

Referendum affecting students voted on today

by PATRICK KIMBALL

On November 23, voters in District 535 will go to the polls to vote on a proposed five mill increase on homeowners' taxes.

If passed, this money would be used to ease the districts financial burden. The referendum would raise \$1.3 million annually.

If the referendum were to fail, cuts of \$1,500,000 would be made in the spring of this school year for 1977-1978 and another \$400,000 in cuts would be made in the spring of 1978 for the 1978-1979 school year. Upwards of 100 teaching positions would probably be eliminated.

The tax would be assessed on the current valuation of the house by the County assessor.

The referendum is scheduled for November 23 because the tax levy for next year must be certified by December 1.

The reduction at Mayo would be in the areas of teaching positions, the intra-mural and the athletic programs. The Intra-mural program would be cut by \$36,000. Also the athletic program would be reduced by \$25,000.

There would also be a reduction in the choice of classes to 16 in three years; 10th grade, 6; 11th grade, 5; 12th grade, 5. This would include a reduction of the staff by approximately 12 positions.

Frequently asked questions regarding the levy override referendum of the Rochester Independent School District No. 535:

1. Why Do We Need A Levy Override?

The problem goes back to 1971. Before 1971 the School Board could decide on a budget and then levy enough in property taxes to finance it. In 1971

the state legislature set a limit on the amount the School Board could raise through property taxes, and said that the state would guarantee a basic amount a school district could spend on each pupil. Our district was spending more per pupil than the state-wide average and was providing a better than average program. The School Board can no longer levy taxes to make up the difference. Rochester has been able to continue programs by using the surplus in the operating fund. The surplus is gone, and the time has come to make a decision whether or not residents of Rochester school district wish to maintain the same kind of quality programs to which citizens have become accustomed.

2. Has The Board Of Education Made Reductions In The Current Year's Budget?

Yes. The Board of Education

cut over \$700,000 from the 1975-76 budget. This substantial cut included a half position in the Central Office; a shorter work year for elementary principals and elimination of a half elementary principal position; reduction of 9 teaching positions due to declining enrollment; reductions in other staff of 5.5 positions; elimination of the summer school program (currently in litigation); and change in lunchroom staffing (currently under litigation).

3. Won't The State Legislature Provide More Money For Schools During The Coming Session?

Yes. Each year the legislature increases the amount guaranteed by the state for education. However, the anticipated increases will not balance the budget.

4. Are Other Minnesota School Districts Having Financial Problems Like Those In Rochester?

Yes. The effects are a matter of degree depending on the school district. All districts must adopt the same accounting system; all districts are given the same state aid, in general, and are under the same expenditure limitations. Most districts are experiencing effects of inflation and are experiencing increasing costs due to maturity and training of staff. Many districts are experiencing declining enrollment which reduces the total revenues received from state and local sources. The degree to which a district is adversely affected by these factors varies.

5. How Much Extra Money Would Be Raised By The 5 Mill Levy Override?

A levy of 5 mills would raise approximately \$1,300,000 based on the current assessed valuation of \$255,000,000.

7. Will The School District Realize Increases In Revenues If The Total Assessed Valuation Increases During The Coming Years?

No. An increase in local property valuation only tends to increase the local contribution to the per-pupil legislated guarantee and decrease the state's contribution. However, if the levy override referendum passes, the amount raised by the 5 mills will increase as the assessed valuation increases.

10. Is A Simple Majority Required To Pass The Levy Override Referendum?

Yes. Half of those voting plus one vote will carry the referendum.

11. How Long Would The 5 Mill Levy Continue If Approved By The Voters?

The Board of Education would retain the authority to levy the 5 mills until such authority is withdrawn by the voters through another referendum.

12. Does The Board Of Education Have The Legal Authority To Refuse To Levy The Full 5 Mills Even If Passed By The Voters?

Yes. The levy override, if successful, authorizes the Board to levy 5 mills. If circumstances dictate a lower levy, the Board may levy an amount less than 5 mills.

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"We don't go for that type of thing around here" from "Enter Laughing". From left to right, Dale Bengston, David Weeks and Matt Belau. (Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

Teacher Aide Finds challenge

by GABY SCHNELLE

For those of you who don't know, we have a very special group of people going to Mayo. They are the slower learning students or special education students. They attend school like everyone else, but they go to special classes. One of these special classes is art. And one of the people who helps with the teaching of this art class is Jean Gosse.

Jean is a junior and has been working as a teacher's aid in art since the beginning of the year. She helps students do things like taking odd wood shapes and building structures out of them. They make wall hanging, candles, glass designs, and decorate the teacher's lounge and cafeteria.

Mrs. Martin is the teacher of the year long course. There are 15 students now going to the class. They range from the ages of 16 to 20. They graduate with everyone else, but they receive a special diploma.

Jean likes working with the students. She said, "It's fun, challenging and a great experience."

A lot's involved In College choice

by SARAH HUCKSTEAD

Early as it seems, seniors, it's time to start looking into colleges. There are a number of things that you have to consider when choosing your college.

The most important thing to consider is the field of study in which you want to major. If you are unsure, perhaps a state college or university would be best for you.

Another major factor that will affect your choice of colleges is the cost. Even with a scholarship, college costs will be high. When looking into a college you should choose one that will give you the most for your money. Is it accredited, how many PhDs on the faculty? Check into its reputation and the prestige of the school. How many of the graduates have gone on to get their PhDs and so on?

The location of a college will also make a difference in your choice. Do you want a college in a small town or, do you prefer the "excitement of the big city"? You can stay close to home or go to another state. There will be a difference in cost if you attend a college in a state other than Minnesota, Wisconsin or South Dakota.

Perhaps you hope to participate in sports in college. Many schools are known for their excellent sports programs, along

with their academic recommendations. There are, however, many private colleges whose main thrust is academic rewards and not sports.

Maybe you're out to have a good time at college along with getting a good education, or maybe you go in for traditions. Either way you must examine closely the college you may be thinking of attending.

What about facilities available at the school? How large is the library, how many science labs, does the college have a performing arts center? These questions will help in your final decision.

Size will also be a factor when choosing your college. Perhaps you would be more comfortable in a college with a small number of students. Many private colleges have enrollments of less than 2000. There are definite advantages to such small enrollments. Most classes will be small and more personalized. The ratio of teachers to students will be more than in a large university. However, a large university such as the University of Minn. with an enrollment of over 30,000, can offer a wider variety of subjects and classes. You also have an opportunity of meeting people from all over the country. In a large institution however, the attitude tends to be more impersonal.



by SHERI SWENSON

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club is busy planning outdoor activities for its members. Among them is a possible ski trip for sometime in December.

STUDENT-FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On October 14 and 28 meetings were held in which possible projects were discussed. The plans included; plants for every room, an activity day, dances, and parking lot clean-up.

GIRLS CLUB

Girls Club is putting out a cookie cookbook to be sold in front of the Commons the week before Thanksgiving. It will be sold during both lunches for 35c a piece. All recipes will be tested. The Big Sis-Little Sis Christmas Party has been set for December.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Council is now publishing a news letter (Powerhouse) and has set up a bulletin board in front of the Commons in order to keep students informed of their activities. They are now making arrangements for a band to play at the Christmas Dance, and a school-wide project for Christmas Anonymous. The Council holds meetings every Wednesday, 7th hour in room 2-246. Students are welcome to attend.

DRILL TEAM

After finishing their football season, they are now practicing for their basketball performances. Last month they were able to order optional jackets which will arrive near Christmas. This year's Choreographers are Sheryl Johnson, and Lisa Laitala.

Steve Kempers chosen as Century III Leader winner

Steven Edward Kempers, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Kempers, a senior at Mayo has been chosen as the Century III Leader winner from Mayo. The local contest at Mayo is part of a nationwide competition for \$116,500 in scholarships at state and national levels. The scholarship program is administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and funded by Shell Oil Company.

Runners-up in the competition are Daniel Christopher Ruhl and

Sarah Stephanie Huckstead. Ronald Radke, Student Council Advisor at Mayo, and Dr. Robert Whaley, Director of Secondary Education, were members of the local selection committee.

Steve will now compete with other high school winners from around the state for two \$1,000 scholarships and an opportunity for the \$10,000 top national scholarship. The two Minnesota winners will receive an all expense paid trip to the national compe-

tion in Colonial Williamsburg, VA, in March of 1977.

Graduating seniors who entered the competition were judged on the basis of their leadership potential with emphasis on community and extra-curricular activities, high scores on a current events exam and on their writing viewpoints about America's needs and challenges for the future.

Vote YES for the Referendum

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13. If The November 23 Referendum Is Unsuccessful, When Could Another One Be Held?

By state law, a second referendum would have to wait until after June 30, 1977. However, there is a possibility that the state legislature, in moving toward full equalization, may pass a law withdrawing the right of school districts to hold a levy override referendum.

14. Will Revenues Raised By The Levy Override Referendum Be Applied To Increasing Teachers' Salaries?

The Rochester Education Association has made the following pledge: "The money from the referendum should be used to maintain as much of the education program as possible and further, the money from the referendum would not be used to improve teacher salaries." (REA UPDATE, Oct. 29, 1976)

15. How Much In Additional Property Taxes Will An Individual Pay If The Levy Override Referendum Is Successful?

The amount will vary. The current levy in the City of Rochester for all local taxes is 103.61 mills on the assessed valuation of property before homestead credit is deducted. Thus, an increased levy of 5 mills, would increase property taxes by slightly less than 5 per cent of the property tax before homestead deduction.

For Example: If your property tax before homestead deduction was \$800 last year, an increase of about \$40 could be expected as a result of an affirmative vote on the levy override.

16. What Programs Could Be Affected If The Levy Override Referendum Fails?

It is safe to say that virtually every program would be affected to some extent. If the referendum were unsuccessful \$1,500,000 would be cut from the budget for 1977-78. This translates to 85 teaching positions, an administrative salary freeze, reduction in custodial and clerical positions, reduction in junior high experiences from 7 to 6 per day; reduction in choice of classes at senior high level to 16 classes in three years; reduction in intra-mural programs and athletic programs and reduction in expenditures for various materials and supplies.

17. Will There Be Budget Cuts Even If The Levy Override Referendum Passes?

Yes. The School Board already has cut \$700,000 from this year's budget. An additional cut of \$700,000 has been proposed and will be made from the 1977-78 budget. These cuts will not balance the budget unless the levy override passes.

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Double Standard

A nign school guy is aggressive
A high school girl is pushy
A well dressed guy is fashionable
She's a clotheshorse
He loses his temper because he's so involved in his work
She's just bitchy
He gets depressed from pressures
She has menstrual tension
He's a man of the world
She's been around
He's confident
She's conceited
He drinks because of excessive pressure
She's a lush
He's a stern task master
She's impossible to work for
He's enthusiastic
She's emotional.



Horticulture classes at Mayo are now doing landscaping at various homes. This one belongs to Carlos Rucker.
(Photo by Lisa Peterson)

Landscaping
Done by students

by LISA PETERSON

A new house located at 711 17th Street S.E., was landscaped by Mayo's Horticulture classes. The plans for the project were drawn up and put into action by Paul Pike, under the advisement of Mr. Norman of the science department.

Mr. Norman, Paul, and twenty other students finished the project in about seven hours.

Mr. Norman commented, "It was hard work, but a good experience."

The plants and other materials needed, were paid for by the owner of the house, Carlos Rucker.

The only things that the workers had to supply were shovels, warm clothes and the will to combat the cold temperature.

Other projects are being planned now and should be finished soon. They are at 604, 608, and 618, 16½ Street S.E.

Swine flu could be serious, but . . .

by MARK KAMIN

December 21, 1976 — twenty thousand already killed, another twenty infected. Major outbreaks along the eastern seaboard and throughout the Midwest claim the lives of hundreds every day. Futile attempts by the Health Department go unnoticed. Thousands more of all ages are stricken. Activated by cold weather, the virus moves south where frantic preparations are made to fight back the epidemic. All efforts prove too little, too late. By the end of the winter 40,000 are to be infected and die. The country loses a battle against a virus that was isolated over a year before. Swine flu becomes history.

The account above it, at best; highly unlikely. Yet, in 1957 and again in 1968, Hong Kong Flu swept the country in a similar manner claiming 70,000 and 30,000 lives respectively. The difference in 1976 is that the virus was isolated last winter after two people from New Jersey contracted Swine Flu.

According to a poll, 61% of Minnesota citizens plan to be inoculated through the \$135 million nation-wide vaccine program. Health officials say such a percentage is not enough to cause what they refer to as "herd immunity". Which means simply, that the virus can spread readily among the remaining 40 per cent.

Substantial drop-offs in the number of people to get vaccinations occurred after the reports of the forty elderly citizens who died shortly after taking the shot. No physical link-up between the deaths and the shots was found; however, officials say that mental stress from taking the shot could have upset the people, most of whom had heart conditions.

Rochester's inoculation program goes into effect from November 29 to December 4 with high-risk patients given first attention. Persons over 18 and not allergic to eggs may take the vaccine. No plans have been made yet concerning persons under 18 who would need a booster shot four weeks later. The shot is given with a pressure gun.

An estimated 20-40 per cent of those vaccinated will develop a sore arm with 2 per cent developing a fever.

Swine Flu is no joke. Perhaps it is a bit unlikely that three persons died at the same clinic within hours, and perhaps President Ford had nothing more than a shot into his arm. But still, it's no joke. Epidemics seem to come in approximate ten year intervals with the last happening in 1968 — nine years ago.

Commons may be
Thing of the past

by TOM MOORE

The closing of the commons concession stand has become a regular practice for Mayo High's dean of students, Mr. Neil Davis. The reason is simple: littering. "I inspect it every morning and if it is not clean then I have to close it. It's just like a \$100 fine against an adult for littering, but instead of the students losing their money they lose their privileges," said Mr. Davis!

The general opinion by most students is, why should we suffer for the litter of others. Mr. Davis comment is, "We could use greater participation among students in the area of keeping it clean. Right now we employ a student who cleans up between every hour but it just doesn't seem to do the job."

There is also a problem among outside litter being brought in from local drive-ins. This would likely increase if the stand were forced to close down. "But," says Mr. Davis, "If things don't improve we have no choice but to close it up for good."

Detox Center for
Those who need help

by MIKE WOOD

There are a lot of people in Rochester and the surrounding area who have a problem, but don't know where to go for help. Well, if this problem is alcoholism or chemical dependency of any sort, there is a place where help is readily available, the Detoxification Center.

The main job of the Detox Center is to detoxify a person or help him to withdraw from other types of drugs. This center helps in the first stage of recovery, but for full rehabilitation there is a voluntary treatment program.

The maximum stay at the Detox Center is 72 hours. Some people come in voluntarily, but others are brought in by the area peace officers. Individuals brought in do not need to be legally intoxicated. All they have

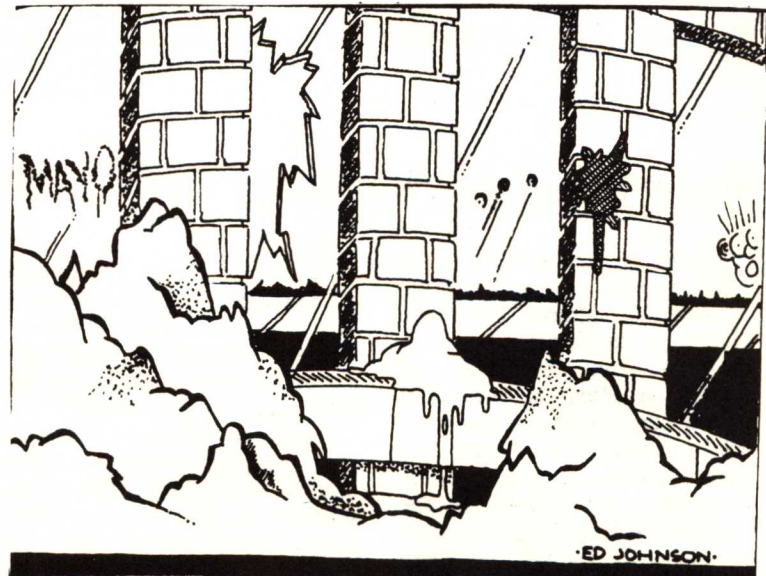
to do is show signs of drunkenness, such as slurred speech or staggering about.

The Detox Center, which serves six counties is funded 75 per cent by the state and the rest comes from detoxification fees and donations.

Thirty-five dollars is the daily detoxification charge, but no one will be denied these services because of inability to pay. The fees for treatment are based upon ability to pay.

An average of about 100 people stay at the Detox Center during a month; out of all these people about 62 per cent are repeaters.

The center has a staff of eight persons under director Gene Dollander. The staff consists of one counselor, one part time secretary, one LPN, and five technicians.



COMMONS '76

Counselors
Feel drinking
A problem here

by VICKI MAUS

There is a drinking problem involving students at Mayo according to some of the Mayo High School counselors.

Mrs. Haas is one of the counselors that believes there is a drinking problem at Mayo. "You can see it at the school functions and in the schoolwork of the students," she said. She feels that kids drink because they see their family drinking. Some parents may even drive their kids to drinking by being cruel and irresponsible towards them; leaving them no alternative but to drink to "get out of this world."

Another counselor, Mr. Moore, believes that kids drink because of social pressures. The kids are afraid of not being accepted into the "in" group if they don't drink.

Another reason that kids drink is because they are at the "experimental age" where they must try everything, according to Mr. Traxler, also a counselor.

Many problems may arise from this drinking. The students fail in their school work, they may be kicked out of sports participation if they are caught drinking. There is also a problem with drunk driving. Students tend to become withdrawn from their families and the rest of the world.

What can be done to help kids with a drinking problem? Mr. Brunswold, another counselor, who was one of the founders of Sunrise (an organization to counsel people with drinking problems), encourages anyone with a drinking problem to call this group. It has been very successful and is willing to help anyone.

Congratulations Kent Miller! For being elected vice-president of the Minnesota State Student Council.



Pete Bailey's '48 Jeep (Photo by Mike Plumb)

Car of the Month

Go any and everywhere Jeep wins honor

by CHARLIE REESE

It's a '48 and running great." Pete Bailey's jeep, a fine candidate for car of the month.

This car, displaying the green and gold spirit with a rustolium luster, has pulled two winning floats.

The first class mobile has such safety features as seat belts, a collapsible rollbar, a hand brake (only to be used once) easy pump brakes and one new inner-tube on the left rear wheel. Pete

adds, "you really get the feel of the road."

Standard equipment includes year round air conditioning with a 20,000 BTU heater that roasts your feet under 20 MPH, genuine imitation vinyl seat covers, fogged read windows, manual wiper and more.

It goes anywhere and everywhere. Sometimes it does the national speed limit going down a 40 per cent grade with a following wind.

First date can be Quite an experience!

by LISA PETERSON

It seems most parents have hang-ups about their teen-agers when it comes to that first date. The boy or girl dating for the first time has enough to worry about without parents breathing over them.

Actually, your parents had these same problems in one way or another. Especially the very first of your dating experiences.

You had numerous problems to deal with.

If you're a girl, you had your very own set of difficulties. Height has always been something we are all conscious about. Society says the guy should be a few inches taller than the girl. You may get a boy who is 2½ feet taller than you. A giant! But, equally is going out with a guy shorter than you.

Braces are also a problem. Ever kiss your date and cut his lip with those razor sharp braces? What if you both has them? You could have been linked together with unbreakable bonds of stainless steel!

The fella's have their problems too. They're the ones who have to plan most of the evening. He doesn't know what the girl likes. They have to try to impress her with whatever he can think of.

So, he plans on a movie. There are three movies in town. "The Pom Pom Girls." No, that's just a little too — too . . . Well, then "Bambi!" Forget it.

Having to settle with "Battle For The Planet Of The Apes", he picks up his date and they head for the movies.

Sitting there watching the movie and a high school couple sits down in front of them, not paying any attention to the movie. The young girl has one eye on her date and one eye on the couple in front. Then their eyes meet and she just stares at

him. How embarrassing! The guy is supposed to make the first move! It could get pretty nerve racking. If he puts his arm around her, she might appreciate it, but then she might just slap him right across the face.

Well, a better time for these type of things, are after the movie, on the way home.

Glasses are another tough problem in the way of kissing. Especially if both people wear them. There are major problems.

One of them is that they are constantly in the way. Every time you get close, your glasses get knocked around.

Number two, is if they are in the way you have to take them off. Then you can't see! Maybe you're lucky and they don't bother you. But, they seem to always steam up when you're with your date. Now the problem is to overcome blindness.

When it's time to go home, everything gets a little more tense. When it's the first date, the big question is "Do we kiss goodnight?"

While you're sitting in the driveway contemplating that

problem, the living room drapes part just enough for a parent to peer out of.

The porch light seems brighter than usual; both are conscious of her parents, especially the boy. In his vivid imagination he can picture kissing his date, second having her father come rearing out the door raging insanely.

Any normal person would realize that very few fathers, if any, would do such a thing; some boys watch too much T.V.

The guy might just get enough coverage to give his girl a little smooch. But, if he's more experienced, he will get a little more involved.

Either way he has those visions of her father.

The girl just sits there and says, "Well, thanks for the lovely evening," she's probably embarrassed! Thinking of what her parents are going to say when she gets in the house.

Just looking back — way back — before you were even around, you can probably see that this could have just as well been your parents, except for, "Battle For The Planet Of The Apes," the movie was probably "Gone With The Wind."



by CHRIS SMITH

Leslie Stanwood grew up in Newport Beach, California. He lived by a beach, so naturally, that's where he spent a great deal of his time. Of course, he learned to swim, and he also took an interest in marine biology.

Mr. Stanwood has many other hobbies such as cross country skiing, backpacking and hiking, ping pong, and butterfly collecting. And of course, we can't forget the guitar — since Mr. Stanwood can play it quite well. In fact, he played in the talent show here at Mayo last year.

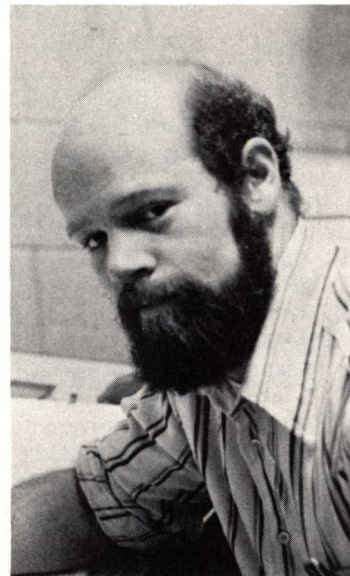
Both Mr. Stanwood and his wife enjoy nature. In the summer of 1971, they bought a small boat with a used motor and traveled from Seattle, Washington into Canada, making their way through the San Juan Islands. They stayed on Senora Island (200 miles above Vancouver Island) for five months, taking over an old cabin and living on fish, raccoons, and berries.

Five years ago, when the Stanwoods moved to Rochester, Mr. Stanwood became a teacher.

er. He taught one year at Kellogg, two at Central, and is in his second year at Mayo. He has only taught English — he enjoys writing very much. He also enjoys working with kids. He showed this especially when he belonged to Vista and helped set up a program for teenagers with drug or drinking problems — the Halfway House (in Washington). He was the director of this for six months.

Mr. Stanwood has a son, Owen, who will be two years old this month — and is his father's pride and joy.

As it appears, Mr. Stanwood so far has had a full and interesting life — and is a great person to do a story on!



MR. STANWOOD (Photo by Paul Lotgren)

Nothing to do in Rochester?

by ART BEERY

I have noticed a lot of people around this school think that there is nothing to do in this town. I guess, they're right, and I guess they're wrong. For those who feel there is nothing to do it's your own fault.

Have you ever heard the saying "Fun is what you make it"? If you really think about that saying, I think you'll understand what I've said a little better.

Here are a few examples of what you could be doing if you're completely out of ideas:

- 1) Start a collection (collect fingernails)
- 2) Make obscene phone calls
- 3) Go trick or treating anytime of the year if you feel like it
- 4) Streak down Broadway
- 5) Go to a keg dressed as a minister or a nun (depending on your sex)
- 6) Sabotage the house of your teachers
- 7) Mug somebody (they might be bored too)
- 8) Get a bunch of people together on tricycles and ride down Broadway during the rush hour
- 9) Go beat up some JM Rockets
- 10) Go to a dirty movie (something like Mickey Mouse)
- 11) Steal the tires off someone's car and put a condemned sign next to it
- 12) Go beat up some more Rockets
- 13) Drag your cat by the tail around the block
- 14) Steal all the clothes out of the varsity locker room while the team's in the shower
- 15) Wear a dress to school (you studs)
- 16) Stick Spartan bumper stickers on all the cars in JM's parking lot
- 17) Hold a funeral service at Apache Mall
- 18) When someone falls asleep in class glue their coat to the chair
- 19) Take a shower with a friend
- 20) Plead insanity if you get caught doing anything illegal

But for those of you who are a little more civilized here are some ideas:

- 1) Go to church
- 2) Have a picnic
- 3) Go play Bingo
- 4) Go to a Kool-Aid party
- 5) Play an exciting game (chess)
- 6) Help your mother around the house
- 7) Go run a mile
- 8) Play with your brothers and sisters
- 9) Clean your room
- 10) Do something useful (join Boy Scouts)

These are a few out of a million ideas. Fun is only what you make it to be!



Will your first date end up here? — St. Mary's Park

As the world turns On Thanksgiving

by GLEN SWEDLUND

Y - A - W - N, well, well, well . . . it's another routine Thanksgiving . . . and all the relatives are sitting around watching the seconds click off the clock, waiting to go home . . .

WAIT A MINUTE!!! What really happened?

After everyone was comfortably seated around the table, Grandma Williamson asked Jimmy to say grace. With a sly grin on his face, ten-year-old Jimmy waited for everyone to reverently bow their heads and close their eyes. He, then simply said "grace", Jimmy's younger cousins and grandpa got a kick out of it, but his mother threw a scolding look at him.

Just as Johnny was busy spilling cranberry juice all over grandma's Irish linen table cloth there was a knock at the door. Uncle Jake stumbled in, half cursing and half complaining about the flat tire he encountered on the trip; obviously forgetting he had used the same excuse for the last three years.

With all the confusion Johnny and Uncle Jake had caused little Vilma not wanting to stir up

more, and remembering what her father had told her about growing up and making her own decisions; tried to figure out what to do about her stuffy nose. With no kleenex readily available, and no other remedies in sight, she promptly blew her nose in her dress.

Richie, an impatient young lad who loved carrots, but couldn't stand waiting for them to be passed around, demanded "pass me the carrots." His mother Aunt Millie softly said, "What do you say?" He very politely said "Please, thank you, and you're welcome" and then snapped "Now gimme the carrots."

For a short while things settled down, then Uncle Jake broke the monotony with a loud "BELCH," that seemed to tickle the youngn's funny bone.

As the meal was drawing to an end Grandma Williamson dejectedly noticed her salad, consisting of a leaf of lettuce, a pear and a portion of cottage cheese was largely untouched. The hours she had spent so diligently perfecting the delicacies seemed to be in vain, but leave it to Jimmy to suggest that

Rover would gladly wolf them down.

The men retired to the easy chairs in front of the football game, and the women retreated into the kitchen to do dishes and visit. Inevitably, the subject of womens lib came up, and Millie turned into a bold equalist and swiftly stepped into the living room and changed the channel to "As the World Turns."

Jake jumped up and shouted "But it's the last minute . . . and the ball's on the 1 yd. line!"

The rest of the women joined Millie in the rebellion and said, "No buts, it's your turn to do the dishes," as they handed over their aprons. The men, now de-void of authority, retreated to the kitchen with much murmurings and disputings.

Jimmy and the other lads organized their own football game, and in the process muddled their best Sunday clothes! While deciding whether to run away or hide their clothes; the male population was busy devising a plan to foil the aggressive fillies during next years celebration; and the women were contently gloating over their temporary victory as the world turns.



by HOWARD HAMMETT

"Tweeeet". "All right, everybody out of the pool." This is a familiar saying of our "Kid" this issue. She works at the Country Club and at the Rec Center as a lifeguard. She is also a tri-captain of the swim team.

On the side, she spends her time skiing, playing tennis, and at drill team practice. She has been on drill team since her sophomore year.

This senior is also the vice-president of Science Club and

plans to continue in school at Stanford University.

Her favorite places are the Boundary Waters Canoe Area & the western United States in general.

She speaks German and has been to Germany. Her unique way of remembering places visited is by what she had to eat there.

This senior girl known to her friends as "Koehn" is Mayo's one and only Cindy Koehn.



With mysterious eyes Brent Coggins performs his tricks.
(Photo by Rick Batchelor)

Senior has found magical way Of entertaining his friends

by RICK BATCHELOR

If someday in school you're walking down the hall and some stranger walks up to you and pulls an egg or even a chicken out of your ear, don't be too surprised. It's probably just Brent Coggins, a senior who has been doing magic like this for the past ten years.

Brent masters in small stage illusions, but is now starting to specialize in slight of hand and large stage illusions; such as the "House of Swords."

Brent admits, "My favorites

are making things disappear and reappear in a flash, such as in the handkerchief to a cane. But, out of all the tricks, my favorite is called, 'What's Next,' where spots seem to appear and disappear on a single card."

Brent first decided he wanted to be a magician when, in fourth grade, he saw a magician's performance. So he went out and bought a few tricks.

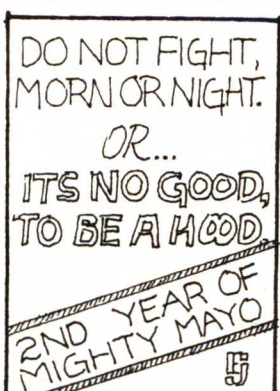
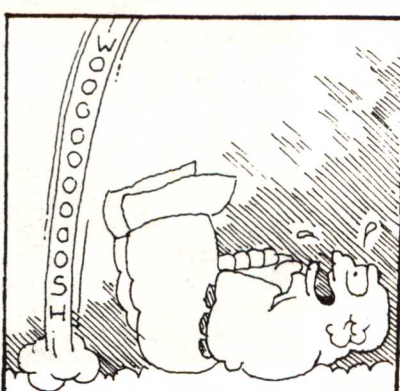
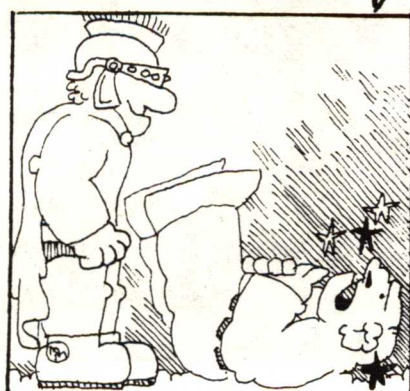
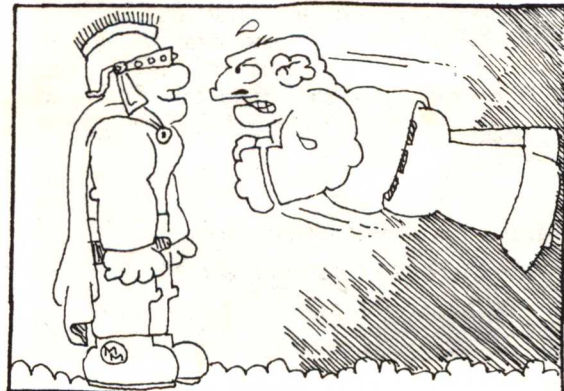
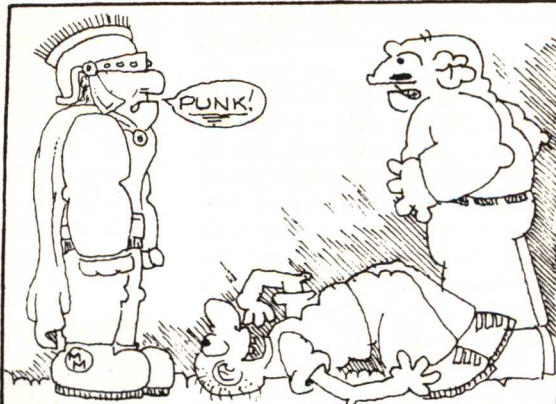
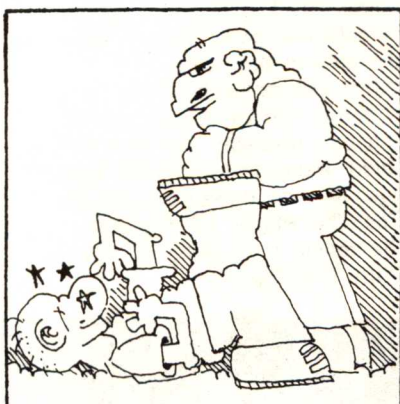
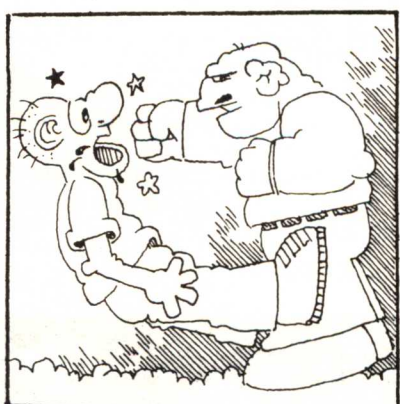
"It seemed difficult to do magic because of the time and work involved, so I let off for

a few years."

As Brent mentioned, magic takes a lot of hard work and time. So with school, his job, and his part in the local band, Euphoria, it's hard to find time. But, even with these difficulties, Brent has worked to become what he is today, "a semi-professional magician".

Brent does most of his performances at banquets, birthday parties, and school events.

Brent concluded that "Magic is only what you believe it to be."



Winter Sports Previews

SWIMMING

The strong spot again will be the diving with two-time state champ Mark Anton. Another strong area will be the freestyle, which is led by Mike Pucci.

Denny Sievers will be beginning his second year here, after winning the South Sectional Coach of the Year last season.

"Over all we're a young team, with a lot of depth, and no one really outstanding. With the tough schedule we have, we could finish anywhere from a 3-9 record to a 12-0," Sievers said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls basketball season starts November 29th, and with it a few expansions. This year's program has added a "C" squad, to allow more student participation.

Mrs. Illstrup, "A" squad coach, also noted an expanded seventeen game season, compared with last year's thirteen games.

"I see a good season with many good teams in the conference, and it seems the conference is up for grabs," Mrs. Illstrup added.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

With no seniors lost to graduation last year the whole girls gymnastics team will be returning. There will be a lot of experience with such people as last year's three state competitors Laura Taswell on the balance beam, Carla Mellem in vaulting and Amy Hurry in vaulting, floor exercise and the uneven parallel bars.

Coached by Mrs. Joanne Barstch the girls will be doing their best in improving last years very excellent record.

BASKETBALL

Austin and Albert Lea will be Mayo's toughest competition for the top this year. This team will be made up of practically all of the 74-75 "B" equad team, which finished second to Austin.

Seniors will be prominent in the line up. Bred Boisin, Gene DiMagno, Kevin Johnson, and Bart Steiner have the most experience. There should be a lot of depth this year since Dave Tarrara, Rick Hemmer, Kirk Brunswold, Mark Radam, Ed Haw, and Eric Soe can't all play at the same time.

HOCKEY PREVIEW

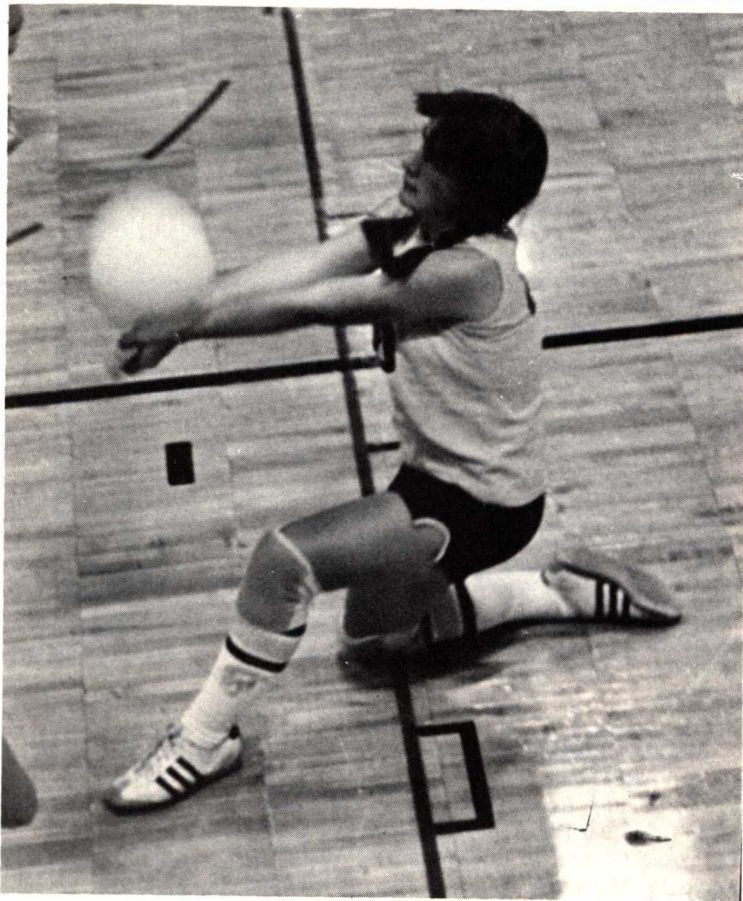
The 1976-1977 Mayo hockey team will be in a rebuilding phase. The team lost nine seniors to graduation. Both coaches are optimistic toward the oncoming season. Jim Volker, assistant coach, replied, "We'll be young, but we'll have great enthusiasm." This year's season will start later than usual, the team having it's first game December 9th, at Austin. The Spartans will debut December 11th at Graham against St. Paul Park. Some returning team members are seniors, Chuck Buske, Steve Dorshner, Doug Bartholomew, and Chris Coles. Juniors, Ron Riechart, John Dingle, and Joe Wagoner.

WRESTLING

After assisting for four years, Craig Campbell will begin as head coach here.

The middle to heavyweights should be the most successful this year with Larry Grimm 119, John Wrubel 132, Gary Colopy 138, and Brian Barch heavyweight. The lighter weights will most likely cause the most trouble for Mayo.

No captains have been named so far.



Joann Malizia displays fine Volleyball form.

Skiing: to ease The crunch

by DEB WHALEN

With winter just around the corner, we need something to ease the crunch, and skiing fills the bill.

In either form, cross-country (CC) or downhill, skiing has grown to become the most popular of winter sports according to resorts across the nation.

After the first big snow, the cross-country skiers whip out their long wooden skis and explore the new world of white. CC skiing is the creaper of the two and can be done just about anywhere.

When purchasing CC equipment the correct size of skis, shoes and poles is very important. The same goes for downhill. Too large or small of equipment can dampen the spirit of

skiing.

The cost for downhill skiing is quite expensive. When you figure the price of the lift ticket every time you go to a resort, that really adds up, not to mention the sky-high cost of the complete set of boots, skis, poles and bindings.

There are many fine resorts in the surrounding areas in which you can downhill ski, such as Welch Village, Welch, Minnesota; Mt. Frontenac, Red Wing; and Mt. LaCrosse, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Along with downhill resorts, nearby state parks and Mayo-wood offer areas in which to CC ski.

The ski resorts try to open around Thanksgiving (November 25), and close in March, that is, if the snow is willing!

SKIING AREAS IN MINNESOTA

NAME	ADDRESS and PHONE
Battle Creek	545 City Hall, St. Paul, Minn. 55102
Como Park	612-645-4631
Welch Village	Welch, Minn. 55089 612-222-7079
Frontenac	Rt. 1, Red Wing, Minn. 612-388-5836
Afton Alps	Rt. 4, Hastings, Minn. 55033 612-436-5245
Cedar Hills	9735 Eden Prairie Rd., Eden Prairie, Minn. 612-445-9908
Buck Hill	15400 Buck Hill Rd., Burnsville, Minn. 55378 612-435-7187
Wild Mountain	Taylor Falls, Minn. 55084 612-465-6365
Ski Tonka	Orno, Minn. 612-472-2827
Keller	Hwy. 61 & City Rd. B, Maplewood, Minn. 612-770-1361
Lutsen	Lutsen, Minn. 218-663-7212
Val Chatel	Park Rapids, Minn. 56470 218-266-3306
Sugar Hills	Box Br 369, Grand Rapids, Minn. 55744 218-326-3473
Theodore Wirth	1300 Glenwood, Minneapolis, Minn. 55422 612-522-4584
Spirit Mountain	Rm. 326, City Hall, Duluth, Minn. 218-628-2891
Powder Ridge	Kimball, Minn. 55353 612-398-5295
Hyland Hills	6300 W. Normandale Dr., Bloomington, Minn. 612-835-4804
Quandna Mountain	Hill City, Minn. 55748 218-697-2324

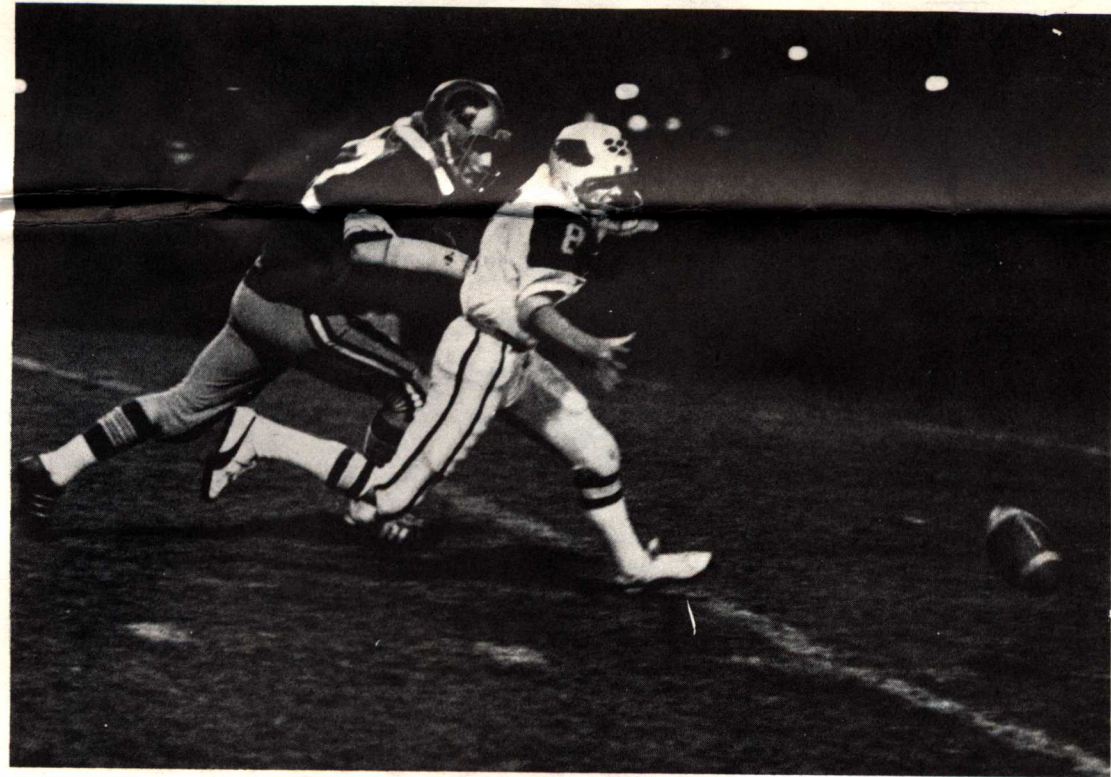
For information regarding the cost of one night/day of skiing, a season pass, the number of lifts, chairs, t-bar, rope, rentals, hours open for skiing, other activities at resort, lodging, touring or any other question you might have, contact one of the above places.

FIRST BASKETBALL GAME WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24th

AGAINST ST. PAUL MURRAY B-SQUAD, 6:20 P.M.

A-SQUAD 8:00 P.M.

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!



Kevin Swancutt and Red Wing opponent prusue fumble.

JOCK SCRAPS

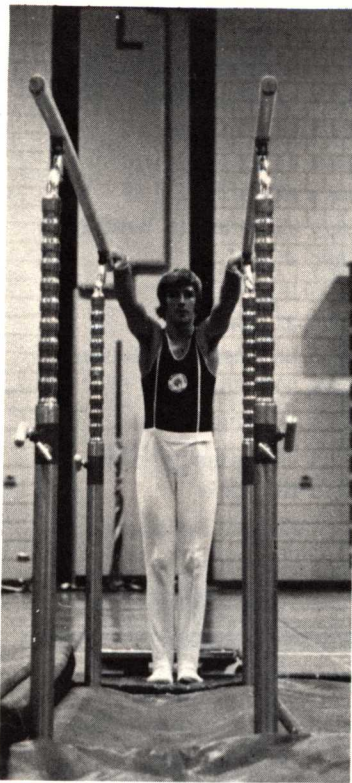
by DOUG BARTHOLOMEW
MAYO DOMINATES BIG NINE

Mayo finished at the top, or near the top of the standings in every boy's fall sport. Two firsts and a second. Against cross-town rival J.M., Mayo won four of the five contests.

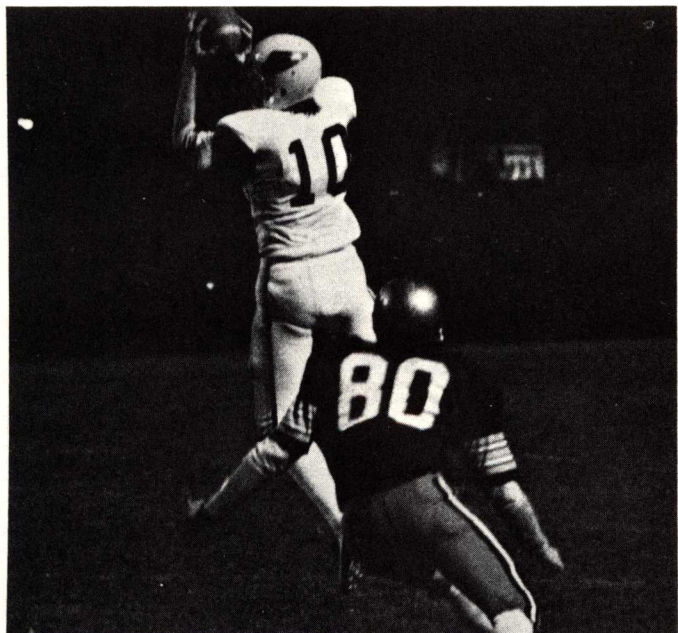
The football team surprised a lot of people, namely Albert Lea. Mayo rebounded in the last half of the season winning four of the last six games and ending 4-2 in conference. That conference record is the best Mayo has had in league play, and it was good enough for second in the southern division of the Big Nine. Injuries to Steve Priebe and Bill Bowers in mid-season could have caused a let down, but didn't.

The cross country team actually lost a dual meet this year, and didn't go to state. When was the last time either of those things happened? You would think because of those statements Mayo CC had a poor season, but they didn't. Another perfect record in Big Nine dual meets (9-0) put Mr. Halverson's team on top again.

Another unbeaten team in conference meets at Mayo was gymnastics. This was no big surprise though; they were supposed to be a strong team from the start. The conference meet, which hasn't been held yet, will be this Saturday at Mankato East. Mayo (who else?) is one of the favorites in this meet.



Andy Irons concentrates before performing on parallel bars.



Paul Rinde eyes receiver in Red Wing game.

MAYO CROSS COUNTRY

VARSITY: (Duals)

10-1 Record
9-0 Big 9

LaCrosse Central 27, Mayo 28
Mayo 15, Faribault 50
Mayo 19, Lourdes 42
Mayo 23, Austin 36
Mayo 15, Mankato West 48
Mayo 15, Mankato East 49
Mayo 17, Albert Lea 46
Mayo 25, Winona 30
Mayo 27, Owatonna 28
Mayo 27, John Marshall 28
Mayo 15, Red Wing 49

Invitationals:

St. Olaf: 2nd of 21 schools
Mayo: 3rd of 41 schools
Swain: 1st of 73 schools
Austin: 1st of 9 schools
Region: 3rd of 17 schools

Junior Varsity:

10-0 Record

Mayo 19, LaCrosse Central 39
Mayo 15, Faribault 50
Mayo 15, Lourdes 49
Mayo 15, Austin 50
Mayo 15, Mankato East 50
Mayo 15, Mankato West 50
Mayo 24, Winona 35
Mayo 15, Albert Lea 50
Mayo 19, Owatonna 40
Mayo 15, Red Wing 50

Invitational:

Swain: 2nd of 40 schools
(29 varsity)

B Squad:

11-0 Record

Mayo 17, LaCrosse Central 44
Mayo 15, Faribault 50
Mayo 15, Lourdes 50
Mayo 15, Austin 50
Mayo 15, Mankato West 50
Mayo 15, Mankato East 50
Mayo 22, Winona 35
Mayo 16, Albert Lea 40
Mayo 23, Owatonna 36
Mayo 15, Red Wing 48
Mayo 20, John Marshall 42

Invitationals:

Swain: 1st of 27 schools
Austin: 1st of 6 schools

JV and B Combined:

St. Olaf Invitational:
1st of 15 schools

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

"A" VOLLEYBALL

Mankato West 18-11, 11-18, 18-15
Northfield 18-2, 18-8
Austin 1-18, 17-19
Owatonna 17-19, 15-18
Winona 16-18, 14-18
J.M. 18-13, 9-18, 7-18
St. Charles 18-16, 0-18, 12-18
Faribault 6-18, 18-15, 8-18
Mankato East 18-8, 18-10
Albert Lea 8-18, 6-18
Spring Valley 19-17, 9-18, 13-18
Red Wing 7-18, 11-18

"B" VOLLEYBALL

Mankato West 18-14, 7-18, 10-18
Northfield 18-13, 18-4
Austin 5-18, 13-18
Owatonna 17-19, 18-3, 19-17
Winona 18-9, 15-18, 18-9
J.M. 18-15, 5-18, 15-18
St. Charles 18-13, 18-11
Faribault 19-17, 13-18, 18-14
Mankato East 7-18, 18-14, 18-8
Albert Lea 18-3, 13-18, 18-12
Spring Valley 18-7, 18-4
Red Wing 18-5, 11-18, 19-17

"C" Squad — 3-6 Record

Mayo lost to Red Wing
18-9, 6-18, 11-18
Mayo lost to Albert Lea
9-18, 6-18
Mayo beat Mankato East
17-19, 18-2, 18-7
Mayo lost to Faribault
4-18, 11-18
Mayo lost to John Marshall
14-18, 10-18
Mayo beat Winona
18-15, 15-18, 18-9
Mayo lost to Owatonna
13-18, 3-18
Mayo beat Austin
18-13, 6-18, 18-12
Mayo lost to Mankato West
18-20, 18-9, 6-18

Scores As of Nov. 4th, 1976

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

"B" Squad — 8-0 Record

Coach — Mrs. Johnson

Mayo 121, Austin 35
Mayo 126, Owatonna 35
Mayo 112, Winona 54
Mayo 134, John Marshall 30
Mayo 56, Golden Valley 26
Mayo 125, Faribault 38
Mayo 109, Mankato East 6
Mayo 107, Albert Lea 47
4 Dual Meets to Go

BOY'S FOOTBALL

A-Squad

Eau Claire Memorial 12, Mayo 6
Eau Claire North 14, Mayo 6
La Crosse Central 34, Mayo 6
Mayo 24, Albert Lea 20
Mayo 7, Austin 0
Mayo 20, Mankato West 7
Winona 12, Mayo 7
JM 14, Mayo 7
Mayo 29, Red Wing 19

GIRL'S SWIMMING

Mayo 125, Mankato West 46
Mayo 116, Austin 55
Mayo 99, Owatonna 73
Mayo 111, Winona 61
Mayo 105, JM 66
Mayo 46, Golden Valley 37
Mayo 115, Faribault 54
Mayo 107, Mankato East 65
Mayo 95, Albert Lea 77
Mayo 135, Faribault 34
Mayo 108, Edina West 60
Mayo 56, Hopkins Blake 27
Mayo 62, Owatonna 20

GIRL'S TENNIS

Faribault	5-0
Lourdes	2-3
Mankato East	5-0
Stewartville	5-0
Mankato West	2-3
Red Wing	5-0
Austin	4-1
Lourdes	2-3
Owatonna	5-0
Winona	3-2
JM	5-0

GIRL'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Mayo 32, Lourdes 23
Mayo 19, Faribault 44
Mayo 41, Owatonna 16
Mayo 20, Le Center 42
Mayo 32, Mankato West 24
Mayo 45, JM 15
Mayo 19, Northfield 44
Mayo 23, Lakeville 35
Mayo 42, Kasson 46, Byron 35
Mayo 29, Albert Lea 26
Mayo 33, Winona 22

Mayo Invitational

Mayo 7th place

Kasson Invitational

Mayo 2nd place

In last issue it was stated that Elise Thatcher swims breaststroke, she does not, she swims freestyle.

MHSHL rules apply to all athletes

by DOUG McCULLOUGH

Winter sports are just around the corner and for the athletes who are going to participate in them, here are some very important Minnesota State High School League rules. These rules not only pertain to winter athletes, but to all athletes.

The most important rule has to be the one concerning the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. The rule is that any athlete caught using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs will be suspended from League activities.

The suspension for the use of tobacco is less than that of alcohol or drugs. An athlete will be suspended for three weeks the first time caught with the use of tobacco, nine weeks the second time caught, and thirty-

six weeks the third time caught.

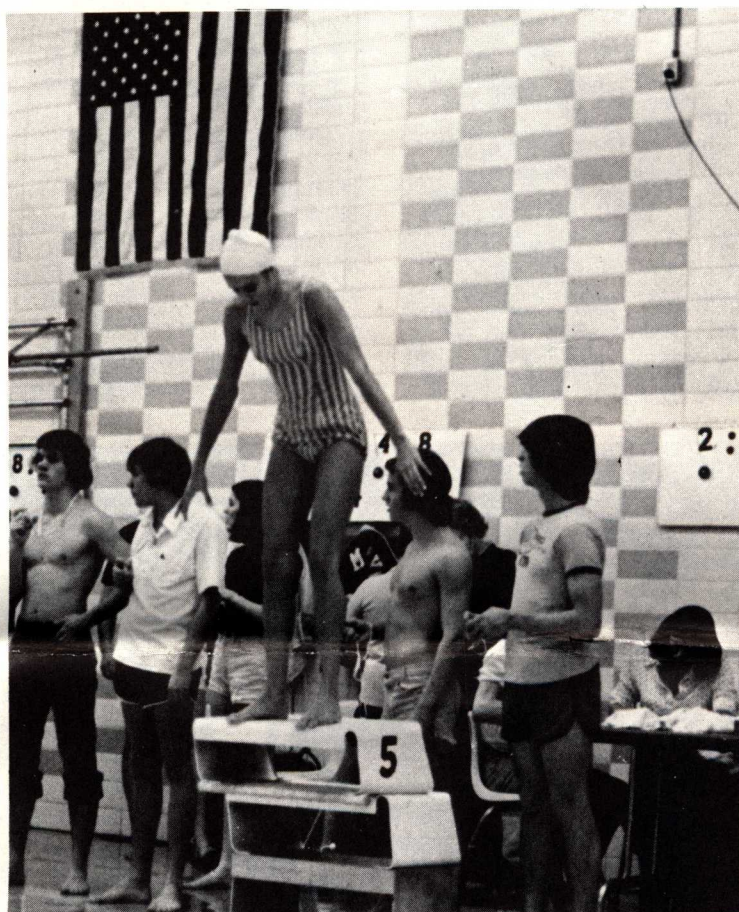
"The kids here at Mayo are well aware of the consequences if they get caught breaking a rule, so most of them are very careful because they want to stay on the team."

Other less important rules include that of attending classes regularly, having a physical examination, and being enrolled in the required number of credits. In addition, if you are on a school team or you are an individual in a sport, you may not participate on a non-school team or as a non-school individual competitor during the school year. Baseball and softball, however, are exceptions to this rule.

With the use of alcohol and drugs, it's nine weeks the first time caught, eighteen weeks the second time caught, and thirty-six weeks for the third time caught.

In some MHSHL meetings they have voted on the relaxing of these rules, but the coaches of high schools always vote against it. There has also been amendments brought up such as to let each area take care of their own rules. These have also been voted out.

According to Mayo's Athletic Director Mr. Evar Silvernagle, "There has been very few violations to the rules in the last year here at Mayo." He also says,



Nancy Bealu prepares for 50 free style in which she placed 2nd against Owatonna and Blake.

FE= MAYO SPORTS

by SHERRY BRAUN and SUE GRIFFIN

Conference, sectionals, and state is where it's at for the girl's swim team. They have just ended their season, and will be competing for titles throughout November and December. They have all worked hard to make this season a great one.

The girl's cross country team pushed their way through their second season. This year they competed against six teams and went on to the regionals where they placed thirteenth.

The tennis team had another great season, again capturing the Big Nine title and sending team members to the state. State competitors were Sue Higgins, Beth Aaro, and Sharon Izaccson.

Girl's power volleyball ended their season with three wins and ten losses, but they have put their full efforts into this year's team. Shelli Malde, Janet King, Kris Cambell, Lisa Stephenson, and Erin Suresly all performed consistently throughout the season.

Now that the volleyball season has ended, I think that the B-squad, who had a better record than A and C, should have some recognition which they fully deserve.

The B-squad girls ended their season with a 9-3 record and tied Faribault for first place in conference.

Mrs. Lundstrum coached 15 inexperienced girls through 2½ months of hard practice and turned them into an experienced winning team.

A few of the outstanding players were Gwen Polka for her consistency in serving, Denise Hintermeister for her strength in spikes, and Jo Ann Malizca for her sky-rocketing sets.

Summing up their season, Lori Jones said, "I thought our team had a lot of talent this year, even though a lot of us came inexperienced. The team worked together and had a successful season."



Gene DiMagno struggles with Burnsville runner in regional meet at Eastwood. Mayo finished third.

Editorial

Present grading system Unfair to students

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

In today's society there is a great deal of focus on grades. Over the years, the report card has been used as a record and a method of evaluating the student and what he is like. Today colleges and employers use it as a source of information when a student applies to them. This is an unfair way of judging students.

A student's effort, attitude and responsibility cannot be determined by a simple letter grade. Some students may work very hard to get a C, some don't do anything, but show up for class and they get an A; it's a fact that some kids learn faster and are more intelligent than others.

Colleges go for the student who has good grades, they assume these people are good workers and smart. Maybe they are smart, but what if they have never really found a challenge in high school, therefore they have never learned how to study properly. They'll have trouble with college. Where the student who has had to work will have an advantage. This student may continue to do C work but at least they obtain the skill of study and are capable of passing.

The students today spend hours shedding tears, praying, pulling their hair out, biting their fingernails, and some even have nightmares. All this because of worry about not getting a good grade. Society has set such high standards that the average student feels he is a nothing, unless he gets A's.

Without good grades it is hard to get a good college education, or a job that pays well enough to support a family. A great number of students who are afraid that society will reject them because of poor high school grades tend to cop out in one form or another.

Grades should not be abolished totally; for they definitely do some good. At one point in time they were a great method of evaluation, but today with the great number and variety of course offerings no two students have the exact same schedule. So how can they be evaluated on the same scale? They can't be.

Grades can give some needed confidence to the person who achieves something they usually don't. And it can depress the person who really works but doesn't really achieve his goal.

Today the whole meaning of the grading system being reviewed. People should not put so much emphasis on the letter grade itself, but what the student is learning. It is time to update an old but still valuable tradition; the report card.

Editorial

President Carter, Four years of him

by ROSS CORSON

The Presidential election is over, and Jimmy Carter has won. Jimmy Carter will soon be known as "the President" instead of "the peanutfarmer". I think it is time we ask ourselves what kind of president Jimmy Carter will be, and what he will do.

The political era of Jimmy Carter is the beginning of a whole new political era. This is the first time in eight years that both the Presidency and Congress are under the control of the same party. Carter's Cabinet and staff will be new and completely open to the American people.

President-elect Carter's agenda for the next four years will be a full one. His major domestic problems will be the economy, tax reform, and health care. And Carter will stress openness in foreign policy.

Carter should promote the creation of new jobs through a combination of public and private means. Some form of national health care should be established. And although Carter's foreign policy will probably not differ significantly from Henry Kissinger's, he should do more to enhance the American image abroad.

Carter has the opportunity to affect profoundly the direction of this nation. Whether it will be for good or bad is for the future to decide. But Carter's intentions seem worthwhile, and one can only hope he succeeds.



by CHARLIE BROWN

Lynyrd Skynyrd has by far just put out their best album ever. Having sold 350,000 copies in its first four weeks "One More For The Road" is the best combination of Skynyrd's music yet. Having songs from all five of their other albums, it combines their heavy metal music in songs like "Workin' for MCA", "Saturday Night Special", and "I Ain't The One" with their funky, rural blues sound with songs like "Searching", "Tuesday's Gone" and "Sweet Home Alabama". Other songs include "Gimme Three Steps", "The Needle And The Spoon" and one of their biggest hits "Free Bird" in which there is some fantastic guitar playing as in much of their other songs "Free Bird" is saved for last on this double record album.

The record was recorded live at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta which adds a special touch to the album, because of Atlanta being their home town. Some great improvisations, lengthening of the songs, and the crowd help to make this album great.

This album is the one to get if you like Lynyrd Skynyrd.



Parents listen attentively as Mr. Beecher shows them around the language lab during Open House on Nov. 17th.
(Photo by Mike Plumb)

Editorial

Mayo's commons may close All credit to the students

by RALPH PERSSON

Recently, during my free period, I decided to go to the commons, only to find it closed due to that problem that has plagued Mayo in recent years: litter.

Although littering at Mayo is nothing new, the littering has increased within recent years. Several methods have been inaugurated; clean-up days, the Campus Clean-up Crews, and closing the littered area to students.

The headline of a past ADVOCATE reads: "Mayo's own commons — a credit to students". This article, which credited the Bananna Committee, who began to raise money to furnish the commons. They hope to make it a better place for students.

Time took its toll, finding the furniture being removed in 1975, due to the increasing vandalism problem, thus the incoming sophomore class was deprived of even having the chance to enjoy the commons with furniture and all.

Today the commons is in danger of being closed for good. This is because of the littering done this year and last. The Student Council has started a drive to help keep the commons clean, open, and even the possibility of having furniture again. So when you have to throw anything away, use the basket.

ERUPTIONS

What do you think of kids who need liquor to have fun?

"I'm not against drinking but I think that people who need it just to have fun are using it as a crutch."

Joey Rieder, 12



"I think it's sad when they need it, but it's fun to go get drunk."

Nancy Lahtinen, 10



"I feel the kids have to have some way to relax and the only way we can do it is to go out and party, at least on weekends."

John Boyum, 12



"I don't think there's anything wrong with it because I do it myself."

Lynda Hoeft, 11



"They are very insecure with their own problems."

Terri Anderson, 11



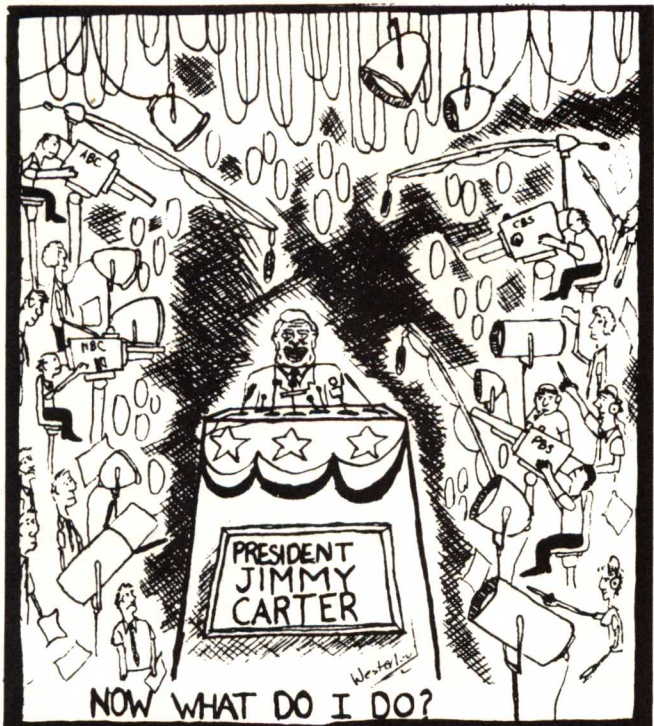
"I think they're sad."

Cindy Adkisson, 12



"Liquor's quicker but sex won't ruin your liver."

John Rickey, 11



Editorial

Referendum must pass Or students will suffer

by THE ADVOCATE STAFF

Will the voters in School District 535 continue to back a strong educational program or will they vote to keep their taxes down and defeat the referendum on November 23.

If this is not passed the students will be the ones who suffer. If passed the taxpayers will have to pay slightly less than a 5 per cent increase in property tax (before homestead deduction).

The facts speak for themselves. (see story, page one)

This referendum MUST not fail. The district administration and school board have cut costs considerably but further cuts could be disastrous.

What's more important? A good education for the young people or wanting to pay a little more in taxes? Education wins in our eyes.

"Enter Laughing" Effect delightful

by SHERI SWENSON

"Enter Laughing", a play by Joe Stein, was presented here on November 12th and 13th.

The play was a two act comedy. Between acts and scenes old time radio plays with such favorite comedians as Jack Benny and Burns and Allen were heard. The radio plays brought back fond memories to most parents and provided old fashioned entertainment for the whole audience.

The story behind the play was taken from a Carl Reiner novel

concerning a young Jewish boy trying to become an actor and his struggles with his employer, girl friend, parents, and friends, as he pursued his dream of an acting career.

The total effect of the performance was delightful. The cast and crew did a fantastic job, especially the star of the play, Dave Weeks. Dave deserves special merit for a job well done.

The audience may not have entered laughing, but they were when they left.

Editorials

Hunting: Pro and Con

Pro Hunters do good

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN and CHRIS SMITH

It's in the fall of each year that many men gather up all their hunting gear and head out to their favorite hunting spot. These men are commonly known as hunters. More uncommonly they are known as sadists, as our fellow staff writer has pointed out in his article.

If a hunter is a sadist because he enjoys watching an animal die, then any person who raises cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, or any other domestic animal for the sole purpose of slaughtering them is also sadistic. Even more sadistic than a hunter. There is no escape for the animal deliberately raised to be murdered. He cannot run away when he sees that he is going to be killed. Where as the animal being hunted by the hunter can run or hide. They have a chance of fleeing from death. Cold blooded killers are the ones putting meat on most tables. The meat brought home by a hunter is meat that is earned.

Hunting is like any other sport, baseball, basketball, football or hockey. It takes practice to learn. You must learn the proper way to handle a gun, how it's shot, and the proper gun safety. Skill in being an accurate shot must also be learned. Like in any other sport you are not perfect the first time, patience is a vital part of any sport. The reward for a hunter is bringing home meat for his family.

Some say that killing for meat is not a good excuse for the hunter. What excuse do those people have who butcher all the cows, pigs, chickens, etc.?

A wildlife manager's job is to protect wildlife. They do the flooding, bulldozing, and burning for the purpose of aiding animals.

There is no animal alive, including man, that can survive without water. The flooding of certain areas where there are animals and no water, provides the water needed for the survival of the animals.

A deer lives off the bark of the brush and young trees; not old trees. The only way to provide them with this is by burning or bulldozing. Without its main diet of brush, the deer would soon die.

Landowner's no longer need to post their land. It is illegal for anyone to hunt on any land that is used for agricultural or pasture purposes without written consent.

There are a small number of hunters who are brainless and insist upon being careless and breaking rules and regulations that are set.

But that is not a reason to condemn all hunters. Hunters contribute to wildlife protection. A certain percentage of the money paid for a license goes toward conservation and the protection of wildlife. In some stores there is a tax on all hunting equipment; this money goes to conservation and wildlife protection.

Hunters pay for hunting. Some say that all the money spent on licenses and equipment would buy the hunter meat and he wouldn't have to kill. But if hunters didn't buy all the stuff where would the money come from to help with wildlife protection? Many animals would die from starvation or over-population.

Hunters should take pride in all the good that they are doing.

Con Hunters are sadist, Who don't think

by ROSS CORSON

It is that glorious time of year again, when men and boys turn from civilization to the woodlands. They do this to seek fellowship and manhood by blasting away at ferocious squirrels and indomitable bunny rabbits with 12-gauge automatic shotguns.

The personality of the hunter is one to behold, or maybe to despise. A psychiatrist, Dr. Maurice E. Linden, put it this way: "I do believe the gun becomes the external embodiment of the vigor and masculine aggressiveness that these men lack in themselves . . . The hunter is aggressive, forceful, domineering, and tends to be somewhat sadistic. He likes to inflict torture. It takes a certain amount of sadism to enjoy the death throes of a dying animal . . ."

The hunter gives a number of reasons for his sadism, ranging from describing hunting a "sport", to claims that he kills for food. But I know of no sport where one of the participants is armed and the other is defenseless and unaware that the contest is taking place. And, since the hunter is not banned from the grocery store, he cannot claim hunting as a source of food.

Then there are "wildlife managers", who are supposed to "manage" Mother Nature. Some of the game "preserving" things these game managers do are: bulldozing, flooding, and burning. In trying to preserve the 30 or so "game" animals, millions of other innocent animals are killed.

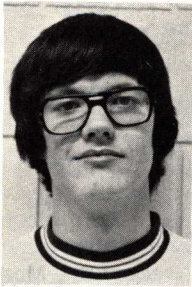
Take, for example, ducks. Hunters like ducks, and therefore hunters have an organization called Ducks Unlimited. This organization has flooded 1.4 million acres in Canada. This produces an excellent duck breeding habitat. Alice Harrington, President of Friends of Animals, Inc., estimates that at least 8 million mammals have drowned along with the destruction of their environment.

Fish and game commissions are unconcerned with the public at large and its right to peaceful cohabitation with wildlife. This is apparent in the lack of enforcement of posting laws. These laws are grossly unfair in that the landowner is required to bear the burden of placing "no hunting" signs on his property. These signs are immediately removed and the hunter gains a legal right to hunt. The burden of legal entry should rest on the hunter in the form of a notarized permit.

I believe that Americans should not have to suffer because of a few (or maybe more) impolite and unthinking hunters. Oh, but the game managers are also a big problem. They explode game population so hunting is absolutely necessary. Yet while these game animals increase, other non-game animals are dying because of game management. It isn't fair. These hunters have little or no regard for their fellow man and the animals of the wild (except for game animals, of course).

ERUPTIONS

What method do you use to fool your parents?



"I give them the
Barbarino method
... HUH!"
Tim Passe, 12



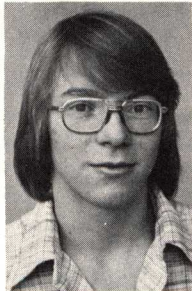
"I never go out, so
I don't have to fool
them."
Steve Moyer, 11



"I don't lie but
I don't tell the
whole truth."
Brenda Watson, 10



"I don't. I tie
them up and lock
them in a closet."
Mark Huus, 12



"I think it's
stupid because if
this is published,
my parents will
read it and I won't
be able to fool them
anymore."
Curt Bahn, 11



DAVID WEEKS
Star of "Enter Laughing"
(Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

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