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Forward Look

Fri., Jan. 24—Pep Assembly, Gym, 1:45; Basketball game with Otsego, here.
Sat., Jan. 25—Basketball game at Mt. Pleasant
Mon.-Wed., Jan. 27-29—Exams
Thurs.-Fri., Jan. 30-31—No School
Fri., Jan. 31—Basketball game with Allegan, there
Mon., Feb. 3—Second semester begins
Tues., Feb. 4—Assembly, Gym, 8:10
Fri., Feb. 7—Basketball game with Vicksburg, there

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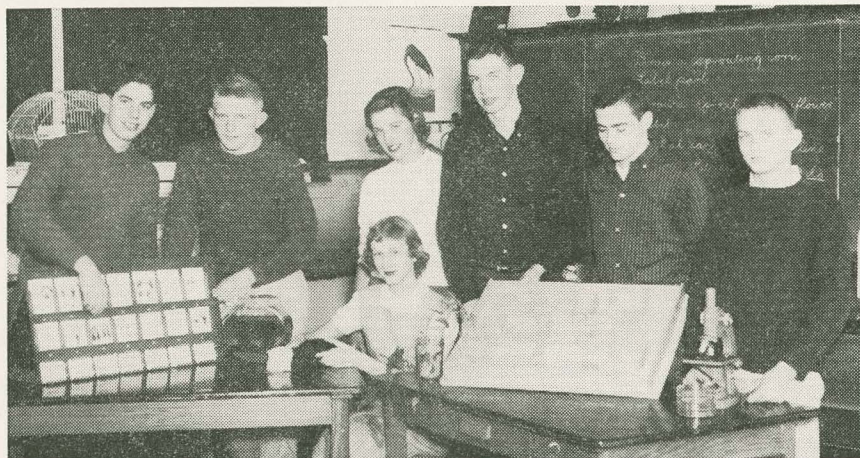
Highlights

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Students Challenged by Science Trend



Proudly exhibiting projects are Peter Hames, David Spille, Betty Coggan, David Stafford, David Hamilton, John Rohs, and Inez Dale (seated).

Projects Encourage Extra Efforts

By Richard Nielsen

How would you describe the life history of the fruit fly? What will be the color of the offspring of a black guinea pig and a white one? Can you grow beans without soil? These are just a few of the many questions being asked and answered by some University High science students.

The experiment to reveal the life history of fruit flies is being carried on by David Spille. He has raised the flies and is watching their habits carefully.

To test one's knowledge of different phases of biology, Peter Hames is working on an electrical question board. When the operator of the board chooses the right answer, a bell rings.

Inez Dale is breeding two guinea pigs, one black and one white. She hopes to demonstrate some of the laws of heredity, but as yet, no little ones have arrived.

For hayfever suffers John Rohs is performing an experiment to find out the bacteria and mold count in the halls of our schools.

David Stafford is growing beans without soil. He has met with success since his beans are now in blossom and are forming pods.

In the white mice business are David Hamilton and Peter Landt. They have kept accurate weight charts on the mice for a period of time. So far one pair has had three litters. At present the boys are testing the intelligence of the mice by sending them through a complicated maze, constructed by Mark Wenner. Mark himself is studying habits of chipmunks and hamsters.

Minuscule Tom denOtter, Eglis Lode and Natalie Glazer are experimenting with one-celled animals. They are keeping a close record of changes in microscopic life in a culture of these tiny creatures.

By maintaining a balanced aquar-

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How Democratic Are We Subject of Self-Test

A twenty question check-yourself test was taken recently by Miss Cleveland's junior English classes. The object of this student-planned test was to measure democratic attitudes.

The test contained many types of questions, applying to a variety of situations, but all were designed to help students determine whether or not their attitudes were in line with democratic principles. Sample questions follow:

- 1) Are you willing to compromise?
- 2.) Do you take a firm stand in matters of religious or racial prejudice?
- 3) Do you try to consider what others are interested in when chosen to help plan some activity or meeting?
- 4) Do you treat student teachers with the same consideration you give critic teachers?
- 5) Is the school janitor a person in your mind or just a machine for sweeping floors?

A committee organized to write the test also arranged the scores in groups so that students could grade themselves.

Exam Schedule

Mon., Jan. 27	8:15-10:05	10:15
	10:25-12:15	11:15
Tues., Jan. 28	8:15-10:05	12:45
	10:25-12:15	9:15
Wed., Jan. 29	8:15-10:05	2:15
	10:25-12:15	8:15

Math Club Inspires Interest

Any meager supply of mathematicians is now being rectified by 'U' High's Math Club, under the direction of Clarence Hackney and Ernest Weber. Michael Decker was elected president; Timothy Estes, vice-president; with James Siwik and Deanna White as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Meeting monthly, the Math Club plans for outside speakers and a spring trip to Chicago. The speakers generally discuss non-Euclidean geometry and astronomy.

The trip to Chicago will be planned in conjunction with the Science Club. These two compatible groups will first visit the Museum of Science and Industry and from there take an excursion through the Argonne National Laboratory.

Mixed with Mirth

"A chapter a day keeps the Russians away," said Mr. Carl "SON-OROUS VOICE" Engels. If you could only do this, Mr. Engels, you would be a great influence on the teachers of our country.

Chuck Henry traveled all the way home from a party to get his trombone so he could do a little entertaining, but when he returned to the waiting audience, THE MOUTH PIECE WAS MISSING.

It is known how some people kick and even bite to see famous people or notable buildings, but WHO EVER HEARD of driving up the sidewalk into the capitol at Lansing? Better watch that, Larry Chojnowski.

"OOH LA LA" is the saying coming from the first year French class. Vicky Benet has made quite a hit with the boys, who would like to hear some more of her record albums. "CHERCHEZ LA FEMME!"

In the U.S. History class Steph Wenner raised her hand and began by saying, "I have some thoughts..." Golly, you just can't say ANYTHING.

You're certainly no mathematician, Bob Hackman! Don't you know what a FRENCH CURVE is like?

While lecturing on the growth of the big cities, Mr. Vuicich asked the 11:15 U.S. History class what might begin to eat away at the slums. Expecting an answer that would indicate social dissatisfaction, he was floored when Skip Baden replied, "TERMITES."

In 2:15 government, when an innocent bug was being pursued by a hoard of students, Bert Hybels humanely said, "YOU CAN GET UNDER MY CHAIR TO BE SAFE." Are you sure you didn't just want him all for yourself, Bert?

'U' High has some REAL talent that has just been brought to attention! That little combo of Mike Platt, Ward Riley, Skip Baden, Paul Weber, Chuck Henry and Jim Birch makes a real hit. Hope this crew keeps playing; we all enjoy it!

One day, while reading a list of overdue books, George Brown announced, "Linda Rogers, How Do I Love Thee?" Oh, George, MUST you ask a question like that in front of thirty people?

When Miss Giedeman asked Mike Schrier where the class should start to read in the Latin story, he innocently answered, "IN THE BEGINNING." That's not quite what she wanted, Mike, but a nice try.

So Let It Be Written

Somewhere in the History Book of Mankind, there is a page for us. In a sense, it is still a "tabula rasa," a blank tablet waiting for impressions. How deep an impression will our generation make? Already shadows of space missiles, atomic warheads, a hammer and sickle give portent to what entries will be made on "our page." The doers of previous generations have accumulated quite a task for us to continue. As with a garden, one man may begin it, but he will never be through with it. His son must take up the hoe, sow new seeds, improve the old plants, devise a more effective weed killer. Yet his son, too, will never be finished.

Still, father and son have made their own impressions on the tablet. It would be infinitely easier to let the crawling, gnawing bugs and the stifling weeds assume command of the garden. Why doesn't he then? Perhaps the son likes to garden. He might undertake the task for its beauty, challenge, something to do. He falters, renews his efforts, strives to better his father's world for himself and his own son. Is it selfishness, an instinct of preservation, an I-can-do-anything-and-do-it-better attitude? Whatever the motive, it is that he has done something that is important.

The moon with its splendor is no longer something that lovers seek and witches avoid. It has become a target for space missiles, a possibility for human habitation. It is our garden.

What of juvenile delinquency, rock-'n-roll, teenage promiscuity? What of happy family life, "why can't Johnny read," the Last Supper? In concentrating our efforts on producing bigger and better sunflowers than people grow in Russia, is it not likely that the neglected roses and insignificant little violets will wither?

Some say the next ten or fifteen years will decide the world's fate. We will have something to say about this fate, about what will be recorded on our page. Of course it won't be easy! Caesars and Napoleons have been born and buried; the light bulb and telephone, T.V. dinners and striped toothpaste are products of recent generations. What could be left for our generation's gardeners to plant and grow? Only by experiment, trial and error, really getting some dirt under our fingernails can we answer this question.

"Learning is like rowing upstream; not to advance is to drop back," claims an ancient Chinese proverb. "We are tired by the work we do not do, not by what we do." When our page in the History Book of Mankind is written, we can make it read, "They rowed upstream all the way; they had dirty fingernails. This was not a 'tired' generation."

—Marilyn Beattie

Notes Afloat

The 'U' High choir, under the direction of Mr. Jack Frey, is preparing once more for what promises to be one of the most interesting events of the year, the annual operetta. The production scheduled is the moving "Lowland Sea" by Alec Wilder. This was done several years ago by a 'U' High choir and was received so well that the choir decided to repeat it, this time in early May, with a cast yet to be announced.

The 'U' High students and faculty will be entertained February 4 when the Hilltop Highlights preview, more commonly called the Talent Assembly, will be presented by the coordinating committee of the band. Jackie Baden, general chairman, announces, "We expect to have another enjoyable show, perhaps even better than last year's performance."

The assembly will include acts by

Brenda Forester, Larry Mercure, Suna Tiefenthal, Elizabeth Manske, and Linda Jo Chojnowski.

Also performing will be Patricia Anderson, Herschal Hill, the choir ensemble, and the newly formed Dixieland Band, which consists of Paul Weber, Kelvin Enz, Robert Lee, and Charles Henry.

Librarian Extended Award By Beta Phi Mu, Honorary

Miss Esther Carter, Campus School librarian, has been invited to become a member of Beta Phi Mu, National Library Science Honorary Fraternity.

This organization chooses its candidates from outstanding holders of the degree in library science.

Miss Carter will attend the initiation ceremonies on Wednesday, January 29, 1958 in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Otsego, Mt. Pleasant Loom on Horizon

Running Account—

—William Whitbeck

Greetings, group! As you can plainly see, (unless you're practically sightless and then you shouldn't be reading anyway), the Almighty has worked one of his little miracles and I am back in print again.

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My first topic, a pleasant one, is our improving basketball team. After barely missing the upset of the year against Holland Christian, the Cubs bounced right back by defeating Buchanan. They also played creditably, although losing, against a good Portage team. Much credit for this spurt can be given to Jim Weeldreyer whose work on the boards and timely scoring has helped the Red and White tremendously. Tom Brown, though hampered by a badly injured finger, and Larry Johnson have played fine floor games in our last three endeavors and it looks as if they, along with jump-shooter Rich Jackson, will soon give Henshaw some help in the scoring department.

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From basketball to the noon hour program is a big jump and I hope you realize how effortlessly I just made it. Seriously, there is just one adjective which can be used to describe the once booming gym program—"lousy." Despite efforts by the Student Council and the faculty, interest in noon hour recreation is steadily declining, and, to me at least, this is definitely a shame. It has been, up to now, the eternal complaint of students that they have no place to go during the lunch hour. Now we have a large gym entirely to ourselves; let's use it!

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In closing, I have something else for you worriers-about-the-state-of-the-world to mull over. Do you realize that Caesar is dead, Napoleon is dead, Lincoln is dead, Wild Bill Hickok is dead, and right now I'm not feeling very well either?

SCIENCE PROJECTS

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ium complete with guppies, Betty Coggan is showing one phase of natural equilibrium.

Rudy Light is trying to find out how much food is taken from the soil by plants. He weighed his seeds and his soil when he started and will weigh the plants and the soil after six weeks and note how much food the plant has extracted from the soil.

Working with dandelions to show the germinating power of their seeds are Corrinne Praus and James Allen.

Several other students have made charts, notebooks and observations in many varied fields of biology. All

Reserves, Frosh Beginning To Jell; Jar Foes

During the first half of the 1957-58 campaign, Coach Sam Reuschlein's Reserve team has posted three wins against five setbacks. Although the season record is unspectacular, the Cublets will be putting a two game winning streak on the line against Otsego's seconds this Friday night. These two consecutive triumphs were over previously unbeaten Portage in an overtime, 42-40 and Plainwell, 46-45. Individual standouts so far have been Denny Ketcham, who has scored 63 points, including a 23 point outburst against Portage, Tom Moyer, who had dropped in 59 points including a 19 point output against Plainwell, and Dave Hamilton, who has whipped in 49 markers. Freshmen Scott Carter and Barry DeKreek round out the starting five. The future looks bright because of the steady improvement in recent games and the possible second semester help from John Quiring, Gary Roon and Peter Laadt, ineligible this term because of the transfer rule.

The little publicized Freshman team under the tutelage of Coach Jim Heiniger, former Kellogg varsity cage mentor, has compiled a perfect record with four straight lopsided wins. They have beaten Parchment Junior High 26-18, Vicksburg's Yearlings twice, 57-13 and 62-20, and Plainwell's Frosh 42-8. In the Plainwell game Heiniger's five prevented the Trojans from getting a field goal. Even though the little Cubs have faced only comparatively weak opposition thus far, they still have displayed an aggressive, fast-breaking style of basketball. Bob Case is high scorer with 39 points. Tim Duncan, Art Gaylord, Don Zomer, Bob Gill, John Hartman, Tom DeVries, and Jack Berner form the remainder of the nucleus.

of these experiments and projects are being conducted under the fine supervision of Mr. Ray Deur, biology teacher.

The following science work is being directed by Mr. Carl Engels, physics and chemistry teacher.

Kip Wheeler and Herschal Hill are working with semi-micro chemistry. In experiments of this type the apparatus and amounts of chemicals used are very small. This really calls for exacting laboratory work.

An electronic organ is the project being undertaken by James Siwik. Mary Stelma is studying some of the characteristics of radioactivity.

Plainwell Edges Cubs in Deadly Overtime

'U' High looked forward to a 10 day rest after a brilliant battle against Plainwell last Tuesday. The next objective will be Otsego, who handed the Cubs an upsetting football defeat and who, because of this, will feel the full force of 'U' High's squad.

Although Plainwell squeezed out a 67-61 win in a surging overtime, the Cubs held the lead during most of the first three quarters of play.

Much of the credit for this fine showing must go to a scrapping, go-get-em junior whose perfectly timed rebounds and shooting made him outstanding as well as netting him high scoring honors (19). His name? Tom Brown.

Cullen Henshaw, with his per usual fine shooting tallying 17, ran Brown a close second for high point man.

Looking sharp on rebounds and trimming the basket for 9 points apiece were Tom Vandermolen and Jim Weeldreyer.

Ace substitute Bill Yates made a fine showing with his good floor game and timely baskets.

This loss was a big one for the Cub brigade and without some quick clicking they could find themselves too far down the standings for any hope of gaining a top position.

Heads: 'U' Flips Buchanan; Tails: Clipped by Mustangs

'U' High's basketball team started the January schedule with a win over Buchanan, 67-62, then dropped a decision to Portage, 47-42, on January 10.

The Cubs' defeat in the Portage game was rather disappointing, for Coach Earl Borr's team is improving with each game. Jim Weeldreyer has developed into a key figure on the red and white quintet, giving the team's offensive punch a big boost.

Portage, led by McDonald, proved tough competition in that important Wolverine Conference game. Neither team had a great individual performance, but rather the thrills were provided by the closeness of the game. Tom Brown led the scoring with 13 points and Rich Jackson sank 10 points plus displaying good work on the backboards.

Cullen Henshaw and Jim Weeldreyer led the Cubs to a victory over Buchanan with 19 and 18 points respectively. 'U' High held a big lead throughout most of the game. Tom Brown's and Larry Johnson's defensive play were also deciding factors in the win.

Laurels to L. Scott, D.A.R. Pilgrim



Linda Scott

Senior class members pondered the question; the faculty voted on a final choice. Who should receive the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Pilgrim award? This honor requires a friendly person, sincere in her efforts in helping others, willing to do that extra bit, the "dirty work." Of course, a good citizen should be intelligent and aware of what is going on about her. She is one who modestly, efficiently sees what she can do to help and does it.

Unquestionably, cheerful Linda Scott was rightly chosen as the D.A.R. Pilgrim representing University High. As with everything she does, Linda is enthusiastically anticipating meeting the other Pilgrims at an honorary luncheon on February 12. Linda now has the opportunity of being chosen to receive a \$100 U.S. government bond in a statewide contest.

During her years at 'U' High, the students have recognized "Scotter's" outstanding leadership qualities by electing her sophomore class president, prom chairman in her junior year, editor-in-chief of the **Highlander** as a senior, and a member of the student council for two years. Linda has contributed her dependability and talents to the monitors for two years, the service and citizenship committees, and dramatics club, and was a member of the **Highlights** staff last year. Incidentally, Linda has maintained an all-A scholastic rating, too.

Linda's plans for the future include an acceptance to Alma College where she intends to major in religious education.

Ask anyone to attest to Linda's outstanding qualities as a good citizen and true friend. He will answer, "Oh, just say something nice about her because it will be true!"

Abracadabra! Bzzt! You're Exterminated!

Sputnik, Muttik, and Vanguard have revolutionized the toy business! Every toy store that was once packed with Raggedy Anns, dart boards, Monopoly games, chemistry sets and erector sets is now exploding with cyclomatic satellite launchers, chromium plated atomic cannons, and supersonic defender guns. There are also intriguing biological games of Cootie, Skunk, and Tickle Bee.

However, these toys are primarily for the five to ten age group. Infants, teenagers, and adults are being unmercifully cheated out of scientific toys. It would be disastrous if this happened; therefore, the author has turned inventor to give every reader a supersonic, biological, psychological or any other "ic" or "ical" toy.

For the bopsters (teenagers) the spaceman's supersonic exterminator has been adapted to everyday use. Either male or female bopster can use the exterminator which comes in three varieties. The small size is recommended for service on snoopy little brothers. Perhaps you and a friend are watching television in the living room when you catch little brother spying. All you do is whisk out your supersonic exterminator and, before you can say "Abracadabra," little brother is no more.

The medium size is best for brothers and sisters about your own age. If Mabel screams, "Myrtle, what did you do with my white pique collar?", you just use your medium size exterminator on Mabel and continue wearing her collar.

These supersonic exterminators are quite expensive, especially west of the Rockies. However, they are worth the money, don't you agree?

The perfect toy for adults is the all purpose, gigantic, gyrating vat. Its best use is for dinner parties. If the host and hostess feel that they are going to be mistaken for the succulent, apple-mouthed pig that they're serving, they can step into the gyrating vat and whirl fat away at the rate of 3000 calories per minute.

During the party the vat is employed for those who don't know how to do the rhumba, samba, or mambo. All non-dancers are chucked into the vat and soon they're doing all the Latin American dances with a touch of jitterbug and Charleston besides.

In case your guests all insist that they know how to dance, the gyrating vat can be used as a martini mixer.

Since the inventor of these wonderful, family toys is sure that you'll all want to buy them, she has supplied several stores. Just look for establishments bearing the SES (Scientific, Educational, Supersonic) seal of good practice.

—Susan Schroeder

Up to Date

If you notice Butch Doerschler wandering around the halls with a lost look in his eyes, it's because he misses that enchanting smile. We miss **Fran** too, **Butch**.

Central has claimed one of the few senior boys left. **Paul Weber** has at last given his ring away.

One new freshman couple whose start was sparked during the Yuletide season is **Marcia Jaquith** and **Bob Lee**.

Martha Van Peenan earned 83 cents and plenty of attention at the Portage game wearing a pair of shoes with a large amount of room to grow in. They looked better on **Mike denOtter**, **Mart**.

Those **Duncan** brothers have captured two "slick chicks." **Fran Fleckenstein** and **Linda Rogers** are quite a catch!

Terese Skinner really had something to cheer about recently—her date with **Larry Johnson** after the Portage game!

It has been observed that several of our junior girls' heads have been turned from 'U' High and are now centering attention on certain freshman men of the university. **Linda White**, **Sandy Quandt**, **Sallie Spaulding** and **Burlene Gildea** are among the chief supporters. C'mon, boys, let's bring them back!

Tim Squires can't be teaching **Judy Woodward** to play the drums in that dark little place off the band room!

Jan Pemberton and **Dawn Isaacs** are rolling in four leaf clovers. They're both going steady with fellows from St. Augustine where the green grows thick.

News Flash! It just came over the teletype that **John Van Riper** has a steady batting average with **Nancy Bean**.

Kip Wheeler snatched a Plainwell lass for the "Hobo Hop." You 'U' High girls had better begin giving him some hints, or he'll be spending all of his money for gasoline.

"Wheels" and **Linda Choinowski** have devised a new after-game activity—throwing snowballs at each other. Is this cold war?

Senior class pictures are now being madly begged and bartered for. It was a terrible struggle, but **Betsie Hosick** finally got **Kelvin Enz's**.

A letter craze is spreading through the school. **Ruth Ann Howard** and **Kathy Gunnette** were seen clutching several each. **Ruth Ann's** were from a certain "Jerry" while **Kathy's** bore the signature of "Peter." Does anyone know those last names?

It all adds up to a very crafty business amounting to exactly \$26.00. Never accept a telephone call from **Camp Pendleton**, **Janet Sheets**!

Another good interschool "policy." Our own **Jean Buelke** and **Portage's Clyde Walker**.