cost at Central-Coffman. This heating cost factor is the result of poor insulation and an outdated mechanical heating system at Central Junior High School.

For the past six years, the costs for capital improvements to Central-Coffman have been \$465,522. This is compared to \$120,323 at Kellogg and John Adams together for that same six-year period. The estimated cost of repairs to keep the Central and Coffman Building operating for the next three to eight years will be between \$243,500 and 323,250.

If a new school is built to replace Central Junior High School, it is estimated that the school district will save at least \$218,000 annually. The savings would result from the need for five fewer custodians

(\$60,000), one less assistant principal (\$28,000), reductions in capital improvement in addition to those mentioned before (\$65,000) and the decrease in heating costs (\$64,000).

These are some of the cost factors considered by the people who worked on the committees to determine the destiny of the Central-Coffman buildings. Rochester attorney Craig A. Beck, the head of the Citizens Committee for a new Junior High School, said, "Every taxpayer really has a stake in getting a different building, because they're paying a lot of tax dollars over there at Central that aren't returning them anything."

One of the more important issues considered by the committees was the condition of the school. The existing Central-Coffman complex began serving the school district in 1910, when the Coffman Building was built. In 1926, the Central Building was added, and an addition to that building dates from 1940.

The old age of the buildings poses many problems, including tremendous heat loss because of poor insulation, an obsolete heating system; an inaccessibility for handicapped persons; and numerous other problems resulting from the school's location in the downtown area (such as, space, traffic, and outside physical education facilities).

Although there are probably no statistics or reports stating that the present Central Junior High School creates an unfavorable learning climate, it is likely true that the condition of the school causes the students not to perform as well as if they attended Kellogg or John Adams. The rundown condition of the buildings and the difficult time of moving from one class to another could reasonably have a negative psychological effect on the students.

A third major point that has been considered is the projected enrollment in Rochester junior high schools for the next several decades. In the 1973-74 school year, 3,997 students were enrolled in the three Rochester junior high schools. At John Adams, there were 1,261 students, and there were 1,195 students at Kellogg. Actually, both of these junior high schools were over capacity during the 1973-74 school year.

This year, there are 3,559 students enrolled at the three junior high schools. By the 1986-87 school year, according to a school district business office enrollment projection dated March 1977, only 2,557 students will be attending junior high schools in the school district. A citizens committee report estimates there will be 2,651 junior high school students during that school year.

However, after the 1986-87 school year, a gradual increase in junior high school is expected. And, those involved in the school district decision-making process believe that Rochester will always need more than just two junior high schools, even in the lowest-enrollment school year.

So, then came the point of deciding whether to build a new junior high school or to make use of a different alternative. And, there were various alternatives proposed, considered and eventually discounted.

Some of the major alternatives suggested were: move all the ninth grade students to the senior high school and send all the seventh and eighth grade students to John Adams and Kellogg; move seventh grade students to elementary schools and send eighth and ninth grade students to John Adams and Kellogg; and just modify the Central Building to accommodate 800 to 900 students without using the Coffman Building.

The first proposal listed in the preceding paragraph could be done two ways. The school district could maintain ninth through 12th graders at both senior high schools, which would require additions to both schools. Or, ninth and 10th grade students could be housed at one senior high school and the 11th and 12th graders could be housed at the other senior high school.

The second proposal listed above would require significant changes to the seventh grade program in the school district. Also, the elementary school buildings would have to be extensively modified for seventh-grade use.

The third proposal — modifying the Central Building — would mean an adjustment of the current attendance boundaries to balance the seventh, eighth and ninth grades at the three junior high

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Sun Day recognizes sun's power

by PAUL LOFGREN
Staff Writer

When does Sunday happen to fall on Wednesday? Last Wednesday was the day! Sun Day is created to commemorate the sun's energy.

Sun Day's purpose is to "make people, politicians, teachers, etc., aware of the fact that solar energy is available and applicable," said John Malcolm, a Sun Day director in the St. Paul area.

Malcolm believes Sun Day will be extremely successful. At first, it was expected that few projects would start in Minnesota, but he says, "These activities have taken off so well we can't keep up." Activities started in late-April and are planned to continue until later this month.

Rochester has had only one such activity, which took place last Sunday, April 30. Reverend Scott Meek of the Unitarian Church in Southwest Rochester held a special Sun Day service.

Malcolm was asked what students could do to learn about solar energy. He replied, "First, they should get educated in the

practical uses of solar power. Second, they should become more involved in our political system. And third, they should get involved in solar energy."

There are ways the whole school could get into the act. "The drafting classes could design a solar collector," suggested Malcolm. "The shop classes could build it. Maybe it will be extremely ugly — now that's where the art department can think of how to make it presentable. The economics classes could figure out the cheapest way to mass produce this. Home economics students could think of ways to make it useful to the houseperson."

"Any class can take look at solar energy," Malcolm said.

"The same people connected with Earth Day are involved with Sun Day. Earth Day was planned to be an annual event, but it was not successful, it didn't have to be annual," Malcolm said. Malcolm hopes Sun Day turns out the same way.

People are finding out that the Sun has more uses than just giving people summer tans.

May to be busy month for seniors

REQUEST DEADLINE

All seniors are asked to have their Commencement and Baccalaureate ticket requests in by May 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the main office.

CAP AND GOWN

Seniors can pick up caps and gowns Friday, May 19 in the gym during periods 2, 3 and both lunches. Rental cost is \$5.50. The Baccalaureate and Commencement tickets will be distributed also.

SENIOR AND ALL-SCHOOL AWARDS

This assembly, which is usually two separate programs, will be held together on May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Awards will be given out to seniors and students who have earned them through the school year.

BACCALAUREATE

Services for Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Mayo Civic Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Jim Klassen, director of community education for Roseville schools. This service includes all 3 high school seniors.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, May 26 is the last day of school for seniors, providing they have all their work done. Arrangements should be made between the student and teacher

for make-up work.

HOLIDAY

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, there will be no school.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Senior Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the poolside, Holiday Inn Downtown. Doors will open at 8:45. Cost for the meal is \$3.85 and entertainment is provided by the Prairie Night Flyers and Southtown.

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams for sophomores and juniors will be for period 6 at 1:40 to 3:10 p.m. on May 31, and June 1 and 2.

GRADUATION

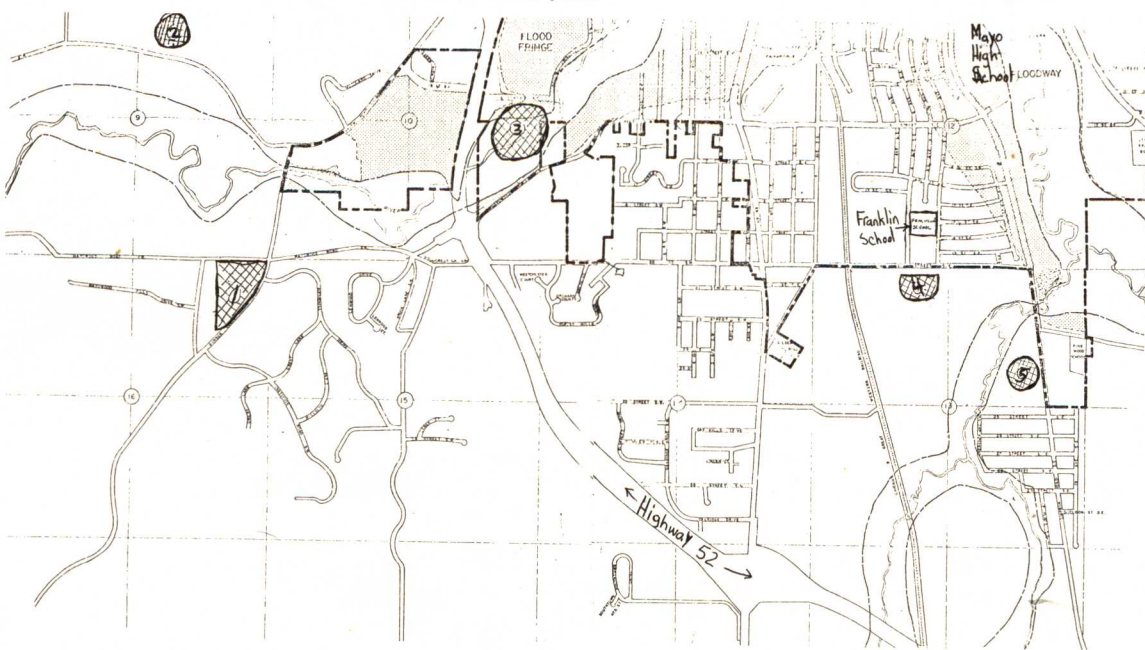
Last Day of School

June 2 is the last day of school for sophomores and juniors. Commencement rehearsal for seniors is at 8:30 a.m. at Rochester High School Stadium. Commencement exercises will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the stadium also. The graduation party will be at 10:30 p.m. at Mayo. If you still need invitations check in with Pam Travis at the office.

MAKE-UP

Monday, June 5 is make-up day for sophomores and juniors.

In case of rotten weather, Commencement rehearsal and exercises will be held at Mayo Civic Auditorium.



This map shows the five proposed sights for the new junior high school. Sight 5 is the preferred sight of the school district, and is approximately one mile south of Mayo High School on County Road 1. Sight 4 is no longer available to the school district, because it is being developed for residential buildings. Sight 3 is very poor because it is in a flood plain, and would be flooded every year. Sights 1 and 2 are considered quite poor, because sewer and water service is not available and likely will not be available for many years. At Sight 5, sewer and water service will be available soon. The preferred sight is currently owned by the Mayo Foundation, and land immediately adjacent to the preferred sight is scheduled to be used by the Rochester Park and Recreation Department as a natural park, somewhat similar to Quarry Hill.

Editorial

Seniors should vote in favor of new school

On May 16, an \$8.9 million bond issue will be presented to the voters of the Rochester School District 535. The issue concerns the construction of a new school to replace the Central and Coffman Buildings of Central Junior High School.

The question is no longer if the school district should build a new junior high school, but **when** the new school should be built. And, it should be built now, because each month that the school district waits, the many costs involved in the construction of a school increase at a rapid rate.

Those Mayo students who attended Central know the decrepit condition of the school and how it can affect the students' opinion of learning and education. These students know the buildings are old and cannot, and should not, be maintained for many more years.

To those Mayo students who didn't attend Central, the statistics and reports by citizens committees and school district administrators tell the story of the

terrible condition of the school buildings of Central Junior High School. Also, these students can ask their classmates who did go to Central, and then hear about the condition of the school.

The facts show that Central Junior High School must be replaced. And, on May 16, the voters of this school district will have a chance to call for the replacement of the school. But, despite the facts, the vote in favor of a new school is not necessarily going to be positive.

Rochester attorney Craig A. Beck, the head of the Citizens Committee for a New Junior High School, stated, "For the people who are for it (the new junior high school), I hope they'll get out and vote and not think it's a sure thing, because it's far from a sure thing."

Most Mayo seniors are eligible to vote in the May 16 election, and they should exercise this right to vote whether they approve or disapprove of the construction of a new junior high school. But, the facts should be observed, and the Central Junior High School should be replaced.

Editorial

Student Council elections should be in September

Last Wednesday the '78-79 Student Council officers were elected. However, more than one-third of next year's Mayo students will not be allowed to participate in the elections for these student leaders, who supposedly serve and represent the entire student body here.

One can only be disturbed upon learning the fact that the 1978-79 sophomore class — composed of more than 600 students — has absolutely no role in deciding who the Student Council president, vice president and secretary-treasurer for next year will be.

There are, of course, advantages to electing the officers now, rather than in September. During the summer vacation, the new officers will be able to plan and map out the activities of the council for next year. Also, the officers may attend student government conferences and develop connections among other student government leaders. All this is done to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the council.

But, should we allow the efficiency and effectiveness of the Student Council to outweigh the right of all Mayo students to determine who their student government leaders should be? The right to vote is much too precious to allow the excuse of greater council efficiency to destroy or hinder it.

In addition to the right of all to vote, several other advantages for September Student Council elections exist. In a September election, to-be-sophomores would not only have the right to vote, but they would also have the opportunity to seek election to Student Council offices. September elections of officers would likely produce issue-oriented campaigns, rather than the "popularity contests" that currently dominate the campaigns and elections. Most of next year's sophomores will not really know the candidates as popular students, and therefore would be more concerned with issues than with names or popularity.

To continue suppressing the right of to-be-sophomores to vote in council elections will be a scar on the school and the Student Council. Such an unfair policy, despite the advantages of efficiency and effectiveness in the council, should be abolished. In the future, the Student Council should hold their elections in September rather than in May.



by PAT O'NEILL
Staff Writer

A few months ago I received several complaints about my criticism of this album ("Worst album of the year" in the Jan. 13, 1978 ADVOCATE). Perhaps that is a little harsh. Olivia hasn't really had a "hit" since "Have You Never Bann Mellow" in early 1975. She rarely writes her own songs — or produces her own records. She doesn't play any instrument well enough to record. And she is the one of several artists, who seem to me to be "too good" to tour and really reach the public.

Have you ever been to an Olivia Newton-John concert? Probably not. Occasionally a greatest hit package is put together to save a failing career (or at least give it a little push). I think that's the case here. With all this, why is Olivia Newton-John such a household name?

She is a good singer. Not in a powerful way like Ronstadt or stylish way like Carly Simon (Although her new song, with John Travolta, "You're The One That I Want" shows she can belt out lyrics). Olivia Newton-John appeals to two audiences: pop and country. Men like her because of her looks. And she's been highly visible on television with her own specials, several guest spots on other shows, along with a highly controversial appearance on the "Tonight" show in 1976.

The album is obviously designed for Olivia's fans. They will purchase it if they happen to miss an ONJ song from their 45 collection. Personally, I would play frisbee with the album.

Letters policy

The ADVOCATE encourages readers to express their views and opinions 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 the name and grade (if a student), but the name may 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 that the author believes is important.

SENIOR GIFT

The Mayo seniors have \$300 to \$400 in the kitty for a gift to the school. If you have suggestions please write them on a piece of paper and drop them off to Pam Travis. One suggestion is throwing a Big Senior Keg — a favorite of most students.

Editorial

Civil rights ignored by St. Paul citizens

Civil rights in the United States took a step backward last week when the citizens of St. Paul voted to repeal an ordinance barring discrimination on the basis of sexual and affectional preference. Only the future will be able to determine whether the backward step was a giant one.

The four-year-old city ordinance barring discrimination in housing, employment, education and public accommodations and services to homosexuals was repelaed by an unofficial vote of 54,096 to 31,694 on April 25, with approximately 55 percent of the St. Paul residents voting.

To many people, particularly those involved in the St. Paul Citizens for Human Rights organization, the issue was one of discrimination and civil rights. To others, particularly the Rev. Richard Angwin and his Citizens Alert Morality, the issue was one of immorality. Both organizations spent over \$60,000 in the campaign.

Hopefully, the vote in St. Paul last week is not representative of a growing trend in this nation. However, we will discover whether it is very soon, because Wichita, Kansas, and Eugene, Oregon, will hold similar elections this month.

Perhaps the most disturbing point about this crusade aimed specifically at homosexuals is that an unpopular minority is being denied basic rights of citizenship because of their private feelings. This suppression of the homosexuals — the unpopular minority — could, in the future, be directed toward other groups. The situation is not altogether unrelated to the Nazi freedom-of-expression issue in Skokie, Illinois. The majority is being allowed to dictate what everyone may or may not do, even if the restrictions are unfair and definitely hypocritical.

If the vote in St. Paul last week, and the vote in Dade County, Florida, last year, do represent the beginning of a string of anti-homosexual votes; then the United States will no longer be the so-called bastion of human rights and fairness to all people.

Education stifled by 'maggot-bitten minds'

by JOHN DUGAN

Editor's Note: John Dugan, 18, recently dropped out of high school, and has moved from Bowie, Md., to a family sheep farm in Maine. The following essay was originally published in the February 2 Washington Star as a letter to the editor. This is reprinted with his personal permission.

"They zealously examine their children's textbooks and other course material for any signs of racism, sexism, profanity or negative treatment of the family, religion and life," The Star's Maureen Dowd reports of these latter-day vigilantes. The books that are being eliminated range from Steinbeck's *The Pearl* to *Grendel*, a modernization of the classical epic Beowulf.

I think it would be useful to ask whether the purpose of our educational system is to educate and improve the mind, or is it rather to permeate the young with our own culture. This question is very crucial, for if it is the latter, then we must finally resign ourselves to the fact that in many places the business of "education" is perceived as a process of protecting the mind — and restricting it — and thus is not education at all.

Where is our sense of outrage at the stifling of young minds at the hands of a few demented old men and women, their stagnant, maggot-bitten minds prevailing over the principles of free inquiry that education is founded upon? Or are they, in fact, in the majority?

Could it be that we have degenerated to the point that those who dare fight for the free exchange of principles in schools are engaged in *Dubious Battle* (a book which no doubt would also find itself a victim of the witch hunt)?

One mother, in particular, is outraged at the nature of the books besieging her 16-year-old daughter's "malleable" mind. "If these negative books have not warped their minds," she cries, "they have at least confused them."

A 16-year-old? Confused? Perish the thought! We live in a time of atomic plants built on top of geological faults; of defense budgets of \$100 billion plus; of Anita Bryant, the Goodhousekeeping Woman of the Year, and J&J Chevrolet and A&P commercials pumped into us by television until our senses numb under the onslaught. Men literally freeze to death on our streets, victims not so much of the cold as of a society that will not give shelter to the homeless.

Confusion? Hell, yes! And anger, too, damn it. But it would be a mistake to think that high schoolers are the pliable little morons we are made out to be. We are not.

"This institution," said Thomas Jefferson of the University of Virginia, "will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind. For here we are not afraid to follow the truth, wherever it may lead, not to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it."

Now there are some traditional values.

Opinion

Rochester shows little interest in Sun Day

by PAUL LOFGREN
Staff Writer

Why is Rochester, a medium-sized city of more than 50,000 people, not actively participating in a nationwide project?

The project, **Sun Day**, is concerned with informing people about the sun's energy — and it is being observed all across the country. **Rochester** is not very active in this new project.

Many cities smaller than Rochester have extensive programs planned. Winona, Moorhead, Bemidji, Mankato, St. Cloud, Northfield, and Milaca; are just a few cities in Minnesota who are involved.

These activities include tours of solar assisted homes, Sunrise and Sunset services, symposiums, and many other projects.

The lack of initiative in Rochester is evident. Only one observance of Sun Day has taken place here. A service was held last Sunday at the Unitarian Church to honor Sun Day.

This lack of participation may be caused because of two reasons. First, newsletters were not sent everywhere, and therefore, people who may have done something didn't know about it. The biggest problem however, is "lack of initiative", according to Marge Christensen of the Sun Day office in St. Paul.

Solar power is NOW. About 30,000 homes in America already use Solar hot water heaters. The number is growing — its about time to do something about this new trend.

Opinion

Paraquat blues: Beware

by JIM BOEHLKE
Staff Writer

Since 1975, the United States has been assisting the Mexican government in the spraying of marijuana and opium fields with paraquat, a bio-degradeable herbicide. The result is not only the poisoning of the marijuana, but also the poisoning of the smoker of marijuana.

Paraquat is absorbed by the plant and is activated by the sun. Sprayed plants linger on several days before dying, allowing the grower to harvest his crop without loss of his profit.

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has warned that the smoking of three to five joints a day for several months can lead to an irreversible lung disease called fibrosis.

It is impossible for the smoker to tell that he has contaminated pot. Once the pot has been sprayed, there is no indication of it because the paraquat is tasteless, colorless, and odorless.

Smokers may think that they don't have to worry, because most of them smoke a much higher grade of pot from Colombia — but this isn't true, as people never really know what they are getting. What is supposedly Columbian marijuana could, in reality, be an excellent grade of Mexican marijuana, and very likely could have been sprayed.

Tests done in Minnesota for contaminated pot haven't shown any results yet. Minnesota residents can send a sample of marijuana (plus \$5) to the following address:

PharmChem Laboratories, Inc.
1844 Bay Road
Palo Alto, California 94303

NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, has filed suit against the United States government, and they want a preliminary injunction against paraquat spraying. They are also asking for an environmental impact statement involving the potential dangers of spraying paraquat.

If the government were to establish a procedure of spraying only young plants, then the grower wouldn't harvest the pot — he'd let it die and try growing some more.

By spraying only young plants, the government could accomplish its objective and still prevent smokers from being poisoned.



Gerald Smith, music teacher here, accompanied the Southtown Singers and the Mayo choir on a trip to Florida over spring vacation in April. The following story describes the experiences of the group.
(Photo by Paul Lofgren)

by MR. GERALD SMITH
Mayo Music Teacher

Someday I may become a tour guide if I decide to stop teaching school. I guess the reason I'd consider making such a switch is that a highlight of each of my years of teaching music at Mayo has been the various trips my groups haven taken. The choir trips have included a variety of destinations — Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Milwaukee, Chicago — plus chaperoning the Mayo Band to Europe in 1976. Each trip meant making many preparations and hoping everything would work out — which it always seems to.

The latest adventure which the Mayo Choir and Southtown Singers have embarked upon was their trip to Florida during the spring break this year. It was a dream that was mentioned last spring, and it became a reality this spring. Since the choir has traveled four times in the past lby Amtrak, we found this way to be the most satisfactory in many ways, and decided to choose the train again.

We boarded the train in Winona, and on this trip, had a six hour layover in Chicago, at which time the choir members and chaperones were free to entertain themselves in any way which they found fit (and safe!).

The complete train trip to Orlando took 48 hours. We traveled for two days and two nights, and after that long a period of confinement, everyone was rather happy to hit solid ground once again, and not feel like we were going to bounce into someone's lap at every step.

We stayed in the Orlando Kahler Hotel, and found it to be a gorgeous resort spot, complete with palm trees, a large outdoor swimming pool (in which to enjoy 85 degree weather), and a view of a very beautiful lake next door. The Kahler gave us many extras — perhaps the most enjoyable being access to their rooftop lounge where we could enjoy dancing to a combo nightly.

The group gave several performances while on this trip. The main appearance was at Cypress Gardens, where they sang on the lake shore between ski shows. They also performed at a retirement trailer park, but the highlight was a very enjoyable evening shared at a Crippled Childrens Hospital where much warm rapport was established between the singers and the patients. I think the most memorable performance was unplanned — on the train returning to Minnesota, there was a piano in the lounge car. This prompted much singing to take place. The students entertained the passengers a good share of the way home — both with music they knew, and with the fantastic Gong Show held during one evening. Everyone returned home with at least a few new favorite tunes.

A train always brings unexpected surprises, by the way. Drunks accost innocent young girls, ladies of the night accost innocent young boys, passengers take delight in pinching available young ladies, shaving cream gets mysteriously spread on innocent people who happen to get sleepy, it takes three hours to eat breakfast in the dining car if you're in good company, you must learn to use the bathroom in a moving train (if you have good balance), you must learn to pour coffee from a pitcher into a cup (if you have good balance), and you can have a disco in the lounge car and meet new people (if you have good balance).

A tour was made of the Kennedy Space Center, but I'm sure the most enjoyable time of all was the visit to the Atlantic Ocean where we swam for a complete afternoon. Since several students had never seen an ocean, say nothing of swimming in one, this was a pretty exciting event. In fact, most of the students had never seen each other in swim wear either, and that proved almost as exciting as the ocean.

Of course, one of our main purposes in going to Florida was a trip to Disney World, and I doubt anyone was disappointed. After several flings through Space Mountain, or the hilarity of the Bears Country Jamboree, or experiencing a few thrills at the Haunted House, the group decided Disney World met all it expectations.

A trip consistig of 62 people brings about many interesting stories — and many more indications of stories that are never clearly told. A jumping nightspot called 'Rosie O'Gradys' has been mentioned at times — including tales of wild Dixieland Music and Red Hot Mamas(?). Mysterious late hours are hinted at occasionally — only hinted at. There are many memories after a trip like this — so far I've heard no unpleasant ones. Therefore I'd say most of the participants came back very nostalgic about their trip. Friendships were strengthened — romances blossomed — and everyone knew more about their fellow classmates than they did before. So now the next question is — where does the choir go for its next annual trip?

Singers encounter surprises on trip

Yearbooks to be here by June

The yearbook staff has successfully met its last big deadline! The "Odyssey" will be distributed in room 2-248 probably May 31 and/or June 1. It will be announced later as to the final date.

No books will be sold for cash until all reserved books have been distributed. It is necessary that yearbook reserves bring their receipt for proof of purchase.

Odyssey production editor Gaby Schnelle said, "The yearbook staff went through a lot of hell and highwater to get it finished on time. Through our many little spats and disagreements, we feel that we've done the best we could, and we all sincerely hope that you enjoy the book."

To carry on the tradition of past years, the staff has set aside June 1 as the date of the signing party. This party has been attended by an estimated hundreds of people in past years, and it has proven very enjoyable. It will take place in the Commons after school. Candy and pop will be available for those who care to indulge in those snacks.

Reservations for a 1978 "Odyssey" can be made by prepaying \$10.50 to Mr. Volker or Business Editor Heidi Connolly in room 2-248.

Analysis Teachers continue to be cut

by SIGURD SCHEURLE
Staff Writer

Last year 89 teaching positions were eliminated due to the failure of the tax-levy over-ride in Rochester. In addition, some 27.5 positions have been eliminated this year. Many other cuts have occurred as well. Buildings have been closed, teaching materials cut, and electives and athletics (intramurals) limited.

This has lowered the quality of education in Rochester on the primary and secondary levels, according to Vakos.

Two major factors have caused District 535's drastic budget limitations. Most important was the impact of legislation passed in 1971 which equalized state aid for education. In the past, we wealth of our community made possible a much larger budget. For this reason we had one of the finest school systems in the state. Now regardless of wealth or size each district is allowed \$1,030.00 per pupil, a varying percentage of which comes from the state.

A more subtle thief of school funding is declining enrollment. It is projected that enrollment will continue to decline. As enrollment drops, state aid drops as well. These two elements are responsible for educational cuts in Rochester and throughout the state.

Teachers are the basis of education and cuts in staff are very detrimental. Student to teacher ratios can somewhat determine educational quality. The ratio in our elementary schools is somewhere between 23 and 25 to 1 and 25 to 1 at the secondary level. Fran Robb, president of the Teacher's Union in Rochester said "The school board has promised this ratio will not increase beyond the present levels." Yet, teachers continue to be overworked and under paid, with the threat of termination eminent to the young teacher with little seniority.

Denny Sievers, one of the three coaches who have been cut from the Mayo staff, said it best, "I like my work and think I'm good at it... You spend 40 minutes in the classroom, but that's not the whole job. You have to get involved with the kids, and I've always done that. Now that's finished."

Cuts at present are a financial necessity. But, administrators believe they can be overcome. Dr. Vakos, the superintendent, stated, "I hope it doesn't hurt the quality of education."

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Mayo students run rampant in Florida

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Staff Writer

Rochester was definitely not the place to be during spring vacation. Only a handful of seniors were here — the rest of the crew were sailing on their way to the land of the sun, golden beaches, apple pie, and bikinis.

As the many wild stories told by the traveling seniors suggest, Florida was the only place to be.

Several of our fellow students were required to spend nights in jail (for various reasons that don't need to be mentioned). Other people attended more popular places such as Daytona Beach, Disney World, and the Keys.

Senior Mike Kennedy said, "It was fun meeting kids from all over

the country, especially the girls," he added, "Florida is definitely number one."

Prices for travel expenses, entertainment, and spending money ranged from approximately \$250-\$400.

Marlita Oslund, who terrorized Florida for ten days, said, "Florida's great — I loved the discos and being out in the sun every day. Meeting new people and the feeling of being on your own away from home was great too."

Tim Sheldon expressed a similar feeling of freedom by saying, "This experience was great. Not only the parties, but the heat, frisbees and just doing what you want when you want."

Florida is a cure for senioritis.

The kids who came back looked as if they were ready to start school all over again.

Lisa Ehrick mentioned these highlights: "Cary, our mint gardener who watered the sand around the tennis court while we played; and Dudley, the all-purpose bell-boy who gets paged all over the beach; were some of the highlights of our trip," Lisa said. "We also enjoyed dodging the jellyfish when we surfed. Seriously thought, this was one of the most fantastic and fun trips on record."

Obviously for those who went to Florida, there was never a dull moment with all of the options available, sun, beaches, discos, girls, guys, and brew.

As Mike Kennedy says, "Florida is definitely number one."

Teacher looks back on years of student here

by LISA LOFGREN
Staff Writer

Mr. Dallman missed going to Vietnam by 10 minutes. His draft lottery number was a low 46, so his chances of being drafted were high. However, after he was classified 1-A, he went to the college office to apply for a student deferment and arrived 10 minutes before the office closed!

Brandon Dallman has lived in Rochester since he was born at St. Mary's Hospital in 1952. As a child he used to fish in Mayo's own Bear Creek. He attended Pinewood Elementary School, Central Jr. High (which his parents had also attended) and Mayo Sr. High. For college he attended Rochester Junior College, the University of Minnesota, and Winona State.

Mr. Dallman's hobbies are gymnastics, playing cards (and beating) Mr. Laakso during lunch, and playing the pipe organ. He was also the handball champion of his physical education classes at Winona State College.

Mr. Dallman said that if he had more time to devote to it, he would

have liked to be a concert organist.

"I wanted to become a teacher because I had such good teachers all through school. The reason I picked Math, is that Math was my best subject, and I liked it," Dallman said.

When Mr. Dallman was at Mayo, he was often teased by some of his friends about his first name "Brandon." At the time he was in school, it seems that there was a TV show named "Branded," and some of his friends would change the words to the theme song to tease Brandon.

There was a dress code at Mayo from 1966 to 1969. Girls were only allowed to wear dresses and skirts, boys usually wore straight-legged pants worn just above the ankle, but NO bluejeans. The male teachers wore ties, white shirts, and suits every day! Boys' hair was medium length, and the girls had long or bobbed hair, but none of the fancy styles that exist today. When Mr. Dallman was in seventh grade, the Beatle's hair style was the "in" thing. Mr. Dallman said, "The long hair styles had just caught on in

colleges, but hadn't filtered down to the high school level." He said one of the fads in high school in the late '60s and very early '70s was to own a Dune Buggy, but the seniors were the only ones who had them.

The kids were very clicky. The groups that used to hang around together were the clubs. Mr. Dallman belonged to the Science Club and the Astronomy Club, and participated in gymnastics.

Some of the differences in Mayo since Mr. Dallman's time are that there were three lunches. Mr. Dallman said "For the three lunches I had B lunch and that was where you went to have class, then lunch, then back to the same class. It was inconvenient for everybody concerned."

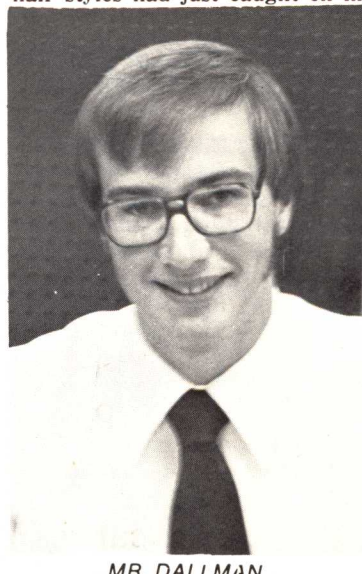
There was a closed campus, and if you were caught smoking you were suspended for three days. Mr. Dallman said that concerning this policy, "I thought it was a lot better back then."

The requirements were different also. You were required to take the same amount of English, History, Phy Ed, and Reading, however you also had to take at least one year of Math. There was no Health, and a much smaller choice of classes.

Mr. Dallman feels that the parent's responsibilities are being put more on teachers. He said, "The students are more independent, as evidenced by the fact that more students have part time jobs, and own their own cars."

The strangest thing about beginning to teach here for Mr. Dallman was learning to call other teachers by their first names, after calling them "Mr." and "Mrs." or "Miss."

Even with all the differences of today and yesterday, Mr. Dallman said, "It's nice to see that some things remain unchanged: like Doc Most's magnanimity, Ed Anderson's sports coats, and Mr. Smick's and Mr. Brook's jokes!"



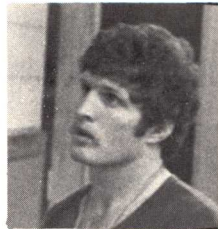
MR. DALLMAN



SHOULD HOMOSEXUALS BE ALLOWED TO BE TEACHERS?



"Yes! They should have the same rights as everyone else!"
Lori Hultquist, 11



"If the homosexual doesn't try to influence the student, I'm for it."
Mr. Campbell, Phy Ed teacher



"I don't see where anyone gets off trying to regulate anyone's sexual preferences."
Lisa McGrand, 11



"No! I don't think they should have any rights at all!"
Liz Colvin, 11



"I don't mind just so they don't make passes."
Charlie Brown, 12



"No, I don't believe in fairy tales."
Leanne McLeod, 11

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE HOLOCAUST?



"It really showed how it was. It should be shown in Germany."
Martha Spittell, 12



"There is only one word to describe it. Yechhh!"
Sandi Hansen, 11



"First decent violence in a long time."
Julie Hostak, 11

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schools. Also, extensive and costly modifications would have to be made to the Central Building, which is 52 years old.

The citizens committee and the school district administrators considered the advantages and disadvantages of all the possible alternatives for dealing with the Central-Coffman complex, and then decided that the construction of a new junior high school was the best route to follow.

Perhaps the toughest challenge the school district faced was to convince the citizens of Rochester that the construction of a new junior high school at this time would not increase their taxes.

Today, if a person pays \$1,000 in real estate taxes, \$61.43 of that money is used to pay for previous school bonds. If the bond issue passes this month, the person's bond-debt taxes will not be greater than \$61.43. This is because all previous bonds are to be paid in full by 1987, and under the proposal to be voted on May 16, the \$8.9 million bond is scheduled to be paid between 1982 and 1983. The school bond redemption taxes will drop every year, even if the \$8.9 million bond issue is passed, although the rate will be slower than if it is not passed. (That is, if the bond issue fails, the school bond redemption

taxes for a \$1,000 real estate tax will be \$34.65 in 1982 and \$.72 in 1986. If the bond issue passes, the taxes will be \$58.07 in 1982 and \$47.56 in 1986.)

Craig Beck said, "We have found that until you explain the whole thing to the people, there's some resistance to it (the new junior high)." Dr. Harry N. Vakos, the superintendent of the school district, also said that information and publicity will be extremely important in passing the bond issue. He said the vote on May 16 will be "directly proportional to the number of people getting the message."

The School Board elections that will also be held May 16 include two candidates against the construction of a new junior high school. Dr. Eugene C. Sorensen, a School Board member, said that this opposition could provide "a forum for debate," thereby helping inform the public.

If the \$8.9 million junior high school bond issue does not pass May 16, Dr. Vakos said the school district will likely try again in the fall, but the bond would be several hundred thousand dollars more because of inflation and increasing construction costs.

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School Board Candidates

Robert Rose

With plans to stress three major issues, Robert O. Rose, of 1605 Eighth St. S.E., has filed his candidacy for the Rochester Board of Education at-large seat currently held by Dr. Eugene Sorensen.

Rose, 54, a retired IBM machinist, said that he would like to stress three issues in the campaign against Sorensen: the rising cost of education, his opposition to the construction of a new junior high school, and a possible conflict of interest between Sorensen and his occupation as a teacher.

Concerning the increasing cost of education, he said the school district should attempt to cut down on the many costs. He suggested holding down the "excessive" salaries of teachers and administrators, keeping the schools that have been closed and may be sold, and make cuts into needless programs and classes.

He said, "I am adamantly opposed to building a new facility for the junior high school. I believe those two buildings — Coffman

Building and the Central School — are well constructed, well maintained and will continue to serve us well in the foreseeable future." Willard Knapp, a School Board candidate running for another seat, is also opposed to the construction of a new junior high school.

Regarding Dr. Sorensen, Rose stated, "My major issue against Dr. Sorensen is that I feel he has a conflict of interest in even running for the post. Being an educator, I don't feel he can be impartial in making decisions on the School



MR. ROSE

Board." Dr. Sorensen is an English instructor at the Rochester Community College, which is not connected with the school district.

Rose also said that he decided to

oppose Dr. Sorensen because he didn't want to see an unopposed candidate run for the position. "The post is too important to allow anyone to go unopposed."

Rose, who lost in his bid for election to the City Council last year, said, "My main interest up to now has been totally in regard to county tax issues. I have attended county budget meetings, city budget meetings, city council meetings, and thing like that." He admitted, however, that he has not had any specific experience with education issues.

About the laying off of teachers, he said, "It doesn't bother me at all. In fact, it makes me cheer a little bit. We're overloaded with teachers in the system right now." In a filing statement, he wrote that district employee unions are becoming too strong and are "are not interested in education any longer."

Rose worked for IBM for 15 years, and retired two years ago. He is married and has one daughter.

The School Board elections, city elections and the referendum for the \$8.9 million junior high school bond issue will all be held May 16. All persons who will be 18 years old by the election date are qualified to vote. Voter registration may be done at the Olmsted County Auditor's Office in the courthouse.

Little mopeds gaining popularity in America

by TERRI HERMAN
Staff Writer

Mopeds have been making the scene recently in southern Minnesota. Mopeds (from motor-plus-pedals) look like overbuilt bicycles, sound anywhere from a purring kitten to an impatient teakettle, and combine pedal power with petroleum push. They are catching on rapidly in the U.S. as a practical, inexpensive form of transportation for students, commuters, and housewives.

Mopeds have been popular in Europe since World War II. They have been used in every climate, from Canada to Central Africa by such services as the post office, police, and newspaper carriers.

Mopeds are not new in the U.S., they were popular during the 50's, then scrapped because of safety laws. Federal and state laws classified them as motorcycles, and thus they had to be outfitted with heavy, expensive safety equipment that made them impractical.

During the energy crisis, when Americans became more aware of their energy consumption, the Department of Transportation ruled that mopeds were different from motorcycles, and lowered equipment standards. Minnesota repealed its safety law in November 1977. Since the change, moped sales have taken off like a supersonic skateboard, and their popularity is still rising. Manufacturers expect to sell about 250,000 mopeds in the U.S. this year.

There are 60 brand of mopeds in the world today. Ro-Mo Sales, Rochester's only store specializing in moped sales and service sells five

of these. Popular brands of mopeds include Vespa, Motron, and Motobecane.

Mopeds range in price from \$300 for simple machines to more than \$500 for the "deluxe" models. Standard features on most models include a 49cc two stroke engine, horn, rearview mirror(s), and a tool kit. Special models also include a speedometer, stainless steel fenders, shock absorbers, steering column lock, variator (for hills and greater efficiency), and turn signals. Accessories range from saddlebags to windscreens, to carriers for your car.

Economy and mileage are the big reasons for the moped's popularity. Gas tanks hold from 1/3 of a gallon to 8 gallons. Gas mileage varies according to the rider's size, and the amount of extras you have. Average mileage is between 143 and 170 miles per gallon. This means that the standard moped will get around 230 miles per tankful.

If you are thinking of investing in a moped, you'd be interested in knowing that in Rochester, the bicycle laws apply so helmets aren't needed. A driver's license is required to operate a moped, which is classified as a motorized vehicle. If, however, you are underage, a special permit can be obtained at the Highway Department. Applicants must take a written test, and a driving test. Mopeds also must be registered, and a special license plate costs only \$3.00.

All things considered, if you're looking for an inexpensive, reliable way to get to school, or just to run an errand, a moped is a good investment for you.

Priscilla White

Priscilla M. White, of 502 16th St. S.W., has announced her candidacy for the Rochester Board of Education seat currently held by Dr. Eugene Sorensen. Sorensen and Robert Rose, a retired IBM machinist, are also seeking the at-large position on the School Board.

White, 32, is the chairman of the Olmsted County 911 Planning Committee. She headed a campaign to institute the emergency telephone number in Rochester. In addition to this activity, she has been involved in zoning and property issues in Rochester, and is a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructor. She also is a member of the Educational Services Committee of the Minnesota affiliate of the American Heart Association.

She said about her candidacy, "I've been telling everybody that I'm running because I want to be on the School Board so I can make whatever decisions that come up that need a judicial review. And, I'm quite good at taking a thorough look at things, and doing my homework. I have no axe to grind or any special issue."

However, she did say, "I must admit that what really prompted me to run at the time was the controversy over the new junior high school, because my son is going to start at Central next year." White opposed the five-mill levy override in November 1976, but she supports the replacement of Central Junior High School. A referendum on the junior high

school replacement will be held with the School Board and city elections on May 16.

If elected to the School Board, she said that she would only serve one three-year term, and not run for re-election. She said this was primarily due to her many different interests and her belief that other people are qualified and should be given the opportunity to serve on the School Board.

She is married and is the mother of two children both currently attending Rochester public schools. Her husband, Dr. Roger White, is a cardiovascular anesthesiologist at the Mayo Clinic. He is also a special consultant to the Gold Cross Ambulance Service.

She stated that she is not really running against Dr. Sorensen, and that really doesn't "know much about him." However, she said that she could devote more time to the School Board than Sorensen, an English instructor at the Rochester Community College, because she is



MRS. WHITE

not a full-time employee for any business.

Admitting that she doesn't have any real experience with education matters, her experience on the

Educational Services Committee of the Minnesota chapter of the American Heart Association and being the mother of two school children would, White said, help her on the School Board.

If she loses her bid for the School Board, she plans to run for a seat on the County Board of Commissioners.

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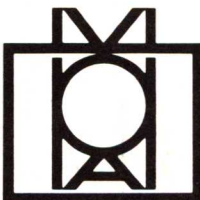
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The one-and-only Garrison Keillor tells a story to audience while playing his autoharp.
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Garrison Keillor, Bob Douglas and Adam Granger join in on a song at the Rochester Civic Theater April 28.



Butch Thompson, with clarinet, joins the "traveling biscuit band," The Powdermilk Biscuit Band, with Bob Douglas on mandolin, Adam Granger on guitar, Dick Rees in back with his bass, and Mary DuShane on the fiddle.



The rip-and-read sportscaster of MPR, Jim Ed Poole, joins the Powdermilk Biscuit Band on the tune, "Drop in the Bucket." Jim Ed plays the bucket.



Garrison relaxes after "A Prairie Home Companion Show," while being interviewed. Notice the little Minnesota's on his tie.

Garrison Keillor's humor, band becoming popular

by ROSS CORSON

On the eve of Apr. 28, the lights in the Rochester Civic Theater dimmed, the stage lights brightened, and out onto the stage sauntered the white-suited, bearded man the audience had come to see and hear. Garrison Keillor had come to Rochester.

Now, who just exactly is this Garrison Keillor fellow?

Well, he's best known because of his "A Prairie Home Morning Show," "A Prairie Home Companion Show" and his writing for the *New Yorker* magazine.

Back in 1969, Garrison created "A Prairie Home Morning Show" on Minnesota Public Radio. He still has the show, which is broadcast from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday on all the MPR stations (locally, the program may be heard on KLSE-FM). Garrison said, "The show in the morning is popular because we play music that the listeners cannot hear anywhere else." The program's music ranges from that of the Red Clay Ramblers to the Beach Boys to Bach. The music on the morning show is recorded, although he often has guests on the show who will play music (some recent guests have been Dakota Dave Hull, Pop Wagner and two persons from Wisconsin who played dulcimers).

In 1974, Garrison created a Saturday evening show, called "A Prairie Home Companion Show." The live music show (that is, live music performed in front of an

audience) is broadcast over all the MPR stations every Saturday between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Usually, the show is broadcast from the World Theater, which seats about 600 people, in St. Paul. Several months ago, the show was held at Northrup Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, and there were over 4,700 people in the audience. Garrison said, "When we first started, we considered ourselves fortunate to have an audience of 40 or 50 people." The show features Garrison and his stories; his bluegrass band, The Powdermilk Biscuit Band; and several guest musicians, ranging from Minnesota Opera Company singer Vern Sutton to folksinger Michael Cooney. Garrison said, "I don't think there is anything more exciting than a live show, whether on radio or television."

Since 1969, he has written wryte regularly for the *New Yorker* magazine. Recently Garrison published a small collection of his writings from the *New Yorker* and the *Minneapolis Tribune*, entitled *G.K. the DJ*. Also, he is currently writing a novel, entitled *The Family Radio*, which will likely be available early next year.

It was "A Prairie Home Companion Show" that came to Rochester for two performances on April 28, as the show went on its annual spring tour of the state. On the show, besides Garrison and the Powdermilk Biscuit Band, were pianist and clarinetist Butch Thompson and

the rip-and-read sportscaster of MPR, Jim Ed Poole.

During all of the *Prairie Home Companion* shows, including the ones April 28, Garrison tells stories and sings with his deep mellow voice while playing (or, perhaps more correctly, strumming) the autoharp. His stories often are centered around the mythical town of Lake Wobegon, — "the little town that time forgot." Also he talks about "those crispy brown morsels," powdermilk biscuits ("heavens, they're tasty and expeditious"), and does "commercials" for the biscuits and other products, services and stores, usually located in Lake Wobegon.

Garrison said, "I was doing a show on a non-commercial station, but I was used to listening to commercial radio. It was important to have commercials — interruptions — during the show. I had just naturally associated commercials with radio." So, he invented some products and services to advertise, and then he invented a town where stores, such as Jack's Auto Repair (which sells practically everything, including nicknames) and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery, could sell the products and services.

The commercials and stories are almost always funny and designed to make the audience roar with laughter. "Part of what the audience laughs at," Garrison remarked, "is standard lines that they laugh at out of habit. Like, I always used to laugh every week

when Fibber McGee would open the closet door and a pile of trash fell out."

However, he also tells stories and sings songs that have a serious nature. He said, "I like it when you can change the monologue from jokes to talking about things that affect the audience."

Garrison's Powdermilk Biscuit Band is also an important part of the show. The band's members are Adam Granger on the guitar; Bob Douglas regularly playing the mandolin, but also on the guitar and spoons; Mary DuShane, of Rochester, on the fiddle; and Dick Rees regularly performing on the bass, but also on the banjo and fiddle. The band plays mainly bluegrass music, but also performs gospel and "swing" tunes. The band's first album is expected to be released this month.

At the show last Friday, Butch Thompson, described by Garrison as "that big, tall, lonesome-looking fellow," performed several Fats Waller and Jelly Roll Morton tunes on the piano. Also, he accompanied the Powdermilk Biscuit Band with his clarinet on several songs.

Near the end of the second show, the rip-and-read sportscaster finally arrived to appear on stage. In the Twin Cities, Jim Ed Poole is sort of a cult figure. Garrison sees this as evidence of the "power of radio." Garrison said, "Jim Ed is really an invention of our radio show. He certainly stands out as a voice that is not slick and practiced." Jim Ed appeared on the show in a green jumpsuit and a blue baseball cap with a white "W" on it, perhaps to signify the Lake Wobegon Whippets baseball team. Jim Ed is the "former flying centerfielder" of the team. He is not really an accomplished musician, but he did play the bucket on the song "Drop in the bucket" and his jaw harp on the final song of the evening, which was the Powdermilk Biscuit theme song.

One of the funniest things Garrison did last Friday night was to tell the audience that it was too "easy" on singers who come to Minnesota. He was especially referring to the John Denver

concert of a week earlier, and where several people in the audience yelled and booed at Denver because he supported Wendell Anderson, who favors motor use of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. And, one person had written a letter to the editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune* complaining about the hecklers, of whom there were only a few among over 17,000 people who went to that concert.

Well, Garrison said an audience should boo if it wants too. And, he proceeded to do a song, calling himself Jack Aspen ("a singer who wears blue jeans and rides a chauffeur-driven limosine to concerts"), about nature. The entire thing was obviously a parody of the John Denver concert. The audience caught on and started booing and heckling Garrison (or Jack). The most notable portion of the skit was when Garrison sang, "Let's vanish fear and suffering," and someone in the audience yelled, "Let's banish you!" The heckler had even made Garrison laugh a little.

Garrison is a terrific proponent of radio. He said, "My early life was spent with books and radio. I always listened to live radio shows when I was a kid." While not an opponent of television, he believes it isn't always good and cannot replace the radio. "For things such as music and musical performances, television is amazingly inept," Garrison said.

He said that as a boy growing up in Brooklyn Center and Anoka he often listened to a Little Rock radio station that played black music. Garrison said that the radio "came at me with such power and intensity. A power that television could never have for me." He also said, "I feel radio makes a much deeper impression than television. Television has an affect on people's ability to imagine."

While his show and himself are becoming more popular, with larger audiences and an album for the biscuit band, Garrison does not see the show becoming a national radio show, such as other shows were back when television did not exist or was not popular. And he knows one thing for sure: "That it won't ever go on television."

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Question of Mayo's school spirit tossed around in classroom

by JOE LAUGHTON
Sports Editor

A "Meeting the Challenge" class taught by Mr. James Volker during period 4B certainly has been meeting the challenge recently in examining a topic which is highly debatable: school spirit at Mayo.

The class project involves taking its own look at Mayo's school spirit and arriving at conclusions and solutions (if need be) concerning the subject. Generally, the class questions Mayo's school spirit, and decided that there is room for improvement.

The class defined school spirit as: "The feeling of pride students have regarding their school. Although we feel this spirit actually concerns all areas of school life such as clubs, speech activities, and drama productions; we feel it is best to confine our attention to student interest and support of school athletics."

The next process the class went about was to evaluate, analyze, and attempt to solve Mayo's school spirit situation. Questions were explored such as: What is Mayo's school spirit actually like? Why does Mayo have that kind of school spirit? How can Mayo's school spirit be improved?

The class didn't just ask the questions, it came up with its own answers. "Mayo's school spirit is average. It is so because the same students repeatedly attend the various activities with no new faces in the crowd."

Ideas were suggested to improve Mayo's school spirit. All were basically aimed for use at athletic events. All had something to do with promotion or added entertainment for the fans during various games.

New additions the class idealized include: a new marquee in front of the building, a student costumed mascot who would aid cheerleading during games, a creation of

activities for fans to participate in during halftimes of games, the possibility of boy cheerleaders, and a variety of student-run pep bands which would liven up morale at most events.

Suggested improvements include the quality and regularity of pep fests, recognition to all sports on a more equal scale, a stronger advertising campaign to create more awareness of activities, increased support by the Mayo faculty.

The class could come up with all the ideas it wanted, but it realized its opinions would do no good unless someone really listened. So another step further was taken — there would be a guest panel invited to the classroom to discuss all ideas. It is a step toward reality for some ideas.

The panel that was formed was there to listen and discuss alright, but all four members had some power within them to put to action some ideas that may seem feasible to them. Kerwin Englehart is Rochester high schools' athletic supervisor. Diane Ilstrup is Mayo's girls' sports coordinator. Barbara Achor is the advisor of Mayo cheerleaders. Molly Theel is advisor to the pep club. These four made up a powerful panel.

Each panel member had examples to present to show an indication of what Mayo's school spirit is.

"I don't think Mayo's school spirit is quite as bleak as people say it is," said Englehart. "Everyone here at Mayo, I guess, looks at JM with their huge crowds and their big excitement and compares it to Mayo's. But really — the JM fans look at you over here at Mayo in much the same way, and they think they have the problem."

"In a small town with around 3,000 people, there would be five or six busloads of students going to support around tournament time," said Ms. Achor. "It seems the whole

town is involved."

"At Mayo, which is obviously a larger school, they get one bus going to an away game — and everybody's ecstatic. In a bigger town there are more sports, more things to do. Everything is more diversified," Achor added.

"People say, 'I wish sports were like the way it was 20-25 years ago when it seemed that everyone was involved.' Actually, today it really hasn't changed much. It's still very much alive," Englehart said. "You have to keep in mind that there are many more activities — almost doubled in many schools. The interest is there, it's just spread out more."

Attendance has a lot to do with school spirit at sports events according to many comments expressed by the panel and students. Communications have a role as to how well attended contests are.

"The Spartan Scene is the official communicator between the school and the students," Ms. Ilstrup attested. "The P.A. (public-address announcements) is only used for emergency type things. We can't come on there everyday with announcement of sports."

Gary Collopy, a member of the class, gave reasons in support of public-address announcing of athletic events on a daily basis. "The P.A. is quick, and everyone can hear it. No one can really ignore it. You can't turn Mr. Davis off when he makes announcements. The Spartan Scene on T.V. you can."

Achor responded, "If they're not interested in listening to the Spartan Scene for sports announcements, they're just not interested enough in sports."

"Putting up a marquee in front of the school would be a great idea," Englehart commented.

"Work is really no excuse to be missing school sports if one is really

interested enough," Achor said. "Arrangements can be made with employers. I'm sure, that the schedule can be changed on the days of games. You would just have to tell him that you're really interested in school sports, and you do want those days off."

"Attendance of sporting events in Rochester is much higher than the state average," Englehart reported.

Getting back on the track as to the condition of Mayo's school spirit, it was mentioned that, "At concerts, there is a strong feeling of pride for the students performing. It wasn't competitive."

Margaret Hepper, an interested student who although is not a member of the class, was present to view the panel discussion. She said, "I get the feeling that the general feeling in this school is that it's an academic school rather than an

athletic one."

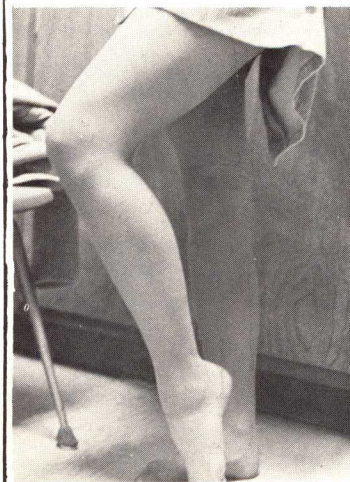
"An athletic director from up in St. Paul visited here to one of Mayo's basketball games and mentioned that Mayo's enthusiasm among the fans is much better than his own school's," Englehart indicated.

Mr. Voler's "Meeting the Challenge" class has shown its own competitive spirit, as this school spirit project is an extra which is not required of the curriculum. The class has had for special guests, Mr. Bob Brown, sports editor of the Post-Bulletin who talked to the class about the PB's sports department.

Also, Dennis Sievers and Bob Frecker spoke to the class about coaching in high school — its pleasures and hardships.

Put aside the textbooks, the films, the essays, etc., what next will this class try to challenge?

Whose pair of legs?



LEGS CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

THESE LEGS BELONG TO _____

YOUR NAME _____

GRADE _____

HOME ROOM _____

LEGS CONTEST

General Rules: ADVOCATE and Odyssey staff members and owners of the legs are not eligible to win. If more than one correct answer is received, a drawing will be held. Winner will be announced in the next issue of the ADVOCATE. Put your name, home room, and grade under your answer. A prize will be awarded.

YEP says 'yes' to summer work

by ELISABETH LOFGREN
Staff Writer

The summer job situation for teenagers in Rochester has often been non-existent, however this year for some reason there seems to be a new trend.

The jobs are streaming into the offices of the Youth Employment Project. "We need people" said Denny Myron, director of YEP. Denny said, "I'd like to get across that I need applications from

people 16 years old and up, who are looking for summer jobs. It's worth a person's time to come down and apply. I'm not saying everybody is going to get jobs, but if you come down and be persistent you'll increase your chances."

YEP is a Youth Employment Project, a referral service that is for youth in Olmsted County, from the ages of 13 to junior college level. It's also a service of employers in Olmsted County. "We help match the two up," said Mr. Myron.

To get involved in YEP you just go down to the office, fill out an application blank. A brief interview process helps to match you with a job. On permanent part-time jobs, YEP will normally call when they find an opening. However, with the three to four hour jobs it is better if you check in daily to see if there are any openings. "The more persistent people get jobs first," said Mr. Myron.

Sekai 1000 Sprint \$179.00

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BARS: SR "Custom 390L" alloy inscribed.

STEM: SR "AH" deluxe allen key stem.

HUBS: SUZUE alloy high flange, QR on the front, standard axle rear.

RIMS: ARAYA "5R" 27x1 1/4 steel serrated.

TIRES: NATIONAL "Sekai-Deluxe HP" gumside 27x1 1/4 HP tires, 85 lbs. PSI.

GEARS: SUNTOUR "VGT-Luxe" alloy rear, "7" front, with "DLW" down tube.

SADDLE: KASHIMA "HS-16N" new high quality padded saddle.

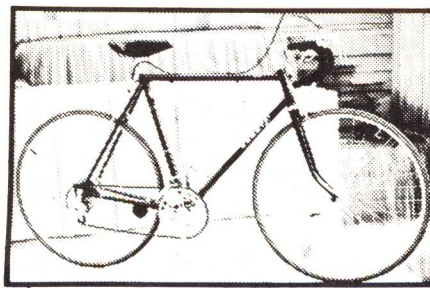
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Car of the month



This issue's Car of the Month is quite the snazzy vehicle. Owned by senior Wayne Brueske, the 1978 4-wheel drive Ford Northlander III has a 400 V-8 engine with headers and sidepipes. Also, this truck has bucket seats and a center console with an AM-FM cassette stereo. On the front, there is a brushguard, foglights and spotlights. It has a rollbar in back and carpeting in the interior (Photo by Wayne Brakke)

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FEMAYO SPORTS

by SUE GRIFFIN

There seems to be some confusion and controversy surrounding the question of boys' participation in girls' sports. The latest issue of the BUSH Club Newsletter pointed out that if girls may join boys' baseball, then why can't boys join the girls' softball team?

If boys did attempt to join the softball team here, the girls would likely protest. However, boys cannot join girls' teams, according to the Minnesota State High School League. Some people may call the situation a case of reverse discrimination.

Essentially, there are three statements in the MSHSL rulebook specifically referring to the boys' sports-girls' sports conflict.

Section 12, Article 4 of the rulebook says: "Boys shall not be eligible for membership or participation on a team designed for girls." So, why can girls join boys' teams?

Section 12, Article 2 of the rulebook states: "When a school determines that the team designed for girls has not achieved substantial equality with the team designed for boys, the school may permit a girl to compete for membership and participation on the boys' teams."

Also, Section 12, Article 3 states: "Girls may compete for membership or participation on a team designed for boys when a separate team in that sport is not provided for girls."

From these three statements, it can be determined that the issue of equality in high school sports is the most important, or perhaps sole, reason for the right of girls to join some boys' teams.

Until the time equality between boys' and girls' sports is reached, girls will enjoy this right. But, in several years it is likely that girls' sports programs at most high schools will be equal to the boys' sports programs. Hopefully then, this conflict, and argument by boys, will have ended.

The Mayo girls' track team appears to be in the same position as the girls' basketball team was this year. The team is big in numbers — 49 girls — and short in experience — only four seniors.

When I first examined the team roster, I thought: "Another young team with little talent." So far, they are proving my initial response wrong.

The 31 freshmen and sophomores are eager and energetic. Their workouts of weight training, drills and running seem to be paying off.

The competition will still be tough this year. "The other Big Nine schools are loaded with distance runners," coach Joann Johnson said, "Owatonna, which has a fantastic distance runner; JM; Lourdes; and Red Wing, which has a sprinter who won the 100-yard dash at state, will be our toughest competitors." But, I believe Mayo has the ability and potential to be classified as "tough competition" for those teams.

Jill Anderson, a senior, should perform well in the sprints. Last year, she usually finished just behind 1977 Mayo graduate Christie Vitse, probably Mayo's finest girl track runner. Lisa Espinosa, a sophomore who was on last year's team, should also turn in an excellent performance. Senior Suzy Indykiewicz, who also participated in girls' cross country, should be watched in distance running.

The team has one girl, Nancy Belau, returning from last year's state meet. She, along with Christie Vitse, Sharon Isaacson and Sue Higgins, both who did not tryout for track this season, set a record in the mile relay at the state meet. I believe a hard blow to this year's team is the absence of Sharon and Sue, because they obviously could have been instrumental in Mayo's performance at meets.

Johnson's goals this year are "for each person to improve as much as they can. Winning is nice, but as long as everybody does as well as they can, that's pretty good too."

1978 GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

Anderson, Jill	12	Knutson, Barb	9
Atrubin, Alexandria	9	Kosloski, Teresa	10
Barlow, Penny	10	Lettelier, Marg	9
Belau, Nancy	11	Mader, Cheri	10
Boelk, Shelly	9	Martin, Sue	9
Brown, Lisa	10	Martin, Tina	11
Bungum, Andrea	11	McIlrath, Laura	10
Christensen, Patti	12	Morse, Kathy	11
Cook, Shelly	11	Mullen, Ann	11
Costello, Cheryl	10	O'Connell, Coleen	11
Dennison, Lila	9	Polka, Gwen	11
Espinosa, Lisa	10	Quast, Sylvia	11
Finney, Cheryl	9	Rahenfuhrer, Roxanne	9
Flickinger, Dawn	10	Reese, Karen	9
Fontana, Katie	12	Reeve, Teresa	11
Gallegher, Coleen	10	Schacht, Vic	11
Garber, Ann	9	Schuchart, Amy	10
Glatzmeier, Maria	10	Swenson, Karin	10
Hatchett, Sally	9	Thoburn, Lisa	10
Hollenhorst, Paula	11	Thone, Jody	10
Houston, Kari	11	Thoreson, Pam	10
Huus, Kari	11	Wagoner, Kathy	9
Indykiewicz, Suzy	12	Whalen, Sherri	9
Klingsporn, Lori	10	Wood, Michelle	
Klingsporn, Terri	9		

Fewer trackmen mean fewer wins

by JOE LAUGHTON
Sports Editor

The difference between Mayo boys' track teams of past years and this year's team is the number of athletes. Coaches Norman, Robinson, and Halvorson have to work with.

An average of 90 boys normally go out for track according to Head Coach Richard Norman. This year's selection has 57 boys on the roster.

"As a team we're just not as good as we were in other years," stated Coach Norman. "We just don't have the numbers — we're down some 25 boys from the varsity last year. We're down lots of kids."

All four grades have representation on the team, with 26 sophomores making up the majority of the squad. Only 14 seniors and 12 juniors have joined Spartan boys' track. Even five freshmen are included into the picture. Coach Norman has had to dig for personnel.

"We're not as well balanced as we have been before. We have some key seniors and key juniors, but the sophomores have outpointed (letter points) them," Norman said.

Small wonder why the sophomore tracksters have racked up more letter points. The number of sophomores total equal the number of seniors and juniors added together on the team. Also Dave Benke, a sophomore, is the number one point man on the entire squad.

It's not to say that the track team doesn't have quality. "There are several good athletes. Randy Gibson is our best sprinter — he's the fastest boy we've got," Norman revealed. "John Richardson and Bruce Swanson has senior experience in the triple and long jump."

"The pole vault is by far our best event. There we have the most quality people," Norman said. Senior Eric Norman leads the pole vaulting crew with juniors Jim Fischer, Rod Bjugan, and Jay Hollenhorst not far behind.

The high jump has Rich Westerlund as the number one jumper there. He's the only point scorer in that event.

Several cross country runners from the fall will continue legging out miles for the track team. "Our cross country runners are always the leaders in our distance running," Norman said. Dave Benke will add to his letter point totals with his efforts in the mile and two-mile runs. John Cafilisch (senior), Dave Wanberg (junior), and Jeff McCallum (sophomore) put in the distance in the two-miler.

In the 880 yard run, Jim Harris and Rick Bayliss are two seniors contributing in that event.

Pushing weights into the air for Mayo will be Gary Ryan and Joe Wagoner, numbers one and two respectively in the shot put. Bill Garwood and Gary Ryan will handle the discus.

Coach Norman classifies his relay teams as average. "They're a mixture of many people, several in all four grades. We've been trying to get many kids in as possible in the relays, all getting a chance to show what they can do," Norman said. "If we get the right combination, the relays will be scoring some points."

"It seems we've had a year and a half of winter, it's been a slow spring arriving," Norman assessed. "Just last week though, we've had three excellent days for track — sunny, no wind, not too high of temperature. Excellent weather to work out in. The nice days came so quickly, the kids don't know how to act."

The shortcoming in personnel comes at a time when the rest of the Big Nine Conference looks tough. "The conference is very very strong with many excellent individuals," Norman believes. "The Big Nine has a lot of top individuals who can place in state."

"To win in conference, we need more than what we've got. We have several quality athletes, but we don't have enough," Norman stated.

According to Norman, the teams that do have enough are Albert Lea, John Marshall, Austin, and possibly Winona — all with the top people in the Big Nine.

In the squad's initial six meets, it came away with a 2-4 record. "I don't think we'll hit .500 the rest of

the way this year," Norman said. "The rest of our meets are against the strongest of the conference teams."

The team has been trying though. A good indication of that is a measure of improvement against Winona. On March 23, Mayo lost to Winona in a dual meet 82-55. Come April 25, Mayo met Winona and Faribault in a triangular meet on the Mayo track (a rarity). Faribault won with 70 points, but Mayo outdid Winona 59-54. "That is the highlight of the season so far," Norman indicated. "They did a good job."

BOYS' TRACK ROSTER Varsity & "B" Squads

Dave Anders	11
Mike Barck	10
Rick Bayliss	12
Dave Benke	10
Rod Bjugan	11
Reid Blankenfeld	9
Brian Brogan	10
Fletcher Brown	10
Dave Burfeind	10
John Cafilisch	12
Paul Davis	11
Stephen Davis	10
Jim Fischer	11
Bill Garwood	12
Kris Geerdes	10
Randy Gibson	12
Tom Ginther	10
Doug Gomez	10
Jim Harris	12
Larry Higgins	9
Jay Hollenhorst	11
Roger Horsman	9
Hugh Huizenga	10
Bob Kaye	10
Doug Keith	12
Rick Kolar	11
Dan Krahn	12
Joe Krall	11
Bob Lahtinen	10
Darren Lavoie	10
Mike Lovgren	10
Jeff McCallum	10
Brad Meyer	10
Terry Mullen	9
John Nobrega	11
Paul Nobrega	10
Eric Norman	12
Charlie Pappas	10
John Richardson	12
Gary Ryan	12
Joe Saterdalen	10
Greg Smith	10
Kevin Smith	10
Donn Sorenson	10
Bill Stock	9
Pat Sullivan	12
Bruce Swanson	12
Steve Swancutt	10
Dave Tancredi	10
Doug Twernbold	10
Scott Vrieze	11
Joe Wagoner	12
Dave Wanberg	11
Steve Ward	11
Jon Wentworth	10
Rich Westerlund	12
Todd Wheeler	11



Rich Westerlund, Mayo's #1 high jumper, lunges into the air at 5 feet, 10 inches.
(Photo by Lisa Petersson)

Mayo gives berth to girls' softball

by SUE GRIFFIN
Co-Sports Editor

"They float like a butterfly and sting like a bee" — or so says Mr. Mohlke. Mayo girls' softball coach. "I leave the predictions up to Muhammed Ali and Joe Namath," Mohlke said.

Being a first-year team, it's obviously a young team. "They (the girls) have the potential. It's a fairly young team — but very good athletes. It's just a question of forming the team," Coach Mohlke hinted.

The team began with 49 hopefuls bidding to make Mayo's first-ever softball squad at the varsity level. Twenty girls survived the final cut.

Mayo is not alone in being a "born" team in the Big Nine. "Mankato, Owatonna, Winona,

Albert Lea, and JM, are all first-year teams. They will be in the same position as we are," Mohlke said.

"Red Wing and Austin, who was second in state last year, will be prepared," predicted Mohlke. "But, we should have as good a chance as any of the teams."

The team is three weeks old, with practices, scrimmages, and two regular season games under their belts. Basically, they've been concentrating on basic skills.

"We have a pretty good hitting team," Mohlke commented, "Our pitching staff is developing quite well 'you don't develop fast-pitch pitchers in three days! We've got a tight infield too."

"It takes time with a new team," Mohlke stated. "I'm quite pleased with the girls."

Mayo will host three home games. John Marshall, Winona and Austin will visit here, with the latter two home dates scheduled to be doubleheaders.

The roster:

GIRL'S SOFTBALL 'A' SQUAD

Cathy Cachalas	11	OF
Patty Cook	11	OF
Kitty Doyle	11	P, 1B
Mary Ann Doyle	10	P, OF
Jackie Erickson	11	P, 1B
Kate Feehan	11	OF
Libby Gardner	10	C
Jill Hargshiemer	10	3B
Denise Hintemister	11	P
Sharon Issacson	10	SS
Lori Jones	11	OF, SS
Tami Kreps	10	OF
JoAnn Malizia	11	2B
Denise McKay	12	3B
Christy Oman	11	C
Pam Saterdalen	10	1B, OF
Kathy Steinman	10	OF, C
Pam Thurber	11	OF
Andrea Whelan	10	2B
Ann Hazama	11	OF