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Probe

To some people Probe means to search, but to the Polk Co. Young Peoples Association (YPA) it means something altogether different.

Probe is the name of the band playing for the 1978 4-H YPA coronation dance. This semi-formal dance is being held at the Luck gym on April 15 from 8:30 to 12:00. The coronation of the new king and queen court will take place at 11:00 p.m.

The cost is \$1.75 for singles and \$3.00 for couples. Probe is new to this area and is from the twin cities. Even if you are not in 4-H or YPA you are more than welcome to come.

Comic Relief Adds to Spring Drama

By Sandra Pedersen

Imagine yourself going into hiding for two years, sharing a three room attic with seven other people.

You must not make a noise during the day. You may never go outside. There is no television or radio to entertain you. You must endure these hardships or otherwise your destiny would surely be torture and death.

This is what the Frank family had to contend with during World War II as told in the "Diary of Anne Frank."

A scene like this may not take place anymore, but it is being enacted by the actors and actresses in the spring play, "The Dairy of

Anne Frank, dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett.

Members of the cast include three new faces, Karrie Melin playing Miep, Jerry Sorenson playing Peter Van Daan, and Lee Creuzer playing Mr. Kraler.

The Frank family consists of Mike Seager as Mr. Frank, Linda Redman as Mrs. Frank, Laura Nygren as Margot, and Sandra Pedersen as Anne.

Danette Morten and Darryl Bazey, along with Jerry Sorenson make up the Van Dann family, and Mr. Dussel is played by Brian Randall.

The play will be given at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

April Outlook

By Ann Langel

Right now the month is April,

But May is coming up fast.

In May we will look forward

To when the final bell rings at last.

Whenever I walk down the hall,

I think the new school will be great.

I'm sure we'll all be proud

When it's done - August of Seventy-Eight.

The Seniors will have to say 'farewell'

And bid the school 'good-bye'

While the others will be anxious

To give the new school a try.

Prom Progress

By Anne Langel

Imagine yourself in a music-filled room with shades of blue around you and the scenes that surround you resemble a night.

This is the setting of the 1978 Prom. The theme is "Sweet Emotions" and the band is "Starflight."

All this will be happening on April 29, from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m.

There's been a lot of junior interest in this event, and they have been working hard for a couple of months.

The method of choosing royalty will be to choose five Juniors and five Seniors (boys and girls) and then, possibly, the whole student body will vote for king, queen and attendants.

The rules for the Prom are that all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are welcome to come, and also Freshmen with a date.

Lots of careful planning and hard work will contribute to make the 1978 Prom, as the committee members say, "The best Prom yet!"

Sports: Its Effects On You

By Brenda Morgan

Everything has its good and bad points associated with it, including sports, which are becoming increasingly popular with the variety expanding.

For almost every boys' sport, there is a girls' sport to match. If the girls aren't granted equal opportunities, they are given the chance to go out for a male offered sport.

The students who go out for a sport, especially more than one, run into many conflicts with the school. One of the conflicts is time. Sports are very time consuming. Practice every night, then a game, getting to bed late, getting up early the next morning for school. This schedule would make anybody tired, not leaving much time for homework.

The fans also run into these late night games along with the athletes. It has reached a point where students are asking the teachers to hold back on the homework because there's a game that night.

Whether you're an

athlete or a fan, the schoolwork still has to be done. After all, that's why sports are called "extra" curricular activities.

Sports also cause a conflict with the Drama Club, Forensics, and cheerleading. People just don't have the time or the practices run against each other. There just isn't enough time, and it hurts these other organizations.

Often times the non-athletes feel as though the athletes think themselves to be superior to others. This may be true of some, but the majority consider themselves to be the same as others. If they should look better in the eyes of some people, or seem to have more to say about what goes on in the school, perhaps it's only because they are more involved.

Almost everyone knows the conflicts that can arise from sports, but what many don't realize is that sports help hold a school together.

Sports cause people to become involved. Busy people have less time for trouble. People who are involved, give themselves

something to be proud of, not only proud of themselves but also proud of their school. These people are happy, and it shows in their work.

Sports teach a person mental discipline, which is something that more people should have. If this were possible, more students would have a pride in themselves which would help create a pride in their school.

If it weren't for sports, there would be nothing to look forward to. There would be no excitement. School would go by very slowly without sports to spice it up. People wouldn't know what to do with themselves; some people might just forget about school altogether.

Sports are a change of pace. First there's football, then right into basketball, track, and so on. No one ever knows what the outcome of the event will be, so they follow the team which causes the rest of the people to become involved. So fans are just as important as the athletes.

Editorial and Opinion Page

Too Late For Tardies?

Are you one of those students who finds it extremely difficult to get out of bed in the morning? Is this your reason for coming to school at ten o'clock instead of at 8 o'clock? Or, maybe you're the student who takes vacations quite frequently. Are you the part-time student?

If you fall into either of these categories, you may be on a one-way road to self-destruction. Impossible you say? Do you think it's good for yourself to take a little time off of school now and then? That's where you're fooling yourself.

Who am I to tell you this, you wonder. A few weeks ago Mr. Larson spoke to the Contemporary Problems classes regarding each student's school records. Through his talk we learned that besides having all of your grades on record in the office, your attendance record is also collecting dust in the files. Sure, those records may just be lying idle right now, but that will change, however, as soon as you graduate from high school.

Sooner than you think, you will be out in the "Working World" trying to earn your way. There you are, applying for that ideal job - good pay, excellent hours, and fringe benefits. You're a cinch for the job with your qualifications. Now comes the interview (this should be a breeze).

"Well, Herbert, your training and qualifications for this job are just perfect," starts your prospective employer, "but there is a problem."

Here it comes. It seems that Herbert was late for school forty-six times in his senior year, while being absent seventeen days that year. What employer will want to hire someone who is that unreliable?

Granted, not everyone has his name blackened with forty-six tardies, but every time you receive a tardy, you dig your grave a little bit deeper. It's not too late to change. The year is just three quarters finished. You still have one quarter of school left to clean up your record.

Your future is in your hands. So, tomorrow morning, don't just roll over and hit the alarm clock - "Get out of bed!"

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From Misery, Contentment

Life can be miserable ... if you think of all the things you've got to have and don't.

But thinking further, imagine you have lost everything you do have. That is misery, indeed.

Then, continue thinking and realize that you still have everything you thought lost.

And with that thought, contentment must replace misery.

Terse Verse

Be careful of the words
you speak -

Just keep 'em good and
sweet.

For angry words
designed to shriek -

You'll later have to eat.

VS.

Student Side

Why do we only have report cards twice a year?

When our school changed to a grading system of only having grades twice a year, most of us students thought it was great. "Oh boy, we only get in trouble at home twice a year instead of four times."

The tune has changed, however. Some students don't realize that they are failing a course until the semester is almost finished. That doesn't leave much time to bring that failing grade up to a passing level.

Other problems have come up also. Many students have been heard to remark after their third quarter average has been handed to them, "I failed this quarter. That's no big deal though. I have another quarter to bring my grade up to a D."

Regarding that situation, consider this. Suppose we were to receive grades quarterly. This same student would receive his average after four and a half weeks, halfway through the quarter. Now, if he sees that he is failing at this time, he'll have to work to bring his grade up to a D by the end of the quarter. At this rate, maybe that student will be up to a C by the end of the semester. It's obvious to us as students. You tend to relax your study habits too much when you have to wait eighteen weeks to see if you will pass. This is especially true if the class you are in is only a semester class.

While the student who has trouble in school finds this grading system distasteful, so does the student who maintains an average or high grade point average. In many cases it is difficult for this student to maintain a high average for a whole semester.

Why did we change our grading system? Things weren't so bad before. Our quarterly grades were one kind of pressure that helped us students.

Grading Our Report Cards Administration Side

What two words can make the average Luck student want to jump off a cliff, deport to Siberia, or throw themselves in front of a speeding train? Report cards.

In the recent past we have been receiving a new kind of report card called the mid-semester evaluation. It comes out every first and third quarter and is quite different from our old report cards. Even though many complain about these reports they do have several advantages.

Mr. Larson feels that we are now receiving a much more comprehensive report than we have in the past.

On the semester report card teachers don't have many opportunities to comment on anything besides the students' academic achievements. The quarter evaluation gives nine areas to comment on plus additional space at the bottom for personal notes. This gives the parents a much broader idea about what the students are doing in school.

Luck changed to the new system for two reasons. First of all, when the students had their grades averaged together for semester they didn't seem to try as hard. For example: let's say John Doe receives an "A" in English the first quarter. Second quarter John doesn't have to worry about his grades because he knows that even if he gets a "D" for the quarter he'll still average at least a "C" for semester.

Second of all, it is often easier to see exactly where a student needs improvement.

You have to remember that if you're against the evaluation that only semester grades go on your record. (A, B, C, etc.) Also remember no matter what kind of report cards we get it's still up to you to determine what goes on them.



"I'm no April Fool, I'm going to find a date for prom early." (Take the hint boys!)

From the Eyes of a Forensics Freak

By Ann Langel

That was the most nervous day of my life. It was March 8 - the day of our first forensics meet. The first obstacle was wearing a skirt to school. Everyone was wondering whose funeral I was going to. Next was having messy tacos for lunch.

I made it up to 11:30 a.m., when all six of us, (five students and forensics coach, Miss Sondergaard,) left for St. Croix. Then everything started going downhill. We had another staredown with the St. Croix kids, and everyone kept asking us where we were from.

We sat through about two hours of readings until my category came up. Jim Cruthers had just finished his prose reading, "Speech by Patrick Henry in Congress" and received an 'A'. I was the last in my category, so I had plenty of time to get nervous. Jean Walker's, "Hanging Out at the Pool" in the prose

category received a 'B' and she wasn't nervous when she delivered hers, so I told myself not to be, either.

My turn finally came at about 3:00 p.m. Mine was called, "The Last Day," and it was a humorous reading, also. But I'm still not sure if anyone laughed or not. I stood there, wondering if I was going too fast, being too soft-voiced, or what the judge was writing. I got a headache from worrying so much, but I survived the day with receiving a 'B'.

Gina Boatman and Joanne Walker were both in Poetry with "Renaissance" and "The Creation," respectively. I was even nervous for them, who both received 'B's' too.

It was a learning experience for all, and particularly, Jim Cruthers, whose 'A' allows him to compete at the district level at Hudson, Wis. on April 1.

Know Your Seniors

Here we are with another edition of Know Your Seniors. In a series of articles, all of the seniors will be interviewed as to what their future plans are.

Linda Berghopes to find a job somewhere this summer so she can earn money to go to Augsburg College this fall. She plans on taking up musical therapy.

Linda's hobbies include playing basketball, sleeping and eating lobster. One of her most unusual experiences is finding a frog in her coat pocket.

This summer and fall we will find Jon Mattson "floating with the wind." Jon enjoys outdoor sports such as fishing; his favorite food also is fish.

Lynette Anderson will be taking leave from the Frederic Hospital, where she works, to go to California for a visit this summer. Lynette's favorite food is chili, and she enjoys collecting wine bottles, going cross-country skiing, and bowling.

Lynette will be attending Rice Lake Vocational Technical School this fall.

In a few years we might find Tammy Stinson a graduate from New Richmond Vocational Technical School and employed as a ward clerk. As for this summer, Tammy plans on working at the Pioneer Home.

Tammy enjoys eating Italian food, hiking, and making string art. Her greatest achievement was becoming homecoming queen.

In Julie Peterson's future we find a career of flying. Julie plans on going to Rice Lake Vo. Tech to become an airline stewardess. Julie's favorite food is "anything 90 proof" and her hobbies are sleeping during the day

and going out at night.

Julie says her greatest achievement is not being called to the office yet her senior year.

This summer we will find Melody Dau working at the Pioneer Home earning money to go to Eau Claire Vo. Tech. Melody's favorite food is tuna salad and her hobbies include cross-country skiing, cooking, and riding bike.

Sharry Strenke says her greatest achievement was breaking the record of the mile run. Her most embarrassing moment was riding on the homecoming float.

Sharry will be earning extra money this summer bartending for her folks. She plans to attend the U. of W. River Falls this fall. Sharry's favorite food is hamburgers, and she enjoys skiing and swimming.

Karen Chaffee is now employed at Andersen's Fairway Store and is planning on going to school to become an ex-ray technician.

Karen feels her greatest achievement is going to state in basketball. Her favorite food is shrimp and she enjoys playing "buckets" and golfing.

This summer Loraine Rebrovich hopes to go traveling out west, find a job, and attend Stou University.

Loraine enjoys ice skating, golfing, and swimming. She hopes to become an air line stewardess or go into nursing.

Lindsey Byers would like to travel to Texas and Kentucky to live with the hillbillies. Lindsey's favorite food is hamburgers, and he enjoys driving and racing cars.

Be sure you watch for next month's paper for another edition of "Know Your Seniors."

Quid Pro Quo

The younger generation deserves to be criticized.

But the older generation deserves even more

criticism. After all they were responsible for the youngsters.

On The Run

By Lynn Magnuson

On March 28 there will be about twenty guys running around the gym after school. Why? Track practice starts then. It is also the day the girls' track team starts practice. For the boys, Mr. Miller, their coach, said there will be no special practice except the first six practices will work mainly on flexation exercises. Practices in general will mainly be concerned with working on form, sprints, and distances.

Freshmen needed! What for? The track team. Mr. Miller said that he needed more freshmen out to keep building the team. Returning lettermen are expected to be strong and among them are possibly a few candidates for state.

The first meet will be on April 11 when Luck will travel to Siren for either a dual (two teams) or a triangular (three teams) meet. If it is to be a triangular meet, Grantsburg will also be present.

As for things new on the track circuit this year, there will be no meets held here because of the construction going on. Also, the boys' team goals consists of: being in the top half of the conference, sending team members to state, improving individual records, and each man getting approximately 10 points to letter.

Mr. Miller feels the teams' strongest events will be the middle distances such as the 440 yd. dash, the half mile, and also relay races.

When asked if baseball was taking away some likely track candidates, Mr. Miller replied no because boys can take baseball and track at the same time.

Where the conference is concerned, Mr. Miller feels the team can place in the top half of the conference with the help of the returning lettermen doing good. On your mark, get set, go!

Track Fever

By Linda Berg

Spring is on its way and along with spring comes track season. The girls will begin exercising, getting their weary bones limber, and running around the horn towards the end of March.

Most of last year's team will be returning, and Miss Brom is counting on the freshman for the sprints. She commented, "There are a lot of fast freshman girls, let's hope that they go out."

The relay teams will be strong again this year. The 880 should be especially strong with the returning letter winners Lisa Moore, Deb Melin, and Patty Walsten. Coach Brom is hoping for a state visit with this relay and if that's not possible, at least a sectional visit.

The distance and field events will be tops also. The seniors and juniors have had experience and should be able to rack up some points in these events.

Our upcoming track team has a lot of potential and talent, but there still are shoes to fill. If you are interested in these outdoor activities, Miss Brom urges you to give track a try. You may be the one needed to fill those empty shoes.

Basketball Rap-up

By Karen Chaffee

We had a young team with only two seniors. Their first tournament game was played at Frederic against Turtle Lake. The boys played a good basketball game, but came up short for a loss of 66-52.

One of their victories came in their last conference game against Webster. They were on top of their game and easily won it by a score of 67-53.

Ron Steen played a magnificent game and scored 35 of the team's total points.

Letter winners for this past season are: Seniors - Reuben Buck and Daryl Bazey; Juniors - Ron Steen, Alan Tomlinson, Jeff Jensen, Jim Sorenson, Reed Stevens, and Bill Behrovich.



Baseball For Boys

As most of you know there is a new sport being offered at Luck High. This sport is baseball. The coach for the team is Mr. Carroll, who has coached baseball previously in Marathon, Wisconsin.

All boys grades 9-12 are eligible to participate.

Mr. Carroll was asked this question and his views were as follows: He thinks that athletics are for everyone. He wants candidates for baseball. All he asks is that every

member gives 100 percent all of the time.

Mr. Carroll believes in playing the whole team, but naturally the best people will play the most.

Mr. Carroll is a new coach at Luck and baseball is a new sport to the students. He feels that he has this to his advantage. Not only will this give him the right to develop ball players, but he can also treat everyone on an equal basis, for he doesn't know each player's potential.



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