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Science, Math Initiative Leads Group to Chicago

One of the highlights of the Math and Science Clubs' agendas for the year came today as over 25 members of these clubs left this morning for a trip to Chicago.

The feature of the trip will be a visit to the Argonne National Laboratory in suburban Lemont. This famous laboratory houses a large nuclear reactor. As an extra attraction the group will see the Museum of Science and Industry, and some students will have a chance to view the Aquarium and Natural History Museum.

Faculty supervisors are Mr. Carl Engels and Mr. Clarence Hackney.

School to Picnic

Are you all set for a wonderful time? This is what you will have at the annual school picnic at Pickerel Lake on Wednesday, May 28. The Citizenship Committee, under the direction of Gail Buchanan, has devised many kinds of recreation, including the traditional tug of war. Of course there will be swimming for all who care to brave the waves, and to end the day, "chow" will be served to everyone. The relay competition should be excellent this year, for at the last picnic the present Senior Class ranked first, with the Junior Class placing a close second.

O'Rourke to Speak Tuesday

It's the "Forward Look" at the annual spring luncheon on Tuesday, May 20. Staged at the University Student Center, this "dress up" affair will honor all members of the Student Council, the Monitors, Library assistants, and the **Highlights** and **Highlander** staffs.

For "dessert" Captain Michael O'Rourke will speak to the guests. Each organization will be represented by one student, who, carrying out the "Forward Look" theme, will summarize the year's progress and give a glance into next year's action. 'U' High's director, Dr. Bryan, will also say a few words.

Apples Today Express Year of Appreciation

"Apple for a Day" was the slogan around which the annual Teacher's Appreciation Assembly, held today, was based.

During the program, planned by Wendy Locke, special homage was paid to Mr. George Vuicich, who is leaving University High this year to work on his doctorate at the University of Iowa.

Linda Chojnowski read an original poem concerning the faculty while members of the Friendship Committee escorted those teachers mentioned onto the stage. The program ended with a short speech by Bert Hybels.

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1958-59 Cabinet Meets the Press New Officers Hope for Many Changes

Next fall when Jon Carlson brings down the gavel for the 1958-59 Student Council, he will not be opening to a completely white plan sheet. Since election time each officer and committee chairman has been formulating ideas to improve his post or committee.

Says Jon Carlson, president-elect, "Next year we will be making the most changes of all student councils in five years." Some of Jon's over-all plans include: A new noon hour recreation program, a University High School honors society, several amendments to the Student Council constitution to bring it up to date, a re-evaluation of the service drives, and a magazine sale profit large enough to pay for the new band uniforms.

Jon also states, "Any suggestions from the student body will be welcomed. The most effective student council is one which works for the student body."

The new vice-president, David Anderson, has this optimistic outlook, "We hope to furnish University High with a very efficient and cooperative Student Council and cabinet next year."

Newly elected secretary, Emily Jackson, says, "I hope to take neat and concise minutes for future councils to study and profit by."

Charles Henry, who will be in charge of the treasury, believes, "For one thing, I will have the committee chairmen give me a report of their expenditures each week. In this way we will have a completely accurate and up-to-date account of our funds. The major item for which I will strive is closer coordination between the treasury and student body. We want our money to be placed where it will do the most good."

Wallace Kent, chairman of the Assembly Committee announces, "I'd like to have more speakers, perhaps a movie, and I'd like to make more use of the choir, glee club, and band."

The new Citizenship Committee chairman, Martha Van Peenan, agrees with Jon. She says, "I hope to expand and improve the noon hour program in the coming year."

"I wish to continue the success of the Friendship Committee and to have another excellent Toys for Tots drive," asserts Bonita Blankenburg.

Chairman of the Pep Committee, Sandra Riley, reports, "I hope to have more variety in pep assemblies."

"More enthusiasm for and participation in school dances are my goals for the Social Committee," states Stephanie Wenner.

Carole Shepherd says, "I'd like the Service Committee to initiate a new system, possibly an honor system in the library."

Choice Works to Comprise May Literary Magazine

Is there anything of real value that can be bought these days for a quarter? Of course there is! By the end of May many 'U' High students will be the proud possessors of a literary magazine purchased for only 25c. This magazine, **The High Light** will include a collection of the best essays, poems, and stories written this year by 'U' High students. The selections were made by teachers and students who read each entry and weighed its literary value. It's impossible to get any more quality for your money. Be sure to buy a **High Light**!

Looking Ahead

- Sat., May 17—"Fete Champetre" (Country Festival), Farewell Dance, 8:30-11:30, Gym
- Tues., May 20—Service Honorary Luncheon, University Center
- Wed., May 21—"U" Club Fun Night
- Tues., May 27—Assembly, Little Theatre, 2:15
- Wed., May 28—All-school Picnic, Pickerel Lake

Mixed with Mirth

In gym class recently a certain girl was delighted to be chosen to run while the others watched. But it's a low blow when the purpose is to point out the "DON'TS of DASHING," isn't it, Cinda Cox?

The Junior Writing Contest winner has been announced. The entries of Bill Whitbeck, known in 'U' High as a very good student and wide reader, were chosen best of the four final contestants' and will now be judged in the state contest.

Some felt that Wally Kent used special propaganda during his chairmanship campaign. It is true that you couldn't miss him with those BRIGHT RED SHOES!

One of our brightest and nicest students at 'U' High, Dave Sheldon, has been in the hospital for some time. It is very likely that he will be unable to return to school this year because of his illness. We know Dave would enjoy chatting with you, so how about giving him a call?

Don't be alarmed if you see Rudy Light carrying around a CHILDREN'S LARGE STORY BOOK. It's really written in French and quite a bit harder to read than its American counterpart. Right, Rudy?

A rather astounded, to say the least, U.S. History class learned of the great Japanese NAVEL disarmaments. What will they think of next?

"While the cat's away, the mice will play," certainly hits the mark when you're speaking of government class. One mouse, namely Joanne Quiring, threw her cheese at Bob Chapman and made him SPILL THE WINE he was tasting! Sound goofy? It is!

After seeing the picture that was taken at the faculty pep assembly, Mr. McKee hurriedly purchased it. Did you like your part of the picture that much, or did the rest of the faculty hire you to get it out of circulation?

While a U.S. History class was discussing current events, an article on teenage crime was brought up. The victim of the news story had the top of his head blown off with a shotgun. Hearing some giggling, the class looked at Lee Mimms and when asked what was funny he said, "SCATTER BRAINS." Now Lee . . .

In an attempt to make sure that people do not confuse the boys' and girls' locker rooms, Mr. Walters constructed two signs complete with arrows. Slight mistake: When mounted, they pointed to the SAME DOOR!

The Grace of Perspective

It worked just the same; it has worked that way for centuries. But would he believe it? Just because all the chemistry books cautioned against adding water to concentrated acid, he had to prove the danger to himself. Chemists must have been killed attempting such experiments so others would not have to. Have they died in vain? Perhaps someone has profited from their disasters and acknowledged their proof. This boy did not.

Whether we are performing a chemical experiment, solving a mathematical problem, or driving a car, we usually accept what is standard procedure for these operations. This standard procedure has become so because of trial and error. Yet some individuals dispute such proof. These are certainly not the people who "profit from the mistakes of others because they cannot make them all themselves."

Curiosity is one of the instruments of progress. Yet, does an electrician cross two bare wires for the sake of curiosity? Does a surgeon attempt a new method of appendectomy when the loss of a patient's life may be the consequence? The old tried and true methods may be trite, but at least they are effective. The surgeon's centuries have witnessed boring holes in the head to let out evil spirits, literally sawing off human limbs without anesthesia, never a consideration of washing before an operation. Certainly, the knowledge gained during these times is not disregarded each time an operation is performed.

The Puritans landed in New England; they were escaping religious intolerance, pressing economic conditions, monarchies. Their preamble to the "Constitution of the United States" proclaims itself to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." Ostensibly, they recognized the causes of their oppressions in previous generations and said, "Let's do something about it, not just for ourselves but for all our descendants." Yet these are the same Puritans whose religion ruled much of the colonies. Indeed, they caused much dissension. Religious groups were strictly segregated against; Roger Williams was expelled from Massachusetts and established Rhode Island; Thomas Hooker led a group to Connecticut; William Penn had his refuge for Quakers. Did they not realize the portentous nature of this? They were creating the very atmosphere that they had sought to escape!

October 24, 1929—America staggered from the concussion of the stock market crash. Some may have sensed its coming, but the mass was lost in its own profitable times. They were shocked to discover that the elixir of prosperity that they had been guzzling was gone. Now that bottle is filling again; is anyone checking for leaks? Have they forgotten so soon the moral and economic crevasse that the nation had slid into?

The world has never been confronted with a situation quite comparable to the "Sputnik era." There is nothing in the annals of history to refer to and say, "See, this happened as a result of this; therefore, we mustn't do this or that." Perhaps a mistake on our part now would be of no use later. Would there be anyone left to profit from such mistakes? Yet, with this situation, people are still performing chemical experiments, operating, segregating, and ignoring fast emptying prosperity. Dr. F. B. Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate, saged these words as a possible solution to such problems: "Grant us the grace of perspective as we listen to the centuries rather than to the hours."

—Marilyn Beattie

Notes Afloat

Welcome, Paw Paw! This was a familiar sound yesterday as the Paw Paw bandmen marched into the hall of 'U' High for a concert given jointly by the Paw Paw and 'U' High bands.

The program was divided into three distinct sections: First of all, the 'U' High band played the famed 'Colonel Bogey' march and featured the trombone quartet—Chuck Henry, Larry

Chojnowski, Bob Koets, and John Van Riper. The impressive Paw Paw band followed by performing many showy numbers.

Perhaps the most thrilling event came when the combined bands played John Phillip Sousa's spectacular "Washington Post" march.

The performance deserved and received a huge round of applause, but also just as worthy of high acclaim is Mr. Arthur Eresman, the talented director who has done so much good for the band.

Undefeated Cub Combatants Drop Foes

Red-White Nine Face Stiff Test

Thinclads Hustle to Portage Relay Victory

The tracksters have come through in fine style thus far, but the real test will be the coming conference meet on May 21.

Going into the Portage Optimist Relays last Saturday night, the 'U' High thinclads boasted a clean slate with recent wins over Marshall, Vicksburg, and Portage.

The Cubs hustled their way to victory in the relays by scoring 57 points, 11 ahead of their nearest rival South Haven.

Tom Brown's record breaking put of 51 feet, 7 inches, together with puts by Decker and Reid, tallied points for 'U' High as well as breaking the shot put relay record by not a little margin.

Two other listing smashers were the combined broad jumps of Dowd Jackson, and W. Johnson with leaps totaling 60 feet 6½ inches, and Weber, Jackson, W. Johnson and L. Johnson running a :45.7, 440 relay.

Total high jump for the Red and White was 16 feet, 4 inches by Jackson, Fleckenstein, and Schrier, enabling them to take first in that event.

Golf Regionals at Battle Creek Friday

The University High School golf team travels to Battle Creek Country Club this Friday to play in the class B regionals. Although the top four teams qualify for the State Tournament at Milham Park here in Kalamazoo on May 24, the quartet of Bert Cooper, Bob Kohrman, Bill Yates, and Cullen Henshaw would like to win the regional for the second year in a row.

The Cubs got revenge when they beat Jackson St. Mary's and Jackson St. John's at the Kalamazoo Country Club, St. Mary's having been the only team to beat the linkers this year. The Cubs fired a fine 315 total which was led by Dave Hamilton's 76. They also beat Three Rivers with a 317 total, with Cooper and Yates pacing the team with 78's.

Impressionissimos

Adagio	leisurely	E. Bean
Amoroso	lovingly	P. Scott
Dolce	softly	A. Simonds
Sostenuto	drawn out	J. Weeldreyer
Giusto	exact	Mr. Hackney
Elegante	graceful	S. Tiefenthal
Duet	for two	The Schutzes
Giocoso	playfully	L. Chojnowski
Piu	much; more	M. Baldwin
Con brio	spiritedly	L. Mimms
Brillante	brilliant	D. Sheldon
Arpeggio	broken chord	D. Schau

Coach Sam Reuschlein's 'U' High baseball team is putting their 9 win, 0 lost record on the line this week with games against perennial powers South Haven and Portage. The Cubs faced the Rams here yesterday and will meet Portage away this Friday. Earlier in the year 'U' High downed Portage, but that victory doesn't count in the league standings. A loss to either one of these two nines would seriously hamper the Cubs' bid for a conference crown. Larry Johnson with a 3-0 season mark and Dave Potts with a 4-0 pitching record are ready to go on the mound for the Red and White in these two key games. However, the Cubs might play without the services of regular catcher Dave Taylor, who is nursing a pulled muscle. If Taylor isn't ready, freshman backstop Tom DeVries, who turned in a creditable job at Allegan last Friday, will handle the catching chores.

Running Account—

—William Whitbeck

It has been said that "One must draw back to leap the better." If this is true, it would appear that this column is gathering itself for a tremendous leap into space. Oh well, I console myself with the thought that "To err is human, to forgive, divine." (I realize that I have erred, English teachers, but don't panic; I meant it as a joke!)

To strike a more rarefied note, it has come to my attention that the basketball team will make an air trip to Alpena, Michigan, next winter to play a game. (Immediately Mr. Borr realizes why I have been pestering him for the job of statistician.) Going on the trip will be twelve varsity and nine reserve players under the guidance of Mr. Borr, Mr. Reuschlein, and Mr. Walters. The boys will leave the weekend of January 31, fly 250 miles to play their game, and then return, also by air. Such a trip is an original idea that can only result in positive food for the school and the team.

Somewhat to my displeasure, I feel called upon here to inject a sharper note amidst all this good humor. Plans for the Prom are going much more slowly than should be the case. This is due, primarily, to lack of initiative on the part of the committee members. The Prom should be, must be, a success and it is in our hands. Let's do a job we can be proud of.

Campers Needed For Lively Michigan Trip

Mr. Deur is taking a group of students on a camping trip! No, this is not the European excursion but a journey into upper Michigan. This trip is scheduled for August 22-28. On August 22 trippers will find themselves viewing the new Mackinac Bridge and camping by it. Across the straits there will be various scenes such as Tower Rock, the Soo Locks, Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, iron ore docks, and the Porcupine Mountains.

During the past two weeks, 'U' High's diamond squad added triumphs over Vicksburg, Wayland, Plainwell and Allegan to their win streak. Continued excellent pitching plus improved fielding and hitting provided the necessary punch for victory. With Dave Potts and Bob Hackman sharing the pitching duties, the Red and White thumped the erratic Vicksburg outfit 15-2. Three days later, L. Johnson, receiving the best defense support of the season and a two run home run from Mike den Otter, hurled a four hitter against Wayland for an 8-1 win. Last week, Coach Reuschlein's nine swamped Plainwell 14-1 and whipped Allegan 8-2. Potts threw a fine four hitter against the Trojans and Glenn Hess yielded only six Allegan hits in posting his second win of the campaign. L. Johnson's two run round tripper was the big blow in the win over the Tigers.

Individual statistics for the first three-fifths of the season show that Junior outfielder Jon Edwards is the leading hitter with a .471 batting average. Edwards has reached base 18 times safely. He is followed by Larry Groggel and L. Johnson with .387 and .357 batting averages respectively. Leading the pitchers is Potts with the most strikeouts, 33 in 22 2/3 innings, and L. Johnson who has given up only two runs in 23 innings of pitching. The secret to 'U' High's diamond success has been their ability to capitalize on their opponents' mistakes and make very few of their own.

The little-publicized 'U' High Reserve team has had a successful season so far, too. Coaches Pat Chura and Bernie Oom's boys have posted a 7-1 record. The Cublets lost their opener to Marshall but have won their last seven games playing the J. V. squads of the same schools the varsity has faced. Top individual performance to date was a no-hitter by Bob Schutz against Wayland.

In addition, the group will camp outside in state parks in the forested wonderland of upper Michigan. Traveling and cooking together will provide much fun and excitement. Who's going to miss all this? Hurry and sign up with Mr. Deur by May 16.

Nonamers! Paid Your Dues Yet?

Steve Allen's Sunday night "Man on the Street" interviews feature a bulgy-eyed man who can never remember his name. Steve has tried many devious and devilish tricks to help him recall the nomenclature, but he just can't get results.

If Mr. Noname can't remember his own appellation, no one else will. He won't ever be able to make a name for himself for his offspring to point at with pride and say, "That's my greatgrandfather, president of Tidewell Industries!" He'll just be a noname nobody.

Do you know that there are 350 potential nonamers slopping around the halls of 'U' High?

Take Daisy Doolittle for instance. This giggling, gurgling excuse for a student (if she graduates, Papa gives Little Darling \$100) undulates into her English class, plants her thin notebook and fat purse on the desk and proceeds to comb her bleached yellowish-orange locks. Then after plastering on the sixth coat of Shock Peacock lipstick, she cuddles into her chair. The rest of the hour she spends observing Muscle-Bound in front of her and occasionally she glances at the teacher. (My, but he has nice teeth.)

One fears that Darling Daisy might have to forfeit that nice hundred dollars and gain another year or two of high school. As you most likely have guessed, Daisy will soon enter the ranks of Nonamers and will probably end up selling peroxide in Woolworth's.

Here comes Harry Hyena galloping into class. Slamming his books down he shouts, "Well, how's every little thing, everybody?" and does a fancy trick, a combination hand-spring and cartwheel. This lands him in his seat sitting backwards and facing Mary O'Hanlon who, for some reason, just won't let him get to first base.

Oh, well, Harry doesn't mind. He's got a thousand and one girls chasing him, yearning for his irresistible combination of Red Skelton, Phil Silvers, and George Jessel. Of course, poor Harry is so busy running that he can't get any homework done. The fact is that he usually doesn't even get the homework assignment because he's too busy whooping it up with his back row "Bowery boys."

Yes, Harry thinks he's quite a guy and maybe a few others do, too. But the registrar for that university won't give Mr. Hyena a second thought after heeling his records. We did say that someone thinks Harry is a fine boy and that person is the chairman of the Nonamers Club. Harry is being initiated soon.

Shaking in her size five shoes and looking as if she'll crumble like a too-floury cookie, Tessie Timid tiptoes into government class. As she carefully sets her books down, she checks to make sure that no one is watching

her. Slipping into her chair, Tessie meticulously adjusts the pleats of her black skirt, clasps her hands, and settles down to what might be termed "a long winter's nap." All fall and winter Tessie hasn't said one word voluntarily in class. She must adhere to the policy, "Children are to be seen and not heard," even though she's past the juvenile stage.

One wonders who is worse, Harry or Tessie, evidently, Nonamers club has adjudged them equal, for Tessie Timid's acceptance card has already been mailed to her along with an "I'm sorry but . . ." letter about her application for that stenographer's job. It's too bad that Tessie doesn't realize that academic work and apathy don't mix to mean success.

To round out this topic, we have Energetic Einstein. For those of you who don't know the accepted connotation of Energetic, he is one who studies math and science and hopes to do much good for the United States. There are relatively few Energetics in the U.S. compared to the number in the U.S.S.R.

Energetic actively participates in class, squeezing the last bit of brain power into discussions. If he sounds too perfect, he isn't, but he is too perfect to be accepted into the Hyenas', Timids', and Doolittles' club, the Nonamers.

You know, we're all potential Nonamers, but only about 99 per cent of us will make the club. Have you gotten your application in?

—Susan Schroeder

Wandering Ponderings

So you think your private conversations are private? Not a chance, kids. And don't be too shocked if snatches of your own tete-a-tetes should appear below!

"Things were just going good . . . That's the time I should . . . I never took her home . . . Is that ever awful! . . . I got my wish . . . I missed six . . . What'd she say? . . . having hot dogs tomorrow . . . I don't care!"

"I'll figure out some way . . . Just don't tell them anything . . . I think he said Tuesday . . . that's probably true . . . I heard there were boys in the . . . is that all? . . . What do you want to do with her? . . . oh, heavens, no! . . . Pop goes the weasel . . . she said that to me."

"Did you call . . . he was really mad because she . . . and she had it in a . . . where they take fingerprints . . . My back really hurts . . . got bowlegged from riding a horse . . . She thought we were paying attention . . . not just stop and go . . . Mooooo! . . . Oh, is that fun . . . but we were too embarrassed so we . . . put my shoe back on!"

Up to Date

From what is heard, **George Roberts'** card parties are real blasts. With all **George's** knowledge of gunpowder, we wouldn't doubt it a bit.

Dave Taylor's roving eye has caught the merry gaze of **Steph Wenner**, and they both like what they see. Will this be another up-and-coming couple?

Dave Wade is really enthusiastic about school. Is it your studies or those five minute class-breaks with **Jan Pemberton** that are so interesting, **Dave**?

Fran Fleckenstein better go out for the track team. Racing up and down stairs to keep "track" of that certain boy is wonderful practice.

Jon Carlson, why be such a woman hater? Give the girls, who are ardently pursuing you, a chance!

Linda Jo Chojnowski was heard sniffing during the sailor's return in "The Lowland Sea." You have to comfort those tenderhearted girls, **Dick Nielsen**.

After the operetta, someone who wanted to find **Jim Persons'** car asked him, "Where did you and **Jackie** park, **Jim**?" **Jim** quickly replied, "We haven't—yet!"

For **Suna Tiefenthal** the man in the moon doesn't hold a candle to a man called Moon. **Suna's** going steady with **Tom Moon** from Plainwell!

Larry Chojnowski, having your birthday on the same day as **Sue VanRiper's** certainly is convenient. After all, two can celebrate as cheaply as one, right?

Terry Duncan is so thoughtful. He called **Dawn Isaacs** at 11:30 one night just to say good night!

What's all this about that tall, handsome, 16 year old boy who lives next door to you, **Sherry Wilson**?

Anyone with a small amount of good "horse sense" would cherish an invitation to **Dee Reavis'** ranch. (Naturally, this is not to be interpreted as a hint, **Dee**.)

'U' High girls are becoming increasingly aware of a custom that is springing up among junior boys on weekends. Said custom consists of locating a car (preferably a station wagon) and touring the countryside, looking for food. Why all the locked cupboards, girls?

There are some people who go out without telling a soul (i.e., **Jeannie Chandler** and **Bob Kohrman**).

Others like **George Brown** and **Emily Jackson** usually make the "grape vine." But, **Wendy Locke** and **Tom Lawson** even go so far as to put it in print!

Karen Johnson frequents the St. 'A' Shamrocks. Are you looking for one of those big four leaf clovers, **Karen**?

"Amo, amas, amat"—and Latin again has an up-to-the-minute meaning for **Ann Kercher** and **Jerry Cross**.