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Congratulations Ruth, Cam, Chris and Mike

Congratulations are in order to U-High's National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. They are Cam Carter, Chris Galbraith, Mike Holaday, and Ruth Nadelman.

These four students will compete with other students throughout the nation to become finalists. Merit Scholarships for 1966 will be chosen from the finalists.

Dean Griggs Explains U-High Closing

By Tim Null

"In view of these and other considerations, the School of Education recommends:" These are the words in a "Proposal for Modification of the Campus School" drafted by Dr. James H. Griggs, dean of the school of education, which seven weeks ago brought about the decision by the board of trustees to close U-High.

As a result, U-High and the junior high classes will be terminated by June 30, 1966. After that date the Campus School will continue with the grades of nursery through sixth only.

Teachers presently working in the high school and junior high will be "transferred to appropriate positions in the school of education," to other positions in the university, or positions elsewhere, the proposal said. The present Campus School will be used to house the elementary as long as practical.

The main reason for closing the high school is that it is no longer considered to be totally necessary. It has been operating for two main purposes—the training of student teachers, and for experimentation. The high school is not now considered adequate to train student teachers. Ninety-one per cent of the student teachers from WMU are placed outside U-High, according to the school of education.

Experimentation, too, is no longer considered an adequate reason to continue U-High, because while the high school teachers are very capable of advising student teachers, they have little training in methods of experimentation.

It was also pointed out that the students do not represent a "typical cross-section" of the high school populations.

The proposal by Dean Griggs goes on to say that the costs of running the elementary grades are producing good results while this is not the case in the high school. It doesn't mean that the experimentation in the high school hasn't been worthwhile. It only means the results of the experiments have not been used by the school of education.

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Cubs Meet Undeclared Mustangs At McCamley Field Tonight

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When the University High Cubs meet the undefeated, unscored upon Portage Mustangs under the lights at McCamley field tonight, they may go into the battle as slight underdogs—but you can be sure of one thing—that coach Roy Walters' finale aggregation will command a lot of respect. Upsets, surprises, and the unexpected, have come to be the expected from the small, spirited Cubs.

After a 12-6 upset victory over a big KVA Comstock team two weeks ago, the Cubs came on strong last Friday night and nearly pulled off an exciting, razzle dazzle upset win over Wolverine powerhouse South Haven. With the clock edging into the fourth quarter, the victory minded Cubs had taken advantage of every opportunity and led the favored Rams by a 7-6 margin. It was only after a fumbled pitchout with less than eight minutes to go that South Haven ever had the opportunity to move. South Haven certainly had the statistical edge with 18 first downs to the Cubs 9 and a 267 to 68 yard advantage in rushing, but U-High had the Rams guessing and the fans excited with a wild spread offense that put quarterback Bunk VanderSalm alone behind the center with two flankers far to the left and the rest of the entire team far over to the right. The unique formation caused enough confusion to gain 75 yards in the air and most of U-High's 68 yards on the ground. When the Rams finally took over they scored twice again in the final period for their 19-7 win; but only after the U-High Cubs gave them a real scare before 1,000 wet and excited fans in what was probably one of the most thrilling high school games seen at Angell field in recent years.

So when the Cubs meet the big horses at Portage Central tonight, they may not be Oscar's choice, but you can bet that coach Harold Hope and his Mustangs will have a lot of respect for the ingenious Walters and his spirited Cubs.—(R.H.)

Mr. Griffin Joins Seminar Staff

The Social Science Seminar has added a new member to its staff. Mr. Griffin, who also teaches sociology and government, will teach the ninth and tenth grade academic section.

Mrs. Large will continue with the eleventh and twelfth grades. There will be two programs. One is designed to meet the requirements for government credit and another for students who were in the seminar last year.

The first two weeks were spent in orientation and business sessions. Mr. Melvin Donaho spent three days with the group discussing parliamentary procedure and group leadership qualities. Mr. William Haushalter presented materials on discussion techniques.

Homecoming Dance Set for October 16

Plans are now being made by the Social Committee for this year's football homecoming dance, "It's All in the Game." The dance will be held in the rotunda on October 16 at 8:30 p.m. Cost per couple is \$1.25. All alumni of U-High are urged to attend.

Jobs Distributed By Junior Class

At the last class meeting the juniors elected their class officers. They are: president, John Hinz; vice president, Paul Scott; secretary, Melanie Murray; treasurer, Tony Wonderley.

The class discussed different money making projects that they could have during the year with the chairman Berry Mathews. Some ideas at present are having a car wash and having just the junior class selling magazines.

Kathie Galbreath was elected as chairman of the prom and Jan Wilson was elected as co-chairman. The theme is to be oriental and the name is Sianari. They also discussed a possible after prom party or a progressive breakfast.

Melanie Murray was chosen Pep chairman and Jan Wilson will serve as Social chairman for the junior class. Through-out the year they will plan skits that their class will be doing at the pep assemblies and other events that the junior class puts on.

Mr. Hughes, the junior English teacher says that the junior classes will be taking several theater trips this year. The first will be to the Civic to see "The Sound of Music."

The next junior class meeting should be in about one week and at that time they will decide on a date for the prom and what money making projects they will be doing.

Vacation Oct. 28, 29

The MEA meetings will be held on October 28 and 29. There will be no school these two days. High school juniors and seniors are reminded that this four-day weekend is an excellent chance for college visitation.

Class Plans Assembly

The Advanced Speech class will be sponsoring an assembly in October with readings from the best seller, "Up the Down Staircase." Mr. Haushalter will be directing the production.

The students participating in the assembly are: Kathie Galbreath, Jean Meagher, Bernie Stulberg, Chuck Van Eck, Ernesta Whitlock, and Terry Moore.

Wanted:

Altos and tenors.

If you have any free time this year and like music why not join the choir.

Miss Hiem, the new choir director, says that she especially needs altos and tenors.

The choir meets during fifth hour each day and certainly could use your help.

Dear Friends at U-High,

By Tom Ohlsson

A new school year has started for all of us. We are going back to the old routine, and we all pretty much know what lies ahead of us the coming year. Sometimes I'm a little bit surprised that it is so easy to be back in my old surroundings again after having spent a year with you at "dear ole U-High." A few short moments now and then I may even fool myself to think that I haven't been away from home at all. But those moments don't last very long. Even though most things here are just as when I left for the U.S. more than 13 months ago, I can feel that a permanent change has taken place in myself. It may not be noticeable on the surface (my parents didn't think I looked too "Americanized" when I got back!!), and I can't exactly define the change. I like to look at it this way: I feel a lot more grown up, and somehow I like people a lot better. Not that I was anti-social before I left Sweden, but my attitude towards humanity is just so much more optimistic. I want to label myself "idealist," and the only thing that frightens me is the thought that I should let myself settle down in my narrow circle in the future and forget this idealism and belief in humanity that I gained during my year with you.

You gave me many things last year. I have indeed brought back with me a huge suitcase of happy memories. There are moments that will live with me forever and that will always bring a smile to my lips. The first time I had the chance to speak to you during a "get-acquainted-assembly" in the Little Theater, and your warm hand afterwards; my confusion when I for the first time was down in the locker room to get my equipment for the football team and saw the variety of things I was supposed to put on in a deeply scientific order; a few minutes in the end of our last game (against Paw Paw) when I was in there and the rest of the world might as well have exploded without me noticing it; the Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies we put on in Mr. Haushalter's speech class; the U-High jacket I got at the Fall Sports Banquet; the total surprise when I was crowned king at the carnival . . . And I could go on and on to fill out the rest of this issue of the "Highlights" and all the coming ones too.

But what I will remember even more dearly is—you. The friends I made among you and those I (regrettably) never got to know very well will always find an open door to the Ohlsson home if (or rather when) you get to Sweden. Mrs. Large paid us a visit some weeks ago, and I was very happy to act as a host for a change.

Quite often I look through my Highlander 1965. With every page I turn I remember some new happy incidents. I look at the well-known faces, administrators, teachers, students, and the result is always the same; I feel very proud to think: "I know those people, they are my friends." I would be very happy if you too would always think of me as a friend. I only wish I could more appropriately thank you for giving me the chance to live with you and gain experiences and friends.

I have heard that U-High is having its "grande finale" this year. The news

Large Family Visits Tom in Sweden

This summer the Large family had an opportunity to visit with last year's foreign exchange student, Tom Ohlsson, at his home.

Bromolla is located on the east coast of Sweden. Of the 5,000 inhabitants, about 3,500 work in the Ifo Ceramic Factory. The second largest factory of its kind in the world was founded near a clay deposit in a lake. Mr. Ohlsson is the engineer in charge of all the machinery.

Tom also escorted his guests to the famous Offefors and Boda glass factories.

If you would like to write Tom, the address is:

P. Thomas Ohlsson
Strandvagen
Bromolla
Sweden

Monitor System Ends 29 Year History

Monitors at University High have decreased in number this year. This decrease is due to the drop in enrollment. There were fifty monitors last year, but there are only twenty-five on duty this year. There is less need for supervision with the new shortage of students. Study hall attendance has decreased by about one-third, now averaging between ten and twenty-five students. Since there are fewer students in the halls, there is need for only one hall monitor on duty, instead of last year's three. One office monitor, who assists the office in taking attendance, is still needed each hour of the school day.

The monitor system was initiated in 1937 and will end its twenty-nine years of existence with the closing of the school in June of 1966.

76 Seniors Out of 81 Choose to Return

The 1965-66 school year opened this year at University High School and Junior High School with the absence of numerous former students who have transferred to other institutions of learning.

Classes that in previous history had thirty-plus students find themselves in the position of having twelve or fourteen students in this final year.

The reason the school is being abandoned by some is that it is serving its last year in the education of high school and junior high school age students.

This year there are 197 students in the high school section at U-High while last year there were 318 pupils. The freshman class of the past year had 74 students while this year's sophomore class consists of only 28 students. The 77 pupils of last year's sophomore class decreased to 40 juniors this year. The 81 juniors of last year fell only to 76 enrolled this year.

Tom's Letter Continued

made me sad, but I'm sure that you will make this last year a specially remarkable one!

As I mentioned, Sweden is about the same (isn't that strange that it could survive a year without me? As a matter of fact, they even seem to have made some progress here while I was away. Well, funny things do happen . . .) But before I tell you about that, let me tell you what happened to me after I left Kalamazoo in the end of June. I went on a three weeks bus tour of Eastern United States. I couldn't have had a more wonderful climax to a great year! In my bus we were 42 kids from 26 different countries, representing just about every part of the world. We started in Detroit, then went up to Niagara Falls, down to New York City (and the World's Fair), up again to Plymouth, Mass., "where the whole mess started," according to local authorities, down to Connecticut, where we among other things saw *King Lear* at the Shakespearian theatre in Stratford, then down to Flemington, N.J. (after having seen Princeton University I wouldn't mind going there too much!), and finally we had the big reunion in Washington D.C., where 3,000 AFS'ers got together and spent the five last days of our year in the U.S. That whole trip was absolutely fantastic, with parties and shows just about every night of the trip. And no one of us foreigners really felt like "foreigners," and the day we had to leave each other and go home was sad indeed. (But, of course, it was fun to come home, once we were there.) The first thing I did when I stepped off the plane in Stockholm was to proclaim a two weeks' official vacation, which I after two weeks prolonged with another two weeks. It took me almost that long to get used to speaking Swedish again. The whole process was slower than I thought it would be; the first few days here my language must have been a linguist's nightmare, 50 percent English, 50 percent of what I considered to be Swedish, and 50 percent of sounds that probably didn't mean anything at all. But "there is no place like home" and at least by now I'm fairly well readjusted. (One of the hardest things to avoid is to say "Hi" to the teachers!) My last year in "gymnasium" is showing certain signs of getting rather busy for me. The school work itself is quite demanding, and I'm also getting involved in various activities. Of course, I'll have some AFS-work to do. I have also been elected president of Athenaeum, the literary and theatrical club at school, and of the Student Council for which I have quite a few new ideas that I picked up at U-High and at the National Convention in Kentucky earlier this year. Knowing you, I'm sure that you'll keep busy too.

I'm looking forward to news from you sometime, and I hope you'll always keep your open attitude and your interest in international affairs. You taught me very much last year. I do think the best way for me to thank you is not with words, but with my actions now and in my coming life. Therefore, I just say "hej sa lange" and wish you all a wonderful time in that great country of yours.

Always yours,
Thomas Ohlsson, U-High graduate—65

U-High Model Club Holds First Meeting

This year's edition of the U-High Model Club will hold an introductory meeting for all students interested in this activity this first week of October. Racing films will be shown at this first gathering.

The club is headed by Don Bender and Denny Rahe, two holdover members from last year. The advisors for this year will be Mr. Wallace F. Fillingham and Mr. Robert D. Talsma.

One film will deal with the Indianapolis "500" and the other will cover the NASCAR circuit of stock car racing. An opportunity to view the newly completed slot-racing track will be offered.

Mr. Fillingham stated that any U-High student interested in any type of model building will be welcome.

No definite date has been set but the club normally met on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. last year. This schedule will, in all probability, be true again this year.

Classroom Learning Practically Applied

Government and sociology instructor at U-High, Mr. Alfred Griffin, is injecting new teaching methods into his classes. All his students from both government and sociology are working on various projects within the community. Mr. Griffin believes that his students will benefit highly by applying their classroom learning into practical situations of human behavior.

Six sociology students are now participating with the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in Kalamazoo's north side. Painting and cleaning individual homes, sewing and reading with adolescents and singing are only a few of the tasks these volunteers perform.

Some people chose to work with mentally retarded children in the new Kennedy Center. Their accomplishments may be slow, but highly beneficial to both the child and student.

Other sociology projects include help with the community Family Service and the Red Cross.

In the field of government, students are working with the various local governmental departments and the Democrat and Republican parties. The offices of the city manager, purchasing agent, safety, and personnel now have U-High students working in them. Mr. Griffin believes that through participation his students will learn the responsibilities of a good citizen.

At the end of the semester the results from these projects will be reported. They will certainly be interesting!

Publications Class To Host Gazette Area Workshop

On Wednesday, October 13, the Publications Class of University High will play host to many of the high schools from around here.

The occasion is the annual Gazette Area High School Newspaper Workshop.

Held at the Student Center, the workshop will give students the opportunity of hearing experts speak on various topics which include: Layout, Editors, Techniques of Interviewing, News Coverage and Reporting, Sports, Evaluation of High School Newspapers, Headline Writing, Advertising, and Career Opportunities in Writing, and Photo Journalism.

This year is expected to break all previous attendance records.

Notes from the Counselor's Desk

The predicament of Western Michigan University is like that of any good college or university now—not being physically able to enroll all qualified applicants for admission. When the deadline for admission applications was formally moved up to March 1, it was an indication that time was needed to make decisions about qualified applicants. There is no reason for anxiety however, since there will be a place for all who wish to attend college—the only problem may be attending a particular college; and this circumstance has been with us ever since the first eastern college began limiting admissions many years ago.

For those students applying to WMU, use this as a guideline—if you have a B average or better, apply now; if less than a B, apply immediately at the end of this semester.

Other Dates, Deadlines and Fees

Oct. 5,—Registration deadline for Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, 50c.

Oct. 28,—Registration deadline for the first CEEB Scholastic Aptitude Test to be given December 4, (\$4.50).

Oct. 31,—Registration deadline for the State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program (\$1.50).

November 11,—Part I of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

November 20,—State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Test.

December 4,—CEEBS and Sat.

December 14,—Part II of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition (only for the top 4% in part I).

Mr. Donaho Has High Hopes for Debate

Again this year U-High has a debate team coached by Mr. Donaho.

We asked Mr. Donaho how he thought the team would do this year. His reply was “they will do better than last year.” Last year the debate team won between seventy and seventy-five per cent of their debates, losing only the first eleven debates.

The first debate of the year will be either the first or second week of October. The first few debates will be practice with local schools.

The U-High debate team belongs to several leagues. Kalamazoo Area League, including, Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix, Portage Northern, Otsego, University High School, Comstock, Battle Creek Central and Kalamazoo Christian. This is a varsity league. The debate team also belongs to the Michigan Cross Examination League; this league has two divisions, novice and yearling. Novice is any student who has never debated and yearling is a student who has had one year of debate.

Coaches Join Athletic Staff

“Say Bill, who’s that nice looking gentleman coaching ends over there?”

“Oh he’s new on the staff this year. He’s Mr. Parker and is head scout for the football team. He’s really a great guy to talk to. He graduated from U-High and Western and taught math in the Bahamas and California.”

Glad to have you a part of us this year, Mr. Parker. Hope you enjoy your short but worthwhile stay here.

—Jo Northam

Among the new teachers at U-High is one who has had many unique experiences. Mr. Larry Randall, originally from Elkhart, Indiana, graduated from WMU in 1960 where he played basketball and baseball. He then went to the University of Indiana where he received his MA. In San Francisco, California, Mr. Randall played in the Giants and Twins baseball chains.

Besides being chairman of the Physical Education Department, head of Intra-Mural sports, line coach for the football squad and baseball coach at U-High, Mr. Randall will also be assistant freshman basketball coach at WMU.

He is married and has two sons, Cam, 3½, and Matt, 1.

Bear Blunders

Bill Prange seems to have some difficulty walking quietly in study hall. He causes such a disturbance that it seems the only solution to the problem is to have him go barefoot. Monitor Bob Correll has instructed him to remove his shoes before entering the study hall from now on. Are your feet clean, Bill?

One day in study hall Jon Stokkerman had to sneeze, so he did. Dave Hooper politely said, “Bless you . . . Jon! . . . oh! oh!” Sorry Dave, that proves courtesy pays, but in monitor reports?!

Mr. Christensen had returned grammar tests and there was some confusion on the usage of the idioms “Agree with” and “Agree to.” Someone asked Bill Virgo to explain the grammatical point and he replied, “I can tell which is which, but I don’t know the difference.” How about it, Bill?

A girl in Mr. Haushalter’s sixth hour speech class had given a short talk on the fourth, fifth and sixth dimensions, which deal with telling the past and future. The class didn’t seem to completely grasp the idea, though. The next speech was about clairvoyance, part of these dimensions, and this was more clearly understood. “But don’t you see,” said the girl, “those are my dimensions!”

Melanie and Diane Represent U-High

Your new Teen-Age Advisory Board representatives for the 1965-66 school year have been chosen. Melanie Murray and Diane Wunderich are U-High’s TAAB members. They will be participating in weekly meetings of the TAAB where your questions on fashion and etiquette are discussed and answered.

A question box and bulletin-board have been placed in the girls’ rest room to make fashion news available to all girls. Questions and their answers will be posted on the bulletin-board or featured in **HIGHLIGHTS**.

Activities coming up this year include a spring style show and printing monthly fashion news flashes.

Two new schools have joined the ranks of TAAB this fall. They are Vicksburg and Comstock high schools. Other schools represented on the board are: U-High, Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix, Portage Central, Portage Northern, and Parchment.

Highlights of 1965 with TAAB were the spring style show, “From This Moment On . . .” and a back-to-school style show, “Fall Into Fashion.” Distinguished guests at “Fall Into Fashion” were the Honorable Mayor Raymond Hightower and our Miss Michigan, Esther Lynn Smith. Estimated attendances at the two shows were 300 and 425 respectively.

Bill, John, Mike and Craig Take Top Jobs

The class officers for the 1965-66 school year have been voted into office and have accepted their responsibilities for the coming year.

The Freshmen officers are: President, Craig Murray; vice president, Beth Forsleff.

The Sophomore officers are: president, Mike Burdick; vice president, Tom Decker; secretary, Carol Wilson; treasurer, Sue Schlosser.

The Junior officers are: president, John Hinz; vice president, Paul Scott; secretary, Melanie Murray; treasurer, Tony Wonderly.

The Senior officers are: president, Bill Jackson; vice president, Mike Griffith; secretary, Judy Norris; treasurer, Bill Prange.

Congratulations to the new officers.

Checkmates

Janet is Glad (stone) she has found someone like Don.

marylouandjeffareundetachable justlikethis.

Mark Mrozek’s chief (Whit) field of interest this year is still at U-High.

There are no bad days on the Callander for Marla now that she has found Doug.