Science, Math Initiative Leads Group to Chicago

One of the highlights of the Math and Science Clubs' agendas for the year came today as nearly 26 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 prove 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 Chmielowski 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.

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 blank sheet. Since election time each officer and committee chairman has been formulating ideas to improve the post or committee.

Says Jon Carlson, president-elect, "Next year we will be making the most changes in student council 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 new band uniforms.

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

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 NAVAL dispositions. 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 Mims 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. To return school this 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 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 as 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, said 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 Bresman, the talented director who has done so much good for the band.
UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

Undefeated Cub Combatants Drop Foes
Red-White Nine Face Stiff Test

Coach Sam Reuschlein's 'U' High baseball team is putting their 9 win, 0 lost record on 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 Cub's bid for a conference crown. Gary Johnson with a 3-0 season mark and Dave Schau, 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 DeVin, 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 had beguiled me for a tremendous leap into space. Oh well, I consoled 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 mean 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 trppers will find themselves at the 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 provided 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 swapped 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 Cub's held 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! Pay Your Dues Yet? 

Up to Date

Steve Allen’s Sunday night “Man on the Mediterranean Floor” a bulgy-eyed man who can never remember his name. Steve has tried many devises 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 great-grandfather, 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 goggling, 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 sluckles 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 everybody? Does a fancy trick, a combination handstand 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 Skeleton 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 is a good guy and maybe a few others do too. But the registrar for that university won’t give Mr. Hyena a second thought after heeing his records. We did say that someone thinks Harry is a fine boy and that person is the chairman of the Nonamers Club. Harry Hyena being initiated soon.

Shaking her six size five shoes and looking as if she'll crumble like a too floury cookie, Tessie Timid tiptoes into government class. As she carefully hooks down her checks to make sure that no one is watching her. Slipping into her chair, Tessie Modesty flows into 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 Tivid’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 tête-a-têtes 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 did she say? . . . I have 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 . . . Did I hear 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 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 . . . Moooo! . . . Oh, is that fun . . . but we were too embarrassed so we . . . put my shoe back on!”

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 his studies that 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 sniffling during the sailor’s return in “The Lowland Sea.” You have to comfort those tenderhearted girls, Dick Nielsen.

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 Isaac 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, Dec.)

“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 cowers, Karen?

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