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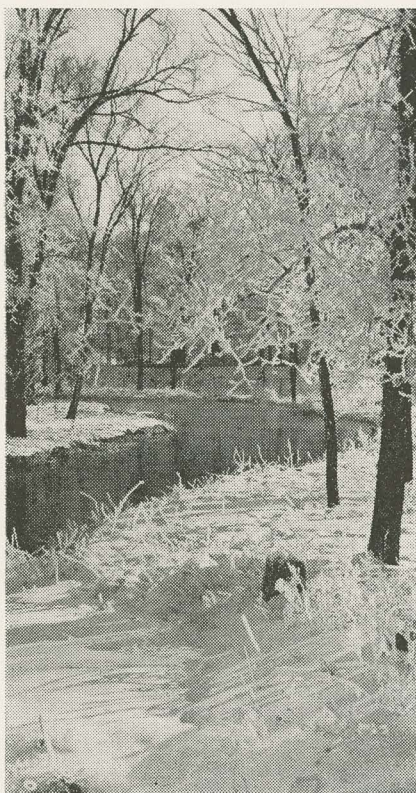
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UNIVERSITY HIGH

Highlights

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Scholars Honored

The following sixty-five students have been listed on the honor roll for the first marking period (September 9 to November 8) of the 1963-64 school year.

Alpha, four A's and no mark lower than a B: Bob Achterberg, Bill Barr, Jane Davidoff, Chris Galbraith, Lynn Gardiner, Doug Hange, Mike Holaday, Al Karr, Adrian Lo, Marsha Lyttle, Corky Martin, Ruth Nadelman, Judy Norris, Ann Rosegrant, Craig Speck, Ken Stillwell, Bernie Stulberg, Kathy Sykes, David Triestram, Kathy Vandegiesen, Cheryl VanDeventer, and Caryl Yzenbaard.

Beta, three A's and no mark lower than a B: Connie Adams, Sue Alexander, Kathy Bennett, Gay Blanchard, Jeff Blankenburg, Kathy Brune, Jan DePree, Pat Dew, Karen Frey, Louise Freyburger, Bob Glaser, Sue Holaday, Keye Luke, Barb Margolis, Jane Maus, Becky Phillips, Bill Prange, Duane Riege, Stuart Starkweather, Sue Strube, Daphne Szmuszkovicz, and Marsha Williams.

Gamma, two A's and no mark lower than a B: Kay Clements, Dennis Fransted, Denise Gladstone, Marty Groulx, Jane Hotneier, Jill Klammer, Kaye Miles, Carl Moe, Kathie Moore, Melanie Murray, Karen Palmer, Judy Patton, Sarah Phillips, Sue Piket, Barb Platt, Pam Schneider, Candy Stanlake, Dave Stevens, Marie Trimpe, Pete VanderBeek, and Nancy VanEck.

Educators Visit Senior English Classes

Recently, the Seniors had visiting their classes, professors from the WMU English Department. Dr. Combs, and Dr. and Mrs. Goldfarb each visited one class and answered questions concerning the freshman English classes at WMU, and at universities in general.

They found that the general program varied quite a bit from class to class and from university to university. Questions were posed by the students concerning course content, grading systems, number and kind of themes required, and reading requirements.

The answers varied. Themes, of which from eight to fifteen were required, depending upon the professor, were mostly expository; seldom, if ever creative. They would be graded objectively. Generally, one professor said he graded mechanics and content equally, although the emphasis was on content. Another said that the papers written for him were graded only on content, although, he said, a paper poor in mechanics would receive a poor grade, no matter how good were the ideas expressed. Topics assigned were usually pretty specific, but occasionally the students were allowed to pick their own.

In class, the procedure differed also. In some, books were assigned outside of class and discussed in class; the students would then be assigned themes. In others, the professor would "start an argument" about current events, such as civil rights, to try to get the students thinking, and then assign themes where the students would have an opportunity to express themselves. At least one professor said that something would be handed in every class period. Papers assigned were due the next time class was to meet.

The seniors found that, no matter which exact course they took, a great deal of writing would be involved in their first year of college English.

AFS Works on Unity

This year's Student Council is actively engaged in improving the school. Perhaps the most daring steps have been taken by Rick Gilkey, chairman of the A.F.S. Committee. On Sunday, December 8, Rick called a meeting of key members from six area A.F.S. school chapters. This is the first time such a combined meeting of students has taken place.

Forty-five people showed up at the Gilkey residence for discussion and dinner. The purpose of the meeting was to try to unify the efforts of the six area chapters. They planned exchange days and special projects for each school. The 'U' High project will occur in January. Rick Gilkey is in the process of developing a constitution for the group.

Homes for next year's A.F.S. students are being requested. Mrs. J. Stulberg is in charge of selecting a suitable family. There is a special need for boys' homes. It is hoped that next year's exchange student will be a boy.

Several evaluations of traditional school activities are under review. The social, financial and the A.F.S. programs will be scrutinized the first of the year. The Student Council will vote on whether or not our foster child program will be renewed.

The Student Council is showing a great deal of energy in looking into problems and endeavoring to solve them.

Calendar

Sat., Dec. 21, Christmas Formal—9:00-12:00 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 23, Basketball—Portage, here.
 Fri., Dec. 27, Basketball—Plainwell, here.
 Mon., Dec. 30, Frosh Basketball tournament—Comstock.
 Thurs., Jan. 2, Frosh Basketball tournament—Comstock.
 Fri., Jan. 3, Basketball — Wayland, here.
 Sat., Jan. 4, Frosh Basketball tournament—Comstock.
 Mon., Jan. 6, School resumes.

Other Peoples, Other Customs

All the peoples of earth celebrate the new year. They don't all celebrate it for the same reasons, but the New Year's Day of each people comes at the beginning of a season.

The people of early times found it difficult to decide just which season of the year actually ushered in the new year; just as it was hard to say when each day began (at noon, at midnight, at dawn, at dusk?). Each has had to solve the problem in its own way.

The Hindus solved the problem very neatly—they celebrated the arrival of each of the four seasons.

About the middle of January there is a New Year's festival of great importance, because the sun then enters the House of Capricorn, the Goat. The Hindus call this zodiac sign Makara, the Alligator, and the holiday is Makara Sankranti. This is a great bathing festival, and on this day every devout Hindu wishes to bathe in the Ganges, most sacred of rivers. The most orthodox will face anything to get there. In some years, as many as a million people arrive in Allahabad to have their sins washed away in the river Ganges.

On this holiday, also, every member of the family and every guest is served sugared sesamum seed, with the greeting, "Eat sweetly, speak sweetly," which is intended to banish all quarreling for the year.

The Chinese New Year usually arrives early in February. This is the merriest holiday of the year, and it lasts fifteen days. This day is the day of celebration of every Chinaman's birthday. Every baby born in the previous year is said to be one year old on New Year's Day. Also, the Chinese are celebrating the fact that winter is almost over, and spring is coming.

All who can afford it buy both new clothes and new shoes, but even the poorest buy new shoes because it is bad luck to step down on the ground on New Year's Day into old shoes.

Early on New Year's Eve the men go out to settle all debts, because anyone who has not paid his debts before the New Year loses face.

In the evening the families gather together to say goodbye to the old year with a formal dinner. The doors of all the houses are sealed off with good luck paper and the father makes offerings to the God of Heaven and Earth and to his ancestors. The dinner is a leisurely one, since everyone is going to stay up until midnight anyway, and exactly at midnight the younger members of the family perform a ceremony honoring the head of the family and his wife. This is called K'o T'ou, or kowtow. They then rise and formally congratulate their elders, after which they receive gifts of coins in little red envelopes which bear the inscription, "New Happiness for the New Year."

On New Year's Day itself nobody goes out; but the second day of the year begins fourteen days of high feasting and celebration, climaxing on the last day with Teng Chieh, the Feast of Lanterns. On the evening of this day the people come to take part in a huge parade headed by a dragon which is often over a hundred feet long. As the dragon goes through the streets, the watching crowds set off strings of firecrackers. The fun of the evening is carried over to the next day, but when things die down, the New Year's holiday is over.

Due to the nature of the Moslem calendar, (which has only 354 days per year) the Moslem New Year may come at any season of the year. The first month of the Moslem calendar is Muharram, and Muharram also is the name of the ten-day festival of the Moslem New Year.

The Moslems believe that there is a tree, a lotus tree, standing at the boundary of Paradise. On this tree there is a leaf for every human being on the earth, with the names inscribed on them. On the evening of the first day of Muharram an angel comes and shakes this tree. Many leaves will fall, and he whose name is written on a fallen leaf will surely die during the coming year. Therefore, the Moslem New Year begins with a prayer for the dead and a prayer for mercy.

On the tenth day of Muharram, Ashura, the Moslems remember with joy the safe landing of Noah's ark. (The Moslem Era did not begin until 622 AD; therefore the Koran contains much of Biblical events and characters). On this day, according to legend, Noah was so happy to have reached solid ground that he asked his wife to make him a pudding. She made him not only the best, but also the largest pudding ever made, of figs and nuts and currants in huge quantities. She called the pudding Ashura, and on this day Moslem wives try their hardest to prepare a pudding as good and as large as that of Noah's wife.

In the far distant past, the Jews probably welcomed the New Year as a celebration on the first day of their first month, Nisan, which arrives soon after the 22nd of March. This spring festival was observed by most of the early nomadic people. But after they settled in Palestine, the Jews began to observe New Year's in the autumn, when the first rains came and the soil was plowed for winter grain. So, at the end of summer the Jews celebrate the Ten Days of Repentance. The first of these days is called Rosh Hashonoh (meaning, "the beginning of the year," which it really was not). On this day they pray and make New Year's resolutions. In the synagogue the ram's horn is blown and God is

asked to forgive the sins of the congregation for the sake of Abraham, who was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac to prove his faith. After the New Year, the Days of Repentance continue, and the last day is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Beginning the evening of the ninth day and continuing to the evening of the tenth, the people confess their sins and ask forgiveness, and pray that the entire human race, as nations united, will do God's will with perfect faith. When their first star appears in the sky, the ram's horn blows again, one long, steady note. The Day of Atonement is over, and the people wish each other a good year and hurry home to break the day-long fast.

—Rosemary Siwik

Bear Blunders

While reading the announcements to his first hour geography class, Mr. Walters stated, "Because of teacher depreciation week there will be an assembly tomorrow." Weren't you quite awake, Mr. Walters?

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Fritz Johnson couldn't figure out why everybody was laughing when he conducted the choir the other day, until Mr. Frey explained to him that he had been dropping raisins down poor Fritz's shirt.

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While discussing kinds of sentences in English class one day, Mr. Kotecki said that some sentences, like people, are very _____ and one of the boys spoke up and answered, "simple."

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While "making the rounds" of his fourth hour English class during a "study hall," Mr. Sack suddenly stopped and asked Bill Prange a very embarrassing question: "Bill, don't you think that you could read better if you would hold your book right side up?"

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A rather hesitant participator was introduced to a class at "U" High. After giving a brief background of himself he concluded, "I'd heard some rumors but you—you really look like a nice bunch of kids." The room immediately echoed with snickers. I wonder if he is in for a surprise?

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Mr. Nuzum insists that he never experiments, he always demonstrates. When you demonstrate you know what the results will be, but when you experiment, you don't know what the results will be. Did you plan mashed potatoes as a result, Mr. Nuzum?

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Mr. Sack asked Tom Roon, who had been absent for about a week, for his slip. "But, Mr. Sack," Diane Wunderlich said, "He doesn't wear one!"

How did you find out, Diane?

South Haven Rammed

S. Johnson Nets 19 Points

Last Friday the varsity Cubs hit 25 points in the last quarter to clinch a 63-59 victory over South Haven.

At the end of the first quarter the Cubs led 13-4. They held the lead through the second quarter and stood on top 28-21 at the half. South Haven took the lead briefly with a 22 point comeback in the third quarter but were subdued in the final Cub rally. The win gives U-High a 2-2 record.

Leading the Cub scorers were Steve Johnson, 19 points, Jeff Rhuland, 13 points, and Pat Gallagher with 9 points.

The Cubs have a home game this Friday with Paw Paw. Over the Christmas holidays three more games will be played. On Dec. 23, U-High has a home game with Portage. On December 27 the Cubs play at Plainwell and return January 3 to battle Wayland, here. Coach Chance expects to win them all.

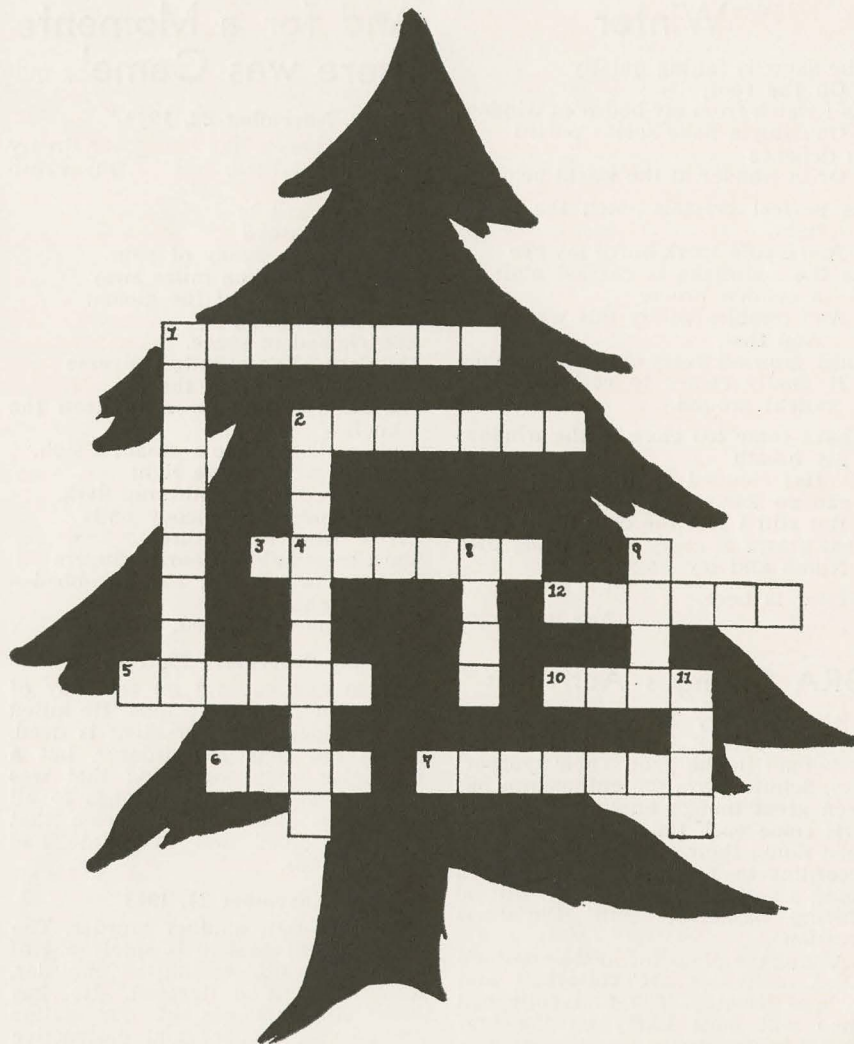
First Loss for Cubs

The U-High reserves have started their season very auspiciously with three straight wins over their opponents. The little Cubs have triumphed over Comstock 61-43, Allegan 58-54, and Vicksburg 51-49. Leading the team with an average of 15.6 points per game is Dan Ervin, who, by the way, has made 69% of his charity tosses. Rounding out the starting quintet are Bunkie Vandersalm, Jeff Blankenburg, Doug Callendar, and Tim VanderMuelen.

Last Friday night against South Haven, the reserves had difficulty scoring points, as they dropped their first game 48-38. Dan Ervin scored only 6 points, well off his game average, of course, illness took its toll. Jeff Blankenburg played only the first half; Doug Callendar didn't even suit up. It should be said that Cam Carter, who tossed in three buckets, and Roger Starkweather did creditable work in filling in for the boys who couldn't play. Next week the reserves host the Paw Paw Redskins and hope to get back on the winning trail.

Answers

- Down:
1. Mistletoe
 2. Wassail
 3. Scrooge
 5. Herald
 9. Jesu
 11. Magi
 12. Twelve
- Across:
1. Madrigal
 2. Wassail
 3. Scrooge
 5. Herald
 9. Jesu
 11. Magi
 12. Twelve



Across:

1. An old English carol.
2. An English song used in toasting good cheer at Christmas time.
3. Character in *The Christmas Carol*.
5. "Hark the _____"
- 6-7. A Christmas desert served with flaming brandy. (Two words).
10. "Carol of the _____"
12. "_____ days of Christmas"

Down:

1. It's dangerous to stand under.
2. A good king.
8. "_____ five _____ rings _____"
9. The Latin for Emmanuel.
11. The Gift of the _____

Intra-Murder Begins Again

Beginning this week about 60 boys will be competing against one another in Intra-Murder basketball. They are divided into six teams and play one game per week. A game consists of three ten minute "quarters" with the clock always running. The boys officiate their own games, and each member must play at least a third of the entire time.

The sponsors are Mr. Walters and Mr. Nuzum. The six team captains are Jim Dale, Gregg Chance, Bob Hammond, Jerry Terbeck, Maris Rushevics and Jon Ernst.

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Winter

The snow is falling quietly
On the roof;
As I watch from my bedroom window,
One single flake seems poised
In defiance
Or in wonder at the world below.
Its perfect crystals catch the moon-
light,
And a cold spark burns my eye
As the snowflake is carried aloft by
a sudden breeze
And tumbles wildly this way
And that,
Until, growing weary of this indecision,
It finally comes to rest upon the
silent ground.
I have come too close to the window.
My breath
Has clouded up the pane;
I can no longer see outside,
But still I feel the chill night air
That grasps at every living thing with
Numb and icy fingers—
Winter is here.

—Ann Rosegrant

GRA Changes Activities

Almost every Friday after school the girls of G.R.A. have met to play basketball in the gym. Their sponsor, Mrs. Schultz, says the enthusiasm has been great though only about twenty girls come each time. The girls have been doing their own refereeing and, according to Mrs. Schultz, have been doing a very good job. G.R.A. will be playing basketball until Christmas vacation.

Among the plans for next semester's G.R.A. activities are volleyball and perhaps bowling. The first volleyball game will most likely be the first Friday in January.

Activities of Future Nurses

Future Nurses have been busy on weekends and after school on many Christmas projects. The club is making rag dolls for children of the community. They are also making Christmas cards for the area Future Nurses Clubs. The Nurses also will make cookies for the Kalamazoo Home for the Aged. The club is again making tray favors in a Christmas mood for the hospital patients.

The club has been active this year with speakers, films, and many projects; but their future plans call for more activity. Their plans are: a speaker in March who will talk about Peace Corps duty, and plans for a possible tour of the State Hospital after Christmas are being made.

A point system is being devised for the club. If a girl gets a certain number of points the club will buy her a Future Nurses pin. Girls obtain these points by going to meetings, working on projects, working at the hospital, getting speakers or films, and taking charge of a meeting.

And for a Moment, There was Camelot

Friday, November 22, 1963

Today began like any other dreary Friday, and then, he shot my President.

With one last breath
A nation hushed
And hung in agony of pain.
Ninety-five million miles away
The sun burned at the gloom:
A small orb hung
And choked in space.
The dark of an infinite Universe
Came hurling from the sky
The stars leaned down to keen the
knell—
And in all of space a groan; a sigh.
Blinding white came light
And seared the smothering dark.
Reality tore with bloody nails
Terror from every throat.
Stark trees held up horrid fingers
To hold away a fear that throbbed—
A small child cried
But no one answered.

Saturday, November 23, 1963

What can be said on this day of desolation and a deep hurt. He killed my President. My President is dead. He is not only a murderer, but a thief. He stole something that was mine. Something that belongs to all Americans. He stole a dream that Life was good and that Fate had gentle hands.

Sunday, November 24, 1963

Another day, another murder. The assassinated assassin is safely out of harm. Oswald committed murder. Ruby committed treason. He has given the enemies of our nation grounds for slander and destructive propaganda. A wreath appeared inscribed with the words, "God bless Jack Ruby." Apparently the world is brimming with madmen.

—Cheryl Vandeventer

Although much has been written about President Kennedy and there have been many eulogies, we thought it fitting to pay at least a small measure of tribute to the late president, and this is our way to do so quietly, unobtrusively.

Choir Takes Annual Trip

The annual choir trip was again taken last Saturday. As in previous years, a bus was rented. Its destination was Chicago, where tickets for the musical "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" were secured. The group departed from Kalamazoo at 8 a.m. and left from Chicago twelve hours later.

Because there was a surplus of tickets the opportunity for non-choir members to go was made possible. The fee was a reasonable \$8.00 that included bus fare and tickets.

Under the Mistletoe

DENISE is GLAD(STONE) that she's PAT's GAL(LAGHER).

The HIGHLIGHTS staff is happy to announce the formation of a new club: the S.I.I.S.R. (Society for the Improvement of Inter-School Relationships). The charter members of the club include: DEBBIE SMITH and MIKE BURSON, SHARON WARFIELD and LARRY FRANKS, JIM DUNCAN and LINDA WEST, MARLA TOBIAS and TOM SAEWERT, and CAM CARTER and LINDA FERGUSON.

Thanks to DOUG, WISE MARY's CALLANDER is booked solid.

PAM HANDLES her MAN well, as BILL MUNTUN has reason to know.

Christmas Formal Planned

The Christmas Formal this year will be held on December 21 from 9 to 12 at the University Student Center. Green and red, the main color-theme of Emerald Illusion will be used throughout the decoration as was learned from Dawn Goodrich, committee chairman.

The Committee chairmen for the dance are Julie Birkhold, Carol Conrad, decorations; Cindy Southon, clean-up; Mary Wise, entertainment; Jerry Terbeck and Denise Gladstone, refreshments; Lane Godfrey, Marsha Williams, Judy Light, and Kathie Moore, publicity; Sue Stevens and Vicki Virgo, tickets and programs; Daw Goodrich, General chairman.

Tickets for the dance went on sale Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1963 and may still be obtained for \$2.50 per couple.

Honoring . . .

Duane Riege, Al Karr and Bruce Karr for qualifying for final competition in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

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Carl Moe and Rick Russell, who were selected to the second team of the Greater Kalamazoo All-Star high school football team. They rated honorable mention on the All-State team also.

Christmas Concert in Gym

University High's annual Christmas Concert was presented Tuesday, Dec., 17, at 8 p.m. in the U-High gymnasium. The University Junior and Senior High bands and choirs presented a varied program of Christmas selections; the program was done very well and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Robert Grill directed the bands, and Mr. Jack Frey was choir director.