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New Projects Make U-High Changed School

Another year, a different faculty, and new programs might give the impression that U-High is a new and different school this year. Actually, if this "impression" is investigated, it would be proven that U-High is a changed school.

The best evidence of this change is shown in the experimental projects. In the elementary a diversity of unusual ideas are being tested. The Initial Teaching Alphabet is being used to teach beginning readers. The child will be taught only one sound for each symbol, and that symbol will always stand for that particular sound. For instance, the word "mother" is not spelled in the way it is pronounced (muther). The child will learn "muther" for mother. It is theorized that this system eliminates the confusion of which sound to put with each letter, and therefore speeds up the initial reading rate. The child will be able to read in complete thoughts sooner and faster. Later he will be taught the appropriate spellings. These children will be watched to see if they develop unusual spelling problems later on.

High school students would not consider it unusual to critically discuss news articles in class. And indeed it wouldn't be. But at University Campus School this year, such discussion is going on in the third grade. It was proposed that critical thinking could be carried out at the third grade level, and so this is another project for this year.

"Although success in High School English is considered by many colleges as a reliable predictor of future college success, this subject is frequently indicated as the one most disliked by high school students." Saying that perhaps this dislike stems from the structure of English classes, Mr. Christensen has organized the instruction of English IV into three different sections. One class has regular instruction five days a week. One meets as a class three days a week and the other two days in study hall. The other class meets as a class only two days a week. Besides study halls, the last two will meet in small groups, seminars and individual conferences.

The Social Science Seminar Project is a first. No other like it has ever been tried. The forty students in this course were elected by the school to serve on the 1964-5 Student Council. Working with the group is a team of three teachers; Mrs. Large, for social studies content, Mr. Haushalter, for mechanical difficulties, and Mr. Deur, concerned with the ability of the group to solve social problems. The seminar meets once a day for a full hour, sometimes as a class, sometimes as a council. Meeting in this way, the council will have ample time to have thorough discussions and function more like the Federal Government.

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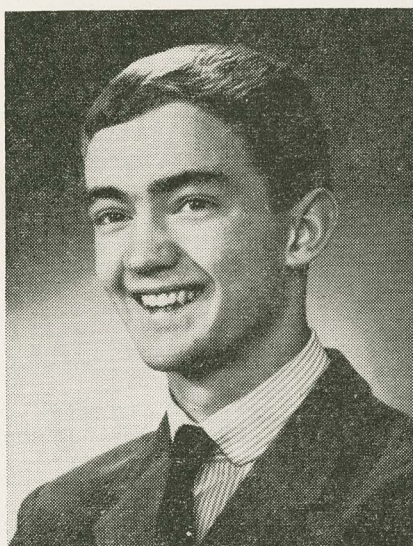
Highlights

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'U' High Welcomes Swedish Exchange Student, T. Ohlsson



There's a new boy in school! He's 18 years old, blond, blue-eyed, and a fullback on the "U" High football team. Sound interesting? He is Thomas Ohlsson, "U" High's AFS foreign exchange student this year.

Thomas is a native of Bromolla, Sweden, a small town in the southern part of Sweden, approximately 15 miles from Kristianstad, where he attends the Swedish equivalent of high school. Last year he lived alone in an apartment in Kristianstad, partly to save commuting time, and partly to be able to see more of his friends, some of whom were living under a similar arrangement.

This arrangement also left Thomas more time to concentrate on his schoolwork. Those of us who complain of overwork should compare schedules with Thomas—this is what his included last year: religion, Swedish literature, Swedish writing, drawing, English, physics, government, French, history, mathematics, and chemistry. These 12 subjects are fitted in by having each class meet for 45 minutes only, with a maximum of seven classes per day, and by having school on Saturday from 8:00-12:00, which

means no homework over the weekend!

Since he wants to become an engineer, Thomas concentrates on mathematics and physics in school. He has many varied interests, however. He loves the out-door life, is very active in the school Literature Club, and enjoys reading, tennis, writing, photography, skiing, and sailing. He enjoys sailing so much that this summer he took a sailing course on a Navy boat, and thinks now that he will probably spend a couple of years in the Navy and be a Reserve Officer.

Because Thomas is missing a year of school in Sweden, he will have to re-take his Senior year next year, when he returns. Then he and his schoolmates will take an examination to see whether or not they can graduate. The students all assemble in one place to hear the results, and their parents and the rest of the townspeople crowd the grounds outside. The students who fail must repeat the year. Those who pass put on white caps and run outside to the waiting people, who give them flowers and carry them around the town on their shoulders, laughing and singing. For the next couple of weeks, everybody gives parties to celebrate.

Thomas likes America very much. Although he has traveled fairly extensively, America is new to him; he says that the biggest surprise he has had is that the structure of the cities is so different from that of Swedish cities—and so few houses have fences around them! He thinks that Swedish and American kids are very much the same, but Americans in general are much less reserved than Europeans; they are friendly, open-minded and easy to talk with.

Thomas himself is a terrific speaker, and very easy to talk with, as I'm sure his new "brother", Mike Harrelson, can testify. In case how he feels isn't plain to see, Thomas has asked me to give you all this message from him: "I think as Mrs. Romney did: even if the buildings at "U" High aren't the greatest in the world, the student body is fine."

Marty Groulx in Italy

Imagine going overseas with 650 other students in a boat about the size of a large tugboat. The weather would be rough and on certain days the tablecloth would be wet to keep the plates from sliding. On other days you would wake up to find the crew putting food in the lifeboats. Marty Groulx did as a foreign exchange student this summer.

Marty arrived in Southern Italy where she met her family, the Scaramuzza's, who lived in the town of Manduria.

When Marty got off the train her family took her home where a big meal had been prepared for her. She did not know Italian and her family did not know English. So, Marty could not explain that she had eaten on the train, while her family went on thinking that she did not like the food.

Her father is a lawyer and she had four sisters age 20, 16, 11, and 6. The people in Southern Italy are short, and dark so, Marty was called the tallest and blondest around.

It was always between 90-100 degrees there. The family would go swimming every morning, have a big lunch, and then take an afternoon nap. Around 6 or 7 o'clock all the people of the town would go walking around town just to see friends and talk.

The social customs of the Italians are different from ours. A girl is considered bad if she dates a different boy every week. It is a disgrace if the son of a good family works, but you can not get a driver's license until you reach 18.

The question most frequently asked by the boys was "Do the girls in the U. S. wear topless bathing suits?"

Marty was in Italy for two months and enjoyed herself and she wishes she could have stayed longer.



Many Activities Planned for A Busy 'U' High Homecoming Week

This week is University High's Homecoming for all of the students and alumni. It is a good week, because M.E.A. meets on Thursday and Friday and we have no school. The Pep committee, Social committee and the Football team have already started planning for the biggest event of the football season.

There are only three school days in the week so there will be only the school color day on Wednesday.

Wednesday after school will be the pep assembly with mad cheering, a skit or two and maybe a yelling contest between the classes.

Behind Wood Hall on Thursday evening about 7:30 will be the bonfire. Some of the senior boys will be picking up the wood from various lumber yards Thursday morning. If you have any scrap wood around your house just let Mary Wise know. The cheer leaders will be there and the school band and most of the school we hope.

The halls will be decorated by the Pep Committee with all kinds of banners and different colored stream-

ers. Also there will be big posters publicizing the game and dance for teachers, parents, students, and alumni to come to. The Pep Committee is also decorating cars and the goal posts at the field.

The game on Friday night will be played against Otsego. Let's get out there and win, boys. The reserve varsity cheerleaders will be on the court. It will be an early appearance for them this year. Good luck, girls.

During half time the band will play and the Football Homecoming Queen for 1964 will be crowned. The court, consisting of Mary Wise, Marla Tobias, Nancy Van Eck, Kay Neerkin, and Suzy Hamilton will parade around the field in the open convertibles. They will walk down the 50 yard line as a narration will be read. Then the court will be given corsages by their escorts. Finally, last year's king and queen, Rick Russell, and Margaret Slenger will crown this year's queen.

Something new is being done this year concerning the crown. An expensive one will be purchased to use for this year and it will be passed on from year to year. This way it will mean more to the future queens.

The dance on Saturday night from 8:30 until 11:30 in the gym is called Heights of the Cub Spirit. Tickets can be purchased on or before the date of the dance. The queen and king and their court will be presented again at the dance. There will be refreshments on hand for those who get hungry.

We can all thank Carol Conrad and her Social Committee and Mary Wise and her Pep Committee for one of the most exciting and colorful Football Homecomings that we will ever have. Much hard work has gone into it to make it a real big success.

Letters to Voice of the Students should be a discussion of issues and/or conditions—not personalities. Letters must be typewritten and signed, and should not exceed 300 words. The Highlights reserves the right to reject any letter.

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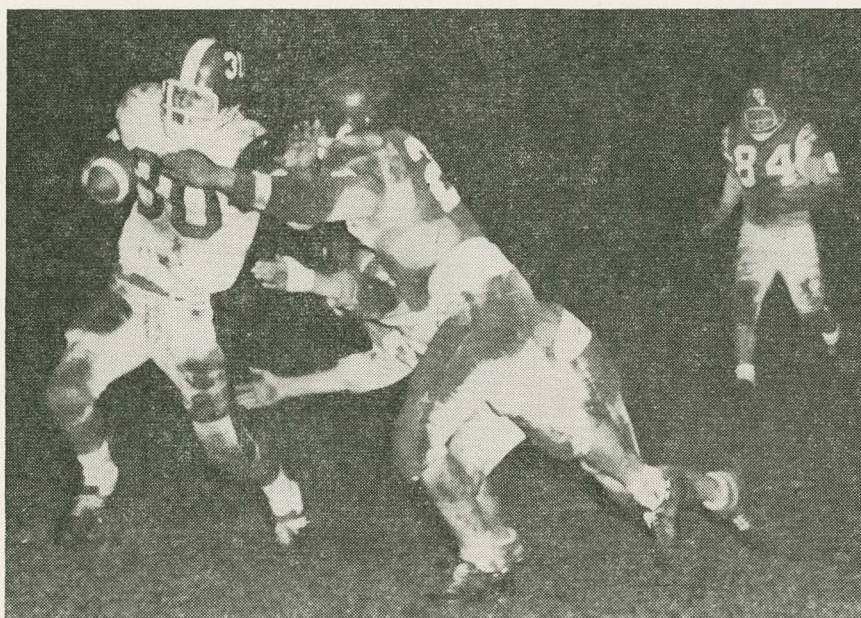


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Cubs Tackle Ambitious Varsity Grid Schedule

Shuffling back from a dismal '63 season and tackling schools with much larger enrollments are the two main problems the Cub football squad must overcome.

This year, Coach Walters is using a new method to encourage better defensive play. A player may put a star on his helmet to indicate some outstanding defense measure such as blocking a kick, intercepting a pass, or deflecting the football.

Injuries have again sidelined several players. Bill Barr, Jon Jennings, Andy Patton, and Mike Harrelson were temporarily absent and sophomore Paul Scott is out for the season to undergo an operation for torn knee ligaments which he received in the opening minutes of the first game.

U-High was impressive in the September 18 debut at Comstock. Jeff Rhuland scored 7 points when he casually loped 90 yards for a touchdown and crowned his handiwork with a successful extra point kick. In the same quarter a pass interception by Greg Russell started a 50-yard drive to the Comstock end zone which Mark Calhoun tripped into for a further 6 points. Solid defense held the enraged Colts to 7 points in the last half for an end score of 13-7.

The second game, at South Haven, was a 16-26 loss. U-High was always at least 9 points behind South Haven but the team looked good and never gave up. Bunky VanderSalm scored the second touchdown with 46 seconds left in the game.

Last Friday, U-High battled to a 6-48 tie with the Portage Mustangs

(Portage doesn't know it yet but U-High had a 42 point handicap.)

This Friday U-High will host the Otsego Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have been tough this season. They have won their first three games, including a 7-0 out of favored South Haven.

The homecoming game promises to be interesting in another way. Bob Miles, new Otsego football coach, graduated from U-High in 1955. He played on Mr. Walter's teams for 4 years, earned 15 varsity letters here, and was an all-state fullback for several years.

—by Tony Wonderley

J.V.'s Promising

This year's reserve football team is some 40 strong with both sophs and frosh. Though team spirit is sometimes erratic, Mr. Peters is steadily improving his squad.

The reserves were punished 25-0 at South Haven but unleashed their pent-up frustrations on a hapless Hackett High bunch, 24-12.

—by Tony Wonderley

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 7 Cross country-Otsego-Here.
- Oct. 8 Bonfire, no school (M.E.A.)
- Oct. 9 Football-Otsego-here. No school (M.E.A.)
- Oct. 10 Cross Country—Albion, there. Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 13 Reserve Football-Plainwell-there.
- Oct. 14 Cross Country-Plainwell-there.
- Oct. 16 Football-Plainwell-there.

Harriers Run Tonight

The second annual running of the Loy Norrix Invitational cross country meet, which was held Saturday, Sept. 26, was highlighted by having some of the top individual and team runners in the state.

Vicksburg's Bulldogs won the team trophy with 43 points over second place Kalamazoo Central with 54 points. Portage and University High were 3rd and 4th with 110 and 137 points respectively.

The Cub harriers, under the coaching of Mr. Ryan Pelkki, took 1st, 26th, 27th, 33rd, 50th, 68th, and 77th place. Out of the 100 starters in the race, the seven Cubs who represented U-High were Dave Stevens, Steve Johnson, Chuck Brown, Doug Hanze, Chuck Clark, Perry Brunner and Jim Giachino.

The Cub harriers, who in the weeks before downed Norrix (27-28) and Wolverine conference foe South Haven (16-41), are in strong contention for the state championship.

The Cubs run next on October 7th against Otsego at home. The meet is located 1 mile from school, directly across from the state hospital. The meet will start at 5:00.

Girls' Tennis Team Begun

A girl's tennis team has been formed here at U-High with Miss Linda Sorrells as sponsor. About twenty girls have signed up.

Letters have been sent to eight area schools inquiring about matches in the near future. The first match will be with Loy Norrix on October 13, at Loy Norrix.

The team will probably be practicing weekly in the future and any girls interested in signing up can still do so by contacting Miss Sorrells.

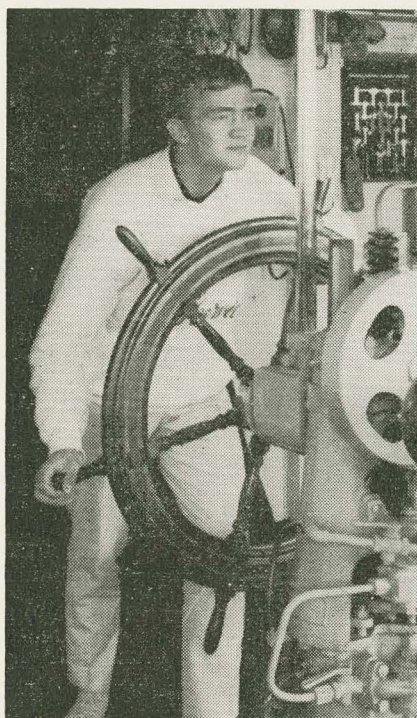
Four Attend Seminar

This summer, the University of Michigan offered its third annual program of seminars for high school juniors. There were three two-week sessions and four seminars in each session. The seminars were history, math, German, and creative writing. About twenty applicants were chosen for each seminar (seventy to eighty per session). All stayed in a huge dormitory, boys on one floor and girls on another. It was set up so that these students would get a fairly accurate picture of college life.

U-High was represented this summer by four students, all in the creative writing seminar. These students are Mary Wise, Bob Kent, Pam Schneider, and Pat Dew. Each wrote a minimum of two fables, a synopsis of a short story, two short stories, two poems, a play review, and a reminiscence.

The **Highlights** plans to print some of the work these students accomplished.

—Pat Dew



Thomas Ohlsson enjoys trip over!



Mr. Dowling Gets Visit

On Thursday September 24th three German exchange students from WMU came to talk to the two government classes of Mr. Dowling.

The three exchange students from the teachers college in Berlin were; Miss Jette Beckbye, Miss Angelica Lezius, and Mr. Horst Traufelder.

The classes and the exchange students had a discussion on problems in Berlin, Communism, and the Berlin Wall.

Uncle Wiggly's Literary Corner

The new curriculum at U-High will no doubt confuse many students. To combat this the Highlights Staff has obtained the services of Lewellyn Horace Wiggily, a particularly unillustrious social endeavorer who will answer your questions to the best of his inability.

Mr. Wiggily, or Uncle Wiggily as he is less affectionately tagged, was born in 1907 in Armpit, Iowa (a corny place.)

After an outstandingly mediocre childhood he was admitted to Four Roses Institute for Spiritual Development.

From there he went to Harvard where he joined the class of '24. Uncle Wiggily graduated in 1929.

On completion of his studies, Uncle Wiggily went abroad and served for a time as Cook's Mate-2nd Class in the Swiss Navy.

On April 1st, 1935, Uncle Wiggily invested his life savings in the promising law firm of Schmo and Crud. Schmo and Crud declared bankruptcy on April 3rd, 1935.

Uncle Wiggily remained fairly unobtrusive until 1956 when he was appointed sales promoter for a new type of car—the Edsel.

Uncle Wiggily was also Richard Nixon's campaign manager for a short time.

Besides answering letters, Uncle Wiggily will also widen our horizons with critical appraisals of major books of our time.

Dear Uncle Wiggily,

I am having a very tough time at school. I'm flunking shop, typing, Phys. Ed. and Home Ec. I can't use my two study halls 'cause the slob who sits next to me is always bothering me.

Studying at home is out of the question 'cause my cruddy brother always turns the T.V. up real loud. What can I do?

Stone Walljackson

Dear Stony,

I sympathize wholeheartedly. Your problem is obviously the result of an incompetent faculty. Quit trying to work. Really show those teachers what you think of them!

Uncle Wiggily

Dear Uncle Wiggily,

I have a problem. Unlike so many of our brethren, I look about me and contemplate monstrous indolence rampant and I say unto you, we are a nation of sloths! What should I do?

Disgruntled

Dear Grunt,

My, you do have a problem, don't you? It's a good thing you came to me for help (this is your lucky day!!). Now, let me see. In the manual it says (under Monstrous Indolence rampant), "All that glitters is not gold." I think that sums it up rather well.

Book Review of the Month

My Toys—A Rand McNally Jr. Elf Book By Augusta R. Goldin, Illustrated by Esther Friend, 26 pages.

On the surface this would appear to be only another of the run-of-the-mill, cheap 15 cent novels which have flooded the market in recent years. But this particular publication merits a closer look.

The text of the book is tense and crisp. The book is hardreading, but once started it goes fairly quickly.

To the casual reader this may appear to be only a narrative about a little boy's toys, but one must read between the lines to comprehend the real significance of this book.

Miss Goldin makes several wry comments on the economic trends of the present century while attacking the Gladstone Home Rule Policy. I appreciate Miss Goldin's timely hints about totalitarianism and I admire her clever style.

I only regret that the publishers did not include a glossary as at times the terms are a bit esoteric and technical.

The book is hard-cover and contains 14 pages of hard-hitting text with 10 pages of illustrations. The illustrator, Esther Friend, has used basic colors to powerful effect.

Debate Team Discusses World Problems

The debate team is again back to U-High under the direction of Mr. Melvin Donaho.

The debate team of students discusses world problems and debates other schools besides themselves. The topic for this year is: Resolved: Nuclear weapons be controlled by international powers.

The students on the debate team are Perry Brunner, Pat Raher, Pam Schneider, Daphne Szmuszkovicz, Marla Tobias, Ann Whitfield, Sue Alexander, Steve Boyack, Sue Holaday, Kay Ellinger, and Pat Rutherford.

The debate team has joined two leagues. The first is called the Michigan Novice League. The second is called the Kalamazoo Area League.

Schools which our debate team will compete against are; Central, Norrix, Kalamazoo Christian, Comstock, Otsego, Portage, Battle Creek Central, Mona Shores, Holland West Ottawa, and Marshall.

Any student with any suggestions about the school drama program, possible assembly ideas, or the school play(s) should contact our new Speech and Drama Director, Mr. William Haushalter.