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Judith Lyttle



Dennis Herman

## Rota-Kiwan Site of Picnic

As the May sun shines on a pleasant Monday afternoon, the student body will be dismissed from school for the annual all-school picnic. On May 23 at 2:40, all high school students will crowd into cars that are headed for Rota-Kiwan and a fun-packed afternoon.

The picnic is being planned by a group of committees under the chairmanship of Martha Boudeman. The following is the tentative schedule:

- 2:40-3:15—Dismissal from school and arrival at camp in teachers' and students' cars.
- 3:15-4:30—Free recreation: swimming, softball, badminton, horseshoes.
- 4:30-5:45—Organized class competition.

# UNIVERSITY HIGH

# Highlights

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## Two Honored by Staff for Service Lyttle, Herman Given Annual Distinction

Each year it has been the custom of the **Highlights** to recognize a senior boy and a girl for service throughout their high school careers. This year we are pleased to present this honor to **Judith Lyttle** and **Dennis Herman** for their constant, unobtrusive work to aid many activities at 'U' High.

You must have seen pert and pretty Judi Lyttle buzzing around the school at one time or another, working or studying or making posters or directing the many details that go into a yearbook.

If it's a busy girl you want, that's Judi. Graduating soon with an 'A' average, Judi was homeroom vice-president in the tenth grade and worked on the carnival committee. She has been a member of the Finettes and of the G.A.A. Judi has worked with the Friendship, Pep and Social Committees.

She has been in the Math and Science Clubs, was secretary of her Junior Class and headed a prom committee. With journalism as another

interest, Judi was a member of the **Highlights** staff and this year is editor of the **Highlander**. Almost every Saturday morning plus many after school hours you will find her putting extra time on this job. She also holds the position of secretary-treasurer of the Honor Society.

To help give her that all-around personality, Judi goes in for many hobbies. She enthusiastically enjoys ice-skating, swimming, music and of course, her art, examples of which may be found in many rooms in the school.

'U' High will remember Judi for her thorough, wholehearted efforts to be of service wherever she could for all her years here.

Not often does one find a person who is willing to better his school and ask for no recognition. 'U' High is very honored to have a student of this character. Dennis Herman has worked through his four years of high school doing odd jobs and more than his share of the "dirty work."

If any jobs have to be taken care of, Denny is always the first to volunteer. He makes sure that the gym is cleaned before he leaves a dance. Whether the social committee or any other organization is putting on the event, Denny is always doing his best to make the party a success by helping with the decorations and the lights. He has also turned his talents and time to the lighting of 'U' shows, including the Red and White Revue and "Our Town."

No team could put on a good performance without an excellent manager. Denny has given a great deal of time and energy in this direction, too. When he was a sophomore, he worked as a manager of the reserve baseball team; as a junior he helped take care of track, baseball, and basketball equipment. Last fall he even added

football to his varied list of continuing interests.

Denny has shown dependability in his cafeteria job. He was vice-president of his homeroom as a freshman, has been in the operetta for four years, and has also played on the intramural teams.

Commendably, too, Denny has had no monitor reports and has an excellent attendance record. Because he has put forth effort, Denny has showed tremendous growth and self improvement. The **Highlights** staff, the students, and the faculty would like to thank Denny for his four years of devoted service to 'U' High.

Sat., May 14—Farewell Dance for Seniors, "Moonglow," 8:30-11:30, Gym.

Wed., May 18—Potluck for Band parents and members, 6:00. Combined Concert, Band-Choir, 8:00, Gym.

Mon., May 23—All School Picnic, Camp Rota-Kiwan.

Tues., May 24—Honor Society Assembly, 2:15, Little Theatre.



## What 'U' All Missed

During her recent demonstration speech, Joyce Tracy said, "I will now take the leash off my dog to show you how WELL TRAINED he is." What did you do after he RAN AWAY, Joyce?

During another demonstration, Wes Gehring bet Bob Obreiter that he didn't dare throw the shot put OUT THE WINDOW. Pay up, Wes.

After a substitute student teacher in the U.S. History had finished a long, involved discussion on some relatively minor issue with one of the students, he turned to the rest of the class and said, "HE MUST BE JOHN RUTHERFORD." He was.

Mrs. Monroe never misses an opportunity to impress her students with the PRACTICAL VALUE of foreign language. The other day, concluding a tirade on bad French pronunciation, she said, "... and I hope they make fun of you in PARIS!"

Teacher: "These won't be due for a LONG TIME."

Translation from the back of the room: "NEXT WEEK."

Mr. Fox has been filling in his students' U.S. History education by telling them the gruesome tale of "THE ADVENTURES OF WILLY FOX, BOY PRIVATE."

When asked by the student teacher what caused overproduction during the '20's, Al Mimms was heard to comment with his slow drawl, "Well, you know how one thing leads to another!" That was FARM PRODUCTS he meant, Al.

After reading a poem during senior English, Dick Colby was told that it had been SET TO MUSIC. His only reply was, "You're not going to get ME to sing it."

Who would have thought choir to be a hardship class! However, Fred Allen, David Hackney, Jim Birch, Mackie Crede and Bill Starkweather can tell you the true story. They were sentenced to TEN PUSHUPS each, right on the spot, for clapping the wrong way in a rhythm drill!

U.S. History class sounds like a "LULLABY" to Mark Pearson. He just can't find other time for his AFTERNOON NAPS.

While doing her best to bring out the brilliance, sometimes dormant, in her journalism students, Miss Giedeman overenthusiastically asked one question too many. "What haven't you had for a long time, class?"

Eglis Lode rose to the occasion with the obvious answer, "A DAY OFF."

## We Were Lucky--This Time

With a skidding of tires on wet pavement and the crashing of chromed bumpers, the two vehicles collide and then bounce away from each other. One rolls over, springing its doors and spewing its occupants over the road. The other slides across the intersection, smashing into the adjacent corner curb. Metal frames split and windshields shatter as human heads become the clubs of momentum and speed.

A woman crawls from the wreckage, her face so mashed and mangled that no feature is distinguishable. She takes one step—her last! . . . A dazed and hysterical man, the driver of one of the cars, walks about telling everyone he is not hurt. He has a large gash in his right leg where the flesh has been torn away . . . A mother's sobs can not be controlled—her baby lies in the mud, spurting forth blood with every breath.

Seconds before, the two cars had contained happy people going about their daily lives. Now there is chaos. For them, time has come to an abrupt halt. My brothers and I had passed over this same route just before the accident occurred, through the same intersection that proved to be the woman's last view of this world. Then we did not realize that we were two minutes ahead of death. We were fortunate not to have seen this thing, but a friend who saw it happen described it very vividly to us. Neither he nor I will ever be able to forget it.

What would have happened if we had crossed that corner two minutes later? Perhaps our parents might be the mourners. Young people sometimes scoff at their worrying parents. Yet they fail to realize that when they drive a car they, too, are as close to death as the car closest to them.

Two boys are returning home from a party. It is after midnight, the weather is good and road is free of traffic—ideal conditions for racing. The car fails to negotiate a curve, spins out of control, strikes a tree and then a large boulder, finally rolling over several times.

The once shiny car is now a mass of shattered glass and twisted steel . . . In the eerie silence following the terrific crash, the driver manages to extricate himself from the mangled wreck . . . The other boy can not crawl from the wreck—he has been killed instantly. Another young life is ended abruptly, and I lose a friend!

We were fortunate not to have been involved in the first accident mentioned. But someone **was** killed in that accident; someone else will always have to live with the remembrance of that day. The second accident deprived another family of its only link with the future—its only child. Can we forget these? Since we were not involved, is it not our place to be thankful and to remember and to benefit from the experiences of others? Too often we overlook speed limits and slide through stop signs. Our life is our own responsibility. The minutes we thus "save" by these short cuts we may well "spend" in eternity.

—Peter Hames

## G.A.A. Plans Camping at Yankee Springs, May 13-15

"Oh, give me land . . . under starry skies above . . ." will be the mood of the G.A.A. girls May 13-15. The group plans to spend the weekend camping-out at Yankee Springs. Mrs. Lloyd Goldsmith and several Western student teachers will supervise the trip.

The menu for breakfast is to be similar to one at home. Hot chocolate, French toast, sausage, and coffee will stabilize the girls for the vigorous activities.

Since wood will have to be cut during the day for the night fires, it is

suggested that the girls have a hatchet or a knife.

As the wearied campers return to their tents, they will welcome the hearty lunch of ragout, milk, apple-sauce with ginger bread, and celery. These meals are to be cooked on Coleman Stoves which will be brought by the G.A.A. Since there is to be no electricity, it will be necessary to use Coleman lanterns for a source of light.

The group will include a combination of physical education majors from WMU and G.A.A. members from 'U' High.



## Athletes' Feats

Congratulations to Mr. Roy Walters who got an eagle at Eastern Hills Golf Course.

They said it . . .

Gary Gauthier (after losing to Portage): "Nice support, infielders." (Each had committed at least one error.)

Bob Case (when asked the reason for the loss): "Our infield was like a screen; everything got through."

Gauthier again (after defeating Vicksburg 17-2): "That is a little better, gang."

Enterprising bench-warmers of the baseball team have invented a pseudo-game that they play when the regular game is boring and dragged out. It has been observed that the side game is at times more interesting to the small number of spectators than the one in progress on the field.

The four freshman newcomers to the tennis team—Jim Brown, Ron Creager, Hal Reames, and Joe Stulberg—are fine varsity material and an asset to the group.

## Golf Team Putt-Putts To 5-0 Record

The Cub linksters, ably coached by Earl Borr, have an unbeaten string of five victories neatly tucked in their golf bags.

In their last match, 'U' High defeated a previously unbeaten Jackson St. Mary squad. Other victories have come over Dowagiac, Three Rivers, Marshall and South Haven, a conference foe. Leading the Cubs to their victories thus far have been Dave Hamilton, Pete Landt, Bob Keyser, Tom Cooper and Jack Simpson.

'U' High's 'B' squad defeated Kalamazoo Christian's varsity squad 167-170 at the Milham course in their last outing. The reserves were paced by Dave Wilson, Al Heath, Bob Schutz and Tom Beattie.

## Annual Unified Concert Concludes Music Agenda

Good food and good music will be combined to give band members and their parents an enjoyable evening on May 18. They will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:00 after which Mr. D. Lyttle will show his slides of the band's trip to Ann Arbor.

At 8:00 the band and the choir will present a concert in the gym to which the public is invited. Each organization will give a few selections after which they will combine to present "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Yellowstone Suite."

## Netters Await State 'A' Tourney Down Hamtramck, Defending Champs

### Trackmen Grind Out Record Breaking Mark

Coach Roy Walters' track team meets Plainwell in a dual encounter there this afternoon that is a "must" for the tracksters if they wish to remain in the running for the conference championship.

Chances for a third straight track and field championship were somewhat dimmed when Otsego's fired up Bulldogs defeated the Cubs 60 3/5-48 2/5 in their last dual meet. Now, in order to win the championship, the team has to win the conference meet and go undefeated in their dual meets.

Past performances by the Cubs indicate that they will be able to do just that. The team won the Berrien Springs Relays quite handily and finished runner-up in the Hastings Relays. In dual meets the tracksters have defeated Allegan and Vicksburg easily by scores of 84-25 and 86-23, respectively.

Top marks turned in by the Cubs so far are: A 10.2 hundred and a broad jump of 20 ft. 4 1/2 in. by Don Zomer, a 2:05.8 half-mile by Captain George Lode, a 4:53.5 mile by John Quiring, a 5 ft. 9 in. high jump by Mike Schrier, and a school record time of 8:48.3 in the two-mile relay by the team of John Quiring, Eglis Lode, Richard Reynolds, and George Lode.

### Cubs Drop Pitchers' Duel To Wayland Tigers, 1-0

The baseball nine are looking forward to their coming game with Plainwell this Friday. The team looks good this year and Coach Reuschlein feels they have a good chance in the conference this season.

Wayland handed the team a recent close 1-0 defeat. However, the 'U' High strength was quite noticeable as Wayland is a very strong team this year. Power came from Bob Case, Denny Ketcham, and Tom Moyer, who are leading the batting field at present. The improved outfield play of the team also showed up in this game.

In two conference games this season the "diamond nine" have shown their strength by canceling Vicksburg and Allegan, 10-2 and 17-2, respectively. The fine pitching of Dave Stafford, Gary Gauthier, and Eglis Lode has spurred the completely junior-senior team to a good start in the conference.

The first game of the season, one with Portage, was lost 5-1. However, Mr. Reuschlein felt the loss was caused mostly by lack of practice.

The 'U' High netters highlighted their usual brilliant season by defeating the Hamtramck squad 6-1, last Saturday on the wet Davis Street courts. The win was very impressive because of the fact that the Cosmos have walked away with the State Class A title for each of the past 11 years.

In the match, the only Cub loser was Dick Colby, who fell to Pancho Castillo, a very formidable opponent. Colby's teammate, Brad Hodgman, met quite a bit of trouble before taking his match in three long sets. Other Cub winners were Bob Gill and Tom Wierman in the singles, and Bob Engels-Mike Goodrich, Ron Creager-Hal Reames, and Jim Brown-Joe Stulberg in the doubles. This match could prove to be a warm-up to the State Tournament.

The boys already mentioned and several others have teamed up to compile a season record of 6-0 and a league record of 4-0.

Season's Scores: Otsego 7-0, Allegan 6-1, South Haven 7-0, Plainwell 5-2, Holland 5-2, Hamtramck 6-1.

### Reserve Nine Barnstorming; Go Five Games Undefeated

The 'U' High reserve nine are defying the varsity record of 3-2 by going undefeated so far this season. In spite of the fine year they are having, the Cublets are collecting relatively few base hits.

In this season's tilts, excluding last night's game, the reserves have defeated K-Christian, 7-1; Portage, 4-2; Vicksburg, 2-1; and St. Augustine, 14-0. The May 6 game with Otsego was rained out and will probably be rescheduled for a later date.

The strong pitching trio of Leonard Worden, Paul Terpstra, and Larry Kozel has held the opposition to a minimum of hits. Fine relief pitching has also been shown by Paul Weaver and Daniel Rhodes. Batting laurels thus far go to Dave Murray and Pete Miller, whose near-consistent hitting has led the Cublets to the past victories.

There was a boy, Robert E. Lee,  
Who started to swim 'cross the sea.  
The sun burned his nose,  
The fish bit his toes  
And with sharks he just didn't agree.



## Honoring . . .

**Charlotte Calhoun**, '60, for winning the city award in an essay contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the subject, "My True Security."

**Vicki Vanderberg**, '60, and **Dennis Ketcham**, '60, who have received Honor and Trustee Scholarships, respectively, to Michigan State University.

**Lynn Larzelere**, '60, who has been offered a tuition scholarship to Northwestern University.

**Gail White**, '61, whose poem, "Awakening," has been selected to appear in the anthology of the National High School Poetry Association.

**Bonnie Blankenburg**, '60, for receiving a Regents Scholarship to the University of Michigan and also a scholarship to Michigan State University.

**David Hamilton**, '60, for being awarded a final appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

**Richard Strube**, '59, on his meriting the Dean's List at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Turn That Young Man's Fancy Lightly

by Gus and Em

Despite the still fluctuating thermometer, spring has definitely arrived. This is evident in the sudden rise of interest, shown by members of both sexes, in automobiles, especially those of the convertible variety. The trouble is that the boys are concerned with what's under the hood while the girls are concerned with what's behind the wheel. This incompatibility of inclinations naturally causes no inconsiderable dismay among the members of the pursuing sex. To aid those fair damsels in distress, we offer the following suggestions as datebait:

1) Let him know you're available. This can be accomplished by means of some subtle tactic, such as "accidentally" dropping your class ring on the floor in study hall. Or, just hang around him. Many boys act from impulse and the nearest girl is the one who catches it.

2) Let him know that you are interested in him by discussing his hobby with him. For instance, if he is a Tiger fan, learn all the players and their batting averages. Become an authority on baseball. If he won't ask you for a date, he may ask you to go out for baseball with him. If his interests are really weird, you might pick a different boy because that's what you'll talk about at the dance, whether you're an expert or not.

3) Mention to one of the girls, when he is within hearing distance, that you have a darling dress that would

look just beautiful with a yellow convertible, but one hasn't asked you yet.

4) Find out what his favorite foods are and practice fixing them. When you have mastered Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Coccidori, start bringing him snacks between classes. This will impress him if he's looking for the "domestic type" girl.

5) If your victim is the absent-minded, academic type, try casually referring to the "date" that he "asked you for" the other day and which you have "decided to accept." He will conclude that he has simply forgotten about it and probably do a commendable job of "covering up" his "aberration." By the time he stops to think the matter over, it will have been settled.

6) Mention that there's a movie on at the State that you're just dying to see, but that everyone you know has already seen it. He will probably suggest that you take your mother to see it, but a little thing like this shouldn't discourage you. After all, he'll know you want to see it.

7) Get your best friend to hint to her steady to suggest to him that it would be fun for the four of you to go somewhere. This rarely works, but some boys can be extremely dense, and you may need every method available.

8) If all of these fail, as well as all other tactics you can devise, one last emergency method remains: You can remind him that this is leap year and ask him for a date.

## One Man's Filtered Thinking

"Miss Crisman teaches good like an English teacher should."  
 "Are you studying more but enjoying it less? Try cheating."  
 "I dreamed I was valedictorian in my Maidenform."  
 "Just wear a smile and a tank suit."  
 "He loves me, he loves my history notes."  
 "Hey Albert—The Answer!"  
 "Nothing does it like 7 D's"  
 "Be sociable . . . get a hall pass."  
 "Vacation now—study later."  
 "See the world in a blur with Mr. Deur."  
 "I'm from chemistry and I ought to know." (But I don't).  
 "The most important ½ mark in the grade book today."  
 (The difference between that C— and a D+.)

## Panel to Speak of Success

An assembly sponsored by the Honor Society will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 2:15 and will consist of a panel of men from varied types of professions with Dan Ryan of the *Gazette* acting as moderator.

Their goal will be to give the students a better understanding of the non-academic, human relation qualifications which one needs for professional success.

Farewell to the Seniors, who will be honored at the annual May dance. "Moonglow" will have the gym decorated with stars and a lowered ceiling. The night of May 14 will see the students dancing to the music of Mickey Mandjack's band at the last regular dance of the school year.

## 89 Merit Recognition

Students whose grades merited placement on the honor roll for the first half of the second semester are as follows:

**Alpha** (Four A's and no mark lower than B): James Albert, Irene Barr, James Brown, Fred Buckman, Karen Colby, Tom DeVries, Roberta Dew, Phillip Fox, Jean Giachino, Natalie Glaser, Jane Greiner, Peter Hames, David Hamilton, Stephen Hanze, James Heersma, Sally Householder, Judith Larzelere, Lynn Larzelere, Judith Lytle, Marilee Masterson, Janet Morris, Mary Peelen, Anne Potter, Corinne Praus, Harold Reames, Susan Sprau, Sally Stillwell, David Stulberg, Terry Sykes, Vicki Vanderberg, and Brian Wruble.

**Beta** (Three A's and no mark lower than B): Patricia Bestervelt, Diana Boudeman, Sharon Glendenning, John Hartman, David Hinz, Ann Householder, Virginia Kent, Polly Lawson, Susan Margolis, Tom Moyer, Karen Nielsen, Mary Ann Olson, James Overton, Marilyn Peterson, Ward Riley, Julia Slaughter, Joseph Stulberg, Mark Wenner, and Gail White.

**Gamma** (Two A's and no mark lower than B): Richard Bennink, Michael Bildner, William Bildner, Bonnie Blankenburg, Merry Burling, Larry Chojnowski, Christine Cooper, Marcia DeKorte, Rita Ferrer, Elizabeth Fox, John Greiner, Eleanor Grubb, Jane Harada, Lynn Harrison, Lyle Hohnke, Paula Hosick, Dawn Isaacs, Ann Kercher, Dennis Ketcham, Janice Lambeck, Peter Landt, Leslie Levin, Rudolph Light, Carolyn Meretta, Peter Miller, Georgia Milne, David Murray, Nancy Neal, Todd Panse, Beth Peelen, Janice Pemberton, David Roekle, Carol Schoenhals, Frances Sprau, Rosemary Sugden, Peter Trimpe, Suzanne West, Carol Whitfield, and Ruth Yzenbaard.