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## Eight to Join Honor Society In First Fall Induction

For the first time in the history of the school, a fall induction for new members of the University High Honor Society will take place. The event, scheduled for November 8, will honor the following Juniors who maintained an 'A' average or better in their sophomore year: Frederick Buckman, Roberta Dew, James Heersma, Ann Householder, Susan Sprau, Sally Jo Stillwell, Terry Sykes, and Patricia Wallace. Honorable mention will be accorded to Joseph Stulberg, Junior; Patricia Gary, Susan Margolis, Carolyn Meretta, David Murray, Todd Panse, and Jarrry Platt, Seniors.

Under the guidance of their sponsor, Miss Elizabeth Giedeman, the Honor Society plans to continue their effort to help people in their school work by sponsoring the scholastic aid program. A contest pertaining to the writing of an Alma Mater song will be held later in the year.

James Overton, elected vice-president, is serving as president pro tempore during the absence of the president, Judith Larzelere. Leslie Levin, secretary, and Lynn Harrison, treasurer, complete the officers for the '61-'62 year.

### In the Future

Fri., Oct. 20—Football, Vicksburg, there.

Tues., Oct. 24—Reserve Football, Allegan, there.

Wed., Oct. 25—U.N. Assembly, Little Theater, 9:55.

Thurs., Oct. 26—P.T.S.O. Meeting, 7:15, gym.

Fri., Oct. 27—Football, Allegan, there.

## UNIVERSITY HIGH

# Highlights

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## Foreign Students New Seniors

### Linda Lam, Hong Kong; Sevin Ergin, Turkey

"Merci, Madame Monroe," replies one of the students in a slightly Oriental accent.

"Hi," says a dark haired girl who claims she is taking more junior classes than any other senior. These are our foreign students: Linda Lam and Sevin Ergin.

Linda Lam, whose name is Lam Ting Lan in Chinese, flew from Hong Kong, a city of 2,013,000 people, and as you know, located on the southern coast of China.

Linda graduated from high school in Hong Kong last year and, along with 4,000 other students, wanted to attend the only university there. Since there are only three hundred places for entering freshmen in the university, Linda decided to follow her older brother's idea of attending school abroad. He is now going to college in England. Linda was attracted to the United States as a place for furthering her education and perfecting her English. Through

a friend at the University of Michigan she became acquainted with 'U' high. Her sponsor in Kalamazoo is the Robert Sullivan family.

Linda has two brothers, one twenty and the other nineteen, and a sister fourteen. Her younger brother and sister are at present attending an English school in Hong Kong. This brother, too, wants to study abroad, maybe in England or in the United States.

When asked whether English schools were harder than American schools she replied, "Oh, the standards are the same, but the studying after school was harder at the English school in Hong Kong." In Linda's spare time she mastered the piano and became a member of the Royal Schools of Music. The church that Linda attended and the Sunday School class that she taught were Christian and undoubtedly much like American churches. In the choir Linda sang English hymns.

Linda says that the students here are very friendly. She thinks that this is a very rewarding experience and hopes to add to her growing knowledge of Americans by participation in 'U' High's activities, by watching football and, in a short time, basketball games.

Sevin Ergin, A.F.S. student from Ankara, Turkey, has already been in college, but in Turkey, "college" is not the same as in America. A college is a special type of high school in which most of the classes are taught in a language other than Turkish. In Sevin's school, this language was English. "Still, we couldn't talk English very well because English grammar, not conversation, was emphasized. We often complained to



Linda Lam shows her homeland to Sevin Ergin while Leslie Levin, Duane Riege, and Fred Margolis look on.

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## 'U' Never Noodle Now

While explaining her assignment of autobiographical essays, Miss Crisman posed a question that really made the class ponder: "Have you ever wondered what life might have been like if your mother had married a different WOMAN and your father a different MAN?" Miss Crisman, you're the girls' advisor!

When Mr. Christensen was explaining his complicated grading system on spelling tests, enterprising Tom Cooper asked, "Do we get double stamps on Thursday?"

Suzy Bahlman wanted to make the journalism conference a memorable experience. Wasn't parking behind the BOYS' DORM a little subtle, Suzy?

When asked to pick a good record, Mr. Walters stated, "I can't tell a good record from a good doughnut." Come now, Mr. Walters, no one eats records.

It is rumored that Mr. Deur has been thinking about getting new glasses. Somebody took his picture coming out of the ladies rest room this summer on the eastern trip! (He says he can explain it.)

John Manske got his French and chemistry a bit mixed up when he translated a French sentence like this, "The FISSION of these different races produced the French people."

The other day Miss Giedeman was saying that if we took a survey to find out how many times we heard a cultured speaker say "ain't," we might have heard this once, or even NUNCE! Is that one all right with Webster, too ? ? ?

After Mr. Engels finished explaining to his physics class why it was impossible for there to be any type of giant, he said that therefore there could not be anything such as King Kong. At this Kirk Van Blaricom exclaimed a surprised, "Huh?" So sorry that Mr. Engels destroyed your success symbol, Kirk.

Mr. Nuzum, our new boys' physical education teacher, was explaining that chin-ups weren't very hard to do. He said that as a matter of fact, he could do ten easily. We're still waiting for number four.

The entire Journalism Class laughed when Ron Creager was assigned to obtain weekly news information from Miss Bedore, the home economics teacher. It was Ron who laughed when he returned to class with a cake.

## Project: Human Understanding

"Those Americanos—they're all rich."

"America system of government inferior to that of Soviet Union. That reason for second place in race to outer space."

"As time progresses, Americans work less and become richer, while we work our fields more and become poorer. And still they offer no aid to make our country more self-sustaining. For this we should love Americans?"

The voice of an Italian; a Cuban rebel's thought; an African overseer's question. These statements, and many more like them, are traveling throughout the different countries of the world. If no Americans are present to answer these questions, revoke a false statement, or offer an explanation of the United States policy regarding that particular area, Russia takes it upon itself to do it for us. The result: a sharp decline in American prestige. A few months ago, however, America began to fight back. The weapon: a Peace Corps.

The purpose of the Corps is twofold. First, directly to lend a helping hand in educating the people of the somewhat backward nations, and second, indirectly to drive out the anti-American feelings in the area, thereby reducing the constant threat of Soviet propaganda. In short, the members of the Corps, in their own way, must restore to the peoples of the world their confidence in the American way of life.

Because this program is of vital importance both to America and the rest of humanity, only a few select people can be chosen to represent our country. Much preparation and intensive study of native language, type of government, mores, geography of the country, and health and hygiene are required of those people who pass the qualifying examination. While these people are in the foreign country, many modern conveniences are disregarded. Living accommodations for Americans are of the same quality as those of the villagers, and minimum salaries are deposited for them until their return to the United States. All that can be done will be done in an attempt to rid the "Ugly American" reputation from foreign shores.

Only in due time will we be able to tell whether or not the Peace Corps is a successful and worthwhile venture. As long as we remain staunchly American in spirit and in thought, and as long as we have the conviction that it is our obligation to benefit others by actions, our country's prestige shouldn't falter, and programs such as the Peace Corps should prove to be successful.

That we as a country are supporting such a program is extremely gratifying to the leaders of our nation. Those who take an active interest in the organization and execution of it find it fascinating as well as rewarding. For those who are the actual members of the Corps, their own opinions about American government are strengthened as well as are those of others; they have a greater understanding about the different peoples of the world and thus become stronger American citizens; and finally, because of their unselfish and kind actions while abroad, they are in the true sense, "defenders of freedom."

—Joseph Stulberg

## Cast Announced for Play, 'Night of January 16th'

This year will be one of many changes as the Dramatic Club offers "The Night of January 16th," by Ayn Rand. In years before, the school play has been a comedy or a drama, but this year a thriller-mystery will be in the offing. The story will take place in a courtroom during the trial of a girl for murder.

Other innovations include the school play's being moved to the Civic Theater and to the first semester. Because of the larger seating capacity, it will be given only one night, November 18.

Miss Bernyce Cleveland and Mr.

Arthur Christensen will trade jobs this year; while Miss Cleveland directs the play, Mr. Christensen will produce it.

There were 13 boys and 30 girls who tried out for the parts; from these the following were chosen for roles in this year's play: F. Abnet, W. Bildner, J. Birkhold, S. Buchanan, S. Egland, D. Eliet, L. Forsleff, L. Garneau, S. Hanze, J. Heersma, R. Kent, J. Lawrence, P. Lawson, K. MacDonald, K. Nelson, A. Potter, J. Richardson, J. Schau, C. Schoenhals, J. Stulberg, and T. Wilcox.



# Cubs Outclass Trojans 6-0 in Thriller



"Get set! Go!" Ginsberg, DeCair, Kingsbury, Betz, Reynolds, Vaughn, Shaver, and Kohrman are on their way.

## Still Chance for Title; Play Vicksburg Next

In defeating the Trojans last Friday night, the Cubs renewed their hopes for the Class B title. This week, with Plainwell against Otsego and the Cubs out for Vicksburg, will eliminate two of the title contenders.

At the end of the first quarter, there was no score with the Trojans having trouble solving the Cubs' sharp defensive tactics. With 3:20 left in the second quarter, Tom Cooper connected on a pass from Bob Engels for the first and only touchdown of the game. Jim Hinz's try for the extra point was low and wide.

The Trojans came into the second half ready to do battle, but were stopped cold by the Cubs' alert defense. The pigskin was kept mainly in the center of the field during the routine last half. The most sensational play of the evening, occurring in the third quarter, was a "flea-flicker" pass from Engels to Cooper, then to Ron Creager. This maneuver netted 42 yards for the Cubs.

Last Friday was also Homecoming, displaying the pomp and pageantry peculiar only to this unique season. Jane Harada was crowned queen amid cheers and chilly weather. Her court consisted of Roberta Baker, Anne Cassady, Sue Correll and Sally Householder.

## Herd in the Den

Tom Betz, who has had bad luck with foot injuries, was heard to comment after the last cross-country meet that when he ran, he felt like a Corvette without wheels!

Ritchie Reynolds was only eight seconds off Jeff Taylor's course record in winning the recent meet there. Nice running, Ritch!

Football has taken a heavy toll on our varsity players this year. Don Koets and Rick Russell are removed for the season by wrist and collarbone injuries. Ron Creager was out for several games with a ripped muscle.

During the half-time at the Portage-U' High game, Mr. Nuzum severely reprimanded our then-losing team for thinking about the party more than the game. When the Cubs victoriously returned to school, Mr. Nuzum had an attractive party waiting in the car for him!

Honors to Denny Ketcham, '60, who, having made freshman baseball team at Michigan State University last year, is eligible for the varsity squad and is practicing with them new.

## Harriers Winless; Face Bulldogs Today

The cross-country team, which is winless in three dual meets this year, takes on a vastly improved Vicksburg team today at Vicksburg. Last week the Bulldogs nearly upset defending conference champion South Haven.

Ritchie Reynolds has led the harriers in their three dual meets to date. Reynolds finished first against South Haven and Otsego and second against Plainwell. The team will probably have easier sledding against its final three opponents, Vicksburg, Allegan, and Paw Paw. The Wolverine Conference meet is slated for Saturday, October 21, at South Haven.

This year's team is composed of seniors Tom Betz, who has been plagued by injuries, Ted Kingsbury, George Kohrman, Paul Terpstra, and Reynolds; Juniors Tom DeCair, Steve Ginsberg, Dave Shaver, Jack Tobias, and Jim Vaughn; sophomore Jim Sido, and freshmen Jim Giachino, Steve Johnson, Jeff Rhuland, and Bob Warnke.

DeCair, this year's captain, suffered a knee injury in the Plainwell meet. It is hoped that he will return to action for the conference meet.

## Gym Leader Plan Initiated

This year something new is being tried in the girls' Physical Education classes. A few high school girls who are taking gym this semester are assisting in other gym classes. Seniors Lou Ann Forsleff, Pat Gary, Katy McDonald, Jarry Platt, Karen Polley, Joan Schau, Barb Wierman, and junior Dianne Ketcham are serving as student leaders in the junior high and high school. This is an experiment and, if it should be a success, will be tried again next semester.

## Trojans Overrun Reserves; Look Ahead to Allegan

The reserves, who played Vicksburg last night, under the direction of former student Bob Miles have compiled a one win, three loss record thus far.

Last week the little Cubs played a power laden Plainwell team which spanked them 24-6. Jim Zeman scored the lone T.D. on an end sweep. Prior to last night's game and the Plainwell game, the reserves played Otsego, St. Augustine and South Haven.

In the Otsego game the Cublets lost a thriller 7-6. Their win came against St. A as Jack Engels rambled for the touchdown in the 7-0 win. In their opening game, South Haven sent them down with a 26-7 victory.

The offensive work of Engels and Joe Koenig has been outstanding, along with the superb defensive work of Zeman.

The reserves play every Tuesday against the school the varsity will play that week.

## 10 Girls Join Finnettes; "Perfumes" to Inspire Show

The Finettes, girls' synchronized swimming club, added ten new names to its last year's membership: Gay Blanchard, Kathy Brune, Carolyn Chapman, Sue Hamilton, Jill Klammer, Marty McKinney, Elaine Pearson, Margaret Slenger, Sue Stevens, and Judy VanPeenan. Work on the spring water show began at the first meeting with the choosing of a theme, title and committee chairmen. Practice will begin as soon as music is chosen and the numbers are written about "Perfumes."

This year's officers are Barb Scott, president; Diane Johnson, vice-president; Joyce Tracy, secretary; Denise Gladstone, treasurer.



## Honoring . . .

Ruth Yzenbaard, '61, for being in the English Honors course at Hope College.

Robin Limpus, '57, who is Kalamazoo's first Peace Corps member. After an intensive training program at Harvard University, Robin is now in Nigeria, where she will teach social studies.

Betsy Van Blarcom, '61, for having had several articles published in the *Western Herald* this fall.

The six semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Test: Sally Householder, Ann Larzelere (now at Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois), Judith Larzelere (spending this semester as an A. F. S. student in Kiel, Germany), Leslie Levin, Peter Miller, and David Roekle.

Christine Cooper, '60, whose poem, "Dead Tree," was published in the literary magazine at Denison University.

Roberta Dew and Robert Pearson, both '63, and William Wichers, '64, who recently qualified for the Kalamazoo Community Science Seminar. Continuing in the seminar from last year are Fred Buckman, Stephen Hanze, James Heersma, Larry Moore, and David Murray.

David Hamilton and Brian Wruble, both '60, for being on the Dean's Honor list for the College of Engineering of Cornell University.

## Varsity Club Plans Hayride

In the first meeting of the new school year the Varsity Club, better known as the 'U' Club, planned a hayride for letterwinners and their dates. The hayride is set for November 4.

The club also elected officers for the present school year: President, Tom Cooper; vice-president, Jack Simpson; secretary, Bill Bildner; treasurer, Tom Beattie.

## It Must Be October 32 Because . . .

Mrs. Monroe kept her glasses on for FIVE WHOLE MINUTES!  
Mr. Fox's tongue is in the hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown!  
Dr. Perkins was heard jovially trading jokes with the students!  
Mr. Chance is home today with a serious nervous condition. The cause? EVERY STUDENT BOUGHT HIS OWN MILK!

Mr. McAuley will appear in traffic court tomorrow because of a slight mishap when he met Mr. Brumels' car on the hill. (Flowers for both cars may be sent the United Falcon Home).

Miss Stephenson left her gym clothes home today!  
Miss Giedeman decided to let her classes have "a nice weekend full of fun with no homework!"

Those wonderful people in the office gave us a fire drill on a warm, sunny day.

Dr. Bryan talked it over with the authorities; so starting tomorrow 'U' High and Loy Norrix High will trade buildings!

## Goals for Year to Be Expressed at P.T.S.O.

At the P.T.S.O. meeting, October 26 at 7:15 p.m. everyone will meet first in the gym, where directions for the program will be explained.

Following a plan instituted last year, parents will go to the classes of their sons and daughters. There they will spend 10 minutes in each session as the teacher explains his goals and plans for the year.

Since students are not expected to attend classes with their parents, the Student Council has entertainment planned for them. David Roekle will show slides of his stay in Germany as an A.F.S. student; William Shepherd will narrate movies of the recent student Eastern camping trip; Thomas Cooper will describe pictorially the Student Council trip to Oklahoma and Mr. Carl Reid, the summer Biology Field Trip Course. Interspersed will be fellowship periods.

## Foreign Students Seniors

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each other about this." From a friend of hers from New Jersey, Sevin learned to speak English. As a result of these two experiences, Sevin has no language barrier in America.

Sevin is a happy, active teenager. She says that in Turkey, teenagers are interested in the same activities as here. They enjoy popular records, private and school parties for dancing, swimming, badminton, and volleyball. Basketball is the main school sport; soccer games, instead of football, are also well attended. Sevin herself especially likes to play tennis and she played often in Turkey.

Vivacious, smiling, and interesting are three adjectives which aptly describe Sevin. She enjoys being with others and has made a great number of friends in the two months that she has been in Kalamazoo. When she laughs, you know that she is enjoying something, and when she smiles, you know that that smile is meant for you. Since Sevin is this type of person, she will surely continue to make friends throughout her year here.

## Who's Whose

The addition of **Kirk Van Blaricom** to our school has brought about much **Gayety** to a certain sophomore named **Blanchard**.

"The bigger they are, the easier they fall," quotes **Roberta Baker** while talking about her latest catch, **Carl Van Wyck**.

A few familiar faces were seen together at the Homecoming Dance. A certain junior-sophomore couple, **Ron Creager** and **Denise Gladstone**, is one example.

**Tom Olson** has suddenly developed an avid interest in French. Mrs. Monroe's work? We think it's more likely to be a cute *jeune fille* named **Suzanne Michaud**.

This summer **Joan Sisson** got a new **Beattie** gun and after a few practice shots was able to bag **Tom** with ease.

Lately we have been noticing that **Joe Koenig** has been winking at all the girls. Don't try and tell us that it's because of your contact lenses!

**Tricia Fox** likes those **Norrix Knights**—especially one named **Fred Brundage**.

Ask **Elaine Northam** anything about **Galesburg-Augusta High School**. If she doesn't know, perhaps **Gary Higgins** will!

**Kathy Brune** has **Skipped** back to **Schoenhals**.

"Great Scott!" replied **Connie Woodworth** when asked who was the best **Wagonmaker**.

Last year's graduates just can't leave their alma mater, or is it a senior girl named **Beth Peelen**? Ask **Jack Berner**.

If you see **Carole Douglas** driving around school about 5:30 p.m., she is not picking up a forgotten book, but just making sure that **Jack Simpson** has a ride home from football practice.

We've heard that **Jim Zeman** and **Connie Tobias** find the bears at **Milham Park** quite interesting. What about this, **Jim** and **Connie**?

Mark our words. **Jacobson** and **Hotneier (Jane)** are making a regular couple.

**Carol Schoenhals** has been known to **Clapp** over a certain **Dave**.

**Dave Wilson** has turned his thoughts from Texas to 'U' High. He says he's discussing with **Jan Larzelere** the values of English, but we wonder—English?

## Staff Box

The following students make up the 1961-'62 HIGHLIGHTS staff:  
**S. Bahlman, I. Barr, Peggy Brunner, R. Creager, T. DeCair, R. Dew, N. Fox, S. Glendening, K. Gunnette, S. Hanze, D. Ketcham, D. Koets, M. Lyon, J. Manske, K. Nelson, K. Nielsen, L. Prange, W. Quandt, M. Schau, J. Stulberg, T. Sykes, J. Tobias, J. Toohey, J. VanPeenan, and C. Whitfield.**