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## Gov. Romney Interviewed By Susie Allen

On November 18, I had two great experiences. Not only did I miss an entire day of school for legitimate reasons, but I also interviewed Michigan's supreme citizen, Governor George Romney.

Arriving at the Capitol Building seven minutes late, I came face to face with the Governor. I was slightly startled and terribly unprepared, but he reassured me with a calm smile.

Whenever I see Romney, there is something in his face that never fails to impress me. It is a strong and profound quality etched deeply into his profile. Whether it be from tedious work or strength of character, Romney's features are certainly dignified.

I had come for an interview, not a staring contest, so we got down to business. "Well, Susan, how does it feel to be a reporter?" asked the Governor. "Great!" I replied, quite insincerely.

As I began to utter my first question, the phone rang. It was soon apparent from Romney's expression that he was having problems. His smile faded into an exhausted frown, and I realized that his job was not one of glamor, but of genuine hardship. This brought a question to my mind. As the Governor replaced the telephone receiver I said, "It seems you have many problems to solve. Do you have any advice for future prospective governors?"

"Every young person must be a good citizen. He must take part in the party of his choice, and be willing to partake in government. As Governor, I cannot stress this more."

U-High is a state supported school, and I wondered if Romney had any thoughts or comments on its closing.

The Governor knew nothing about U-High, for he is in no position to have anything to do with its termination. He said that Western Michigan University has a Board of Control which has no relation with state government, and all decisions made by this board are not supervised by government. "Western is constitutionally autonomous, and the government can do nothing about their actions." Governor Romney and his wife both attended a high school that closed down two years after their graduation. He stated sympathetically, "We went through the same experience you're going through."

Michigan's chief executive had recently flown to Viet Nam. "Governor," I asked, "what thoughts struck you while you were flying over the United

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## U-High's New Ski Club Announces Plans For Year

Skiing has become a tremendously popular sport in the past years. As a result it has captured many of the students of University High School. Bill Jackson and Bill Prange have united these victims with U-High's first ski club.

The first meeting was held November 24. There was a surprisingly large turn out with 31 members signing up. On January 26 there will be a ski movie shown at Wood Hall. It will start at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be one dollar. The film will be narrated by a professional skier, Hans Gnoser. It will be a public showing.

Other plans include parties and trips. Possibilities for these are the Carouselle Mountain with a party at Jackson's cottage, Timber Ridge with a party at a home, Kalamazoo Country Club with a party in the teen room, and at least a one day trip to Manistee.

One of the real highlights of the club will be the yodeling class. Between the trips, movies, and parties, Bill Jackson will attempt to teach the ski club members yodeling. This should prove to be a completely unique experience.

## Are You Ruining Reputations By False Gossip?

Students of U-High School, let's stop these rumors that are hurting many boys and girls. You all know that a little whispering goes a long way and with two or three others listening in, it is enough to start any high school reputation on the slow, down-hill roll. And most of these rumors are started by your friends, people who can tell a story with such conviction that you believe what they say for a long time before you finally see the whites of their lies. Just a few sentences will do the trick.

Take a few girls in a simple setting with nothing to do but talk. Next comes the usual hush-hush followed by such a statement as, "My mother wouldn't let me go around with him." Some poor defenseless fellow, with a fine faith in girls, about whom no one really knows anything, but many have made suggestions, is down and out and within a week branched as a complete wolf-boy.

Or be it a girl. Any girl is always on the thin ice of criticism.

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## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 17 School dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
- 17 Basketball, Paw Paw, there
- 18 Basketball, Plainwell there
- 20 Christmas Formal

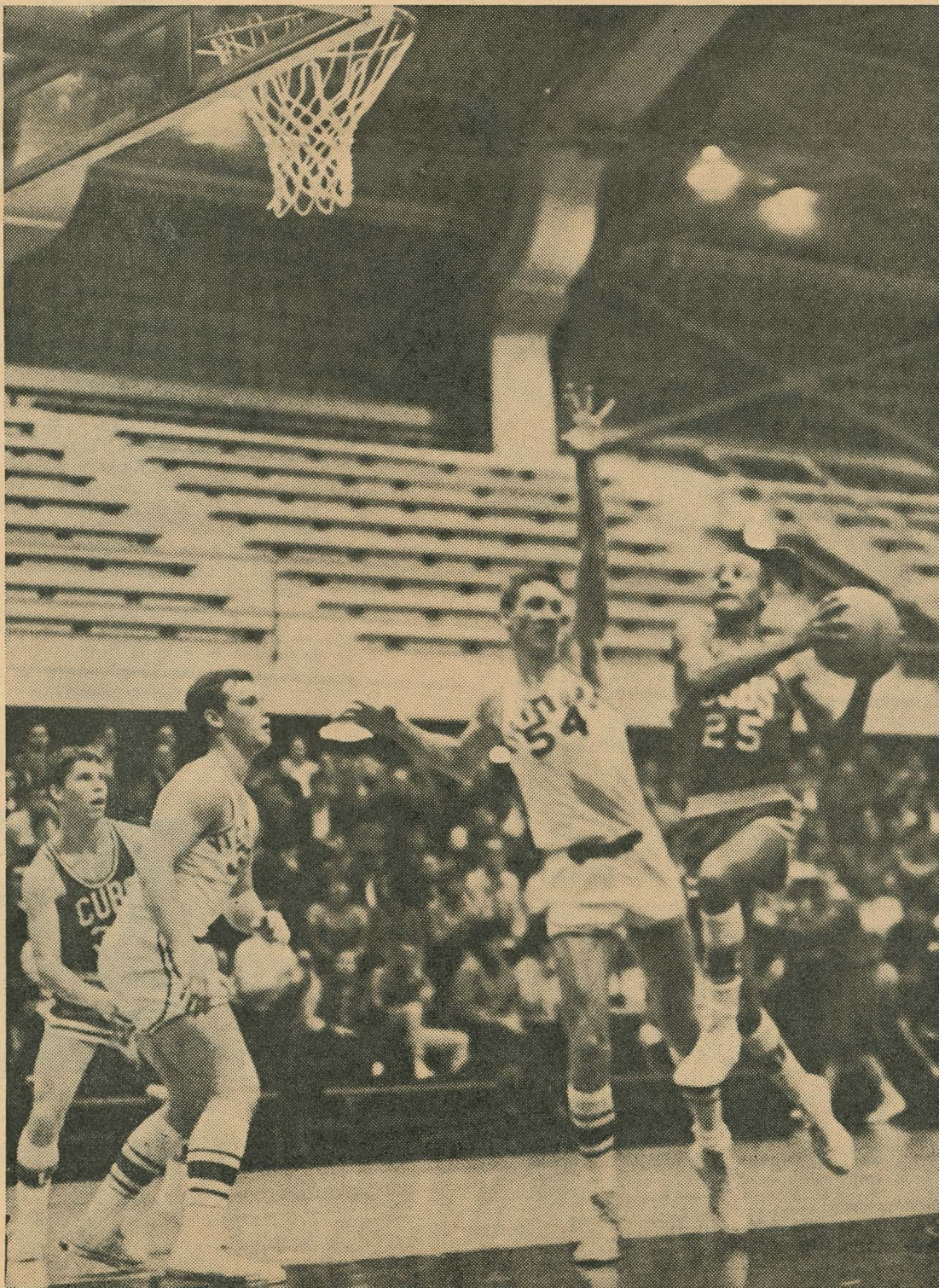
### JANUARY

- 3 School resumes
- 7 Basketball, Otsego, there
- 14 Basketball, Allegan, here
- 21 Basketball, Vicksburg, there (6:30)

## Toys for Tots Is Successful

This year's Christmas Drive at U-High has been highly successful. Headed by the Friendship and Service Committees and chairman Kathy Galbreath and Lynn Gardner, this year's drive was for toys, instead of the usual food drive. The drive ran from Monday, December 6, to Friday, December 10, and volunteers collected toys from homes all over the city on Saturday, December 11. Monday, December 13, volunteers took home all damaged toys for repairs and brought them back Wednesday, December 15. The toys that students couldn't repair were given to the Salvation Army and all repaired toys were given to the Toys For Tots Drive.

## U-High Meets the Paw Paw Redskins



## Team Is Hoping For First Victory Of Last Season

The University High School basketball team has not had success at winning games as witnessed by the 0-4 record. There is a game tonight at Paw Paw (South Haven had 104 against them) and tomorrow night at Plainwell.

Last Friday, Plainwell beat Paw Paw 47-45. Neither team is a basketball powerhouse in the Wolverine Conference this year.

Mr. Barney Chance's team is composed of 9 seniors and 4 juniors, namely: Captain Doug Callander, Mike Carr, Cam Carter, Mike Griffith, Larry Hodge, Dave Hooper, Dean Panse, Tom Roon, Jim Smith, Roger Starkweather, Tim VanderMeulen, Bunky VanderSalm, and Ivars Zemitans.

The reserve team, coached by Mr. Lyle McAuley, can be said to have emulated the varsity in that they have the same record. Both freshmen and sophomores comprise this year's reserve team.

## Xmas Presents For Santa Claus

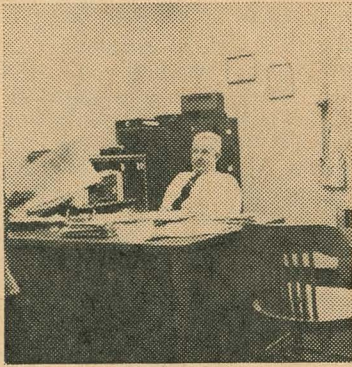
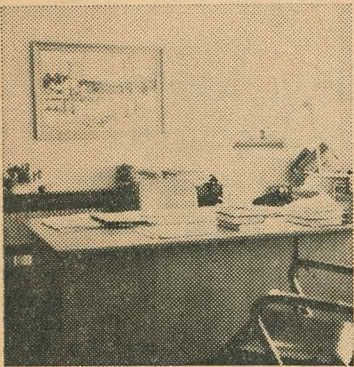
When Christmas comes, you think about what you want to ask Santa Claus. Did you ever think of asking Santa what he wants for Christmas?

I've been talking to Santa and have composed a list of some of the things he wants most.

1. Another pair of reindeer.
2. A new set of tools.
3. Carrots for his reindeer—(it's getting harder to grow them up there).
4. Extra helpers—if interested, contact S. Claus, N. Pole, Box 11 (or send your letters to the **Highlights** and we'll see they get to Santa).



# Notes and Quotes



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Just before the Thanksgiving Holiday one of the high school teachers stopped by to wish me a happy Thanksgiving. As he turned to go, he added, "I guess I'd better say Merry Christmas, too because I may well not see you again before Christmas."

While the above conversation may be slightly exaggerated, it does re-emphasize the fact that I am not much with you lately. This inability to be a part of your activities daily, I sincerely regret. However, even though my contacts with you may be through an occasional assembly, basketball game or noon lunch in the cafeteria, I like what I see! I see spirit and a determination to make this the best darned year U-High ever had! I shall always be proud to be associated, even though intermittently, with a school whose faculty and student body display this spirit.

May this be a most joyous Christmas season for all of you.

## Notes & Quotes From the Assistant Director

How many times have you heard, "Let's make this the best year U-High has ever had?" On these occasions, did you hear words or did you hear a commitment? The past 12 weeks has answered that question loud and clear—we are committed to the best! The people who made the first honor roll and the many more who were striving for it and those who were simply doing their very best regardless of the roll, the football team, the cheerleaders, the pep committee, the Highlander Staff, the debate team, the Student Council, the Thanksgiving drive, in short the entire student body in all of its activities have clearly shown we can make this the best year ever.

Congratulations!

—Neil L. Schoenhals

## Persuasion Class Is New

There's something different about U-High that I think many of us don't realize. According to the knowledge of Mr. Melvin Donaho, we are the only high school in the county that offers a class in argumentation and persuasion. The course of study so far this year has been that of learning the fundamentals of argumentation and persuasion. Mr. Donaho began with a few basic concepts of its uses; advertising, propaganda, and group discussion. At present the students are participating in discussion groups. Following this unit they will begin studying oral argumentation and persuasion in more depth. This study will be concluded with an oral presentation. Following the oral study will be a detailed study of written argumentation and persuasion, concluding with learning the techniques of writing a term paper. A more conclusive look at advertising and the use of propaganda will be taken later.

Observing this class for one hour I was privileged to hear one thirty-minute discussion group in action. Although Mr. Donaho does not as a rule recommend the topic of religion, they chose "The Place of Religion in Our Lives" as their thesis. The panel was composed of five students, each with a very different attitude toward religion. The first student to speak said that twentieth century laws are based on religion, and that this is about the only way in which religion affects

him personally. He felt that religion is a crutch; that everyone needs something to look up to, and so they mold a religion to fill their needs. The next student felt that there was a need for a change in modern religion. Some parts of the Bible were too mythological for him to accept, such as the Resurrection. He needed proof of it to believe it. The third to speak had very strong religious conviction and believed in a strict interpretation of the Bible. She was the only one of the five who did not believe in a liberal interpretation. The fourth speaker had very different views on the topic. To him, it made no difference if one worshipped one god or three. Religion was sort of a moral code to him. The fifth student felt that religion was simply a way of life. To this person every man was Christ.

The conclusions gathered by the group were quite conclusive. Most felt that going to church doesn't make a man religious, just as non-attendance doesn't make one an atheist. Many believed that religion is created out of a need, but it is only one of many crutches. Alcohol, drugs, and rebellion against society are just as much crutches and religion is only one way man limps.

The next discussion group's topic was to be "Religion versus Science." If it was at all as interesting as this one, I'm sorry I missed it.

—Jane Maus

## Danger! Disease Nearing Epidemic Proportions Here!

The American Medical Association has reported a wild epidemic of a strange disease that has affected three out of five Americans in the first two weeks of December. This disease is terribly contagious, and all citizens are warned to take precaution. The colloquial term for this malady is "Christmas Spirit," and the medical term is emptinea of pocketbookism.

The basic characteristics of "Christmas spirit" are unusually cheerful dispositions, pasted smiles, and enormous spending.

Cash registers and wallets have felt the greatest effects of the epidemic, the former being full, and the later being empty.

Although doctors are working diligently, they have not yet discovered the basic cause of this medical curiosity. Several victims say they are celebrating the birthday of a savior but the majority state that they are preparing for a visitor who will fall down their chimneys. This has confused medical authorities, but they believe that the disease stricken are preparing for a savior who will arrive in their fireplaces Christmas morning. Vance Packard the noted author, believes the disease is caused because America is "a nation of sheep."

Let's hope a cure will soon be found, but until then, watch out! You may be the next victim.

—Sue Allen

## Crossword Answers

### DOWN

1. 'tis
2. one
3. ye
4. Illya
5. snow
6. area
7. peace
8. bolt
10. nose
11. elm
13. wreath
14. hives
16. partridge
18. reindeer
19. silent
22. pi
23. el
24. rye
26. test
29. dice
31. gin
32. hik
34. Mon.
36. on

### ACROSS

1. toys
5. star
7. pine
9. ese
10. Noel
12. owe
14. holly
15. wrap
17. Christmas
20. eve
21. Ida.
22. pie
23. earl
25. tot
26. tinsel
27. ye
28. mend
30. sleigh
33. timid
35. II
37. co.
38. frankincense



## Double-Dribblers Make It!

Congratulations are in order for U-High's great new team, the "Double Dribblers." Members of the team are Jeff Gauthier, Jon Stokkerman, Paul Scott, Bill Prange, Mike Surville, and Bill Yankee. U-High was called together last Friday

at 11 a.m. to see them off for South Haven. The boys dribbled the forty-three mile distance in five hours and twenty-four minutes, arriving at the South Haven city limits at 4:27 p.m. They averaged between seven and eight miles per hour, and each fellow dribbled an average of six and one-half miles. The boys were pursued by the Kalamazoo Gazette, the Bangor newspaper, and R. H. Hughes. Progress reports of the "Dribblers" were made every few minutes on WJOR in South Haven. U-High's "Double Dribblers" beat the rain and made the tipoff in the U-High-South Haven basketball game.

## Chem-Bond Approach Found to Be Interesting

According to U.S. Office of Education figures each year one million high school juniors take a chemistry course. 50,000 students are presently being taught chemistry in classes using the Chem-Bond approach. Chem-Bond is a new teaching approach that emphasizes laboratory work. The Chem-Bond approach or CBA which is taught at U-High, is considered to be a radical departure from the traditional methods of teaching chemistry.

CBA was developed on the idea that atoms are held together by forces to produce compounds. The originators of CBA felt that basing a teaching approach on an idea chemists feel to be significant would decrease the chances of that teaching method becoming out of date. CBA was developed because teachers complained that their present teaching methods didn't suit them, and that they were not relative to modern times.

Students taught with the CBA method are reported to do better in college. Fewer fail, and more get high grades.

Our own chemistry teacher at U-High, Mr. Gordon Morlan has a great deal of experience with the Chem-Bond approach. Mr. Morlan said to a convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers in 1964 that, "CBA takes more effort to understand than some students anticipate, but they can usually exert this extra effort if they find the challenge is rewarding."

Mr. Morlan went on to say, "The student does learn to analyze new situations, and many catch the satisfaction of developing ideas for themselves."

—Tim Null

## Intra-Murder Begins

Again this year University High School has had a great turnout for intra murder. Thirty-two students showed up for their first meeting. The player draft for the teams was held on Monday, December 13. As it stands right now they are undecided between having five student teams and one faculty team or else to have six teams with the faculty members on each of the teams along with the students.

This year's captains are, Bill Prange, Bob Correll, Bill Jackson, Jeff Blankenburg, and Jon Stokkerman. Although the teams are all established now, the games will not begin until sometime after Christmas vacation.

—Chris Creager

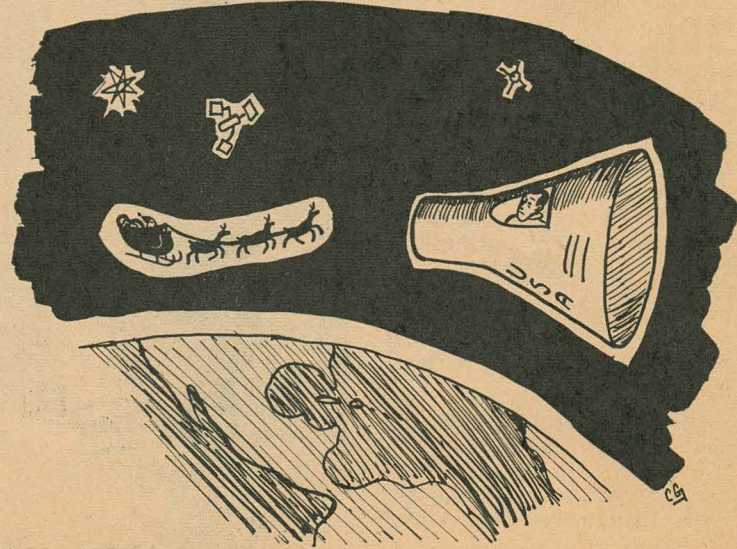
"It's just like a new school."

"Yea, pale yellow walls, black bars and wooden railings."

"It even smells new, and look at those little lights."

"This sort of gives you a taste of what it would be like in a new school."

Do you believe this could be said about our school? Sure, go over to the new exit of the Science Building sometime and smell for yourself!





# Open a New World and Ski

A pair of skis can take you many places. If you are not careful it will be into the first tree you come across or they'll bounce you off a big mogul, perhaps even plow you into a huge rock! If you are enterprising and have determination though, these same skis can open a whole new world for you. They can take you places where no man has ever been before, certainly no one on skis. Hans Gnoser has realized this many years ago and in producing his high mountain ski adventure films has taken full advantage of this opportunity.

**Roving Skis**, his 7th annual film lecture, is no exception. With his intrepid, internationally famous companions, **Jim and Glen McConkey, Scotty Henderson, Mike Wiegele and Erwin Tontsch**, he pioneered a new high level ski route through the **Purcell Mountains in British Columbia**. Their trek took them from beautiful **Lake Win-**

**dermere** in the **Columbia Valley** to the rugged **Bugaboo Mountains**. In all, they traveled 85 miles including over 20,000 vertical feet of downhill skiing. For two weeks they lived in their small tents, carried their 80-pound packs climbed many spectacular peaks and skied runs which would send anyone into a delirium.

But that these remote snowfields are not only for the tough and daring is shown during one of Gnoser's regular **Helicopter Ski Weeks**. Here, in a matter of minutes, skiers are lifted to the top of 5, 8, and 10 mile completely untouched ski runs. This is perhaps the greatest invention skiing has seen since chairlifts and stretch pants hit the scene. In **Roving Skis** you'll see how such a helicopter immediately gives access to perhaps 20 different mountains with over a hundred ski runs. You can move into a totally undeveloped area and have a complete ski circus the likes of which St. Anton or Kitzbuehel would envy you for.

While exploring new ski possibilities, Gnoser gives you a preview of Canada's newest and most impressive ski area, **Whistler Mountain at Garibaldi** which offers a vertical rise of over 5,000 feet.

**Roving Skis** moves on to **Lake Louise** where this year the world's greatest competed for \$5,000 in prize money at the **5th Annual Bee Hive Giant Slalom**. See how the duel between the French and Austrians

takes on new dimensions as French gold-medalist **Francois Bonlieu** joins the Pro Circuit. While on the racing scene there is a good close-up look of the latest slalom technique as demonstrated by **Christian Pravada** and **Toni Marth** at **Sugar Bowl** and you will also see a group of enthusiastic youngsters as they train at **Franz Gabl's Summer Ski Racing School** on **Mount Baker**.

As a thrilling, hair-raising highlight, Gnoser filmed an ascent of the **Red Shirt Route** on the **South Face of Mount Yamnaska** as he followed his partner **Leo Grillmair** up the sheer, 1,200-foot limestone cliff.

With his informative and humorous narrative, **Hans Gnoser** has woven all this into another spellbinding adventure story which may well surpass his two great successes **Skis Over McKinley** and **Adventure Bound**. Skiers, climbers and armchair travellers alike will enjoy **Roving Skis** to the utmost and remember it for a long time.

**Roving Skis** will be brought to Kalamazoo by the recently formed **U-High Ski Club**. The showing is planned for **Wed. Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.** in room 170 of **Wood Hall**. Tickets should be purchased as soon as possible because a sell-out is predicted and they may be difficult to come by on the night of the show. **U-High** students may purchase their tickets for \$1 from **Bill Jackson** or **Bill Prange**.



Powder flies as Hans Gnoser leads one of his helicopter parties down the Bugaboo Glacier in British Columbia's Purcell Mountains. See this and other exciting ski and climbing scenes as Hans Gnoser presents his latest color ski adventure film **ROVING SKIS** at Room 170, Walwood Hall (WMU) on **Wed. Jan. 26 at 7:30**.

## College Plans

Sometimes uniqueness is a desirable characteristics—like a Stradivarius violin or a Rembrandt portrait; then, again, to be unique like a bald-headed chorus girl or an 85 pound truck driver can have its undesirable features.

The graduating class of 1966 is unique in a good way—the top twenty students have academic records that make them all look like candidates for honors colleges; the class of 1966 is unique in a bad way—Temporarily. The post-World War II "baby boom" has caught college admissions offices in a crush (to put it mildly) and this year has given us a local symptom that may be painful. Western Michigan University is forced to reduce the size of its freshman class by one-half. This means that any student in the lower half of the graduating class will probably not be admitted this year. To be more specific, out of twenty-four U-High graduates admitted to WMU last year, sixteen would not be admitted this year.

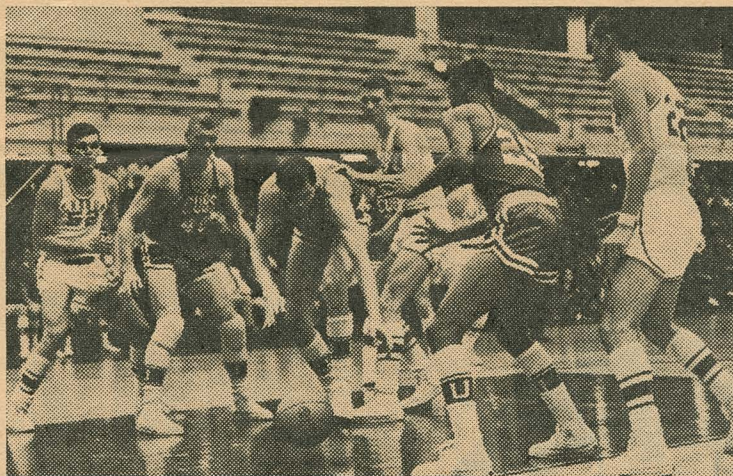
We emphasize "probably" because it is not a definite or final conclusion. But with the possibility that many who would like to attend a local college may not be able to do so at WMU, we should be alert to alternatives and plan realistically. Kellogg College in Battle Creek offers the freshmen and sophomore college years with the opportunity to transfer to WMU or another state college in the junior year. There are advantages in attending a junior college—financial, flexibility of program, proximity to home (for social, personal adjustment, as well as economic advantages).

Other alternatives to WMU involve either private colleges or greater distances—Kalamazoo College is wonderful, so is Northern Michigan in Marquette—study the advantages and disadvantages.

One note of urgency—if we seventy-seven grads of 1966 are going to have difficulty, multiply this by many times for the larger classes at Norrix, Central, Portage, etc. Kellogg's situation could change if they receive a late flood of applications. As of now you can be sure of admission if you apply this week. Maybe you could consider the \$10 application fee as good insurance.

See your counselor for details and application forms.

—Mr. Ryan Pelkki



## Get That Ball!

### Reputation Ruined By False Gossip

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cism and it doesn't take much to put Reputation in capital letters as far as she is concerned. Any little innocent statement will hit her right between the eyes.

Of course the fellow who says these things is never at fault. Maybe people didn't take it the way you meant it, or maybe you really didn't realize what you were doing—just trying to make the conversation interesting, adding a little spice, or color, but nevertheless you did it.

So think twice before you start one of those tainted tales making the rounds. And give your mouth a mental mouthwash if you're the guilty one. Talk is not only cheap but cheapening. It takes so little to smudge up a good name, so just forget the two-timing talk. Let yourself be known as a strictly straightforward person. Besides, the less loose language you toss around, the less will be tossed back at you.

—A Student

### Suzie Interviews Governor Romney

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States on your return from Viet Nam?"

"As I came back to America, I was impressed by its size, diversity, and progress as a nation. I wondered if we are paying enough attention to principles instead of our gadgets. I desire to do things for the people to make this country wonderful."

I could not resist a little Johnson question, so I asked, "Is this a Great Society?"

With complete composure the Governor replied, "This is a great nation composed of many people. The key question is this; will the people concentrate more on character development, and not so much on material things? Only that will make this society great."

I had many more questions, but ten minutes was my time limit. I thanked Governor Romney, and left him alone to enforce democracy and chisel the schisms of Michigan government.

—Susan Allen

## Junior High Busy In New Basketball Season

The junior high basketball schedule has been announced. It is as follows:

### JANUARY

6 Paw Paw, There  
13 Comstock, Home  
20 Vicksburg, Home  
27 Plainwell, There

### FEBRUARY

4 Allegan, There  
10 Comstock, There  
18 Allegan, Home  
24 Paw Paw, Home

All home games will be played in the gym and begin at 4:15. The seventh grade will probably play their games first and then the eighth grade team will take the floor.

This year the Junior High team is much changed from the past years. Mr. Randall picked the 11 best basketballers from the eighth grade and the rest will play with the seventh grade team. The lucky 11 include Pat Walters, John Kneen, John Knight, Don Parfet, Tom Gauntlett, Gregg Pierce, Chuck Bennett, Bill Wheaton, Steve Horn, Tom Kyser, and Ozzie Cooper.

The rest of the eighth graders and 4 or 5 seventh graders will make up the Junior Varsity. This team will play the seventh grade teams of other schools. The best looking players on these teams are: Gluek, Ihling, Burdick, and Washington.

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The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith  
From Spiritual Faith to great Courage  
From Courage to Liberty  
From Liberty to Abundance  
From Abundance to Selfishness  
From Selfishness to Complacency  
From Complacency to Apathy  
From Apathy to Dependency  
From Dependency back again into Bondage

In fourteen years our United States will be 200 years old.

—Anonymous

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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

We the HIGHLIGHTS staff, being students interested in the welfare of University High, set forth these ideals as goals for our publications:

- (1) To provide accurate information of school and related activities.
- (2) To create interest and enthusiasm for school activities.
- (3) To encourage school spirit and unity.
- (4) To provide a place for and promote the expression of responsible student opinion in order to stimulate the thinking of constructive ideas.



BEAR BLUNDERS

Mr. Christensen, while teaching his senior English class one day, was trying to distinguish between a parody and burlesque satire. He remarked that burlesque is a more broad type of humor. (?)

One day at a monitor meeting the monitors were discussing the offenses which warrant a monitor report, especially that of walking noisily into study hall. Terry Moore remarked "All you have to do is walk on the floor and it creaks." Mrs. Monroe answered that "It doesn't creak that badly, at least not under most of us."

Mr. Hughes was having quite a bit of trouble tying his tie one day in Publications class. It seems as though it was always just a little bit too long. So he took a pair of scissors out of his desk and cut the long end off.

Swim Club Begin Show Planning Members Join

The Finettes swimming club has started another new year with the help of 11 new girls added to last year's membership. The old members are: Sue Allen, Beth Depree, Janet Kavanaugh, Melinda Knight, Berrianne Matthews, K. C. Moe, Mary Lou Sutherland, Kathy Sykes, and Jan Wilson.

The new members are: Jenaay Brown, Kay Ellinger, Pat Honey, Anne Kent, Deni Lorentz, Libby Matthews, Judy Mochizuki, Kris Ronnigin, Melissa Southon, Marge Sutherland, and Kathy Wetnight.

This makes a total of 20 girls with their advisor being Mrs. Mary Lou DeGraw.

In hopes of having a good water show, the club began working at the first meeting by choosing the theme "painting." As yet the title has not been chosen. Practice will begin as soon as music and numbers are decided on.

The new officers this year are: President, Mary Lou Sutherland and Vice President, Beth Depree.

The secretary and treasurer have not been decided upon as yet.

—Sue Schram

Constitution Approved

University High School is now operating under a new Constitution. In voting on Thursday, December 2, students approved the document by a vote of 148 yes to 27 no. The Constitution represents a year's work. Bernie Stulberg was general chairman of the committee.

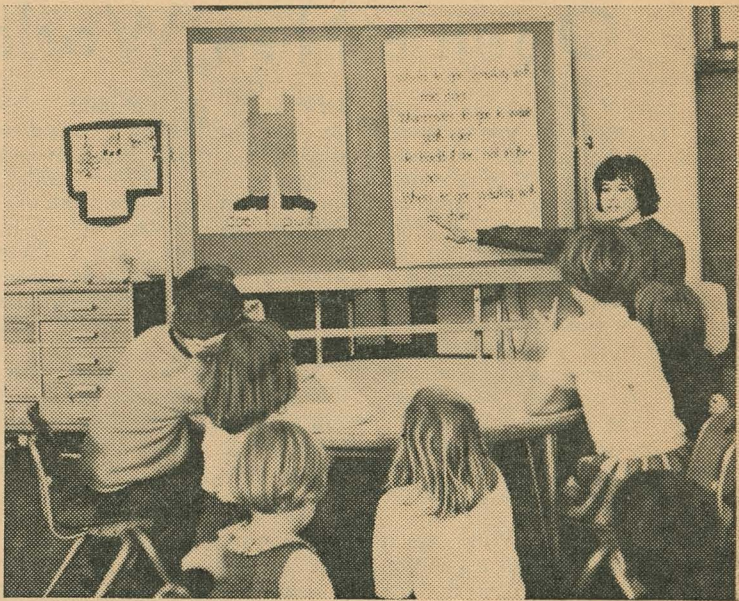
Literary Magazine

The co-editors for the literary magazine have requested that everyone be encouraged to make as many contributions as they can. The co-editors hope the magazine will contain a great deal of variety.

Ode To A Fig Newton

Art thou, my love, an acrid fig newton that wandereth gaily from the portal of my mouth?  
Prithee, why dost thou wrench thy blessing from my all desiring, loving lips?  
Thou knowest how my tongue and palate relisheth your sweet taste of wine, your soft crunchiness 'neath the coverlet of crust. For a mere taste, a wiff of thy sweet vapours, I would brave the fires of a thousand hells.  
At the merest hint of thy sweet loveliness of taste, my heart sings. Oh, sweet angel of the fig filling, if only you would merge from your mysterious castle of cellophane and bestow upon the pitifulness of myself such favours of taste and sensation.  
But alas, the favours refused unto me, I remain a ravished pitiful soul, forever tantalized by thy unattainable fruits.  
Leave me to languish and perish, for to live away from thee would be far less a cruelty than to reach, reach but find you ever without of my grasp.

—Cam Carter



First Grade Experiments With New I.T.A. Teaching

The Initial Teaching Alphabet Experiment

The first grade class of the Campus School at WMU is experimenting with the Initial Teaching Alphabet (ITA). The 44 character alphabet was designed by Sir James Pitman and first introduced in Britain in 1960. Now 10% of the children

beginning to read in that country, are taught by ITA.

The United States started experiments in 1963. The new method skipped over the Middle West going from the East to the West. (The West is noted for developing and testing new teaching ideas). Then, the Middle West became involved. Now, over 3/4 of the states are testing the program or use it on a permanent basis. All of the first grade children in Pennsylvania learn to read using ITA.

For the second year, Mrs. Ruth Bosman, First Grade Supervisor, is using the new alphabet. The purposes of the experiment are to test hypothesis. There is a control group, 22 children matched to 11 boys and 11 girls of last year's first grade in a Kalamazoo Public School under the instruction of Mr. Vern Farrow. Tests are administered before and after the first year program.

The test group scores exceeded those of the control group. The experimental group ratings were closely clustered while the public school group ratings varied considerably. The average scores of word knowledge, word discrimination and reading comprehension were higher than those of the control group. It was concluded from the first year's data that first grade children learn to read more effectively using ITA methods. Children will learn to read as effectively without the traditional writing instruction as others with this instruction.

This year, writing instruction with the new alphabet has been administered. Tests will also be given to both of last year's groups to compare writing and spelling skills.

Mrs. Bosma is pleased with the results. For the first time, in her 18 years of teaching first graders, all of the children in her class read at or above their grade level. IQ's range from 10 below to 19 points above the normal range of 90-110.

It is only logical to start teaching Arithmetic using addition and subtraction. Later, the more difficult processes of multiplication and division are introduced. Likewise, with the Initial Teaching Alphabet. It is a process of the simple to the complex. It is difficult for people to change. However, some educators have analyzed the methods used in teaching reading. They were looking for causes of failure in methods, instead of in the individual child! The Initial Teaching Alphabet was the product and results are encouraging.

Crossword

DOWN

- 1. present tense of 'twas
- 2. singular number
- 3. you
- 4. Kuryakin
- 5. cold, white water
- 6. two-dimensional space
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth
- 8. lock
- 10. Pinocchio's grows and Rudolph's glows
- 11. kind of tree
- 13. what is hung on doors at Christmas
- 14. bee houses
- 16. it sits in pear trees
- 18. engine on Santa's sled
- 19. "\_\_\_\_\_ Night"
- 22. 3.14
- 23. elevated train
- 24. type of grain
- 26. there are many the last week of school
- 29. tiny blocks played with by gamblers
- 31. alcoholic beverage
- 32. sound following drinking too much of above
- 34. day before Tuesday (abbr.)
- 36. upon

ACROSS

- 1. gifts for children
- 5. it is often found on top of Christmas trees
- 7. kind of tree popular at Christmas
- 9. "that" in Spanish
- 10. Christmas
- 12. something most people do with money after Christmas
- 14. plant with red berries
- 15. what you do to gifts
- 17. Merry \_\_\_\_\_!
- 20. night before
- 21. state that grows potatoes (abbr.)
- 22. Jack Horner ate one at Christmas
- 23. Anthony Armstrong-Jones' title
- 25. small child
- 26. glittery decoration
- 27. you
- 28. fix
- 30. Santa's delivery truck
- 33. shy or fearful
- 35. Roman two
- 37. Christmas visitors (abbr.)
- 38. one of the three kings' gifts

