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COMING EVENTS APRIL

- 1 Travel Assembly
- 1 Fifty school days 'til graduation
- 2 Carnival
- 4 Mid-semester exams start
- 7 Grandma Smidlock's Annual Garter Pull
- 11 Winged Angels will fly away

Drastic Mistake Affects Credits

A drastic error has been made, and many, if not all University High seniors, will be affected.

According to the office records U-High seniors lack a required twenty-five credits to graduate, due to the misinterpretation of a letter from the National School Board. This may mean a repetition of the senior year for students unable to meet the twenty-five credit quota.

If students are unable to graduate, summer school sessions will be held at Central High School and Loy Norrix High School. If these sessions cannot help the students acquire the amount of credits needed, then he should plan on making arrangements to attend another year of high school.

If you are a senior and are unsure whether you will be able to graduate, check with your counselor immediately.

Seniors Plan a Trip At British Expense

The senior class has been selected from graduating classes all over the United States to go to England for the Coronation. The trip will be financed by the British government as part payment on the debt incurred to the United States during the Second World War. All seventy-five seniors and their advisors are planning to make the trip.

Since the Coronation will take place on the second of June, the seniors will fly over to England on a strata-cruiser so they will arrive in England in time for the Coronation.

Living facilities for the class will be provided by a renovated castle recently taken over by the British government. It is situated near London. The castle will be run by a competent staff. Meals will be served in the grand ballroom. A dance will also be held there each night. English high school students will be invited so that they can become better acquainted with American teen-agers.

The class has the personal invitation of one London businessman to view the Coronation parade from his business establishment. The class also has the invitation of the Queen to attend the Coronation, so the invitation of the businessman has been rejected.

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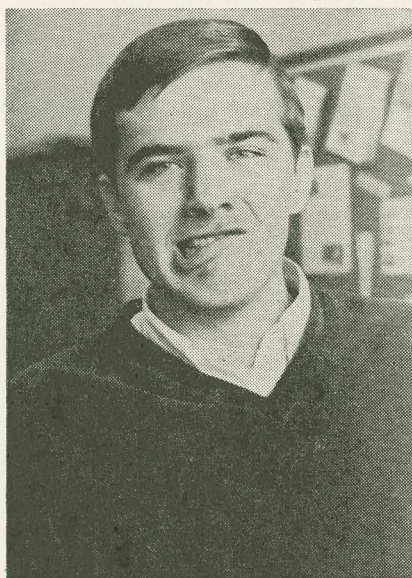
Highlights

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'U' High Won't Close; It's An Experimental Hoax



Playmate of the Month

It's a hoax. As part of the experimentation at University High School, it was announced that the school would be closed in June, 1966. The purpose was to observe the psychological effects and ability to adapt to such a situation by both the students and faculty. The reactions we were looking for were the following:

1. General attitude of the students about the school.
2. Attitude of the teachers.
3. School spirit and loyalty.
4. Moral standards, i.e., destruction of school property.
5. Ability of underclassmen to face a change.
6. Change in academic standards.

The evaluation committee, under the direction of Dr. Weaver, is in the process of compiling the results of the experiment. Since it appears that there was a marked difference in the behavior patterns of the students and teachers over last year, the announcement is now being made as to the true future of University High School. Until the results have been ascertained, which may require five years of intensive study, the school must remain in operation. Because this will be a time-consuming task, involving much of the University's faculty, the administrative duties will be assumed by the University of Chicago Laboratory School.

This affiliation with the Chicago Lab School opens up fresh avenues for enlightenment. Students from the Kalamazoo and Chicago schools will be able to choose which of the two institutions they wish to attend. Housing facilities for students coming to Kalamazoo have been secured in the Lovell Street Apartments. Similar arrangements will be made for our students. Counselor's offices will be open until 8 p.m. every evening and weekdays during the summer from 8 to 3 to discuss future plans with students. No appointments for conferences are necessary.

Regional Tournament Game With Covert To Be Played Again

After studying the film of the University High-Covert Class D Regional game, played on Saturday, March 12, several key plays which weren't observed by the referees may have had some bearing on the outcome of the game. Due to this discovery, there will be a rematch between U-High and Covert for Class D championship on April 1, in WMU's Read Fieldhouse.

Experts have given U-High better than a 50-50 chance of victory over Covert.

Let's all be there to cheer our team on to victory!

—Mary Grubb

—The Administration

Computer Dance Follows Carnival

U-High's Carnival, sponsored by the Student Council, will take place Saturday, April 2, in the U-High gym from 7-11:30 p.m.

This year the carnival has been organized by the Ways and Means Committee. Chairman of the committee as council treasurer and senior class treasurer is Bill Prange. Other class treasurers are Tony Wonderley, Sue Schlosser, and Margie Sutherland. Class presidents, also committee members, include Bill Jackson, Jon Hinz, Mike Burdick, and Craig Murray.

Sub-committee chairmen include: Bill Prange, booth selection; Marla Tobias, booth placement; Bunk VanderSalm, tickets; Margie Sutherland, publicity; and Tom Roon, clean-up.

A computer dance will follow the carnival and auction or slave sale. The sophomore class is sponsoring the dance with Jean Meagher as chairman. O'Brien and Hackett High Schools have been invited to attend.

New Golf Team Plays This Mon.

The golf team with coach Roy Walters, will begin the season with its first match Monday, April 4, at Paw Paw. The captain is Jeff Blankenburg; other members of the team include: seniors Tom Schwarz, Bunk VanderSalm, Mike Survilla, Dave Palmatier, Glen Stine, Bill Faunce; junior Larry Klerk and sophomore Bill Sykes.

Faculty Needed Here

To the Faculty:

Have the faculty members of U-High misunderstood the feelings of the student body? Why are so many high school teachers taking the advantage of the opportunity to join the faculty at Western?

Perhaps you can be convinced to remain with the adolescents who need to be inspired and challenged by faculty members who are interested in a subject and the individual student.

Can you teach five classes everyday and still have one FREE period? One whole 55-minute period with nothing to do! Some lucky individuals have two "planning" periods.

Every teacher is entitled to the joys of cramped working quarters. Small offices have definite advantages. There's a smaller hunting ground for that paper that was mysteriously misplaced. It isn't hard to reach for something to relax tired feet on.

Cookies are available with your coffee. Dittoes are produced in the office "while you wait." Such pampered people!

Paper work does much for organization and education. You're learning throughout the day. The pink pass means tardy. Blue passes are absences obtained for a variety of legal if not amusing reasons. Yellow passes are no longer in use. White passes require an advanced skill. They're for hall permits OR study hall absences. Watch these carefully (Could it be that someone would try to trick you?) Don't forget to look at the date. Passes are safest when written in ink because this insures a greater degree of validity. Just look at the skills you've obtained! Your talent would be lost forever at a college.

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1951--It Was A Very Good Year

In the year 1951, 15 long years ago, the spring sports teams were great. The tennis team repeated its previous year's performance by copping the conference tennis title. They also took the regional crown, beating out the closest competition by 4½ points. Jack Behrens, Louis Johnson, John Littig, Frank Goodrich, Pat Ryan, and Jon Sebaly were the members of that year's great team.

State High's baseball team didn't fare so well in the title department, however, but they played some good baseball. Clair Kirkpatrick pitched one of the best games of the season with a two-hitter against St. Joseph. Kirk also boasted the highest batting average of the team with .570 to prove the old adage "that pitchers are weak hitters" is wrong.

The track team lacked depth that year, having only a few standouts in competition. Dick Tough and Ken Sherman both ran eighth in the half mile, and Tough failed to place.

Due partly to the bad weather, the golf team had a very unsuccessful season.

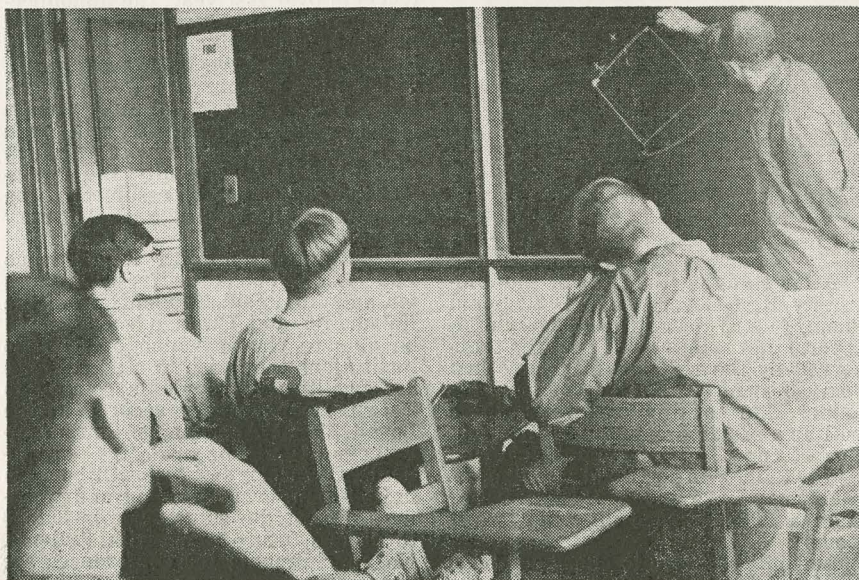
But this year, 1966, U-High will be the greatest ever, so let's show a little school spirit and get out and watch our teams play.

—Sue Schram

Cub Ball Players Battle Hackett Opening Game

Tuesday afternoon Ver Sluis Field will be the scene of U-High's first baseball game of the 1966 and final season. Coached by Larry Randall, who is assisted by Pete Parker, the slugging Cubs are looking forward to a real terrific season! Leading the line-up are returning veterans and lettermen co-captains Mike Griffith and Dave Pruis, Larry Hodge, Mark Calhoun, Jeff Gauthier, Jon Stokkerman, Roger Starkweather, and Tom Roon. Tim Vandermeulen is said to be coming along pretty well, and there are several promising underclassmen to back up the old pros. I hope to see the stands full of cheering U-High baseball fans to help the Cubs beat Hackett!

—Jane Maus



Baseball practice is hard work.

New Schedule Will Shorten School Minutes

After careful consideration by the faculty and student council, a new class schedule has been suggested. The student body will vote sometime in the near future, and if they approve, the schedule will be as follows:

Old Time	New Time
Class	Class
8:10	1:50
9:30	2:00
10:35	2:10
11:35	2:20
1:05	2:30
2:10	2:40

This is expected to reduce the expense of printing tardy slips so much that a reduction of the tuition may come in a short time.

One of the main reasons for the change is that the present arrangement is so taxing on the students that the number of passing marks is rapidly declining, and the senior class is becoming too large to be controlled.

Before voting, however, the students must realize that there are certain disadvantages to be faced. Lunch hour, including the planned dances, will be discontinued, although eating in class will be permitted to supplement the diets of those who are unable to wait until school is over.

O'Brien Sets April Date For Choir Performance

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in St. Augustine's Parochial Building, the Robed Choir of Monsignor O'Brien High School will present "Hallelujah! What a Savior," which depicts the meaning of Christ's Death and Resurrection. The Cantata will be presented as originally conceived by composer John W. Peterson.

Director of the Choral is Sister Jane Rose, SSJ, accompanist, Mr. Larry Wolfe, Sister M. Carmeline, SSJ, of O'Brien's Speech Dept. has coached the narrators.

Tickets may be obtained from any student of O'Brien High School, or by mailing \$1 to the O'Brien Choral Dept., 600 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49001.

We Had a Champion

In 1952 State High had the honor of having a former tennis champion coach, Stephanie Prychitko. It was said that she really knew what she was doing and was a great help that year.

Stephanie in 1949 ranked eighth among the nation's female tennis players and second in the west as well as carrying off the state girls' championship that year.



Girl's Wrestling Team

Why Don't Students Have the Courage To Sign Editorials?

I find few things as despicable as students who sign their editorials as "A Student." Why do these students bother to write their opinions if they will not even take the responsibility for their printed expression of feelings? They must certainly find their beliefs lacking in merit if they will not have their names signed.

Students, sign your names to your editorials. Be proud of your beliefs, or keep quiet.

—A Student

Seniors Are Making A Coronation Trip

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The seniors will arrive in England on May 25. This date will allow them enough time to become acquainted with the surrounding countryside and the English people. One of the planned trips which will be of great interest to the seniors is to visit the home of William Shakespeare. Tours will be conducted to Ireland and Scotland. The Prime Minister has invited the class to a session of the Parliament. All of these things will serve to show better the life of an Englishman.

The class will return on June 9 by air, so that they will be able to graduate. During the time of the trip, exams for the class will be canceled.

Attention all girls! Now is your chance to compete with the boys in muscular terms. A girls wrestling team is being organized under the supervision of Mr. R. C. Walters, and any girls who so desire may sign up for the team in the school office.

A meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, at 3:30 p.m. in Mr. Walter's office. Future plans will be discussed, and practice will begin. Prospective feminine wrestlers may attend clinics every day after school until try-outs on April 10.

Mr. Walters urges girls to give this new team a try. Get out there girls and show your hidden masculinity!

An Official Program Will Be Conducted In Boy's Restroom

The announcement has been made by Mr. Schoenhals that there will be an official ceremony tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. for the nailing open of the window of the boys' restroom. The magnitude of the occasion warrants the attendance of the entire student body, so it will be an official required assembly for both the junior high and high school students at U-High. Chairs will be set up in the restroom for parents and honored guests: students will be seated on bleachers outside the window. Everyone should be in his seat by 7:50 p.m. so that the procedures can begin at the scheduled time.

TAAB Helps Combat Tasteless Dressing Within Student Body

Since the administration has been making little headway in solving the problem of school attire, the Teen-Age Advisory Board has been asked to help combat tasteless dressing at U-High. Two main problems have arisen and these are the wearing of granny dresses and white socks by the girls and boys respectively.

Students! The granny dress was designed to be worn on the beach or at the poolside so we ask that you save them for the weekly splash parties held after school each week. Also, do not wear them in the pool. There have been many complaints from the life guard that the number of near drownings have increased at a horrifying rate since the dresses have been worn for swimming purposes. A committee has been appointed by the student council to look into the implications of such occurrences. If, however, you should dive in with your dress on, please do not disrobe in the pool because this plugs the drains mercilessly.

Since the weather has been showing signs that spring is either here or on its way, many boys have been rushing the summer season by wearing their carefully stored away white socks. This is in extremely bad taste until after Easter, and then they should be worn only with kahki slacks that have the ever-popular Ivy League buckle across the back. These look especially sharp when paired with black zipper-front shoes and velour athletic T-shirts. But please guys, until our eyes are used to the bright sunlight of the season, no white socks.

Honoring . . .

All students who did not make the honor roll.

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Mr. Haushalter for receiving the Academy Award for "best actor."

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The choir for achieving national acclaim in their recent performance on Ed Sullivan.

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FOOLS
APRIL

What They'll Be Doing Next Year?

MR. ROY WALTERS will coach football at Nazareth College.

MR. ROBERT KOTECKI will reside in Greece, where he will be working on the excavation of a buried city.

MR. ROBERT HUGHES will start drawing squares.

MR. RAY DEUR will raise hampsters for a living.

MR. CLARENCE HACKNEY will manufacture colored chalk.

MRS. VICTORIA LITTNA will pass in contrast.

MR. BARNEY CHANCE won't know where to tell his jokes.

MR. ARTHUR CHRISTENSEN will go back to wearing wide ties.

MRS. LOIS MONROE will join the FBI, where she will work as a secret agent.

Seeking Excitement? Join This New Club

Attention students! A new club has been started at U-High this year. A branch of the Hells Angels will be oriented here and continued through the summer and into the public schools. The club will be under the adult supervision of Mr. Smith.

Because of the rush for time, school will be dismissed April 8, 1966, Friday, for the formal initiation of any willing and interested students in the high school. On April 15, 1966, we will be making our first run to Lake Michigan at 10 a.m. This is just a start to the many planned projects. Anyone interested, however, in any of them must go through all the formal and informal ceremonies of entering. Sign up now and become a Hells Angel!

Cheering to Resume!

It is always sad to see the football and basketball seasons come to an end, not only for the players, but for the cheerleaders as well. Will our cheerleaders ever cheer at a U-High game again?

No. The faculty has agreed to let the varsity and reserve cheerleaders cheer at the baseball, track, tennis, and golf games.

The arrangement will be as follows: the reserve cheerleaders will cheer the tennis and track teams on to victorious meets, and the varsity cheerleaders will cheer the baseball and golf teams on to victory.

New uniforms have been selected by Mrs. DeGraw. The girls will be dressed in red and white saddle shoes, red bloomers, white t-shirts displaying the Cub symbol and red beanies.

Now that the cheerleaders are all set, the crowds waiting for action, the boys all practicing, U-High should have a victorious spring sports season.

—Janet Kavanaugh

Faculty Members Are Fortunate to Have Teaching Experience

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And the student monitor system—promised interruptions during lectures, films and readings of emotional poems. How would you get through the day without daily messages? It's impossible.

And besides the usual privileges are the "extra-curricular" activities. You get to go to basketball games for free. You may take tickets or watch the young adolescents enjoying themselves. I know it is great.

You're allowed to "participate" (we don't like "chaperone") in school activities each year. Isn't it wonderful fun to sit in a corner for an evening with your charming spouse? Develop the art of conversation!

And a few lucky, selected, fortunate individuals are able to sponsor a class. This means helping with the car wash, buying from the bake sales, worrying about the Junior-Senior Prom and wondering if the seniors will ever graduate.

Yes, faculty members, these are valuable experiences. Where else can such wonderful events take place? You're fortunate. Why not give up the higher-education opportunities and "teach" us instead?

—Marsha Williams

English Teacher Plans to Teach Kindergarteners

Mr. Hughes has decided to teach kindergarten next year. The decision was made when he was having particular trouble with one of his junior English classes.

After trying unsuccessfully to get a point across, he explained that this information was easy enough for a kindergartener to learn.

At home that evening, he tried to figure what his fault was. He finally decided that his students were just at a difficult age. He remembered his remark about kindergarteners being able to learn the same material. Well, maybe not the exact same thing, but in a modified version. To quote his own words, "I feel I could possibly get something across to the younger students, that I've failed so far to do."

He will teach next year at Milwood Elementary.

—Kathy Willage