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Hi Chiyomi!



Effervescent Personality Arrives from Japan

A short, energetic and smiling Japanese girl has been happily making friends about 'U' High. She is Chiyomi Takuhiro, an 18 year-old senior who is to spend one academic year in the United States. Chiyomi, an only child, comes to 'U' High from Hiroshima, Japan.

Chiyomi gives four reasons why she wished to come to America. First, she would like to test her own resourcefulness while away from her parents who have looked after her quite closely. Secondly, she would like to learn how American housewives and American students spend their time. Thirdly, she hopes to meet many students from all over the world so that she can discuss problems and ideas with them in order to get an unprejudiced view of world affairs. Her last reason for coming to the United States is to learn English in its natural surroundings.

Chiyomi enjoys mathematics, swimming, and ping-pong. In Japan, social activities are not focused on the schools, so Chiyomi especially enjoys the football games and parties at 'U' High.

When Chiyomi returns home, she will complete her high school education and attend a university in Tokyo. She is considering a future in foreign trade or foreign affairs.

UNIVERSITY HIGH

Highlights

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Phys. Ed. for Honor Roll?

Is it fair to have one's Physical Education mark count for the honor roll? Not many people seem to think so. In a sample poll taken of the students of 'U' High, six people were in favor of this policy; three didn't care one way or the other; and twenty were against it.

The reason for this new policy, which affects only Freshmen and Sophomores, is that, for these two classes, physical education has become a class which meets five days a week, and therefore gives one full credit per year. This is a legitimate reason for the increased importance of the grade one receives in physical education, and will not affect the poorer students, who would not have been on the honor roll anyway, but it may have a serious effect on some excellent students who may not be very physically skilled. To cite one example, one boy, presently a sophomore, earned the following grades last year during one marking period: five A's and a C in physical education. Under the present system, the boy would not have been on the honor roll at all. This hardly seems fair, since the purpose of the honor roll is to recognize scholastic achievement. Mr. Martin has said that if this policy does not work out, it may be changed. Let us hope that enough people express their views so that this situation may soon be remedied.

Voice of the Students

Last year the Highlights staff began a new column called Voice of The Students. The purpose of this column was to give each student the opportunity to write his views on a subject which he is particularly interested in, and to have his views read by the whole student body. If, during the school year you find that you would like to write an article, please bring your papers to room 219. If there are any questions, ask Mr. Kotecki, Highlights advisor.

Honor Society Induction

The Honor Society of 'U' High held an induction for new members, Monday, October 21. The new members are as follows: Martha Groulx, Barbara Margolis, Keye Luke, Henry Todd, Alan Karr, John Harada, Pete VanderBeek, and Douglas Hanze. A student must have an A- scholastic average since his sophomore year in order to be eligible to join. This year's officers are: president, Cheryl VanDeventer; vice president, Marie Trimpe; and secretary-treasurer, Caryl Yzenbaard. Mr. Neil Schoenhals is their advisor.

The purpose for the Honor Society is to honor those who have succeeded in their drive for a good education, so many students use the Honor Society as a goal which they can work toward throughout their high school career.

Ten Apply for AFS

Ten juniors applied for the AFS student abroad program this month. Of these, two will be accepted, and their names sent in to the New York office. They will have a chance to go either to Europe for a year, or to some part of the world for the summer.

Those who applied were: Sue Southon, Alan Karr, Carol Manske, Mary Wise, Barbara Brannock, Marty Groulx, Keye Luke, Barbara Margolis and Suzanne Piket.

The Juniors had their applications in the office Oct. 15. Those who qualified were interviewed individually Oct. 17 by the AFS Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee was composed of Mr. Martin, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Schoenhals, Miss Crisman, Fred Margolis, Rick Gilkey, Denise Gladstone, Ann Rosegrant, Jeff Rhuland, Claire Anderson, and Chiyomi Takuhiro, our Foreign Student.

Save Your Pennies for UNICEF

Sophomores Best Salesmen

The annual 'U' High school magazine sale, which began September 29 and lasted through October 22, brought the school a gross total of \$1968.83 of magazines sold (this sum is not, however, the final amount of money which the school will receive from the sale).

The sale was directed by Duane Riege, the Student Council Treasurer, who had the task of assembling the records turned in by the homeroom treasurers.

The highest-selling class was the Sophomore Class, with a total of \$622.53. The Junior Class was next, with \$550.29. The Freshman Class brought in \$497.86, and the Senior Class \$298.15.

The school owes a vote of thanks to all the students who participated in this sale. Each student who really tried to sell magazines helped to make the sale a success.

Students Write for Gazette

One group that receives very little recognition by the school is the Teen Page writers. They report on Student Council and club meetings, dances, fund drives, assemblies, and other events taking place at 'U' High. The articles appear weekly in the Sunday edition of the Kalamazoo Gazette. These writers perform a useful function in seeing that the public is informed of the activities taking place at 'U' High.

This year's editor is Martha Vanderbrook. She would appreciate any news that is thought provoking and not simply a calendar of events. The remaining staff is made up of Sue Smith, Tao Patton, Tony Wonderley, Chris Waren, Mary Wise, Bob Kent, Suzanne Piket, Barb Margolis, Lucia Leonardelli, Cheryl VanDeventer, Karen Decker, Diane Wunderlich, Vicki Virgo, Suzy Southon, Daphne Szmuszkovicz, Chiyomi Takuhiro, and Sue Betz.

Book Exhibit November 13

The Junior High School is sponsoring a two-day book fair to be held in the Campus School Library on November 12 and 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Athena Bookstore is providing a hundred hard-back books while the Campus Book Store will exhibit a good selection of paper backs. No books will be sold at the fair, but orders will be taken.

New library books which have been purchased for the library will be available to browse through also.

A special invitation is being extended to parents of Junior High students to come and browse November 13.

Mrs. Ruth Cundiff, seventh grade teacher, and Miss Mildred Winslow, librarian, are faculty sponsors of the project.

"Yes Ma'm."

"Yes ma'm, this is the information booth. You wish to exchange these flashlight batteries? When did you buy the batteries?—Two weeks ago . . . do you have your sales slip? The sales slip is the white piece of paper which tells the price of your purchases. Yes ma'm every purchaser receives a sales slip. You didn't get one? Very well, may I see the batteries? Oh, they're in your flashlight, I'll have to ask the counter supervisor if we carry this brand of batteries. I'm sorry to have taken so long, ma'm, but, I'm afraid these were not purchased here . . . The price tag is not ours. Yes ma'm perhaps you were chiseled into paying fifty cents when they were twenty-five but at another store. You wish to see our manager . . . here comes our assistant manager. Oh Mr. Krabb, could you please see what is the matter with this flashlight? There you go ma'm, only the bulb was burned out. If you will please step over to the checkout to pay for it. No, ma'm, you don't have to go downstairs and get new batteries, your flashlight works now . . . by the way we don't have a basement, that's next door."

"May I help you sir? Yes sir, we cash personal checks. Do you have identification,—your driver's license will be fine. If you will excuse me, sir, I'll have this check O.K.'d by a floor walker. Here's your check sir, you'll find the hot water bottles on counter thirteen."

"Hi, Ruth, how's business in the front of the store? The checkouts are busy here also. We've had two checkers and a bagger part of the time. You want a cash purchase slip? What happened to the charge slips? You had only half your pay check left last week after charges! I understand it now. Why don't you get a meal ticket for your lunches and breaks? They really save money and time. Here is your ticket, don't work too hard!"

"Hey Pete! . . . what can I do for you today. You want your freight money? Leave it to you to deliver freight on Saturday. Is the meat on the loading dock or on that elevator? O.K. I'll call the kitchen on the intercom and tell them it's there. Drive carefully!"

"Yes, ma'm, what can I do for you? No, ma'm, we don't have a charge account but we do have a lay-away plan." Counter ten! "Excuse me please . . . counter ten needs change." "Now if you will please put a ten percent deposit on the lay-away. Thank you very much for shopping with us."

Ring, ring, ring. "Good evening, F. W. Woolworth's. May I help you? Yes ma'm, the store is closing, right now. Good-bye!"

—Caryl Yzenbaard

It Happens At 'U' High

Mrs. Kavenaugh thinks the fire alarm should ring louder in the Home Ec. Room. Her student teacher thought it was a timer on one of the stoves and was trying to turn it off.

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Pat Reynolds was asked in government class whether senators could be younger than 30. "No," she answered, "but they can be older, can't they?"

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When Mr. Deur introduced his new student teacher, Mr. Sprung, to the Biology classes, one bright student began to recite, "Spring has sprung . . ."

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Mr. Nuzum was demonstrating to his class the principles of a geysers by means of a pressure cooker, which contained a potato and water. At the end of the experiment, he proved to his class that instant mashed potatoes makes a becoming covering for the teacher who opens the lid too soon.

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Corky Martin was found guarding a sink all last hour one day. Favorite sink? No, favorite contact lens. The plumbers arrived to find the lens in the drain pipe.

In Latin class Mr. Kotecki asked Marla Tobias to give an example of a subjunctive. Marla answered, "Although we went to the movie," Mr. Kotecki said it was very good, but he found a little difficulty in finishing the sentence. Dick Wilcox had the right answer, "We didn't watch it."

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Mr. Robert Sutor certainly has the right name. According to his own account, he has dated the same girl for fourteen years. Perhaps someone should tell the checker at the cafeteria.

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The altos of the 'U' High choir were dismayed a few weeks ago when Mr. Frey asked them to sing a difficult soprano part individually. As he went down the line many of the girls refused. Upon reaching his daughter Karen mimicked, "Mr. Frey, I have a very bad cold and I can't sing today." To the delight of the whole choir one of the more talented tenors quipped "You mean Daddy Dear!"

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During class one day Mr. Walter's explained to the class that he was not bald he just has a wide part.

Cubs Eye Victory In Final Game

At Allegan last Friday the Cubs lost 18-6 in a well-played football game, to the Allegan Tigers.

The football coach, Roy Walters, had this to say after the game: "The coaches felt that outside of the South Haven game, this was our best performance. Allegan had a good, sound football team, and with 34 seconds left, only led 12-6. In spite of the loss, the kids did a good job."

The six points were scored on a double reverse pass from Rick Russell to Stewart Starkweather to Joe Koenig, who passed to John Noble for the touchdown.

John Noble caught 4 passes altogether, for a total of 81 yards. More help in the offensive lineup came from Joe Koenig, who made several sensational catches.

Skip Scheenhals led the defense with 8 tackles while Maris Rushevics and Mark Mrozek followed close behind.

This coming Friday, November 1, the team will meet Paw Paw here at Angel Field for the last football game of the season. If the team looks as good as it did at Allegan, 'U' High is going to have a good game! So—let's all be there to see it!

Reserves Show Talent

This year's Reserve football team is doing well despite the Varsity's bad luck. Although they started off the season with a loss to South Haven, 27-18; they bounced back to conquer St. Augustine, 32-7; and Otsego, 26-13. They then tied Plainwell, 13-13; and Vicksburg, 7-7. A week later in an extremely close game, the Reserves lost to Allegan only by 6-0.

In addition to a good won-lost record the Reserves have gone out in force to break other records. Some of their better stunts were:

- (a) Leaving a shoe at home
- (b) Leaving a mouthpiece at home
- (c) Leaving themselves at home.

Terry Moore deserves an honorable mention for being on time to practice exactly three times.

Seriously though, the entire squad has done a terrific job. Especially outstanding for playing consistently well are Mark Calhoun, Paul Scott and Bunkie VanderSalm.

The Freshman team has also made a good showing. In spite of winning one and losing two, every game was close. Another factor to be considered was that they played all their games with a manpower shortage handicap. The opposing team usually outnumbered the Frosh squad 2 to 1.

An Unexpected Turning

"Aw Tracy!"

"Nine thirty, Joe and that's final. Mom made the ruling, not me."

"Who ever heard of comin' home at nine thirty on Halloween anyway?"

"Apparently Mother did old pal, so good bye, no pranks, and see ya at half past. O.K.?"

"O.K., o.k.!" Joe turned and walked slowly down the long, rural driveway. He had on a costume which was his own creation, sort of a mobster type outfit. He wore a long black coat, fierce mask, and shabby hat. Under his coat were a pair of stilt boots that added six inches to his height. He had practiced with them and walked with the assurance of a professional. Joe thought his costume was very effective and a kind of rowdy air came about him as he thought of all the things he could do with it.

As he shuffled along his older sister Tracy watched with disgust. Would that boy ever settle down? She wondered. Oh well at least she was rid of him for awhile!

The phone rang, it's piercing sound breaking the thick silence and sending Tracy running to answer it. "Hello?" Oh it's you Mom!—Not until ten, why?" Her voice slid down to a sullen tone as she answered, "All right see you then." She put the phone on the hook and looked about. She was all alone in the country on Halloween and her mother wouldn't be home for two hours. Tracy's heart skipped a beat as she thought of spending the evening in the suddenly dark and forbidding house. "Wait a minute," she thought, "Why not go over to Judy's?" It was only a mile if she took the short cut. Judy was always home. The idea relieved Tracy as she slipped her slim feet into a pair of tennis shoes and nervously tied them. With a light, quick step she walked to the door and let it slam behind her.

The night was a perfect one for

Halloween. The atmosphere was eerie. The air was saturated with moisture that depressed her breathing and felt cold and slimy on her bare arms. For a fleeting moment she thought of going back to get a sweater but a quick glance at the house discouraged her. Everything seemed gray and blurred.

The path through the mature, oak forest was muddy. Tracy's shoes soon became wet and they squeaked with the chorus of rustling leaves. The thought of the warmth and safety there would be at Judy's relaxed her. Suddenly she thought she heard a snap behind her. She whirled around in apprehension . . . Nothing, only quiet. "What a fool I am," she muttered and continued. Still a gnawing fear was awakened in Tracy. Every fiber of her body was tense. Out of the corner of her eye she caught a glimps of a tall shadowy man. For an instant she was paralyzed with fear. Her mind raced . . . Just a prankster. Maybe a tramp—Good Lord! not one of those mental patients! A stereotype image came before her and she began to run. There he was again and again, to the left, then the right, fearfully close, then far behind. In and out he faded through the mist. Tracy thought she caught a chuckle. This guy was playing a game, he must be crazy. She was frantic now and ran with the speed and energy only fear prompts. Her blouse was wet with perspiration and it clung to her small body. Still he gained.

Tracy raced madly on and didn't see the partially hidden branch across her path. She fell hard and quick and felt the gritty taste of dirt in her mouth. This was it she knew. He was coming and laughing in a hysterical way. Tracy stood and spun to meet him. Her face reflected utter horror. With a hoarse rasp she screamed one word . . . "No! !!"

—Connie Adams

Finettes Add Members

To fill the vacancies caused by graduation the Finettes selected new members. This year's additions to the club include Mary Hamilton, K. C. Moe, Jan Wilson, Carol Conrad, Sue Wetnight, Linda Zeman, Berry Ann Matthews, Kathy VanStreain, and Beth DePree. This brings the organization's total membership to 30. The girls trying out were judged competitively on their ability to do various basic synchronized swimming stunts.

Practices for positions in the annual water show are now in progress. The general theme of the show will be chosen in November, and the individual numbers go into rehearsal after Christmas vacation.

Band Officers Elected

The 'U' High band is off to a successful start in the 1963-64 school year. Officers have been elected and are meeting regularly under the leadership of Chuck Prange, band president. Other officers are: Sue Beukema, vice president; Barb Brannock, secretary; Mike Holaday, treasurer; and Ingrid Nelson, librarian. The band is currently hard at work on two projects, final rehearsing of the half-time show to be presented at the 'U' High-Paw Paw football game and preliminary planning of the Red and White Revue.

Fall Banquet Planned

Mr. Roy Walters, athletic director, has announced that the Fall Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, November 18, in the Western Michigan University Student Center starting at 6:30 p.m. The cross-country and the football teams will be the guests of the athletic department.

All parents, friends, and members of the student body are welcome to attend and may purchase "booster" tickets for the banquet in the Campus School office the week before; the price will be \$2.50. Mr. Bud Donnelly, outstanding amateur tennis player is to be the Master of Ceremonies. The members of the coaching staff will speak briefly and will present awards for athletic achievement.

Honoring . . .

The cross-country team of 'U' High for placing second in the Wolverine Conference meet.

Candy Stanlake, Duane Riege, Dawn Goodrich, and Al Karr, who were elected president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the Math Club respectively.

Daphne Szmuskovicz for being elected assistant secretary of the Kalamazoo Public Library Youth Council.

Carl Moe, Joe Koenig, and Rick Russell were elected president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer of the Varsity 'U' Club respectively.

Charles Prange and William Wichers who were semi-finalists in National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The 1963 Football Homecoming Court: Denise Gladstone, Holly Allen, Dawn Goodrich, and Suzy Hamilton, and the Homecoming King and Queen: Rick Russell and Margaret Slenger.

All newly elected class officers: Senior Class President, Carl Moe; Vice President, Rick Gilkey; Treasurer, Stuart Starkweather; Secretary, Sue Egland. Junior Class President, Jeff Rhuland; Vice President, Jon Jennings; Treasurer, Bob Kent; Secretary, Carol Boudeman. Sophomore Class President, Mike Holaday; Vice President, Bill Jackson; Treasurer, Bernie Stulberg; Secretary, Kay Neerkin. Freshman Class President, Paul Scott; Vice President, Bob Achterburg; Treasurer, Dean Panse; Secretary, Jan Wilson.

Sally Householder, '62, who achieved honor records at Wellesley College her freshman year.

John Manske, '63, for making the internationally famous University of Michigan Men's Glee Club.

Is College Beneficial for All?

Every high school student is indoctrinated nowadays with the mythical idea that he must go to college—that it is college or nothing. Pressure is put on him by his parents, teachers and friends to enroll in an institution of higher education after graduation from high school. He is given the reasons that with a college degree he is almost certain to obtain a higher salary and more prestige than with just a high school diploma. Perhaps this is so, assuming that he does well in college. If he can not do well, he will be better off in a vocational training program.

The student who goes to college but who is not college material will either flunk out, or barely make it through, and will become a nervous wreck trying to compete with the more able students. He is wasting his own time, his parent's money and the institution's funds. In those students who are faltering in college, feelings of pressure build almost to the breaking point. Some lose their sense of values. The results: cheating, unhappy students, disappointed parents, frustrated teachers, nervous breakdowns and academic failures.

A realistic estimate of each individual student's abilities should always be made. Desires and talents should

be matched with the courses and type of institution in which he enrolls.

Every American high school should include in its curriculum preparatory courses for college. It also should include good, diversified vocational courses for those handicapped by lack of intelligence or opportunity to go to college. Although the number of vocational preparation courses offered by American high schools are increasing, there still is a need for more.

Many high school students, particularly boys, upon graduation are not mature enough to assume the rigid academic life of a college student. In many instances the "goof-off" in high school, has worked a few years after high school or has served his military duty. A few years later he enrolls in a college and does quite well. Too many students feel that they should complete their college education as soon and rapidly as possible, although this is not necessarily true.

Too many colleges are overcrowded, and are wasting valuable funds and teachers on students who are not serious or intelligent enough to be attending college. This money and instruction should be devoted to the capable college students.

—Jane Hotneier

Model Club Interests Grow

'U' High's Model Club roars into another year of racing with Steve Polley as president. Formerly known as the Model Airplane Club, the organization has been expanded to include model cars and ships as well as planes.

The purpose of the club is for interested people to meet and share their ideas on model building. Club members will be designing, building and in some cases racing their models.

At present the club has six members but Mr. Schoenhals, the faculty advisor, believes there will be more after football season.

Thespians Begin Plans For February Presentation

The Drama Club held its first meeting Thursday afternoon, Oct. 23. Club members signed up for the play committees, but there are still committee positions open.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 31, at which there will be election of officers.

All students are cordially invited to join the club, but because of the dearth of boys, Mr. Christensen is making a special plea for their presence.

Check-Mates

Judy Patton has been watching a certain Ron from Norrix. Are you promoting inter-school spirit Judy?

Has Ed Praus decided to take up the flute with Diane, or is he sticking to the French horn?

Ann Rosegrant thinks she has found a King in Mike.

Mike feels pretty Low when Cindy Southon isn't around.

Jon Jennings certainly is smart (Wise) to pick someone like Mary.

Julie certainly has a good (Birk)-hold on Carl (Moe).

Carol Stafford has been Barry-picking at Norrix, and has found a certain Thompson very much to her taste.

Mary Lou Sutherland's golf score soars whenever she plays with Jeff. It seems that she just can't keep her eyes off the Blankenburg!

Sue Stevens is so far gone for Pete, that she even takes him to her sociology class.

Ann's been Patton herself on the back ever since she caught Mike Griffith.

It's not Barbara Allen, but Sue who has Steve McKinney singing her praises.

Jim is all tangled in Reynold's wrap. Right Pat?

Judy is keeping her Light on for Rod nowadays.