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Campus to Get Large Face-lifting in Future

It has been officially revealed that President James Miller will ask the Michigan State Legislature this year to appropriate funds for the purpose of remodeling the Campus School. Plans to renovate the old buildings are already under way.

Dr. Donald Weaver, Campus School Director, said that both the School of Education and the Campus School faculty are working together with the architects on the plans for remodeling.

Contrary to popular opinion that the Campus School is merely an excellent prep-school, the Campus School exists to provide teachers-to-be with actual school experiences. To facilitate this program and to make it available to even more students, the School of Education is thinking of having the classes observed by closed-circuit television.

Remodeling of the old buildings is divided into three categories. They are:

1. Improvement of the basic structure. This includes a new roof, fenestration, heating, and new exterior.
2. Rearrangement of the interior to provide better teaching facilities. Changes will be made in the library, the present junior high facilities, and the cafeteria. There will be a large meeting room and a student activities center which will be run by the Student Council.
3. Landscaping the campus. The driveway and parking area need to be improved.

One may wonder why a new building is not being built. The reasons are first that the present buildings are basically sound. Secondly, with the same amount of money spent there will be more space available than in a new school.

The program, if approved by the state legislature, will take about two years to complete and will probably begin next year.

Dimes Drive March 8

There will be no homeroom on Friday, March 8, as students will hurry to the gym to compete in filling the specially constructed murals with dimes for the annual March of Dimes campaign put on by the Service Committee. According to Pam Schneider, chairman of the drive, each mural has a class graduating year on it. The students will scotch tape their dimes in their class numbers. This is one time that the Service Committee is hoping for a four way tie.

The dimes go for medical research. 'U' High has always been generous before. It is hoped that there will be an overflow of dimes for this most worthy cause!

UNIVERSITY HIGH

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National Merits to Be Given Soon Seven Semi-finalists Become Finalists

Next week, on March 7, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be given in the Walwood ballroom to all Juniors who have paid the one dollar fee. This test is part of a program, conducted each year, by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in an effort to find qualified students who would benefit from a college education. The N.M.S.C. is a non-profit organization which, with its sponsors, has provided financial assistance to nearly six thousand students since it was established in 1955. The sponsors of the program are industries, unions, foundations and professional groups and provide this year around three million dollars in Merit Scholarships.

On the basis of this qualifying test the thirteen thousand top-scoring students will be named semifinalists and the next thirty thousand will receive Letters of Commendation. The Semifinalists may then go on to become Finalists by meeting three requirements: 1. Each Semifinalist must have a recommendation from their school that they are worthy to receive a scholarship; 2. They must take a second test and again receive a good score; 3. They must make out a financial statement including the minimum amount they feel is necessary for their scholarship. Students meeting these requirements then become Finalists and are eligible for a Merit Scholarship.

A Merit Scholar has complete freedom in his choice of college although he must enter it in the fall after he graduates from high school. His course of study is also unrestricted, though a few sponsored scholarships are limited to students planning to major in specialized areas such as chemistry or engineering.

The three hour test being given next week was prepared especially for the N.M.S.C. by Science Research Associates. It consists of five parts:

English Usage, Mathematics Usage, Social Studies Reading, Natural Sciences Reading and Word Usage; it has been designed to test the student on how he can apply his knowledge rather than on how many facts he knows.

Last year at 'U' High seven of the participating students became Semifinalists. Each one went on to become a Finalist and therefore is eligible to receive a Merit Scholarship. These students are: Roberta Dew, Steve Hanze, Jim Heersma, Bob Pearson, Sally Stillwell, Terry Sykes, and Jim Toohey

Explorers to Tour Europe

The European Tour planned this year by Mr. Deur will last thirty days, July 15 through August 13. The group will fly from Detroit to New York, then to Brussels. One of their main stops will be Madrid, Spain where the group will see a bullfight. Then they will go on to Nice, France, with a short visit planned to Monaco. A full day bus trip up Mt. Blanc, and the visiting of a Swiss Casino will be the highlights for the group in Switzerland. While in Munich, Germany the sojourners will visit Neuschwanstein Castle, and in Frankfurt they will take a trip on the Rhine River to Cologne. In Paris, France, one-half day is planned to be spent at famous Versailles. Their trip to London, England will be marked by a Tour of Shakespeare Country and Windsor Castle. From Manchester the group will fly back to New York and then home. In each city there will be sightseeing tours and time for shopping. All types of transportation will be used including: plane, train, subway, bus, boat, and foot. All meals, sightseeing tours, transportation will be included in the sum of \$887.00 per person. Anyone interested in this trip is urged to see Mr. Deur as soon as possible.

Bear Blunders

Some of the gourmets on the faculty have the Home Economics schedule down pretty nicely. How do they manage to get there just when the girls are opening the oven?

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Mr. Nuzum got himself into rather deep water while discussing the mutual attraction between two bodies during physical science. Do you have anything more to say?

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The girl's volleyball teams added a new twist to the old game the other week when they started playing with a ball that was roughly three feet in diameter. The main advantage was that it was pretty hard to swing and miss the thing!

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We hope that Tom DeCair has now learned that when Mrs. Monroe asks him to write something on the board five times she doesn't mean write it once and follow it with four sets of ditto marks.

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Mr. Fox has learned to beware of juniors bearing gifts. Class was delayed after he accepted a nice, gummy "Juji-Fruit" from Sue Starkweather, and couldn't get his teeth apart when the bell rang.

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Everyone thought it was funny when the study hall desks disappeared and was found in the girls' restroom—everyone, that is, except the first hour study hall monitors.

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When Mr. Nuzum gets inspired by an idea he really goes all out. After reading about isometric contraction exercises he immediately bought several bars to be wedged in door frames for boys to exercise on. But as soon as Craig Speck got hold of one he bent it. It seems the boys have broken their toys and now want something else.

Start Speech Contest

The annual forensic contest will be held March 7 at 3:30 P.M. at 'U' High. There are five categories open again this year for students—they are original oration, extemporaneous speaking, humorous reading, interpretive reading, and declamation. Twelve people have signed up for the contest this year. The first and second place winners in each of these categories will go on to the District Contest to be held March 28. The schools participating in this will be Galesburg-Augusta, Portage, Hickory Corners, Richland, and 'U' High. There will be approximately 45 contestants who will take place in this part of the forensic contest. From there the winners go on to the Regional Contest which is held on campus with 18 schools competing. This contest is sponsored by the High School Forensic Association.

The Lie

The snow tumbles softly,
Like delicate
white
petals
to the
ground.

Snow doesn't fall
straight—
it tumbles
back

and
forth,
back

and
forth,
Glistening, glimmering,
tiny white flakes,
like petals,
to the
ground.

"Helen, Helen, telephone, Helen!"

Boom! My world of fantasy blew up into a million minute pieces; then, in turn, these pieces molded into reality. I heard myself saying, "Tell whoever it is that I am sleeping." The sudden disturbances passed into the background, ceased to exist.

Sun's rays
stream out,
bringing warmth,
life,
to . . .

"Helen, Helen!"

Sun's out,
rays . . .
No, no!

"Helen!"

Sun's rays purple . . .
No!

"Helen Ruth!"

"Oh, what do you want?"

"You're a liar."

"Now wait a minute!"

"You lied; you weren't asleep. Why did you lie? You always tell me not to."

"Now just listen a minute!"

"No! I'll never believe you again!"

Turning, tears filling his eyes, he ran downstairs to his mother to hide in her arms until she deceives him somehow in some small way. Yet, I didn't mean to lie to him. Why did he take it so strongly?

Children, smiles—wide,
tears—wet,
devotion—gone.

Remember when
your trust, devotion,
shattered, gone . . .
for how long?

—Helen Ruth Yntema

Man's Blase Attitude Means Spiritual Death

The new gullibility of our particular time is not that of the man who believes too much, but that of the man who believes too little—the man who has lost his sense of the miracle—the man capable of believing that Creation is in some way an automatic of commonplace thing or even that men himself, physically and psychically, can be dissected into neat packages susceptible to complete explanations. When awe and wonder depart from our awareness, depression sets in, and after its blanket has lain smotheringly

upon us for a while, despair may ensue, or the quest for kicks begin. The loss of wonder, of awe, of the sense of the sublime, is a condition leading to the death of the soul. There is no more withering state than that which takes all things for granted, whether with respect to human beings or the rest of the natural order. The blase attitude means spiritual, emotional, intellectual and creative death.

Edmund Fuller
in "Man in Modern Fiction"
(Random House)

Cubs Humble Holland Christian

Eye Tournament Play Tuesday at Plainwell

Last Friday evening, displaying the brilliance they are capable of, the 'U' High Cubs dropped the tall, talented Holland Christian cagers 51-47 in the W.M.U. fieldhouse and now await the Otsego Bulldogs, a much improving ball club, in their regular season finale. The Cubs pulled away to an early lead capitalizing on every opportunity and led 18-9 at the end of the first quarter. They slowed down their devastating fast break pace somewhat in the second quarter and allowed Christian to almost catch them at the end of the half when the score stood 26-22 in the Cubs' favor. The Cubs displayed deliberate play and a good shooting eye during the first half against a tough defense that allowed them only twenty shots—they made ten. In the third quarter, after the homecoming ceremonies during which pretty Carol Whitfield was crowned homecoming queen, the Cubs started as they had begun the ballgame and pulled away from the slow Christian with a blistering fast break. They held a fourteen point lead at one time only to see Holland score eight straight points and at one time close the gap to three points before Jim Vaughn stepped to the line to sink a free throw to put the game on ice.

The tournaments begin next week with 'U' High playing at Plainwell against either Plainwell, Comstock or Parchment. With the excellent spirit shown by the school seemingly to have been transferred to the team, the chances of the Cubs going a long way in the tournaments are quite good. Last Friday they showed great spirit, hustle, and desire.

FNC-Teenage Volunteers

The Future Nurses Club has recently been asked to have their girls work at Bronson Hospital as teenage volunteers. After their orientations, the girls will work one hour each week. Their duties will be to feed patients and to pass drinking water.

The club has also been exploring careers in medicine and related fields. Recently they have had a dietitian, Miss Smith, from Borgess Hospital, speak to the group, and this week they will have a surgical nurse come to talk to the club. Between now and June, the club hopes to examine many more careers. Anyone interested in attending any one meeting is more than welcome.

KOSID on February 28

KOSID is the Kalamazoo Occupational Seminar. The purpose of this program and the three following sessions will be to better acquaint area students with occupations that may interest them. The Office Work Seminar, to be held at Wood Hall, W.M.U. February 28, at 7:00 P.M. will present a main speaker on the broad topic with following subtopic speakers in general clerk, secretarial, office machine, and switchboard operator work. The other seminars will include Teaching, March 28, Construction Trades, April 25, Law, May 23. It is the hope of the organization committee that all students will benefit from the opportunity to pursue their job interests, in as much depth as they desire.

Honoring . . .

Mr. Robert Taylor, 7th grade social studies and English teacher for being chosen the coordinator of the student teaching program at Battle Creek.

John Rohs, for his outstanding efforts on the Michigan State U. gymnastic team. In a dual meet with Ohio State U., John won the free exercise and tied for fifth in tumbling.

This year's play cast for its excellent production of "The Death and Life of Larry Benson."

Diane Johnson, Margaret Slenger, Sally Stillwell, Connie Tobias, and Carol Whitfield who were selected as the basketball Homecoming court.

The entire high school student body for their enthusiasm throughout the Pep Jug assemblies, and particularly to the seniors for winning the Pep Jug.

International Books Added

Included in the new books in the library, are some on international affairs. OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA by Ruth Plimpton, is a book on the new project of sending young men and women to Africa on their summer vacation to set up schools and other aids. This is much the same as the Peace Corps of President Kennedy. Other new books on the international level are Katharine Kinkead's WALK TOGETHER, TALK TOGETHER, which is about the American Field Service program, and Roy Hoopes' THE COMPLETE PEACE CORP GUIDE.

Semester II Officers

New homeroom officers were elected at the beginning of the new semester which started February 4. They are as follows: Freshmen, Mr. Walters' homeroom, President David Stevens, Vice-President Ann Whitfield, Secretary Marilyn Wierman, Treasurer Ann Rosegrant; Mr. McAuley's homeroom, President Jeff Gauthier, Vice-President Carol Conrad, Secretary Chris Galbraith, Treasurer John Glendening. Mr. Murphy's homeroom, President Mike Holaday, Vice-President Tim Null, Secretary Joanne Northam, Treasurer David Palmatier.

Sophomores, Mr. Brumel's homeroom, President Art Bates, Vice-President Carol Boudeman, Secretary-Treasurer David Gray. Mr. Kotecki's homeroom, President Jonathon Jennings, Vice-President Steve Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Carol Manske. Mr. Nuzum's homeroom, President Peter VanderBeek, Vice-President Jeff Rhuland, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Wise.

Juniors, Mr. Fox's homeroom, President Duane Riege, Vice-President Joe Koenig, Secretary Corky Martin, Treasurer John Jackson. Mrs. Monroe's homeroom, President Stuart Starkweather, Vice-President Cheryl Vandeverter, Secretary Martha VanderBrook, Treasurer Bruce Williams. Mrs. Spieler's homeroom, President Gay Blanchard, Vice-President Rick Gilkey, Secretary Kay Clements, Treasurer Chris Cronley.

Seniors, Mr. Hackney's homeroom, President Pat Wallace, Vice-President Jerry Quandt, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Vanstreain. Mr. Christensen's homeroom, President Ron Creager, Vice-President Don Coggan, Secretary-Treasurer Peggy Brunner. Mr. Engel's homeroom, President Don Koets, Vice-President Jim Heersma, Secretary-Treasurer Mark Jacobson.

Seven Boast First Divisions

Ten 'U' High students participated in the District Solo and Ensemble festival, which was recently held at Western Michigan University. Seven of these received first division ratings. They are: John Beukema, Randy Clark, Louise Freyburger, Adrian Lo, and Ed Prause in the junior division; and Sue Beukema and Pat Wallace in the senior division. Beth Depree, Lynn Kyser, Greg Perkins and the high school quintet received second place ratings.

Since Pat Wallace and Sue Beukema received first division ratings, they are eligible for the State Festival also to be held at Western Michigan University. Every one is invited to attend, and admission is free. 'U' High wishes both Pat Wallace and Sue Beukema success at the State Festival.

Voice of the Students Challenge is Raised

Dear "Name Withheld":

You said in your letter to the students:

"No one in Student Council represents the wants of these groups of people (the committees). A homeroom president probably has only a few members of any one particular committee in his homeroom and he may not be informed of their interests. Also, the interests of these few people may not coincide with the majority of people in his particular homeroom. It seems to me that a committee of 30 people has just as much right to be represented as a homeroom of 30 people."

We would like to challenge this.

First, why should these committee members be represented more than once? If a student is a member of a committee, he is represented first by his homeroom and then by the committee of which he is a member. Why should he be represented twice, when so many of us are represented only once? This would be the same as a person voting for senators in 2 different states, and then expecting each senator to represent his interests.

Second, if the interests of these committee members do not coincide with the majority of people in their particular homeroom, so what? In our system, the majority is supposed to rule.

To quote your letter further:

"The main objection to chairmen voting is that it gave the seniors too much power. However, being seniors or juniors, committee chairmen are more experienced and better informed on what would be good for all."

We do not consider this to be true. No one really knows what is good for all. If you are a senior or junior, do you consider yourself capable of passing judgment on what would be good for the rest of us?

You also said:

"In the past, as a rule, committee chairmen have contributed most of the ideas to the Student Council, and in general they have voted wisely for the good of all."

In our experience with the Student Council, we have found this to be untrue. Most of the ideas came from the homerooms, and quite often, the committee chairmen voted for the good of their committees.

"Name Withheld," although we respect your views, we feel that the students deserve to be told the other side of the story. We are satisfied with the present voting status of the committee chairmen. Therefore, we do not feel any compromise is necessary.

Bob Kent
Mike Low

A Nomadic Iconoclast

With great misgivings I climbed the steep and narrow staircase leading up into the darkness. The air felt chilly and a musty odor as of many centuries of imprisoned air pervaded the atmosphere. As I reached the top, a dank breeze brushed weakly past me and died amidst the heavy shadows to my right. Turning to my right I beheld still another stairway which I judged too treacherous to mount. Its ancient steps curved steeply upward and around to a dismal tower. One lonely beam of light penetrated the dusty window of the tower and fell slantingly across the frozen figure of Aphrodite. Her grave marble features were eternally engaged in contemplating the dusty cobweb festooned across her up-raised arm. The air seemed heavy. In the darkness around me I could sense the presence of a host of spirits imprisoned in this dark sepulchre.

Suddenly I felt trapped; the weight of many centuries of stillness were closing in on me. Gasping for breath, I stumbled down the cold stone steps and pushed open the heavy oaken door at the bottom. With a tremendous rush of relief I breathed the clean fresh air again. HEAVENS! the very thought of being locked in the attic at 'U' High!

There's been a lot of talk lately about how this earth is fast becoming a "woman's world." One old-timer put it this way: "Used to be when a man was the master of his home and family, but now the females have taken to wearin' pants, votin' and workin' to make money. Next thing you know they'll be proposing marriage to their menfolk." Now I'd like to say right here and now that this last statement is a lot of nonsense. Why, there is no other place where the traditional rights of a man are more firmly entrenched than in this delicate area of marriage proposals! Down through the ages it has been the male's prerogative to propose to a female, and no one is ever going to change this.

To help prove my point let's take a look at this typical young couple. They have just returned from a pleasant evening at the movies and Mary suspects that John is about to ask the big question:

JOHN: Hmm-Well, it certainly has been a nice evening, hasn't it, Mary?

MARY: Oh yes, John, it certainly has. I always have a good time with you. We do get along well together, don't we, John.

JOHN: Uh, yes, we do.

MARY: You know, I've always said that a good marriage is based on understanding. I mean, **communication**

Check-Mates

Bill Jackson Wood(hams) like to see more of **Jane** at 'U' High.

Dave has done a **Double(day)** take for **Sue Southon**.

Jim Jenkins seems to have a strong interest in another Kalamazoo school. Don't you think it's about time you told us about it Jim?

Norrix seems to have a "Knight in shining armor." Who is he **Anne Bowen**?

Portage has captured another 'U' High girl; right, **Barb Hinz**?

Kay Clements has taken an interest in French in not only one way. It's quite a coincidence that you have found a French garcon to help you with the language, isn't it, Kay?

Sue Beukema sure has been seeing a lot of **John Standley** lately. Isn't that right Sue?

It seems that **Jim Wilson** has been captured by St. A's **Jo Ann Skartsiaris**. It looks like fair **Weather(stark)** is predicted for **Sue and Fritz Johnson**.

Apparently **Bruce Williams** isn't kidding when he says he likes **Candy (Stanlake)**.

Tricia has out-Fox(ed) **Bill Dimmer** of Western.

Jon Ernst has been "Knighted" by **Norrix's Marilyn Johnson**.

Someone once said to **Mike Low** go **North(am)** young man! Did **Jo Ann** have to go with you?

The Rights of Man

is the important thing, don't you think, John?

JOHN: Well, yes, I can see your point.

MARY: Oh, John! Isn't it wonderful how we believe in the same things? You know, we just never argue and I've always said that two people who never argue are basically suited for each other. Don't you agree?

JOHN: Uh, well-Say Mary, this is really good cake.

MARY: John, you're so sweet. Actually you should thank my mother. She taught me to cook and keep house so that someday I'd make a good wife. (Pause)

JOHN: Yes, I'd say you would make someone a good wife.

MARY: Why, John! This is so sudden. I just don't know what to say.

JOHN: Huh?

MARY: I mean, I'm honored that you want me to be your wife.

JOHN: Um, Mary, I don't think you understand what I...

MARY: Oh, but I do, and I accept your proposal! (She flings herself into his arms.)

CURTAIN

There now, isn't it nice to see that man still occupies his rightful place in the world.

—Corky Martin