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## Elections Held May 8

The 1963 Student Council elections will be held on May 8 with campaigning beginning Wednesday. The candidates will be running for the offices of student council president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. After the usual elections assembly the student body will return to elect the candidates they feel will best fill the various positions. This will be the first time the new voting system will be used. The system was accepted along with the new constitution earlier this year, and it should eliminate extra elections to decide the eventual winner in the case that one person does not receive a majority of the votes. Last year three of the offices were not decided until after a second election. On the new ballot the student body will be asked to mark their first and second and third choices. Then the same ballots will be recounted in the event that one candidate does not receive a majority.

## U High Sends Delegates to The Annual U.N. Assembly

On March 15 and 16, Hillsdale College and Rotary International cooperated in the 14th annual Model United Nations Assembly. Over eighty schools from Michigan and Ohio participated; each school represented a certain country. The 'U' High delegation, consisting of Al Karr, John Manske, Fred Margolis, Vera Nunes, Sally Stillwell, and Mr. Fox represented the Ivory Coast. John Manske, at the last minute decided to run for one of four U.N. Committee chairmanships. His short but effective election speech was enough to get him a key position at the MUNA conference.

There was lively debate throughout the Assembly in committee meetings and on the floor of the General Assembly, on such topics as, admission of Red China to the U.N., atomic test ban, and United Nations' Financial Problems. Although the prevailing mood of the Assembly was one of seriousness, there were humorous moments also. In the second day General Assembly session a "moonman" entered, dressed in a diver's suit with mask and flippers. He demanded representation too.

The students who attend the MUNA conference all seem to have one thing in common. They all come with great enthusiasm. They come after months of study and preparation to represent their countries well and put forth their own proposals. They caucus and debate; protest and shout; and have a thrilling as well as educational two days. The students leave with a greater understanding of the world and people, and realize that someday they may have to fill one of those important U.N. chairs.

# UNIVERSITY HIGH

# Highlights

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## Fox Cut to Size by the Blade

After a brief struggle in the teachers' den last Friday night, "Daring Dave" Gillette (also known as *The Blade*), a 'U' High secret, unknown, undercover security agent, apprehended "Wee Willie" Fox and took him to the office.

Gillette said that he heard shots and rushed to investigate. He said that he found "Wee Willie" spitefully pumping bullets from his German Luger into the body of one Eric Thuma, a dearly beloved student-teacher.

Mr. Fox had this to say about it: "I am usually a sweet, kind, good-natured sort of person as everyone knows. I was sitting in the teachers' lounge having a pack of cigarettes when I heard Mr. Thuma relating to MY class one of MY war stories. I wouldn't have minded too much but when he said that HE and not I wiped out a German tank division with only a screwdriver, I almost exploded. With the cunning of a weasel I planned my strategy. I was going to call him over to the lounge and there take his life by ripping out his fingernails, rubbing salt into them and then cut his jugular vein with a dull spoon.

My plan was ruined when he came in and sat down without my calling him, so I pulled out my gun and let him have it. I was going to finish him off with a hand grenade when Davy nabbed me."

Gillette said Fox was sent home after further questioning for what he termed "being a naughty boy."

## A. Potter, T. Betz Honored

Ann Potter and Tom Betz, freshmen at the University of Michigan, have been announced winners of the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize. Prize winners selected by the Committee on University Scholarships rank in the top seven per cent of their university class. This year at the U. of M. 289 freshmen received the William J. Branstrom prize.

Each winner selects one of twenty-one books included on a specially prepared book list. The list includes volumes which represent a broad field of student interests. Each book is gold-stamped with the University of Michigan seal and marked with a special bookplate.



## April Fool's Origins

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day is the name given to the first day of April. This day is set aside by custom for playing jokes on other people. The origin of this "joke playing" day has been greatly disputed. There are many reasons for its existence, but none of them seem to be completely logical.

It is believed that April Fools' Day, like most other holidays, is based on religion. One theory is that it is a farcical memorial of Christ's being sent from Annas to Caiaphas, from Caiaphas to Pilate, from Pilate to Herod and from Herod back to Pilate, the crucifixion finally taking place about the first of April.<sup>1</sup>

Another theory states that it all began with Noah and his ark. On the first day of the Jewish year, which is the first of April, Noah sent out a dove in search of land. It returned after finding that the flood waters had not subsided. There is some disagreement as to whether Noah or the dove was the first "April Fool," but this is an interpretation as to how it all started.<sup>2</sup>

The origin of April Fool's Day may be quite recent. It may have started in France when the French adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1564. New Year's Day was changed from March 25th to January 1st. Some pranksters still made their New Year calls on the old date and made "fools" of the people who forgot and received them seriously. If this is the true origin, it would not have come to America until the middle of the 18th century, for it was at this time that England adopted the calendar from the French.<sup>3</sup>

The Romans had a similar holiday when they played tricks on each other. However it was not in April. In Hindustan there was a celebration called the Feast of Huli. This always ended on March 31. Here the people spent the last day sending each other on ridiculous errands. For example: telling a small boy to go to the bookstore for a copy of "The History of Eve's Grandmother" or to the chemist's for "a bottle of Pigeon milk."

<sup>1</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica

<sup>2</sup> "Days and Customs of All Faiths" by Rev. Howard Harper

<sup>3</sup> "Easter Book of Legends and Stories" by A. I. Habeltine

## Four Bands for Concert

The 5th Annual Spring Music Concert, under the direction of Mr. Robert Grill, will be given April 9 at 8:00 in the evening, in the University High School Gym. A combination of the fifth and sixth grade bands will begin the concert, followed by the junior high band, and lastly the senior high band. Included in the program presented by the senior high band will be a medley from the Broadway musical "Carnival."

## Dialogue in a Crowded Lounge

**Setting:** University High School teacher's lounge.

**Time:** 7:45 Monday morning

**Scene:** Mr. Kotecki and Mr. Murphy are drinking coffee, and preparing for the day's classes.

**Mr. Kotecki:** Gee, I don't dare go to class. I haven't finished correcting those journalism themes yet, and it has been six weeks. I almost had them finished last night, but I came upon Cheryl VanDeventer's, and I spent an hour just looking up the vocabulary words she used! I wish she would stick to the words on the word list.

**Mr. Murphy:** You think that's bad, I assigned a short theme for Friday, and that John Harada wrote one that might as well be an encyclopedia. It took me all weekend just to read the thing.

(Mrs. Spieler hurries into the room a little out of breath)

**Mrs. Spieler:** I'll burn my tongue again, but I guess I had better drink up fast, since during the day I only have five minutes free while those kids are dressing.

**Mr. Murphy:** Audrey dear, why don't you let the girls have a longer dressing time? It only seems reasonable for us to have a little longer with our coffee.

**Mrs. Spieler:** I would, only Dr. Weaver might fire me! That Holly Allen always takes such a long time as it is. I hope Dr. Weaver doesn't notice that! Holly always gives me an excuse about seeing John!

(Mr. Hackney and Mr. Brummels who have been standing by the window walk over to the coffee table.)

**Mr. Hackney:** I hate to admit it, but I think the text books are getting harder each year. I assigned ten problems for today, and I spent all weekend trying to figure them out.

**Mr. Brummels:** Same with me, only I had to go to a college professor to figure out one of the problems I had given for extra credit!

**Mr. Engles:** (Who had just overheard the conversation) I agree. I have more trouble with these extra credit kids. Dave Doubleday came in Friday after school, and we worked till 5 and my wife had a fit. She didn't give me any dinner! Imagine that! My wife complains about my working weekends, but how else can you keep up with those students?

(Mr. Deur and Mr. Nuzum, who have been sipping coffee quietly de-

cide to add to the conversation.)

**Mr. Deur:** I've been having the same type of problems. Everytime the biology classes have to learn those horrible bones and muscles, I have to go and memorize them myself, and that's coming up in another couple weeks. I'd better get started. It seems to take longer each year to learn them. The kids just don't realize the extra time an older person puts into teaching.

**Mr. Nuzum:** Yeah, but what if you're younger! I don't even have time to spend with Bette anymore. I spend all my time with rocks, chemicals, and magnets. I hate preparing experiments.

(Mr. Fox and Mrs. Monroe are chatting away as they enter, but immediately stop as they sense a tenseness in the air.)

**Mr. Kotecki:** Ahh, here comes la Senora Monroe.

**Mrs. Monroe** snaps back: Don't you think I have enough Spanish all day in the class room without you having to speak it too! In fact, I'm going to make a rule for the teacher's lounge. It will cost you 10 cents fine for anyone who does NOT speak in English.

**Mr. Fox:** You people don't have problems like I have. I don't have any student teachers this semester. Think of all the extra hours I am going to have to put in. I am not even sure if I can remember how to teach class anymore.

(Miss Crisman to Mr. Gillette as they walk in.)

**Miss Crisman:** What are we going to do with Sue's mother? She just thinks that Sue is a genius and an angel. I don't know how to break the news to her.

**Mr. Gillette:** It wouldn't be so bad just talking to mothers, but some of these fathers who think they know how to run the school are sure tough customers.

**Mrs. Monroe:** Well, I think we should get the other teachers together and make up a petition that only dumb bells can come to University High. Otherwise we will have heart attacks from overworking.

**Mr. Engles:** I agree. If I remember correctly, it said in my little science magazine that people do get heart attacks from overworking.

**Mr. Kotecki:** All here in favor of the petition say "I."

**Everyone:** IHHHHHHHHH

## Honoring . . .

Dave Murray '62, who made the dean's list at Kalamazoo College.

Lou Ann Forsleff, '62, Janet Kloster, '61, and David Roekle, '62, for making the dean's list at Western Michigan University.

Carol Sue VanderBrook who was selected for the Judiciary Council at the University of Michigan.

The entire cast and crew of the Red and White Revue for their fine performance.



## Outlook Very Bright For Spring Sports

Coach Richard Nuzum's 1963 varsity baseball team is looking forward to a very successful year. Playing virtually all the Greater Kalamazoo teams, the ball team has a packed sixteen game schedule. Last year's team had a thirteen game schedule; they won eleven. This year's team is powerladen with six returning starters: Vince Hodge, Joe Koenig, Jerry Quandt, Dan Rhodes, Jim Vaughan, captain Bruce Williams. Helping greatly will be Connie Mack starters of the past season: Brom DeMink, Jack Engles, John Noble, Jeff Rhuland, Stuart Starkweather. Freshman Tom Roon and junior Carl Moe are also top prospects.

The last game of the year should prove to be quite interesting: a night game with Kalamazoo Central under the lights at Riverview. The team hoping to improve on their '62 record, will provide fans with hustling baseball play.

After losing only three men from last year's state championship tennis team 'U' High is optimistically eyeing the title again. The schedule reveals three new opponents for the Cubs. They are Portage, Loy Norrix, and Holland Christian, a team that lost last year's state championship to the Cubs by only one half point. They will probably be the toughest opponent the Cubs will face.

Ron Creager, who was 'U' High's number one player last year, will return to lead the Cubs again. Captain Joe Stulberg, Maris Rushevics, Rick Russell, Steve Campbell, John Harada, John Manske, Steve Ginsberg, Jon Jennings and Jim Dale round out the top ten players. These boys will be trying to continue 'U' High's record of having never lost a conference tennis match when the Cubs play their first home match against South Haven April 11, here on the VanderCook courts.

With almost all the ice and snow off the ground, the prospective 'U' High linksters took to the fairways and greens in order to get in shape for qualifying rounds. The qualifying round consists of 18 holes played probably at Kalamazoo Country Club. The top ten scores will then be taken and those scores will determine who stays on the team. The top five of those ten will be starters for the varsity and the other five will make up the reserves.

This year's captain, Jack Tobias, will be the only man returning from last year's varsity. Coach Roy Walters expects to have a good season with men like freshmen Tom Schwarz and Jeff Blankenburg, sophomore Bob Hammond, juniors Fred Margolis, Pat Gallagher and Bob Bell, and seniors John Manske and Jack Tobias.

## Cubs Float over River Rouge

### Stall Tactics Bridge to Spectacular Victory

Defense was the key to the Cubs victory last Friday night at the Fieldhouse. The inspired quintet playing before a crowd of 3,000 played a sparkling defensive game. Some of the tactics used were: a full court press, double teaming, and sewing the net shut.

Referees Barney Chance and Lyle McAuley called the fouls with great accuracy. They called fouls on the River Rouge players twenty-five times, all on the first string players.

The Cubs offensive game was tremendously spectacular. The Cubs had a 40 per cent average by making 10 out of their 25 free throws.

One redeeming factor in the River Rouge defeat was their faultless defense. They blocked 38 of Joe Koenig's jump shots, and 10, 8, and 7 of Quandt's, Hodge's, and Riege's respectively.

The second factor in the 'U' High victory was their stall tactics. After the first three minutes the Cubs had scored 2 points from the charity line. They then began a spectacular stall. Skilled dribbling proved effective for only a short time, and then new tactics had to be used. Putting two or three extra balls into play added to the general confusion and was effective for a while. River Rouge scored 40 points during this time. However, all shots were declared null and void by referee Chance, because they had been using the wrong ball. The opportunity for the next stall was provided by another one of Joe Koenig's unfailing "contact hunts." At this time while searching for Koenig's dime-sized microscopes, the ball was deflated and put in the bottom of Pat Gallagher's shoe. He promptly put the shoe on and entered the game for his usual two minutes. However, by this time the final buzzer had sounded and the Cubs had cinched their state title.

## Forensic Excellence Cited

The local speech contest, which is sponsored by the Michigan High School Forensic Association, was held Thursday, March 7 at 'U' High. Nine students received winning honors in the five categories. Pam Schneider and Sharon VanDeventer were the winners in Declamation; Caryl Yzenbaard and Tim Miller in Original Oration; Martha VanderBrook and Ann Rosegrant in Humorous Reading; Julie Birkhold and Sue Egland in Interpretive Reading; and Joe Stulberg in Extemporaneous Speaking.

## 'Prospects Look Good if . . .' Says Coach L. McAuley

There is strong evidence that this year's track squad will be a contender for the conference track title this spring if they can fill in two spots left vacant via graduation. Coach Lyle McAuley has nine letter winners returning from last year's squad. They are listed in order of points earned: Ken Calhoun, captain, Ron Creager, Duane Riege, Vince Hodge, Tom DeCair, Dave Hames, Don Koets, Larry Hames, and Jim Willson. Coach McAuley is also expecting help from sophomore standouts Jim Giachino and Steve Johnson, distance runners.

Four returning members placed high in the conference meet last spring. Sprinter Ken Calhoun received second in the 220 yard dash, Ron Creager first in the broad jump, Duane Riege first in the high jump, and Dave Hames third in the broad jump. Coach McAuley stated "The prospects look good if we can find some shot putters, a couple of hurdlers and our returning men perform as expected."

### Schedule through spring vacation:

April 5, Portage there 4:15  
April 10, South Haven there 4:30  
April 17, Loy Norrix here 1:00  
April 20, Sturgis here 1:30

## Bear Blunders

It's that time of year again and at 'U' High, various members of the fairer sex may be seen wearing the latest hair style. It's called the "perfectly-straight-on-account-of-first-hour-swimming" look and while it isn't too popular, it certainly is different.

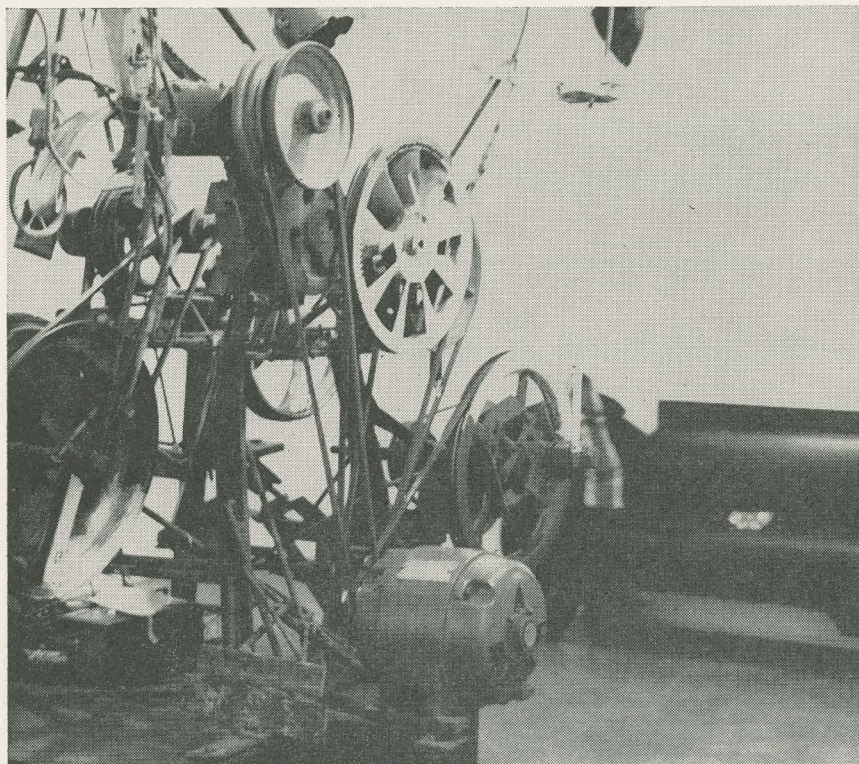
It seems that Kim Gildea was suffering from an acute stuffed-up nose in bookkeeping class. When he had almost begun to blow his nose, Scott Wagonmaker yanked the handkerchief out of his hand.

It seems that every year there is at least one casualty in biology. Our sympathies to Mary Ann Thorne who fainted dead away at the sight of her poor little frog waiting for her to dissect him.

As an example of the keen sense of humor possessed by the students of 'U' High, read this. "Walking is very good for one's constitution. It may change it a little, but we here in Michigan think constitutions should be changed every now and then."



# Renovation Confirmed by Director



New Teaching Machine from photograph "Sculpture, Jean Tinguely" by Thomas Taylor.

The state of Michigan has finally approved the appropriation of twelve million dollars for our new school. Some reliable witnesses have reported that Dr. Weaver, upon receiving news of these developments, was seen to jump into the air and wiggle his ears in exuberance. School will be dismissed two weeks early for spring vacation as the workmen are expected to begin their mammoth labors tomorrow. The work should be finished by April 23, (1963), the day that classes will resume after the four week vacation.

The first step toward the minor changes planned for the remodeling, will be to tear down the present structure. Although still reputed to be of sound construction, the Board fears that it is not quite as modern as the students deserve. The students of 'U' High will be heart broken. Their love for the old school, demonstrated by their tender maintenance of its spotless halls, will cause them much grief when they are confronted with a shiny, new building.

The board has reviewed the number of deaths and injuries reported on the front and back stairs. The next step planned for the workmen will be to construct a glass covered walk from the lower levels up to this high peak of knowledge. There will, of course, be both escalators and steps for student use.

There is one part of the school which, for sentimentality's sake will not be changed. The graceful Greek columns will be allowed to stand as they have, apparently, since Caesar first placed them there.

The administration feels that the students themselves should be allowed to contribute something to the building of their new school. In the lower hall, a large expanse of smooth wall has been allotted for student murals. It is hoped that this artistic endeavor will help recreate in the minds of future students the atmosphere of our present day life. (The administration also hopes that this chance for artistic expression will reduce the mortality rate of desks and chairs.)

Perhaps one of the most unique features of the new school will be the teaching machine. This revolutionary new piece of equipment is possible only after centuries of assiduous labor. The many tangled coils of wire you see are this "teacher's" grading system. A minute particle of aluminum buried deep in this mass of steel, contains the teacher's sympathetic understanding. The major bulk of the machine, however, will be devoted to the memory storage of rules and their consequences if broken. Ever on the alert to provide all sorts of services, this "teacher" is equipped even with a self-analytical couch.

## Reverie

The sun looked like a splash of yellow paint on a blue blotter. It had only been up a few hours, but all ready the penetrating rays were warming the sand so that the heat waves were wavering back and forth. At the edge of the sand was the water. Every wave seemed to have a topping of diamonds that sparkled in the sun. A lone sea gull glided against the deep blue overhead. It moved on slowly without flapping its wings. Out on the water a sailboat seemed to be barely moving, but in a few minutes it was out of sight. It all seemed so still and peaceful. The waves were the quiet kind, they slid onto the shore instead of splashing. Have you ever watched a wave? You know, they continue on and on. One may break here now, but an hour later it is still rolling in someplace down the beach.

There is a breeze coming in now. Maybe it is the one that pushed the sailboat out of sight. The branches of the trees along the shore are whispering to themselves, but it just adds to the stillness. The water is nice today. Sometimes it is cold, or sometimes the breeze brings in debris and makes it muddy; but today it is cool and clear—so clear you can see the little stones on the bottom, and farther out, the ripples in the hard sand. Every once in a while a silvery fish shoots by in the shallows. It looks like two fish because of its shadow. Up in the sky a plane is passing over. That's funny . . . I can't even hear the engine. Maybe it is gliding like the sea gull.

It is so quiet. Quiet! It is too quiet! I jerked up in my chair. The whole scene fell away. There I was in that same room with all those people; I was not alone at all. Oh, now I've done it. What did the teacher say? I think it was a question. Everybody is staring at me. Oh, well there is nothing else to say. "I'm sorry, sir, I was not listening." Silence.

—Barbara Platt

## Boy and Superboy

The average teenage boy is a highly intellectual human being. Rising above the masses, he strives for high ideals. Representing a true individual, he confronts and surpasses the pitfalls of life. He is never discouraged; he never gives up. When temptation lures him toward seemingly greener pastures, he turns his powerful, world-conquering self the other way and struts off into the pages of history.

The average teenage boy of the 1960's will always be remembered as an independent individual, long on ambition, high on hopes, a Sir Lancelot, a tribute to an era of intellectualism.