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S. C. Campaign Talks To Precede Voting

Speeches of the candidates running for 1959-60 Student Council offices will be given at 8:10 Friday, April 18. In this assembly, campaign managers and the aspirants themselves will present their views and platforms. Students will be able to cast their votes during the rest of the day, and all ties will be run off on Monday.

There are thirteen candidates for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Jon Carlson and Joseph Sugg are running for the top post, while David Anderson, George Brown and Wallace Kent hope to capture the vice-presidency. For the position of next year's secretary, the candidates are Bonita Blankenburg, Emily Jackson, and Cherrill Wilcox. There are five aspirants for treasurer: Rebecca Bahlman, Thomas Brown, Charles Henry, Richard Nielsen, and William Whitbeck.

To win, the candidates need a majority of the votes cast, and hence several of the contests may be close.

Literary Seminars Created

Two clubs recently added to the regular Thursday agenda are the Book Club and the Writing Seminar, both of which are being sponsored by Miss Bernyce Cleveland.

The former is an A-Week club which has a membership of 19 and is presently divided into two sections, each choosing a different book to read for later discussion and evaluation with the other group. Charles Dickens, Jerome K. Jerome, Sherwood Anderson, and Joseph Conrad are the authors of the four books being considered.

The second new club, the Writing Seminar, meets during B-week. Throughout the semester, each of the six members will have an opportunity to bring a manuscript or essay written by himself or another writer to be read and discussed. Opportunities for developing creative writing will be offered.

Forward Look

Thurs., April 3—Easter Assembly, Kanley Chapel, 2:15
Fri., April 4—Spring vacation begins at noon
Tues., April 15—Classes resume
Fri., April 18—Student Council Elections Assembly, Little Theatre, 8:10
Sat., April 19—High School dance, 8:30-11:30
Thurs.-Sat., April 24-26—Finettes water show
Tues., April 29—Assembly, Little Theatre, 10:10

UNIVERSITY HIGH

Highlights

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Music, Ideas Elicit Easter Spirit

'This Is My Country' Scope of Show

"This is my Country" is the theme of the 'U' High Finettes water show which will be presented April 24-26 in the high school pool. The show will begin at 8:00 and a cast of 17 will provide much fun and entertainment. You will be able to see the breathtaking feat of the chain dolphin, ballet legs, and one number even incorporates dancing into the act. In this act Martha Boudeman, Sandra Govatos, Bonita Blankenburg, Mary Peelen, Vicki Vanderberg and Sally Householder will synchronize their strokes.

Highlights of the evening will be a water solo by Christine Cooper and a duet with M. Peelen and Leslie Schwarz.

Also, the Finettes have drafted boys for a comedy number that will add to the variety of the program.

The entire cast will participate in the grand finale, including in addition to those already mentioned, Penny Scott, Jane Mahoney, Judy Lyttle, Elizabeth Fox, Betty Coggan, Lynn and Ann Larzelere, Cathryn Roberts and Mary Jo Herman.

Speakers Await Regionals

University High is making a stupendous showing in the 1958 high school forensic contests. In the recent district event 'U' High took top honors in three out of the five categories and second place in two. Holly Burnett, Sandra Taylor and Richard Strube won first place in declamations, dramatic readings and extemporaneous speeches, respectively. Honorable Mention goes to Diana Boudeman and Alice Terry who won second place in declamations and humorous readings.

The three first place winners will be entered in the regional contest set for April.

Arbuckle, Lemon, Schau to Contribute

With the girls in their crispy Easter dresses or new skirts and the boys flashing spring suits and fashion-right shoes. 'U' Highers will make their annual spring trek over to Kanley Chapel on April 3.

Waiting there will be Rev. Richard Beckett, minister of the Milwood Methodist Church, who will deliver his Easter meditation and the benediction. Carole Lemon, an excellent speaker and a winner of several speech contests, will address the student body on the greatness of Christ's sacrifice and the purpose for it. As a special treat, Fran Arbuckle, previous chairman of the Assembly Committee, will give the prayer.

Interspersed throughout the program will be the choir's rendition of "Open Our Eyes" and "Hallelujah The Christ Is Risen." Included within the splendid service will be David Schau's solo of "How Beautiful Upon The Mountains."

B. Hybels to Head Parley; 50 Schools Send Delegates

On Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, delegates from 50 schools will assemble for the first Interschool Student Council meet for Region 5. This meeting, primarily to organize and elect officers, will be held in the University Center.

On Friday, there will be a talent show and get acquainted party. Bert Hybels is chairman of the business meeting and election of officers, which will be held Saturday. While the votes are being counted, the students will lunch. After that they will return to the meeting where the election results will be announced, and the new president will take over.

Students representing 'U' High are Bonita Blankenburg, Ruthann Bryan, Jon Carlson, Judy Dekema, Bert Hybels, and Wendy Locke.

Mixed with Mirth

During a discussion in his 211E homeroom meeting concerning the controversial education problem, Mike Decker revealed a revolutionary solution for making classroom study more enjoyable. It was Mike's idea that teachers be more enthusiastic. "Take Mr. Engels for instance; he really makes you want to play around with explosives!"

Oh, the complications of becoming a Roman! In Latin class poor Betty Coggan became so knotted up (in a toga, we mean) that she was IMMOBILIZED!

Mike denOtter recently wisely commented that in this scientific age, the saying has changed from, "Have Gun-Will Travel," to "Have SLIDE RULE-will travel."

When stumped by a question in 9:15 chemistry, George Roberts finally gave up and said, "You've got me." Mr. Engels replied, "But I DON'T WANT YOU, GEORGE!"

Within the band there rages a furious battle to see who can get the most medals. At the last count, Georgia Milne was in the lead with TWELVE to her credit.

In a French class the true character of John VanderBrook slipped out. As Miss White held up a picture and explained, "Voici une belle femme," John's YAH showed sure comprehension.

Attention everyone: Mr. Vuicich would like to "learn you" that his home town is CHISHOLM, MINNESOTA. For all of you who don't know exactly where it is, he will explain that Chrisholm is BETWEEN HIBBING and VIRGINIA. All clear now?

Gary Shoudy is faced with a curious dilemma in Spanish I. Everytime he opens his mouth, to pop in another piece of gum, that is, he pays out another FIVE CENTS. It just isn't sporting, it it, Gary?

In 11:15 Latin, Miss Kraft asked Mari Dooley to begin reading the story entitled "Mater Antiqua." Mari aptly started with "MY OLD LADY

When Gary Gauthier couldn't find a hammer to pound a nail into the wall, Miss Giedeman said he should use her shoe to do the job. When Gary looked a little fearful, Miss Giedeman said, "That's all right, Gary, THEY ARE OLD SHOES."

We wonder how "Smiley" Kohrman managed to miss English class, but it was for a worthy cause. He was instructing the LUCKY 11:15 freshman algebra class!

The Miracle of the Mother

The aging mother bowed her head.
Her body lived, yet her face was dead.
She'd not always existed so.
'Twas the time of the tax when her son was born,
And then from her side, her boy was torn.
It had happened thirty some years ago,
And the crimson slash above the door
That signified to everyone
That Herod's heinous command was done
Became her life forevermore.
She fancied still that she saw it all,
Red and fresh on the old, worn wall;
That she touched the warmth, then felt the wrest
Of the small one leaving his mother's breast;
That she heard the last long, throbbing cry
Of her babe who knew not that he had to die.
She kissed her child every day anew
And saw him slain 'fore the day was through.
She spoke to no one, but gave all her charm,
To a sad empty space at the crook of her arm.

But one stormy day in the darkness of cloud,
She happened to move in the midst of a crowd.
With The Cross on His shoulders and His feet ripped by stones,
The Savior, in agony, struggled alone.
He toiled in the shadow of The Tree,
An island of pain in the human sea.
A moan escaped his raw, cracked lips,
A sigh engendered by the whips
That painted grotesque patterns red
Upon His arms and legs and back,
Increasing His merciless burden's rack.
Yet, in His anguish, He turned His head
And noticed the mother by the path,
Cuddling the cold and empty swath,
And He whispered in words only she could share,
"You, too, have had a cross to bear."
She smiled for the first time in all those years.
She kissed His hand and forgot past fears,
And when she returned to her humble room,
Her mind was bright, and her face full of bloom.
And the babe that she fondled with look and with feel
Was no longer an image but breathing and real.

—Susan Tiefertal

Notes Afloat

Yippee! This was a familiar sound as the two carloads of musicians travelled homeward from the State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest, held in Lansing on March 22. 'U' High's prize flute trio, consisting of Peggy Belooof, Sue VanRiper, and Judy Woodward, and the flute quartet, which includes Barbara Smith as well as the above girls, made a clean sweep by getting coveted Division I ratings. Also earning a Division I rating was Charles Henry with a trombone solo. Our own top-notch trombone quartet, comprised of C. Henry, Larry Chojnowski, Bob

Koets, and John VanRiper, scored a laudable Division II rating to make the day complete. These students were competing against the best high school talent in the state and so gained much valuable experience.

"Turn about is fair play," and Mr. Jack Frey's Boys' Glee Club intends to prove it. Early morning on April 18 will see members enroute to Allegan High School to participate in a concert with that school's Boys' Glee Club. The trip will be an all-day affair beginning with a morning rehearsal and followed by lunch and two afternoon performances at one and two o'clock for the junior and senior highs, respectively.

Spring Sport Strategies Being Plotted

Running Account—

—William Whitbeck

"Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better" may have been an excellent slogan for Cove, but what happens to those people (like me) who don't get any better? I guess we just keep plugging along in the same old way and producing the same old results, i.e. this column. Now that I have sufficiently confused you (who's Cove anyway?), I think I'll slide into my first topic with all the grace of a charging bull . . . termite.

"We need you" is an army slogan, but it can be applicable to 'U' High (which, at times, could resemble a battleground) where there is a place for every qualified person to be of service to the school. The most prominent places are, of course, as Student Council officers and committee heads. Even losing candidates for these jobs do the school a service when they arouse an atmosphere of self-inspection. It's too late to run for a Student Council office, but the committee chairmanships are still open. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by throwing your hats into the ring. What's holding you back?

If you were asked what you considered to be the one event that you will remember about your high school years, what would you say? A prominent, if not unanimous, choice might be the Junior-Senior Prom. It is the last, the final, the farewell dance for the Seniors and the consummation of months of effort for the Juniors. Therefore, there is absolutely no excuse for not putting forth our utmost efforts in planning this, the big night. If you are a committee member, it is your duty to attend every meeting; if you have a suggestion, it is your duty to make it. June is not far away, only two months, and much remains to be done. Let's do it and do it well! Let's make it perfect for the Seniors!

"U' Club Plans Welcome

The lettermen's club of 'U' High will play host to the 18 incoming sophomore and freshman boys at the next meeting on Thursday, April 3 from 7:30-9:30. The purpose of this will be to acquaint the new fellows with the workings of the 'U' Club, some of the members, and the coaching staff. Basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, and swimming will be the activities of the evening.

Boys who have recently won basketball letters will have an opportunity to be accepted into the club. They will be the first to come in under the rules for entrance as specified by the newly adopted constitution.

The possibilities of a 'U' Club sponsored bowling tournament will be discussed.

Cub Sluggers Drill for First Test

With ten lettermen back from last year's squad, 'U' High's prospects for the coming baseball season look bright. Coach Sam Reuschlein, who is starting his second campaign at the Cub helm, hopes to improve upon last spring's 11-5 overall record and third place conference finish.

Left handed Captain Dave Potts, three year varsity standout, and 1957 All-City choice Larry Johnson, right hander Glenn Hess, and junior southpaw Weldon Johnson form the nucleus of a pitching staff that should rate among the best in southwestern Michigan. Dave Taylor will be back to handle the catching chores, sophomore Denny Ketcham will return to second base, Mike denOtter again will cover the hot corner, and Larry Groggel, last year's first baseman, will be ready to fill any position where he may be needed. Outfielders returning are Ralph Valentine and George Schau. These ten lettermen, plus several boys up from the reserves, provide the nucleus for another fine ball club.

Racquet Squad Seeks To Hold State Title

Under the leadership of Ed Gemrich, the 1958 'U' High tennis team will soon begin its season. With only one former member graduating last year, the crop of the state-championship team of 1957 will be back again to defend its title.

Undoubtedly the number one spot will be held by Dick Colby or Brad Hodgman although Tom Wierman and Bob Gill may be contenders.

The first and second doubles teams will be composed of Seniors while Juniors are expected to hold up the final pair of doubles.

This year Carl Engels has two younger coaches working with him: Lyle McCauley, who played basketball and is now in track at WMU, and Don Neal, a graduate of 'U' High and a former tennis player at Knox College.

On Thursday, April 17, opening against Otsego, the team will be wearing new red and white uniforms and hoping to start toward another Wolverine Conference title.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Thurs., April 17—Otsego, There
Fri., April 18—K. Central (Practice)
Tues., April 29—Allegan, There
Fri., May 2—South Haven, Here
Tues., May 6—Plainwell, Here
Thurs., May 8—Holland, There
Fri., May 9—Vicksburg, Here
Thurs., May 15—K. Central (Practice)
Fri., May 16—Portage, There
Tues., May 20—Holland, Here

Last Call for 'Highlanders'!

Hoot mon, laddie, whether ye be from the lowlands or the highlands, the Highlander will keep ye entertained, amused, and remembered. This splendid yearbook has been on sale for seven moons but has been sold to only half the students. This situation is worse than a saggy kilt! Thrust your little plaid gloves into your change purse and bring out the \$3.75 for an annual.

The Cubs open their rugged 15 game schedule against Wayland on Wednesday, April 9, there. The first home game is slated for April 17 against Marshall. In addition to these teams, 'U' High will meet Wolverine League rivals, Portage and South Haven, twice; Otsego, Vicksburg, Plainwell, and Allegan once; plus non-conference foes Sturgis and Mt. Pleasant. A doubleheader is set for May 31 against Mt. Pleasant there. All home games will be played on either the VerSluis or Dickenson diamonds located on North Woodward avenue.

'U' High will also field a reserve team that will play a ten game schedule including all Wolverine League schools.

Tom Goldsberry, a former WMU hurler, will assist Coach Reuschlein with the varsity. Pat Chura, a former Bronco catcher, and Bernie Oom will coach the reserves.

Experienced Linksters Tee Up for Top Goals

The coming of spring is enabling 'U' High to launch its 1958 golf schedule. The team is practicing at the Kalamazoo Country Club and is trying to improve on last year's runners up spot in the class B state tournament.

The Cubs will have their whole team back: Bill Yates, Bob Kohrman, Cullen Henshaw, and Bert Cooper. Captain Yates and Coach George Vuicich figure they have plenty of depth to push the first four.

So far the Cubs have ten matches although Vuicich plans to add to this. This year there is a reserve team, too, which has scheduled five matches to date.

Leading the schedule are two quadrangulars consisting of the Cubs, Jackson St. Mary, Jackson St. John, and Jackson Central, the first taking place at Jackson Friday, April 12, and the second between the same teams here Saturday, April 25. Also, the regional meet Friday, May 16, and the State Finals at Milham here in Kalamazoo on Saturday, May 24, are big events.



Art Projects Display Students' Versatility

Everything from weaving underwear to carving back scratchers is performed in art class. There is no limit to the variety of art and its many branches. Every possible type either is taught by Miss Elizabeth Smutz or is experimented upon by students with ideas of their own.

Recently, oil painting and mosaic have been taken up as the projects which are most popular with the pupils.

Above are shown some of the students from the 9:15 class and their work. Standing are Kenwyn Gibson, Arnold Neiboer, and Linda Rogers, all of whom have taken art for three or four years and are now ready to go into a method more challenging such as oil painting.

Carol Maus, a freshman is displaying her original design made completely out of ceramic mosaic for the top of a table. Each piece of the mosaic must be accurately cut for the pattern of the star. Since she has completed the top, Carol will now begin on the legs for her table.

For many patient weeks, Judy Lyttle, a sophomore, has lettered "A Doctor's Prayer" in Old English on parchment. She points out that the hardest part was measuring the exact scale for the prayer. Judy has made this as a gift for her uncle, who certainly will find it a surprise and inspiration.

Being exceptionally clever in modern design, Larry Mercure, also a sophomore, has made a wood and wire wall panel. He drew his plan with crayon and then rubbed turpentine into the wood to dissolve the wax, to bring out the color, and to make it permanent.

Techniques in pastels and figure drawing are being used by other

students at present. The 10:15 art class also is specializing in mosaic and figure drawing.

Jean Buelke is in the process of oil painting a mural to brighten up the choir room, now being renovated.

Copper enameling on dishes, a device that has not yet been tried by many students, is being done by Deanna White.

Past Present No Future

The Peculiar Institution . . . any other school than 'U' High—of course!

The Man Who Would Not Wait . . . Dad when he learned who it was that pealed out of the drive with that "NEAT" roar, an HOUR AND A HALF after curfew!

He Fought for Freedom . . . Art Gaylord—"How else are you going to get out of Mr. Norris' office?"

The Uprooted . . . Students summoned from classes by those little white slips.

I Have Just Begun to Fight . . . boy's battle cry after trying in vain to get the car for Saturday night.

The Irrepressible Conflict . . . when two girl friends are attracted to the same guy.

The Romans' World . . . Latin classes.

From Slavery to Freedom . . . last minutes of class every Friday.

The Crusades . . . girls a week or two before the big dance.

Rise of the Common Man . . . life story of a United States history teacher.

Labor in America . . . University High gym classes . . . gym classes?

Alfred the Great . . . could only be ONE sophomore boy.

Up to Date

Tom Reid will do anything to stay at Schwartz's! One night he even agreed to sit in a highchair instead of a booth.

Dave Spille, are you just being intellectual when you visit the library at 8:15, or is your new flame in there?

Poor Sue Schroeder really has a time avoiding Larry Johnson. He isn't such a bad guy, but Larry insists on reminding Sue of the time she slid into his arms via a mud puddle. Isn't it embarrassing, Susie?

Certain lucky 'U' High students will be flocking southward during spring vacation. Dawn Isaacs, Penny Scott, Jeannie Chandler, Linda White, Sallie Spaulding and Ginger Schau ought to come back sporting a Florida tan. Cowgirls, Leslie Schwarz and Marty Boudeman, will be en route to a rancho in California, while Kenwyn and Gretchen Gibson are already lounging in Bermuda. Have fun, kids!

Bill Hightower believes in the "good neighbor policy" between 'U' High and Central. Dory Simson is responsible for changing him into such a neat representative.

The Highlights' little black ledger has another item for the steadies. Ed Gemrich and Deanna White have finally made it official!

Although chasing amoebas in biology isn't the most romantic thing to do, Corrine Praus and Jim Albert really enjoy doing it . . . together!

Another eighth grade girl has snared a victim. This time it's Ann Potter who dropped her net on freshman Peter Hames.

Cherrill Wilcox never has to wait for spring to get that special kind of fever. Hers always arrives when Tom, her Navy man, comes home on leave.

Herschall Hill enjoys sharing "Magical Moments," especially when Marilee Masterson is the companion.

Old graduates never die; they just keep dating away—with our still-struggling students! Anyway, that's the case with Ron Van Horn and Janet Sheets.

A former 'U' Higher was seen surrounded by a group of girls. Exclaimed Don Neal, "What a lovely bunch of girls!" Flattery can get you somewhere, can't it, kids?

Art has been quite a Gaylord lately. Could Judy Jacobson be his tonic?

Howie Jackson, we know you have an inquiring mind, but must you take the new desks apart to see what "makes them tick?"

Being in band can do wonderful things especially when you sit so close together, right, Linda Shand and Skip Baden?

John Todd thinks that the Roman Banquet is a good idea, especially when Bonnie Blankenburg is a harem dancer. He even thinks a private show would lend the proper Latin flavor for future dates.