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QUEEN WENDY REICHART — Left to Right: Attendants Ann Larson, Kathy Stewart, Sheryl Ann Johnson, Sally Schuster. (Photo by Nathan Markowitz)



TOP TEN: King and Queen candidates, left to Right: Kathy Stewart, Bart Steiner, Sheryl Ann Johnson, Bill Bowers, Sally Schuster, Kevin Swancutt, Gayle Taylor, Mark Malde, Kathy Donadio, Bruce Walters, Wendy Reichart, Dave Tarara, Anne Larson, Steve Priebe, Lisa Laitala, Gene DiMagno, Casey Vonch, Brad Boison, Marsha Hatchett. (Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

# Homecoming, something for everyone

by CARRIE PHYLIKY

The events leading up to this year's Homecoming have kept about everyone busy at Mayo during the past few weeks. There were the elections for Homecoming King and Queen, preparations for the Homecoming parade, the selection of the Homecoming theme, and the designing of this year's Homecoming button. There was also a bonfire pepfest and plans for the Homecoming Dance had to be completed. Assemblies were called, the cheerleaders and the drill team put in hours of practice, along with Mayo's "A" squad football team and the Spartan Band. The Homecoming committee of Mayo's student council held many special meetings. All that work is almost over now, with only today's assembly and parade, tonight's football game, and Saturday's dance left.

On September 9, this year's homecoming button was selected from more than 85 button designs competing for the place of honor. Mayo art students designed the buttons, and they were voted on by the art classes. Then the pep club voted on the top six from the art class selections. Carri Meilahn (grade 11) designed the button that came out on top in both elections. The buttons are to be used at competitions throughout the 1976-77 school year and went on sale September 27, for 75 cents each.



KING DAVE TARARA



"Look ma, no hands" — A squad cheerleaders Lynn Beckenbaugh, Michelle Griebenow, Kathy Peterson, Christie Thorson, Janet Schmidt, Cheryl Johnson. (Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

The Homecoming King and Queen were picked through a series of three elections. All voting was done through homerooms and all students voted for both king and queen. The first election was made up of write-in ballots, with only seniors voting. The ballots were tallied and ten nominees were chosen for each title. The top ten for king were: David Tarara, Bruce Walters, Bill Bowers, Kevin Swancut, Brad Boisen, Kevin Johnson, Bart Steiner, Steve Priebe, Gene DiMagno, and Mark Malde. The top ten nominees for queen were: Sally Shuster, Anne Larson, Casey Vanch, Kathy Stewart, Kathy Donadio, Sheryl Ann Johnson, Lisa Laitala, Marsha Hatchart, Wendy Reichart, and Gayle Taylor. Both juniors and seniors voted during the second election, choosing the five semi-finalists for king and queen out of the top ten. They are, for King: Bruce Walters, Brad Boisen, Steve Priebe, Gene DiMagno, and David Tarara; for Queen: Anne Larson, Kathy Stewart, Sally Schuster, Sheryl Ann Johnson and Wendy Reichart.

This year's Homecoming dance is Saturday, October 2, from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$4.00 in advance and \$4.50 at the door. The theme for the dance is the same as that of homecoming. Decorations will be of orange and brown, depicting scenes of autumn. The homecoming dance is a boy-date-girl semi-formal. The group "Phred" will be playing at the dance. Mayo students may bring guests, and alumni is invited to the dance; but those who don't go to Mayo must get guest passes which are available in the school office. Tickets are on sale this week in front of the commons.

A grand marshal is a dignitary. He is the one who heads the homecoming parade. This year's grand marshal will be Mr. Davis.

The homecoming parade will take the same route it has in past years, with one exception; what used to be Third Street S.W. is blocked because a mall is being built across it. So the parade route turns right from First Avenue S.W. onto Fourth Street S.W., and then turns left onto Broadway. The parade starts at Soldier's Field and ends at the John Marshall parking lot. The number of prizes awarded depends upon the number of floats

Not every homeroom made floats, but in order for a float to qualify in the parade it has to be made by a homeroom class. Many classes teamed up to make the floats. The float themes and designs were done by Mayo students, and the floats were worked on after school. There will be seven float judges watching the parade. The floats will be judged on ability to carry out the theme, use of color, originality, visual effect of theme, and construction. The parade will begin at 4:00 this afternoon, Friday, October 1. Lourdes, John Marshall, and Mayo marching bands will play at today's parade.

Jan Bernatz will be the alumni speaker at the homecoming coronation—pep fest. Jan is from Mayo's class of 1968. During the homecoming assembly the king and queen will be crowned. Today we will be on XY schedule, and the pep fest will start at 1:40 in the afternoon. When the assembly is over students are free to leave and work on their floats or whatever else they choose to do.

# Change is a part of the Homecoming tradition

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

This is Mayo's eleventh homecoming. There have been some traditions that came from the first Homecoming and traditions that have added from year to year.

October 7, 1966, was the day that Joan Lillie was crowned the first homecoming queen by football co-captains Gordy Scudamore and Steve Wright. It was here that the green velvet and gold lined robe and the peaked tiara were first worn. They are handed down from queen to queen. In 1967 Joleen Papke wore it; 1968, LuAnn Allen; 1969, Cindy Larson; 1970, Jane Kersten; 1971, Mandy Hyatt; 1972, Pat Engles; 1973, Joan Murray; 1974, Cheryl Lingk; and 1975, Tammy Amdahl.

Each year there are crownbearers at the ceremony. Usually they are teachers at Mayo. In 1966 they were the son and daughter of Mr. Malcom McKay, a then phy ed teacher. In 1968 it was Eloise and Brad Thatcher, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thatcher. Mr. Thatcher is still a teacher here. Brad and Eloise are both students at Mayo this year. Last year it was Sean Volker and Casandra Schug. Their fathers are Mr. Jim Volker, the journalism teacher, and Mr. Mark Schug, a social studies teacher.

It wasn't until 1973 that there was a king. The idea came from then junior Dale Schultz. Dale had attended a smaller school where they had a king and he started talking to fellow Mayo students and they all got together and signed a petition. The student body was asked to vote on the idea of having a king; the outcome was two to one in favor. Scott Anderson was the first king and following him have been Mark Kieffer 1974, and Tim Lesmeister, 1975.

Every year the art department

gets their students busy on the design of a homecoming button. The first button was designed by then junior Tom Blondell; 1968, Chris Shaw; 1969, Sally Scholer, and in 1975 it was Ed Johnson.

The Spartan Spirits made their first appearance in the 1966 Homecoming parade. There was also 19 floats in that parade. The number of floats has varied from year to year; 1968, 21; 1970, 17; 1972, 12. It was in the 1970 parade that the queens' float was like a little forest and the queen sat on a mushroom. The queen's float is usually built by the art classes.

From 1966-1969 the Homecoming dance, which at first was called the Snowball Dance, was held on the same night as the football game. But in 1970, for the convenience of the football players, the dance was held on the Saturday following homecoming day.

Creativity has been a part of Mayo from that first homecoming as the themes from year to year show. In 1966 it was, "Falcons Fold Under Green and Gold"; 1968, "Topple Tonna"; 1970, "Beat the Tribe With Spartan Pride"; 1971, "United Green and Gold Make the Wingers Fold"; 1973, "The Winhawks Will Flounder Under Pucci's Pounders"; 1974, "This Is Our Year"; 1975, "Our Mighty Spirit Brave and Bold Will Defend the Spartans Green and Gold".

The Homecoming bonfire was first started in 1970 and has occurred each homecoming since. It usually happens on the Thursday before the queen is crowned.

The first homecoming game loss in Mayo history was the 1969 game against Red Wing. The score was 0-8. Since then both winning and losing have been a part of homecoming.



Lisa Peterson, winner of the "Mean Nothing Tomato Judging Contest" in the Horticulture classes is pictured here with her winning tomatoes.

(Photo by Howard Hammett)

## Ancient Spartan pride still practiced here today

by MARK KAMIN

On this occasion of homecoming when school spirit reaches its peak, perhaps it is a good time to look back 2,000 years to the society whose name we stand by, and whose spirit we imitate.

The ancient Spartans were basically a fairly decent bunch. Admittedly, they were trained to kill and practiced savage war games. No, they didn't believe in a need for reading or writing. But they did have some education. In fact, young Spartans promptly became experts at the fine art of stealing, and learned the skills of lying and cheating almost as quickly. Well, yes, they were known to hurl a few infants over the cliffs of Sparta.

But then, all civilizations have their own little problems, and the Spartans were no exception. Yet, they did stress physical perfection; often winning more than half the medals in the ancient Olympic games. They also were the first society to make use of strong discipline, and above all, the original Spartans possessed an unending sense of pride and spirit which demanded perfection in everything they did.

Today, twenty centuries later, we have proudly adopted their name, now during homecoming let us also adopt their spirit.

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During A and B lunch  
In front of Commons — \$8<sup>00</sup>**

# Inspired journalist shuts out Packers with killer poem

by ED JOHNSON

It looked extremely joyous for the Mayo men that day,  
The pep fest would be held before the big game they would play.  
And so, when students crammed the bleachers and the floor from door to door,  
There seemed little chance that the gym could hold much more.  
Then the girls jumped out in front to lead the "school song",  
And everyone sang loudly, they knew where they belonged.  
So on that stricken multitude a deathlike rumble roared,  
For there was no doubt, the Spartans won't be ignored.  
The band was playing loudly, the cheerleaders were dy-no-mite,  
And the gym about exploded on the words, "Fight, Fight, Fight!"  
And when the dust had lifted and they saw what had occurred,  
The crowd was going wild, no one was a nerd.  
Then from the gladdened multitude, went up a joyous yell,  
It bounded off the Clinic, it rattled J.M.'s bell,  
It struck upon St. Mary's and it bounced off Mayowoods dike,  
For Pucci, Mr. Pucci was advancing to the mike.  
There was an ease in Pucci's manner as he stepped into his place,  
There was a pride on Pucci's bearing, a smile crossed his face.  
And responding to the cheers he lightly doffed his hat,  
No stranger in the crowd could doubt, t'was the coach, at that.  
Four thousand eyes were on him as he looked slowly about,  
Two thousand tongues applauded as he called the A-squad out.  
From the bleachers black with people, there came a sullen roar,  
Like the beating of a storm wave on a stern and distant shore.  
"Kill 'em — Kill the Packers", shouted the Bush Club from the stand,  
And it's likely that they would of, had not Swancutt raised his hand.  
"Mayo" yelled the fired up thousands, and the echo answered "Mayo".  
It was obvious the Packers would certainly be slayed.  
— — — — Oh somewhere in this favored land, the sun is shining bright,  
The band is playing somewhere, (Europe) and somewhere hearts are light,  
And somewhere men are laughing (Mayo), and somewhere children shout,  
But there is no joy in Austin, the Packers were shut out!

## Mayo: now and then

by GLEN SWEDLUND

Have you ever wondered what has really happened at Mayo before you started attending school here or what radical changes, for better or worse, haven taken place? We asked those who were here when it all started and have survived to tell the story.

Many people here believe school spirit is not too high and declining. However, the veterans tend to contradict that feeling. The majority agreed that school spirit fluctuates with the success and failure of a team, but that it is much stronger than in our earlier years. "General attitude and school spirit has improved immensely," were Mr. Neil McCormacks' words.

What about our attitude as a whole? "As compared to several years in the 60's, the prestige of being a rebel has gone down and the more antagonistic rebels are gone," were Mr. Strawn's thoughts.

Mr. Tompkins commented, "There is far less unrest than 5 years ago . . . Now the students are cooperating more with the system."

Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Math Department stated, "Students reflect the attitudes of society."

"A more goal orientated group accepting a value of high school education," were the feelings of Mr. Brunswold.

Mr. Moore, director of Guidance, said, "Today, kids identify with the school . . . and are less motivated than when the school opened up."

The comments were quite positive concerning open lunch and our ever improving litter situation.

## Southtown Singers Selected

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

This years Southtown Singers have been chosen. Returning members are Ginny Barry, Brenda Crouch, Don Harreld, Randy Hertle, John Richardson and instrumentalist Jim Bowie.

The new members that have been added are: Lynn Olsen, Wendy Reichart, Mary Ann Zinser, Mary Burke, Denise Grantner, Joe Ruppert, John Uhlenhopp, Ian Crooks, Tim Carpenter and instrumentalists Gary Weilby, drum; Leanne McLeod, pinano; and Matt Benson, guitar.



Cheerleader Michelle Griebenow feeds an unidentified cross country member in the September 17 Pep Fest.  
(Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

# Highlights of homecoming; the year 2000

by GABY SCHNELLE

The day is October 2, the year 2000.

The place is Mayo Senior High School, Rochester, Minnesota.

There have been no classes for the past week. The reason for this is it was homecoming week. Five solid days were set aside for the planning of the festivities that would be occurring.

There was no election for the king, queen or their royal court. It was strictly done by computer. If it weren't for the new break through in the study of human life, making it possible to make you look like the person of your choice, a normal election would have been held. It seems all the girls want to look like the old Raquel Welch and the boys like ancient Robert Redford.

Everybody in the school attends

the building of floats. It seems strange to imagine that around 1000 kids work on each float and there are 16 floats. What's even harder to imagine is that all that has to be done is push a button; the rest is done automatically.

There is very little interest in the crowning of the king and queen, but the parade is one of the biggest highlights.

Here it's a contest between each homeroom to see who is built the best looking robot. All these robots go marching down Broadway and the judges are on top of the Mayo Clinic. They are able to see each robot and judge if it was constructed by the class or the teacher.

Not only is there a football game, but a cross-country meet and a volleyball game, and a tennis game and a swimming meet and a gymnastics meet. They are all held today, all day

long. No two happen at the same time. This allows the students to attend each game.

Every student in the school attends the homecoming dance. This is the ut-most highlight of the entire school year. It is here that parents have no say at all as to what goes on. But there are chaperones. These chaperones are beady-eyed robots made by the advanced electronics classes.

In the dancing room there is a corner for drinking, a corner for smoking and a corner for whatever else it is you do at a dance! There is even a corner for all the goodie-two shoes.

It seems that everyone displays his school spirit during homecoming, in the year 2000; even if it is a strange way!

## Everyone wants To build a winner

by LINDA GRAFE

Homecoming has many exciting events to offer and what better way is there to show your school spirit and enthusiasm than to build the winning float!

Today at 4 p.m., all of the floats will be lined up at Soldiers Field waiting to make that journey to the J.M. parking lot. A journey that seems so endless. One can almost feel the tension in the air as the judges inspect every detail. The ability to carry out the theme, use of color, originality, the visual effect of the theme and the construction are the points which the judges will be most concerned with. Then the judges retire to make their decision.

The tension and excitement mounts to a peak. Then, with every ear attentive to one of our local radio stations, and the participating floats with all of their bright, vibrant colors waiting at the John Marshall parking lot, the winners are announced. The parking lot looks as though a Mexican Festival is going on, with the exception of the forlorn faces of those whose float didn't place. But, if you look closely enough, you'll see a twinkle in their eyes boasting, "Wait until next year. Our float is coming in first!"



by ART BEERY

Who is that knight in shining "Green-N-Gold," who bears the number 82 on the football field?

Who is that guy who threatens the defensive secondary by catching passes with such grace and tranquility?

Gessed him yet? If not, here are a few more clues.

He is a very athletic person. He plays split-end for the Spartan's football team. He played on Mayo's baseball team this past season and he might go out for track this year.

Besides being involved in school sports, he finds time to hold a part-time job at the Ramada Inn.

If you're nice to him, he'll probably mention you in his book that he is writing about of his high school years.

Almost all of his friends say he's a very easy person to talk to and others just say that he's a crazy, but fun, guy.

Of course it's none other than David Beaupre!



Rob Wallace's "Blue Bomber", which cost a whopping \$75!  
(Photo by Mike Plumb)

## Car of the month Rolling juke box

by CHARLIE REESE

This issue's Car of the Month well deserves its title. Proud owner Rob Wallace drives the last of the great muscle cars, you guessed it, a '64 Rambler.

Yes, this car really smokes (literally), mainly due to the burning of great quantities of oil. Rob has been known to ask the gas station attendant

to, "Check the gas and fill the oil!"

It comes stock, fully equipped with such fine options as a glove box that will hold 6 of your favorite 12-oz. beverages and fully reclining seats that make a comfortable double bed. Rob has added a Clarion cassette sound system with Jensen coaxial speakers which cost twice as much as the car!

## The coaches wife; A loyal Spartan fan

Have you ever wondered how the coaches wife feels about the Homecoming game or even Homecoming in general? Well, I decided to find out exactly how Mrs. Pucci does feel about these things!

Mrs. Pucci is a very active and enthusiastic person when it comes to football games, especially the Homecoming game. She gets very excited for the team as well as the students. When Homecoming comes around she remembers all the fun she had when she was a student at her high school! She recalls the fun of building floats and the excitement of winning the "big" game.

Although Homecoming is a "big" game, Mrs. Pucci does not feel any extra pressure. The day of the game there is some anticipation on her part. She would like to see the team win, she feels the win would top off the week for the students. Of course every win is a big win, but to most people Homecoming would be even better! Mrs. Pucci also feels that the fans are all fired up and this really helps the team in their efforts to win.

This year we play Austin for Homecoming. We have beaten them in past years and Mrs. Pucci feels that we can do it again.

When asked if the outcome of the game would put a damper on the rest of the Homecoming festivities, Mrs. Pucci was very optimistic about the whole thing. She said, "The dance would be good if we lost but it would be even better if we won!"

She feels having a student here at Mayo helps her spirit to stay on a high level. She feels greater excitement and that the whole week of homecoming is full of school spirit and enthusiasm.

After speaking with Mrs. Pucci I feel that our Spartan team is Number 1, and we will smash the Packers!!!

If you know anyone who would be interested in a mailed subscription to the ADVOCATE the cost is \$2.00 for one year. Contact Shelly Christensen, Carrie Philyky, or Mr. Volker, Room 2-248.

## Doc and his dignitaires "Hit" again in 1976 parade

by RALPH PERSSON

October 1975, during the Mayo Homecoming Parade.

The parade is going according to plan, with the Bands, Drill Teams, and Floats. Suddenly two cars pull up in the parade. One is a Cadillac, the other a Chrysler. The cars are encircled by a group of men in suits, which resemble Secret Servicemen for President Ford. All of a sudden the guards draw their guns and shooting erupts, a bystander is pulled onto the street, shot and taken away in the car. A tall, thin bearded man dressed in a pin striped black suit, emerges out of the other car with a smile on his face. He fires his pistol in the air, then climbs back into the tannish

colored car and drives away triumphantly. The police are momentarily stuned, many people are shocked by the "Hit".

This scene of course, is familiar to homecoming crowds since 1973.

The tall, thin man in the pin striped suit is the Notorious Doc Most.

The hit men are students of Doc Most. Doc (Mr.) Most said, "When we first did the 'Hit' in 1975, many people, even the police, thought it to be the real thing. The 'DIGNITARIES' will be in the parade again this year with some new recruits from the ranks of Doc Most's 'Files'."

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## Coming Up

|                   |                                         |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| OCT. 1—Friday     | Homecoming Activities                   | All Day         |
| OCT. 2—Saturday   | Boys A Football—Austin (Homecoming)     | H 7:30          |
|                   | Homecoming Dance                        | 8:30-11:30 p.m. |
| OCT. 4—Monday     | Girls Tennis—Rochester Indoor           | 9:30            |
| OCT. 7—Thursday   | "B" Reserves—Southland                  | H               |
|                   | Girls Swimming—Winona                   | T 4:30          |
|                   | Girls Volleyball—Faribault              | H 6:30          |
|                   | Boys B Football—Austiin                 | T               |
| OCT. 8—Friday     | Boys A Football—Mankato West            | H 7:30          |
| OCT. 11—Monday    | "B" Reserves—Winona                     | T               |
| OCT. 14—Thursday  | Girls Swimming—JM                       | H 4:30          |
|                   | Girls Volleyball—Mankatto East          | H 6:30          |
|                   | Boys "B" Football—Winona                | T               |
| OCT. 15—Friday    | Boys A Football—Winona                  | T 7:30          |
| OCT. 16—Saturday  | Girls Swimming—Golden Valley & JM at JM | 1:00            |
| OCT. 19—Tuesday   | Girls Swimming—Faribault                | H 4:30          |
|                   | Girls Volleyball—Albert Lea             | T 6:00          |
|                   | Boys "B" Football—Owatonna              | H               |
|                   | "B" Reserves—JM                         | T               |
| OCT. 20—Wednesday | Boys A Football—JM                      | H 7:30          |
| OCT. 21—Thursday  | State Girls Tennis                      |                 |
| OCT. 22—Friday    | State Girls Tennis                      |                 |
| OCT. 23—Saturday  | State Girls Tennis                      |                 |
| OCT. 26—Tuesday   | Girls Volleyball—Open                   |                 |
| OCT. 28—Thursday  | Girls Swimming—Mankato East             | T 4:30          |
|                   | Girls Volleyball—Red Wing               | H 6:30          |
|                   | Boys "B" Football—JM                    | T               |
| OCT. 29—Friday    | Boys A Football—Red Wing                | H 7:30          |

## Female swimmers Looking good

by RICH WESTERLUND

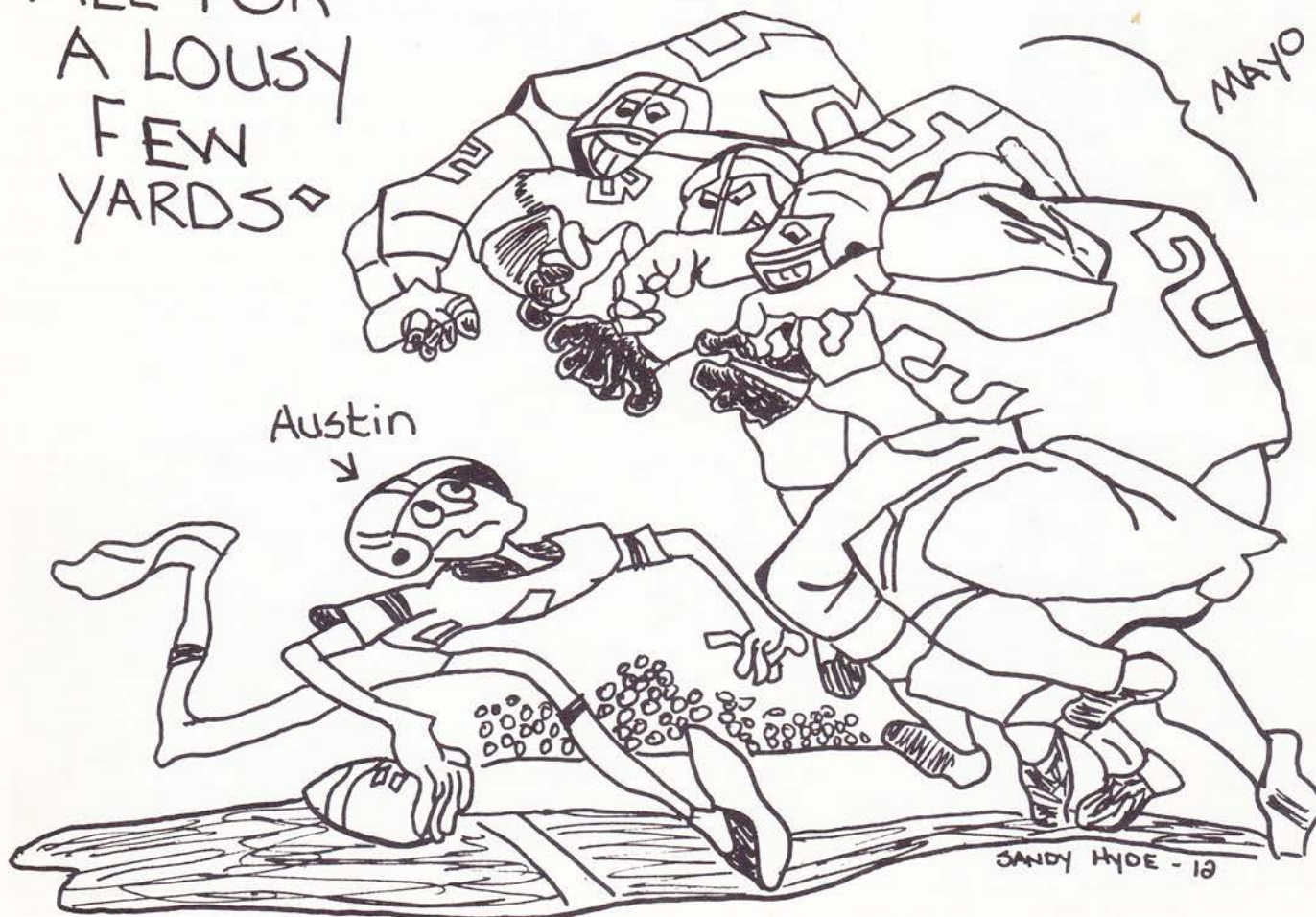
The girls swim team at Mayo is looking for a good season this year. Returning this year are Christy Oman, Lucy Bishop, Elise Thatcher, Mary Larson, Cindy Koehn, Tori Jo Williams and Jean Joyce; all competed in last year's state meet.

Mrs. Johnson has 41 swimmers and eight divers plus a new diving coach, Mrs. Jayne Oman. Mrs. Oman has two of last year's outstanding divers returning, Christy Oman and Lucy Bishop.

Mayo's pool had to have a few repairs this year, and the swim team practices at the Rec Center pool. They work out every night, and swim 3000 yards at each practice.

This year's co-captains are: Mary Larson, Amy Hurry, and Cindy Koehn.

"ALL FOR  
A LOUSY  
FEW  
YARDS"



# Athletes of The Month

by GARY DUTTON

**DAVE WALTZ** — Captain of the boys cross country team. He has run on the varsity team for three years. Dave has participated twice in the state cross country meet. He is currently president of the National Honor Society at Mayo.

**MARY LARSEN** — Sr. tri-captain of the very successful girls swim team. She went to the state last year as a junior, swimming in the medley and free style relays. She's been swimming for Mayo since 9th grade, and swims AAU during the off-season.



DAVE WALTZ  
(Photo by Mike Plumb)



MARY LARSEN  
(Photo by Mike Plumb)

# FE= MAYO SPORTS

by SHERRY BRAUN

Girls sports are more active now than ever. They are demanding more and more publicity and equal rights. Today they have more uniforms and equipment than a few years ago. Because of the boom in girls sports, there is now a cross-country team and there soon may even be a girl's soccer team. If the girl's keep pushing for equality in sports now, it will help to make girl's sports even more active in the future. The girls at Mayo have done a good job, with the help of the coaches, to make girl's sports what it is today.

Practice is one of the main necessities to win. The girl's Cross-Country, Power Volleyball, Tennis, and Swim team practice over two hours each day. They are busy hitting tennis or volley balls, running or swimming. Practicing every day after school can become long and tiresome, the results of a good practice will show up at a meet.

When it comes to the day of the meet most players are getting nervous. If they aren't nervous by the time they get their uniforms on they will be after they find out when it's their turn to compete. Though they are nervous before the meet they are calm after it's over.

## Soccer big . . . Still growing

by DOUG McCULLOUGH

Soccer has recently become a booming sport in Minnesota and the boom has definitely hit Rochester. Craig Campbell, head of Mayo intramural soccer this year, says that, "As of right now, soccer is the biggest it has ever been in the city and is still growing."

One of the biggest reasons for this boom is of course, the new expansion soccer team, the Minnesota Kicks. The Kicks have introduced the game of soccer to many people across the state, and the fact that they are a winning team has prompted many kids to follow the team and play the sport themselves. Many soccer clinics and camps have been set up, and some of the students here at Mayo have attended them.

The intramural soccer here at Mayo is usually very competitive and includes a lot of talent of both sexes. There are around thirty kids out for the sport right now and more are welcome. The team is currently having practices after school and is planning to have some scrimmages against John Marshall and the Jnior College.

Coach Campbell says that, "The Mayo kids gets a lot of help and pointers from the J.C. players." Games have not been scheduled yet, but most of them will be held at either Mayo or J.M.

If you are not out for any fall sport right now, the Mayo intramural soccer program may be just the sport for you.



Julie Goodman (11) and Paula Hollenhorst (58) finishing 9th and 10th respectively in girl's cross-country meet at Eastwood. (Photo by Mike Plumb)

# JOCK SCRAPS

by DOUG BARTHOLOMEW

"TITLE NINE" — WHAT IS IT?

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

This is a law that high schools around the country will now have to comply with equality in sports such as equal facilities and finances. As far as facilities go, Mayo has not had the problems other schools have had. Gym space is causing a lot of friction at other schools, but here potential problems were quickly identified and dealt with so both girls and boys have already been getting equal time in the gym. The major affect of this law is the new length of seasons. This year the boy's swimming and tennis seasons are shorter to equal that of the girls. Next year, boy's basketball will also be cut — from twenty to eighteen games which is what the girl's team plays.

## SWIMMING ENDANGERED

The Minnesota State High School League has a regulation forbidding high school coaches to coach their athletes during the off-season. Swimming coaches and parents in the state have been objecting, feeling this is discriminating. A court suit has been prepared for the swimmers blocking the ruling.

The MSHSL think they are going to lose this suit. And if they do, hockey, wrestling, and gymnastics all have suits prepared so their coaches may also coach in the off-seasons. If this happens the MSHSL will have lost its power. So what they are planning, is to show their power by discontinuing all high school swimming. The vote on that move, by the MSHSL, will be on October 7. If swimming is discontinued, 5,500 athletes in the state will be out of a winter sport. So why not let the coaches coach. All it can do is improve the level of play in high school sports.

## AUSTIN — CONFIDENCE BUILDER

The biggest football win last year was against Austin, 22-0. Mayo went on to have its best season record after that game, six wins, three losses. A win in tonight's homecoming game against Austin could give some needed confidence to finish the season stronger than it started.

## "Total team Effort" needed Against Austin

The Mayo Spartan football team will be hosting the Austin Packers for this year's homecoming game.

The Spartans have been off to a slow start this year. Plagued by mistakes caused from their inexperience they have lost their first three games which have been against non-conference teams.

"Those games are behind us now," says Coach Pucci. "These next games are like the beginning of a new season," referring to the fact that these next games are conference games, the ones that count.

The Spartans are small and rely on their quickness and toughness for their victories. Coach Pucci also feels that the team is "very enthusiastic", which is a major factor.

"The team has no one super star", says Pucci and feels, "the game must be won on total team effort."

Chris McIlrath will probably be the starting quarterback tonight. He has been out with a knee injury.



Daryl Kessler, Gene DiMagno, Mike Suby, John Cafilich, and Bruce Kolar exhibit Mayo's team style — stay in front.  
(Photo by Alan Schroder)

## What a letter!

# Really now, can just anyone be Queen?

As all of you know, on Friday, September 17, 10 couples were nominated for the position of Homecoming Queen and King. Of these 10 couples, all but one of the girls was either a cheerleader or a Spartan Spirit, and all of the boys had achieved some prominence in sports. I think there is something wrong with this situation.

As I understand it, Homecoming is meant to welcome back the returning alumni. Although the event centers mostly around the football game that evening, part of the purpose of Homecoming is an attempt to represent the qualities that Mayo has tried to instill in its students: sportsmanship, grace and beauty, pride, loyalty, scholarship, artistic creation and expression, to name a few. The point I am trying to make is: Do only cheerleaders and athletes possess these qualities?

I am certain that most of the girls, at least who were nominated, were nominated because they have frequent exposure to the students. After all, we see them at games, pep fests, and we can't miss them in the hall when they're wearing their uniforms. But what about the girl who's pretty and smart and talented and no one knows her? Is she to be cheated out of a chance at Homecoming Queen because she doesn't have an opportunity to be in the public eye frequently? Or are the only attractive girls cheerleaders? Are the only good-looking guys athletes?

I don't think so. I think there are many girls and guys who would make excellent Queens or Kings but are not even considered because the majority of the school doesn't know them.

If Homecoming is to be an all-school participation thing, let's make some changes in the system so everyone has a fair chance.

One more closing thought I'd like to address to those Homecoming King and Queen nominees and the students who helped to nominate them. I do not want to take this away from you. I was there at the pep fest; I saw your happy faces and I realized how important this day is to you. I don't want to be Homecoming Queen; I'm only a sophomore. But at the same

time, I realized your happiness. I realized the sadness of so many other, less-fortunate girls. I can't speak for the guys, but I know that in the heart of every senior girl at that pep fest was the hope, "maybe they'll pick me!" And although I know that it's impossible for every girl to be nominated, I think that for them to be de-

prived of a fighting chance is wrong.

I wish the best of luck to each of those twenty nominees. I want to say that maybe, even under a different system, these people might be nominated anyway. But at the same time, I still hope that at Homecoming time next year, the nominations will be handled a bit differently.

## Fall Ball: open or closed?

by SHERI SWENSON

Should the Fall Ball be closed to all students other than Mayo's? The policy behind having Mayo's first mixer closed is that it gives the sophomores a chance to know the upper classmen. Having an all Mayo mixer unifies the student body.

The Fall Ball is Mayo's only closed dance. However bringing visitors could make the dance more fun. Having an open mixer would not only give the sophomores a chance to get to know the upper classmen, but it would also allow everyone attending to meet new people.

Most of the other schools have open mixers under the philosophy, "the bigger the better".

An open dance could tend to stop some of the rivalry between schools; helping to unite the city. Next year Mayo should start off the year with an open Fall Ball.



"I'VE DECIDED TO GO FOR THE YOUTH VOTE"

## Editorial

# Title Nine law or not, Do girls deserve equality?

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

Title nine will be law by the beginning of the 1977-78 school year. Basically, title nine means that all athletic programs will be equal. The funds, use of facilities, coaching, travel expenses and scholarships are some of the most affected areas.

Boys in some cases will have to give up gym time, some of the money which was originally theirs, and their season lengths may be shortened for equality.

It seems unjust that the boys should be the ones having to make all the changes so the girls can have equality. It isn't right to get something that you don't deserve.

And the girls do not deserve equality, yet. They have not proved themselves worthy of being on the same sports level as the boys. The boys have spent years of hard work and patience to get where they are.

In time, the girls could have accomplished the same thing. But they put a RUSH on their demands and Title nine is the result. A law is nothing unless it works.

To make title nine work it will take time and cooperation from both the boys and the girls. If the girls can be patient and let the boys make changes one at a time, chances are the boys will be more willing to make the necessary changes.

At Mayo, the changes have already started to take place, but there are more that will be made in the future. These changes will continue to come willingly as long as the time needed for adjustments is given and cool heads prevail.

## Dried up federal funds cause Price hike in Drivers Ed.

by DEB WHALEN

Driver's Education is moving upward, price-wise that is.

This year, instead of the usual forty-dollars, the fee for this course has been jacked-up to sixty-dollars.

The rise in price is basically due to the rise in the cost of living. Gasoline, oil and repair costs have skyrocketed and make-up a large portion of the total cost, and the instructor's salary plays a part, also.

In the year 1969, the fee was only twenty-dollars, but the school also received a five-year grant of Federal

Funds, which subsided a while ago. Out of all fifty states, only seven are not reimbursed by State or Federal funds and Minnesota is one of them.

Mr. Sherman Toensing, head of the Driver's Education department, sympathizes with the parents, students and school board. He is very much against the price-hike and fought it when it first came out.

In the years to come, the price will probably continue to rise, along with a few tempers!

## MIGHTY MAYO



## ERUPTIONS

What method do you use to  
wake up in the morning?



"First I open my eyes and go from there."

Darrel Christenson, 12



"My dad turns on the light and shakes me, then I might consider it."

Cindy Stonnington, 11



"My mom wakes me up."

Eric Benson, 11



"Very carefully."

Jim Donadio, 10



"I just lie there until I hear the bus."

Scott Solmonson, 12

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SATURDAY  
AT THE PIG  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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## Editorial

# Homecoming is more Than a celebration

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

Well, here it is October 1, 1976. Homecoming day at Mayo High School. A day students and faculty members have been working towards for the last three weeks.

But what really is Homecoming? To some it's the building of a float. It may win, it may lose, it may even fall apart.

Of course there's the crowning of the king and queen. The big questions about who the top ten will be, then who will make the top five and finally that endless anticipation of who will be the one crowned.

If you are a member of the band, drill team or a cheerleader, you practice a lot, but it's for that big homecoming day, so it's worth it.

People look forward to the bonfire where the "Spartan Spirit" that is inside us begins to slip out. But it's at the pep fest that this spirit reaches the point of no return. Everyone is half crazy with enthusiasm for the football game and once they know if the people they voted for will be king or queen there is no returning to the world of "normal life".

It's listening to alumni and hearing how our school has grown. It gives you feeling of accomplishment and tradition.

For the football players, well they'll go out on that playing field and play the best game they are capable of. We know they'll win with their "Spartan Pride". All this and so much more is what makes up homecoming. BUT . . .

There is one thing that is so much more important, but overlooked by many people. It's the unification of the student body. People working with people on floats, in committee meetings, on teams and at the various events. Strangers no more, students, faculty and alumni feel a special sense of friendly togetherness which doesn't end at the conclusion of the festivities.

That's what homecoming is all about.

## ERUPTIONS

What is the most enjoyable or un-enjoyable homecoming event for you?



"Marching behind the horses in the parade."

Lisa Laitala, 12



"The night after."

Brian Horihan, 12



"The last event."

Pat O'Neill, 11



"Bringing out school spirit."

Anne Mullen, 10



"I roll out onto the floor."

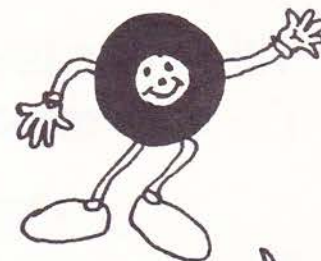
Bob Dunn, 12



"The most enjoyable thing is the morning after."

Stewart Walk, 11

## Sack The Pack



## Record Review

by ROB WALLACE

The Charlie Daniels Band is one of the most unique bands of its kind.

They combine the t'wang of country with the crazy tempo of rock. Their latest album, "Saddletramp," shows what can happen when it's done right.

Their lyrics comply with country and western standards in that they are written about crazy topics such as jails and beer.

They vary the tempo of their music greatly. They go from fairly mellow in "Cumberland Mountain No. 9" to fast and hard in "Dixie On My Mind".

"Saddletramp" is one of their best so far, and is well worth investing in; providing you like the fiddle.

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