

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chalkboard Capers is presented by the teachers of the Mounds View Education Association to raise money for student scholarships given to graduating seniors from Irondale High School, Mounds View High School, Oak Grove High School, Area Learning Center, and Adult Basic Education. Each scholarship is for \$621.00. The number of scholarships awarded depends on the financial success of the show.

### “CHALKBOARD CAPERS”... THE BEGINNINGS

Due to a difficult contract settlement in 1984-85, the Executive Board of the Mounds View Education Association, led by President Hank Ryan and Vice President Ceil Quaife, decided to establish a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors. It was felt that a show similar to “Wastebasket Revue” produced by the Osseo District would help to build stronger community relationships, in addition to strengthening teacher camaraderie. MaryAnn Wycoff (SS) was asked to coordinate and direct this project. With the help of John Fisher, liaison to the MVEA, and Leo Murphy, treasurer, the project became known as “Chalkboard Capers.”

“Chalkboard Capers” was given authority by the MVEA Executive Board to raise money from the staff and/or community in the form of stock options, contributions, gifts, and donations. The teaching staff purchased shares at five dollars per share. The stocks were purchased with the understanding that they could be redeemed at the end of the first year’s show. However, few people chose to cash them in.

With the name “Chalkboard Capers” in mind, much discussion and brainstorming took place, and an apple theme was born: the Apple Core (choir), the Saucy Apples (danceline), and the Apple Strudels (band). Other apple names used over the years have included: the Golden Apples, the Rotten Apples, the Seedy Apples, the Apple Bruisers, and the Apple Jacks.

Each year the show is written, directed, and produced by members of the Mounds View Education Association. After a few years of fear and apprehension, no one thinks twice about stepping onto the stage. The show has developed a life of its own. The show is a combination of musical numbers, skits, comedy, dance, and melodrama. The success of the show was evident from the very beginning. Over 180 teachers contributed time and effort to perform a show that played to sold out houses every night. Over \$5,000 was raised the first year. Outstanding support from the community has made it possible for **334** scholarships to be awarded over the past 24 years, a total of **\$202,204.00**. Join us as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> annual production of Chalkboard Capers!