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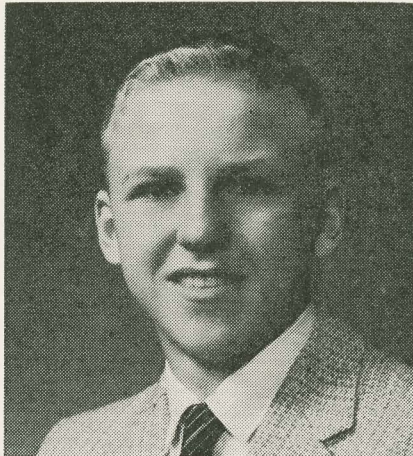
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Richard Nielsen



Mary Householder

### Three Students to Attend National, Area S.C. Events

From June 22-26, Fred Allen and Peter Landt will participate in the annual convention of the National Association of Student Councils in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Fred is to represent 'U' High and Peter will go in connection with the Region V Student Council in light of his recent election to the office of first vice-president of that organization. Other officers elected in the spring meeting of Region V were David Miller, president, and Wendy Kiger, corresponding secretary, both of Niles; William Beverly of Watervliet, second vice-president; Nancy Brundage of Kalamazoo Central, recording secretary; and Walter Gorsline, Kellogg, treasurer. Region V is a branch of the national organization and is made up of 35 area schools.

Next Saturday, Bonnie Blankenburg will go to Portage to participate in the Regional Workshop for the 1960 White House Youth Conference. This meeting, first held at the White House, was started after World War II and is repeated every ten years. Its aim is to gain an understanding of the attitudes of the nation's youth.

# UNIVERSITY HIGH

# Highlights

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## Two Seniors Heralded for Service R. Nielsen, M. Householder Receive Honor

Annually the 'Highlights' staff recognizes a senior girl and a boy who have long and willingly given quiet, efficient service to the school. This year, Mary Householder and Richard Nielsen have been selected for this special honor.

The qualities of quick wit, love for athletics and scholastic excellence are combined in one person: Dick Nielsen.

Dick's sense of humor helps him make friends easily and influence people. This year he made the campaign speech for the winning treasurer candidate. Athletics are Dick's major outside interest. During the spring and summer, he plays baseball, his favorite sport, and follows the Chicago Cubs closely. While not playing on the school team, Dick is always there to support the boys. Scholastic excellence is exemplified by Dick's high standing in his class and by membership in the Honor Society.

Since he entered University High from Milwood as a sophomore, Dick has contributed his many talents to numerous extra activities. His flair

for music led him to play clarinet and saxophone in the swing band for the Red and White Revues for three years. Because he has been elected vice-president of his homeroom every year, he has been active on the Student Council.

Dick has been in both Math and Science Clubs for three years and is now president of the former. The Political, Chess, and Bridge Clubs have also interested him.

Working is something that Dick likes to do. Through the years he has been on the Friendship, Citizenship, and Prom Committees and the **Highlights** staff. He was also elected as treasurer of his Junior Class.

After finishing college at either Northwestern or Cal Tech, Dick plans to enter the field of engineering.

A winning smile and an out-going personality are familiar to all who see Mary Householder, but what many don't realize is that Mary has been contributing her talents to this school in a quiet way ever since she came to the campus school in kindergarten.

Mary is a loyal supporter at football and basketball games as well as at the various spring sports. In fact, she can be counted upon to attend all school activities and come up with new ideas.

Mary has maintained an A- or B+ average during high school, thus becoming a member of the Honor Society, but she has also found time for extra-curricular and service activities. As an underclassman she was a member of the Play Production, Political,

and Future Nurses Clubs, and the Friendship committee and was president of a Girl Scout group.

In the eleventh grade Mary was on the **Highlights** staff and on a girls' basketball team. As a member of the Citizenship committee, G.A.A., and monitor staff throughout her senior year, she worked very hard. She has added being treasurer of her class, chairman of the tickets committee for the school play, membership on the Graduation and Senior Dinner committees and in the Senior Youth Fellowship at the Presbyterian Church to her long list of accomplishments.

She has been accepted at Albion College, where she hopes to become a teacher. Albion will be gaining a tremendous, spirited student.

University High seniors will eat a smorgasbord dinner en masse Monday, May 18, at the University Student Center. This annual feast will be blessed with words of wisdom from Mr. Norris and Mr. McKee. Joe Sugg and Sandra Schau will add a few remarks.

Mon., May 18—Senior Dinner  
Wed., May 20—Teacher Appreciation Assembly, 1:40, Little Theater  
Fri., May 22—May Festival Concert, 8:00, Gym  
Sat., May 23—Dance, 8:30-11:30, Gym



## Jest for a Laugh

The most diligent of us strive and strive with no avail. Then, Chris Cooper wins an award for "NOTHING." Way to go, Chris. (We are referring, of course, to the title of her poem.)

Mr. Walrence, the orhet yad, was atoub to llet his slacs atoub a Mr. Peabody, when his gontue tog tistwed. His cafe rurted der,he rwung thob danhs, as he lurbted out, "MR. TEAFODY!"

When Dick Bennink entered Latin class the other day, he opened the door too hard and it slammed against the lockers. He said he was sure that Miss Giedeman would forgive him. But what about THE GIRL IN THE LOCKER, Dick?

Alice Terry broke all world speed records with a recent one-tenth of a second dash from her basement monitor post to the office. A MOUSE had rudely interrupted the bug parade she was intently watching.

Mrs. Monroe, when explaining to her French class why Louis XIV's grandson, and not his son, became Louis XV, proclaimed, "His son was in no shape to take over. Uh . . . Well . . . HE WAS DEAD!"

"Give it time to grow!" This is the remark Dave Hackney might have made when, after mumbling and fumbling around for an answer to a math problem, his father said, "Well, you might have a germ of an idea there, but it JUST HASN'T BEGUN TO SPROUT."

"Pardon my slip" . . . was the only thing Mr. Altimus of 9:15 U.S. History could say after he had blurted out, "Here in this region in Europe live the 'SLOBS' . . ."

In a recent monitor meeting Stephanie Wenner told why she thought Steve Maloney should be a monitor next year. Bob Awgaitis, having roomed with him for six weeks on the western trip, knew him better. Jean Buelke quipped to Stephanie: "THAT'S MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY!"

Gym class and dirt fights are common, but they have a new twist now. John Quiring and Tom Moyer have decided to "SPRAY" each other with dirt from WILD GOLF SWINGS.

Larry Groggel recently termed people taking semi-micro chemistry "SEMI-MICROBES." That class hasn't gone "buggy" yet, Larry.

Some people will do anything for a book. In geometry, Marty Boudeman fell HEAD FIRST OUT OF HER CHAIR in a mad attempt to retrieve her book from the floor.

## Should Yankus Leave the U.S.?

### Yes

Stanley Yankus has decided to sell his chicken farm near Dowagiac, Michigan. What is the reason for this decision? We must understand this man to answer the question. Stanley, a poor boy, who was reared in Chicago by his immigrant Lithuanian parents, showed extreme independence at an early age. He believed in the freedom of man and his right to live his life by his own ideals. His dream of owning a farm motivated him to save money to buy the land and buildings.

Should a man give up his principles of fairness and decency when they conflict with the views of a branch of the government of his country? This is the problem that confronted this farmer because he was a good citizen, an intelligent man and a devoted father. He decided to stop his five year battle against federal farm controls after last November's election showed more Democrats in power who favored these subsidies. "I did it for a selfish purpose—for my children, because I can foresee the time when they would be bound hand and foot by these controls."

Farmer Yankus applied to Australia, "the least socialistic country in the world," for an immigration permit. Having won it, he asked the State Department to issue passports for his family. Earnest Mr. Yankus didn't arrive at this decision quickly. He understood the 1938 Agricultural Adjustment Act which stated that all farmers in commercial wheat states are bound by quotas if two-thirds of the wheat farmers agree to quotas. He does not believe in the farm support program as a matter of principle.

I believe it is better for him to leave his undesirable situation because his fight was not with the government of the United States or the Secretary of Agriculture but with the beliefs of the majority of the citizens who wanted something for nothing.

—Diana Boudeman

### No

A short while ago a Michigan farmer, Stanley Yankus, was found to be growing more wheat than the federal government allowed. Though he swore that he was using all the grain for his own chickens, he was still ordered to cease this action. In desperation he made the decision to move his family to Australia.

Before the soil bank program was started, farmers were allowed to grow whatever quantity of grain they wished. Then, with the passage of this program, a limit was placed on the amount of wheat grown and the farmers were paid by the federal government a percentage of their possible earnings for all acres which they could not use.

This is thought by some to be a ceding of personal rights. Yet, when a nation, even the most democratic, reaches the population of the United States, some personal liberties must be yielded to that which is best for the majority.

A man against the government is like a bird attempting to fly from the outside into a living room when a glass window separates the two. The way looks clear; yet when the flight begins, the way is no longer easy. One man alone cannot change the thinking of an entire government. Yet by hunting out and joining other with similar feelings, a lot can be gained. Even the smallest minority has sound power. Yet Stanley Yankus was entirely wrong in defying the law in such a manner.

What now is the best course of action for this farmer?

He wishes, and plans, to leave the country and settle in Australia where, maybe, he'll find the agricultural restrictions a little more lax.

Australia is probably the best place for him. If he cares no more for his country than to ignore its legislations, then he is not a fit citizen to remain. He would only continue to be a source of trouble in a nation that already has enough problems.

—Marilee Masterson



## Tough Tutors Take Title

A member of our faculty was resolutely facing his hecklers, ten in number, and in his eyes they were real blockheads. He stalked to the front, fingered the chalk to dry the perspiration from his hands, grabbed a spheroid from the rack, again eyed his tormentors and let them have it. It was a perfect strike and the league bowling title was in the bag.

A secure place among bowling immortals was assured by the members of the Education Department's team when they wrapped up the title a month before the final match. Members of the team were Deur, Lawrence, Hackney, Beighley, Baker, Buelke, and Sebaly. Their outstanding season was marred only by their final match. In spite of the fact that Captain Deur led his team with 250 pins—for two games, that is—the team was unable to rally and suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the cellar team.

Nevertheless, the team members are in high spirits and are eager to display their beautiful individual trophies as evidence of their athletic prowess.

## Dear Diary:

Today I practiced my smashing serve for two whole hours. It was really hot—the weather, I mean. Mr. Engels told us to get to bed early (after learning valences).

I'm not even nervous about tomorrow. I suppose it's mostly because no one ever comes to watch us. I have already played in six matches and have seen the enormous number of fans, never exceeding ten. Guess I won't bother with my nails. 'Night.

What a match! The greens keeper thought I was Sam Snead's twin brother. I sunk an approach, skilled in a thirty foot putt, had three eagles, and a hole in one. Because of that hole in one, I had to buy all the people who were watching a drink. Three cokes and a Shirley Temple—didn't come to much. Most of my fans must have been at the track meet.

Well, we won again. Haven't lost a meet in over a year. Not many track supporters were there to see Iro break the four minute mile. He fainted, anyway, so maybe it was better. Iro's mother said she thought most of the girls went to see the golf match. Those lucky linksters!

It was sure close today. Thank heavens for Mickey's homerun. He didn't even wipe his pants off after he slid gracefully into home plate. Probably because the bleachers were empty except for his family. They were all there—Mommie, Dadums, Billie, Ann, Joe, Phil and Toby. It was quaint. Oh, well. Even Dykes couldn't make our team happy. What we need are more fans and more spirit! There is no joy in Muddville.

# Netters, Thinclads Nearing Titles; Baseball, Golf Teams Fast Gainers

## Tracksters Fifth in Relays; Set Records in Two Events

The Red and White track team had another successful season by winning all of their dual meets. They won the Berrien Springs relays, came in second in the Class B Hastings Relays, and fifth in the Portage Optimist relays. The relays consisted mostly of Class A and B teams with 'U' High getting 30 points. The team set two new Optimist records, one in the broad jump when Rich Jackson, Al Dowd and Weldon Johnson jumped 62 feet, 1¾ inches and the other, when George Lode, Jackson, Don Zomer and Dowd finished the medley relay in 2:33.1. Tom Brown's record of 52 feet, 6 inches at the shot put was the toss of the night.

Wednesday, April 6, the team hosted Otsego and handed them a strong 73 to 36 defeat. The Cubs looked very strong with Rich Jackson winning four events. A sweep of the shot put by Tom Brown, 51 feet, 11 inches, led the way. Other winners were the medley and 880 relay teams, John Quiring in the mile, and George Lode in the half mile. The day before, the team journeyed to Berrien Springs to emerge winner of the relays held there, compiling a score of 59 points. Cub winners were Rich Jackson in the broad jump plus a tie in the high jump, Tom Brown in the shot put, and a first place for the medley and 880 relay teams.

The thinclads had their closest dual meet of the season with Portage, which they won 60¾ to 48¼. The meet was decided on the mile run with 'U' High getting just enough points to win. 'U' High had, that Wednesday, defeated Allegan 79 to 31. All the team members scored at this meet.

'U' High's next meet will be today against Plainwell.

## Swingers Lose at Jackson

Borr's linksters are having a little trouble getting into the swing this year. They have been defeated by Jackson St. Mary, Jackson St. John, and Three Rivers twice, but they won over Portage with a 348 total and over South Haven with a total of 322.

Last Friday the team traveled to Jackson for a double duel meet and was defeated again. Totals were Jackson St. Mary, 312; Jackson St. John, 332; 'U' High, 334. Low men for Borr were Tom Cooper and Bob Keyser with 82's.

Medalist for the Cubs against Three Rivers and Portage was Captain John Todd with scores of 80 and 77. Low scorer at South Haven was Dave Hamilton with a 74.

## Racketmen to Battle Class 'A' Hamtramck

Next Saturday, the Cubs will play Hamtramck, the state's class "A" champions for the past several years.

'U' High's tennis team lost its first match of the year when it was stunned by Holland High 4-3. The Cubs dropped all doubles and Dick Colby, playing number one singles, was upset in a close match. The three other singles players for 'U' High won easily.

The loss was partially compensated the next day by a 7-0 blanking of Vicksburg, in which Wierman, Gill, and Hodgman did not play.

Before Holland, the potentially strong Cub netters overwhelmed conference foes Plainwell and South Haven, 6-1 and 7-0, respectively. The Red and White netters also edged Battle Creek Central, a powerful class "A" school, 4-3.

## Hitters Clout Otsego; Down Bulldogs 10-4

Last Friday the Otsego Bulldogs fell before the 'U' High Cubs in a Wolverine Conference baseball game 10-4. This Friday the Cubs tangle with Plainwell at the Trojans' home field.

The 'U' High nine started the game with a bang, with the first inning setting the pattern for the rest of the game. Denny Ketcham led off with a walk and Tom Moyer doubled him home. Weldon Johnson, who pitched a three-hitter, followed with a home run, and when Larry Groggel singled, Otsego was defeated. Johnson, Ketcham, and Moyer each had two hits while Tom DeVries, Groggel and Eglis Lode chipped in with one.

Johnson received good support from his teammates including a fine running catch by Lode.

In other games, the Cubs split, losing to Portage 4-3 and routing Allegan 12-0.

The battle with Portage saw the Mustangs avenge an earlier defeat by 'U' High. Despite a three hit pitching performance by Gary Gauthier and clutch fielding by Gary Roon, the Red and White could muster only three hits, two by catcher Tom DeVries and the other by Denny Ketcham.

In the taming of the Bengals, outfielder-pitcher Weldon Johnson looked superb as he held the Tigers at bay with the city's first no-hitter of the year. Team support was also great as the Cubs got fourteen hits and exhibited some fine defensive maneuvers.



## Counting the Days

You students are not the only ones who are eagerly awaiting and planning for the summer vacation.

Trudging under the weight of luggage, cameras, and books, three teachers will brave the Atlantic for intriguing visits to far-off lands. Miss E. Kraft will be touring England and the continent of Europe. The American Academy in Rome, Italy, and the Virgilian Society at Naples will have a most enthusiastic student, Miss E. Giedeman. Roaming the farthest and snapping the most pictures will be Miss G. Gish, "shooting" big game in several national parks around Lake Victoria in British East Africa.

Horseback riding at Columbine Lodge, Colorado, studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and enjoying the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford, Ontario, will occupy Miss B. Cleveland's summer months.

The magnetic call of the West has once again overpowered the "easterner." Fifty-niners, Mr. R. Deur and Mr. C. Hackney, will be seeking golden rest after their respective assignments of teaching summer school and attending the National Science Foundation Summer Institute.

Home-based sports fans will thrill to sensational plays with Mr. C. Engels, Mr. S. Reuschlein, and Mr. R. Walters teaching the summer sports school at Western.

Acquiring golden brown tans in the back yard and resting up for the tedious school months ahead will be Miss G. Crisman and Mrs. B. Monroe. The garden at Mr. E. Weber's

home will flourish but will be on its own later in the summer while its owner travels to Boulder, Colorado.

Where is Mr. E. Borr going? "Crazy." And Mr. B. Chance? "To the old folks' home if payless pay days become the order of the day."

Mr. J. McKee, Mr. J. Frey, Mr. Borr, and Mr. Chance promise to keep the sacred fire of education burning by teaching summer school. Other tenders of the flame will be Miss A. Tedford and Mr. J. Hause, counseling incoming WMU freshmen; Mr. B. Norris, starting on his new job as the Alumni Secretary for the University; and Miss E. Smutz, planning to teach a graduate class at Hastings, Michigan. Later she will journey to her home in Pennsylvania.

In the book department Miss E. Carter will be restoring order in the library; and Mr. H. Lawrence sends an urgent plea to all 'U' High students, "Help the needy. Buy all your World Books from me this summer."

To all bargain lovers: Mr. R. Soderman guarantees you will find new low, low prices at his place of summer work, his father's store in Muskegon.

Mr. N. Schoenhals, if you wish you knew what you will be doing during the vacation, see Mr. W. Sack. He is trying to choose from several possibilities, too.

Question of the moment: Will Miss B. Gaylor be with us next year? The latest word from her is that she is "going to Borneo to teach a group of head-hunters some 'skills' in cooking"—and strange things could happen!

## Cheerful Earful

Informed sources tell us that **Dawn Isaacs** is making a big hit with **Dave Veehuis**.

**Bob Awgaitis** has been finishing up what **Marty Van Peenan** started. Those turnabouts will do it every time.

Maybe **Jerry Platt** "couldn't do a thing with her hair" when she finished swimming in the **Finettes** show, but it didn't hinder her having a great time with **Gary Stratton** at Otsego's prom later that night.

**Moyer** and **Ketcham** make the best second base-short stop combination in anybody's league. Just ask **Lynn** and **Ann Larzelere**.

The heat wave hit **Jim Baker** when he asked **Karen Buelke** to go steady.

Congratulations, **Sue Ann Russell**, for snagging a date for Central's prom. **Bill Larson** must be quite some guy—he has you whirling already.

Erase another one, boys. **Mary Howard** is steadily being taken out by **Jim Bero**.

**Dick Colby** has finally emerged from his bachelor life. **Joyce Tracy** is quite an attraction, isn't she, **Dick**?

Do you want the latest word on the **Red and White Revue** and Central both? Just ask **Pat Jarman** and **Jim Wakeland**.

**Ann Sorlie**, don't you see **Bob Kirby** enough? Do you have to keep looking at his picture in your notebook?

**Cinda Cox's** eyes are always turned toward the window in Spanish class. What college man are you watching, **Cinda**?

Water skiing is enjoyed by **Steve Maloney** and **Leslie Schwarz** early this season.

**Marlene Norman** really has it! She has not one, but both **Brant** twins on the string. But, **Marlene**, are you sure you're helping the family relations between the two?

**Brad Hodgman** has been "checking out" **Cynthia Allen** from Kellogg High. How about those farm girls, **Brad**?

**David Clapp** and **Dolores Moore**, what was so interesting up in the balcony of the Civic Theater that you both had to go up there to see what was going on?

When **Baden** goes over to **Judy Woodward's** house, she is always willing to **Skip** out with him.

For some unknown reason **Kathy DePree** likes to hear **Mike Goodrich** yell "love" from the tennis courts.

**Cherrill Wilcox** was revved with special interest by Centralite **Allan VanDenBerg**.

**Buzz Barthold** is a very smart operator. It just so happened that when he invited **Roberta Baker** to the **Red and White** she was in it, so he didn't have to buy her a ticket.

Poems by **Christine Cooper**, **Frances Sprau**, and **Susan Tiefenthal** will soon be published in the **National High School Poetry Magazine**. (These will appear in the next issue of the school paper.)

## Why Boys Get Bald . . .

"But I thought you told me your dress was red!"

"Does your mother always have to leave the porch light on?"

"What do you mean, *maybe*, you will go; can't you be a little more definite?"

"But I distinctly remember telling you 7:30."

"Well, I know I had my wallet when I left."

"Do I have to meet *all* of your relatives?"

"But I thought we were going to the beach instead of the dance!"

## Concert Corner

Yesterday, the 'U' High students heard a band presentation, the second half of an exchange concert with Kellogg which the Cub band started the week before.

The 'U' High musicians will combine with the choir to present an evening concert on May 22. The two featured numbers will be "Onward Ye Peoples" and "Steamboat Comin'." The organizations will play two combined numbers as well as other separate selections. This will be a public concert and all students and parents are invited.

This presentation will nearly conclude the band's activities for the year, the only remaining performance on their calendar being Commencement, for which they will play three numbers.

## Laurel Wreathes

A scholarship from DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, has been given to **Richard Strube**.

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**Richard Egland** has received a \$500 renewable paper technology scholarship from Western Michigan University.

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A Michigan State University band scholarship has been awarded to **Susan Van Riper**.

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**Charles Henry** and **Susan Schroeder** have been awarded Regents Scholarships to the University of Michigan.

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An applied music scholarship, renewable each year, has been granted to **David Schau** by W.M.U.