

# University High School Newsletter

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## *Faculty news again featured in University High Newsletter*

We are pleased to offer a faculty news section once again, thanks to the generous response to a direct appeal to our faculty. In our last issue, we had no faculty news due to the death of Richard Shafer, who furnished most faculty information from his correspondence with colleagues during the winter holidays. Faculty, please continue to send updates from time to time.

The active University High School mailing list has names of 33 people designated as faculty. In addition, six people are designated as faculty but do not have valid addresses now. If you have information on any of these people, please let us know (see "Where to Write" at the end of the newsletter): Doreen Graham, Mrs. Johnson (Ann Arbor), Robert I. Miller, Daniel Moore, Tom Parsons, and Mrs. Ralph Sawyer.

## *How can we Fight! Fight! Fight! if we lack Music! Music! Music!*

Does anyone have sheet music for the U High fight song, "The Cubs of the Wolverines"? We have the words, which begin:

*We're the Cubs of the Wolverines,  
We roam the Huron Valley,  
We like to fight when our cause is right  
And around our comrades rally.*

When planning was underway for the Richard Shafer Memorial Service last summer, it became apparent that there was no known source for the musical score. Even our old reliable sources – the Bentley Historical Library, the School of Music Library, and the Ann Arbor Public Library – could not help. For the memorial service, we conscripted former cheerleaders to lead the song, and it all worked out nicely. But we would like to preserve the musical notation for posterity.

Words and music are by Odina B. Olson, faculty.

If you can help, please contact Eric Warden (address at the end of this newsletter).

We do have sheet music for the alma mater, "The Purple and the Gold."

## **Faculty:**

• **Nancy Elizabeth Cilley**, who began her 38-year teaching career at University Elementary School, died June 10 in Ann Arbor at age 78. After University School, she taught in Huron School District, from which she retired. After retirement, she continued her love for teaching at Children's Playschool, also known as Towsley Nursery School, in Ann Arbor. • **Carolyn Ingham Chandler** retired from teaching in 1992. She married in February, 1959, when she left University High, had three daughters, stayed home to raise them for 15 years, then returned to teaching for 17 ½ years. Her current interests are her Presbyterian Church, a local organization called the Colonial Club, and caring for her six grandchildren. "I like to help them with math whenever possible," she notes. At U High she taught math 8, trigonometry, and solid geometry and sponsored *Nunc Dimittis*. She has fond recollections of sponsoring a middle school team of students for the MATHCOUNTS program; they went on to compete at the state level. She recalls that "Hope Chipman was a strong member of the faculty," and Carolyn liked the way weekly assemblies were handled, "with ushers with ties leading the various grades in." • **June Wilson** reports that at age 91 she is having trouble with memory loss, but says "You will rejoice with me when I tell you that on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday I received 108 birthday cards; only two were alike!" • **Edna S. Gross** writes: "I taught biology and general science and sponsored *Nunc Dimittis* in 1953." After U High closed, with her elementary teaching certificates, she taught third grade at Haisley School, Ann Arbor. "Our move to Miami found me as a dental office manager. Since our move to Miami, I am enjoying its sunny clime and raising tropical flora, that is, pineapples and mangoes. In my 20 plus years of teaching, I will always treasure the camaraderie of the U High faculty as well as the fine student body, and their parents." Edna's son received a doctorate from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in French horn. He has soloed twice at Carnegie Hall and recently recorded Richard Strauss's Concerto No. One in E-flat with the Bratislava,

Slovakia, Symphony. • **Justine Phillips** from 1954-56 taught Latin 1, 2, 3, and 4. "I left Ann Arbor to have a baby. [My] husband, U-M M.A. in Latin, went off to teach. I was a stay-at-home mother for four children and eventually taught Latin part-time with my husband." Justine retired in 1986 and has traveled extensively since, going "Around the world on the QEII, living three months in Rome, and visiting by car every U.S. state. I don't fly (never have) so all our travels since 1947 have been by ship or train or bus or car. It's very challenging in these times to find ways to cross water, like from Piraeus to Alexandria, let alone the Atlantic Ocean. Many adventures are a result (a Russian 'rust-bucket,' heavily communist, got us round trip from Greece to Egypt." Her current interests are maintaining her health and enjoying grandchildren. U High had "a very warm and friendly faculty. Dick [Shafer] used to keep us up to date on England and travel there." • *Who Invited These Tacky People Anyway?* – This provocative question is the title of **Gloria Hunter's** book, a collection of 98 of her columns from the *Westport (Connecticut) Minuteman*, for which she has written more than 400 articles ranging from running for (and barely losing) state office, investing in an oil well, and receiving pre-approved credit cards for a cat. (2005: \$20, [www.univpress.com](http://www.univpress.com)). Gloria was at U High 1950-55, teaching English, core social studies, and journalism and sponsoring *The Broadcaster*. After leaving U High she moved to New Jersey, Ohio, and finally, in 1965, to Connecticut. She taught in Cleveland, Ohio and Weston, Connecticut for 20 years and was director of reading for Weston schools. She fondly recalls faculty colleagues Dick Shafer, Marion McKinney ("for her strong but sweet character"), Hope Chipman, the late Lenice Kipp, and "a buddy," Vivian Boersma, who now resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. • **Elizabeth Thomas** writes from Fayetteville, Arkansas, where she lives in retirement. She enjoys traveling and notes she "was in London for the Shakespeare plays at the Globe Theater while [Dick Shafer] was in the hospice facility [in Ann Arbor], but he was gone when I wrote him how much I enjoyed them." She taught world and American history and sponsored *Nunc Dimittis* at U High 1953-58. Then her academic career took her to the University of Illinois (for a Ph.D.), the University of Iowa, and the University of Virginia. • Although **Elliott Fredland** taught mathematics at U High from 1965-69, he embarked on a varied series of occupations thereafter: captain, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, various posts at Michigan Bell and AT&T, director of events for PartyLite Gifts, managing director for sales and marketing for Exhibits Group Giltspur. But nowadays he focuses on his acting career. He lives in Chicago. • As the sponsor of the "every year" senior trips to New York City or Washington, D.C. **Jim McClurg** claims he "climbed the Washington Monument enough times to go to the moon!" In addition to being official sponsor of the classes of 1960 and 1965 and of the swim team, Jim taught general science and earth science

1955-65. After that, he was a lecturer in U-M Geology Department. He received a Ph.D. there in 1968. From 1968-72, he was professor of science education at the University of Northern Colorado and from 1972-98 was professor of geology at the University of Wyoming. In his five years as head of the Department of Geology, he won every relevant teaching award offered at the University of Wyoming. Married, with two sons, one daughter, and eight grandkids, Jim still has a cabin in northern Michigan that he returns to every summer and other times, as well. • Word has been received of the death of **Dorothy Tisch Dawley**, who had resided in Lake Wales, Florida. She taught at U High in its formative years. • **Frank J. McKowen** taught vocal music at U High 1952-56. He has fond memories of serving as musical director of the 1953 operetta "The Fortune Teller" and the 1955 operetta "The Mikado," both with Dick Shafer as stage director. From 1956-79 he taught at Sexton High School, Lansing. After he retired in January, 1979 "a hobby of piano tuning turned into a retirement career." He still works as a piano technician. • **Joe Payne** says that U High was a "great school. It is a model of what is needed in public schools now. I liked the students and thoroughly enjoyed all my teaching experience. I fought to keep U High open but got almost no help from School of Ed faculty." Joe taught math at U School 1957-70, then remained a professor of math education at U-M. After retirement in 1994, he and Ruth moved: "We like Charlottesville and [the University of Virginia] but miss A<sup>2</sup> and U-M." They had a "wonderful trip" to Prague in June, 2005, with an English Speaking Union group. In April, 2006, Joe received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Roanoke College, from which he was graduated in mathematics in 1949. • **Pat Mills**, wife of the late administrator Bill Mills, checks in to thank us for the *Newsletter*. "I was not a full time faculty member at U School. I was a substitute teacher nursery through sixth in the elementary school, 1952-63." • After teaching physics 12, physical science 10, and junior science at U High from 1954-61, and earning a U-M Ph.D. in 1961, **Leslie Trowbridge** went to what's now the University of Northern Colorado, taught science education and meteorology, and chaired the Science Education Department there for 17 years. He was named a Distinguished Scholar at the University of Northern Colorado in 1980 and a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1985. He is author of 17 books and the 1973 president of the National Science Teachers Association. He made ten trips to Taiwan to teach science education to middle school teachers. At U High he had particular regard for Larry Conrey, Lois Sebastian, Jim McClurg, Bob Fox, and Scott Westerman. "Age 85, still writing," he concludes. • **Dorothy Day** taught English 10, the English lab, and led the ninth grade girls' homeroom in 1967-68. "When U High closed, I went to the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital School at the U-M Health System, and I am still there," she reports. "Since U High, I

acquired a private pilot's license, graduated from travel school, acquired a second master's degree (this one in special education) completed numerous cooking classes, including a Cajun/Creole class in New Orleans. I still attend many U-M sports events. I have not missed a U-M basketball game, home or away, since 1974, with the exception of three games in 1976 when my mother died and two games in 1996 when my father died." Dorothy was in line to become president of the U-M Club of Ann Arbor in June. • Recently we received word that **Catherine Cudlip Bonner** died on August 20, 1991, at age 88. She lived in Geneva, Illinois. Her stepdaughter, Catherine Urness, recalls that she taught English in the lower UHS grades in the earlier years of the school's existence. Ms. Urness stated that Bob Beuhler '33 was one of Ms. Cudlip's pupils. • **Sue Deo Kinde**, who taught English 1962-65, states, "I loved the librarians!" at U High. She went on to teach English part-time at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, "but with two children [I] turned toward volunteer work through the Appleton League of Women Voters and other groups." She helped found two environmental groups: Fox Cities Greenways and Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust, protecting the natural environment by creating greenways in the urban environment. She was recognized as one of ten "Earth Heroes" in 2000 in the Fox Cities area, honored by three organizations. The Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust has preserved 1,769 acres, mainly through voluntary landowner agreements. Sue reports that some 34 million acres have been protected in the U.S. by local and national land trusts. • **Sue Habib Wells** taught American and world history and government at U High, 1961-64, and then her "career" ended, she reports. She spent time being a wife and mother to three daughters, then divorced in 1982, remarried in 1983, and now, named Sue Elias, lives in South Florida. "Traveling, bridge, and eight grandchildren occupy most of my time. ... UHS was such a marvelous place – Mike Marich, Roger Bertoia, Hope Chipman and others made teaching there a wonderful experience." • **Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond** coached U High football 1949-51, then coached at the University of Maine for three years and the University of Delaware for 50 more. He retired in 2002 and was named to the Football Hall of Fame in 2003. After a 38-year marriage, his wife died in 1990. "I re-married and am happily retired, still remembering the great young men at U High." • *For a tale of a brief encounter with **Frank Stagg**, see the Classnotes for 1968.* • On June 3, the *Ann Arbor News* reported that **W. Scott Westerman** received the first Friends of Education Award from Delta Kappa Gamma International's Alpha Rho chapter of Ann Arbor. His teaching career at U High was followed by eleven years in Ann Arbor Schools administrative positions, including four as superintendent. He was named professor and head of the department of curriculum and instruction at Eastern Michigan University and was dean

of EMU's College of Education for eleven years. • **Mary Brown** taught English 1963-65 and collaborated with Dick Shafer in theatrical productions. "My world was totally influenced by Dick Shafer. We remained close friends until his death. ... I retired from teaching in 1965 in order to rear a family. I did substitute over the years." Husband Paul graduated from U-M Law School in 1965. "Two of our children received M.B.A.'s at U-M so we remain in close touch with friends in Ann Arbor. It is a wonderful town, and Paul and I treasure the times we spend there." Mary describes herself now as "a housewife who spends as much time as possible with my husband, three children, and grandchildren." She had double knee surgery in the early summer. • **Milan "Mike" Marich**, on faculty 1956-67, taught courses in modern social problems, civics, American government, core, world geography, and a social studies seminar; he also sponsored pep club, student government, and junior trips. He finished his Ph.D. and taught in the School of Education, becoming a professor in the Teacher Education division who taught social studies methods and reading and writing in subject areas. He retired in 1997. Students in "my two homeroom classes, 1963 and 1967, still stand out for me. I felt good about seeing each of my students enter college. I have had lots of contacts with them, even today: Bill Mills, Paul Wright, Mark Ouimet, Tom Wall, and Tom Dobson. They have become friends, not just a student-teacher association. I fondly remember Jim Andrews, David Griffin, John McClusky, Bill Prakken as four students I met a few years ago to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays in Ann Arbor. Dick Shafer and I were invited to help them celebrate." Mike received several awards: National Council for the Social Studies Distinguished Service Award, 1981; Michigan's Social Studies Educator of the Year, 1988; State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award, 1990; Michigan Council for the Social Studies Presidential Award, for "advancing social studies education in the State of Michigan," 1997; Honorary Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Distinguished Service Award, 2006. Leslie – Mike and wife Zelma's daughter – has two sons, Sean, 20, a junior at U-M and Conor, a junior in high school. Son David has a son, Brice, 10, and daughter, Bree, 10. "We really enjoyed our family when we took children, their spouses, and four grandchildren to Disney World for eight wonderful days." • **Eric Warden** reports he ended physical therapy June 1 and now is in a regular fitness program to improve endurance and balance. He fell in July, 2005 and has been slowly but continually improving after surgery to repair ruptured tendons in his left quadriceps muscle. Recovery involved a series of immobilizers, casts, and a brace, and the use of a wheelchair for several weeks. "The wheelchair and the brace are long gone, but a cane is still with me much of the time. However, I won't enter the competition for grace and fluidity of movement this year."



# *The first Shafer Tuition Scholarship has been awarded to a prospective English teacher from Belleville*

The first Richard Shafer Award was given this spring by the U-M School of Education. This award is funded by an endowment that has been established primarily by former students and colleagues of Mr. Shafer. It provides tuition assistance annually "for a U-M student preparing to become a teacher of secondary school English."

The first recipient is Victoria Henderson, who resides in Belleville, Michigan. In a letter to Bill Morrison '59 – who with Sue Wagoner Clay '59 and Walter Slocombe '59 – spearheaded the fundraising effort, Ms. Henderson said, "Thank you for this wonderful award. I am honored to be chosen as the Shafer Award recipient for the University of Michigan

School of Education this year. I look forward to using this scholarship to finish my training toward becoming a middle school English teacher."

Ms. Henderson holds degrees in English literature from Wayne State University but came to U-M to prepare for classroom teaching.

"Receiving this award will help me with my goal of completing the innovative Masters with Certification program at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor," Ms. Henderson stated. After completing this, "I would like to work in a metropolitan Detroit middle school as an English teacher for the remainder of my professional career."

When the 2005 *University High School Newsletter* was sent to the

printer on June 8, 2005, the endowment had just reached the \$35,000 level. On June 30, 2006, as this issue of the Newsletter goes to press, the fund has reached the \$73,760 level. Donors prior to June 8, 2005, were recognized in the 2005 issue; donors between June 8, 1955 and June 30, 2006 are recognized in this issue.

Although the U High "campaign" has wound down, contributions are still welcomed for the endowment. This procedure will help assure that a gift goes to the right place and receives proper receipting that may help prove qualification for tax deduction/credit:

- Make a check payable to *University of Michigan*. Write *Shafer Scholarship # 571110* on the memo line or elsewhere on the face of the check.
- On a sheet of paper, write your current name and (if different) your name while you were at University School. Provide your home address and your e-mail address (if any). Indicate your class year, or "faculty" or "friend" or other affiliation with University School. Also print how you would like name(s) to be listed. If you would like your gift to be anonymous, write "anonymous."
- Mail to: Stephen G. Bates, Director of Development, School of Education, University of Michigan, 1001 School of Education Bldg., 610 East University Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1259.

If you prefer, you can download a form from the web site at [www.uhigh.net](http://www.uhigh.net).

**At the request of former students, you also will find at that web site a form for contributing to an established endowed scholarship honoring the late chemistry teacher Dr. Lawrence Conrey.**

## *70 alumni, family, and friends attend August 27 'Celebration of the Life' of Richard Shafer*

Approximately 70 alumni, faculty, family, and friends attended a University High School "Celebration of the Life of Richard Shafer" on Saturday, August 27, 2005, in Schorling Auditorium. Mr. Shafer died May 24 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. His family had also had a public funeral service for him on June 4.

The U High event began with a welcome and introductions by Bill Morrison '59, who chaired the planning committee for the event. He also interspersed projected images related to Mr. Shafer's life in the presentations which followed.

Former choral director Frank McKowen led "An Invocation in Song" – the school alma mater, "The Purple and the Gold," and a rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Eric Warden, faculty, spoke on "Unanswered Questions about Dick Shafer," and Jim Reiter '59 provided "A Lighthearted Look at Mr. Shafer's

Class." A family member, Penny Westerdale Kazmierski offered "A View from the Family Side."

W. Scott Westerman, faculty, provided "Reflections on University High and Dick Shafer." The text for this talk is reprinted in this issue of *University High School Newsletter*.

U High cheerleaders led a rousing version of the fight song, "The Cubs of the Wolverines," and Jini Leeds Clare gave a final "Remembrance." The last item on the Schorling Auditorium program was "Taps," in recognition of Mr. Shafer's military service in World War II.

A reception and a silent auction of Shafer memorabilia were conducted in the area of the Tribute Room (former University Elementary Library).

An announced speaker, Walter Slocombe '59, was unable to attend due to illness.

# Reflections on University High and Dick Shafer

*From this text, W. Scott Westerman addressed the audience at a celebration of the life of Dick Shafer on August 27, 2005 in Schorling Auditorium, the University of Michigan. After his years as a faculty member of University High School and the University of Michigan School of Education, Dr. Westerman's posts included the superintendency of Ann Arbor Public Schools and the dean-ship of Eastern Michigan University's College of Education.*

## ***Donors to the Shafer Scholarship Endowment***

June 7, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Donors who made contributions prior to June 7, 2005 were recognized in the Summer, 2005 edition of *University High School Newsletter*

Faculty: Elliott D. Fredland; Family of Nelson Lehsten; Seymour N. Manello, student teacher; Mary F. Jackson; Mary Love Brown and Paul Brown; W. Scott Westerman, Jr.; Dorothy Day; Estate of Richard Shafer; Jean Davis, via Carol Billings • Class of 1936: Merton Hubbard Wheeler • Class of 1938: Richard T. Allan, Jr. • Class of 1940: Mary Reichert Beuhler • Class of 1941: Jack Shipman • Class of 1942: Barbara Groves Oddy • Class of 1943: Class Reading Group, partly in memory of David F. Ross; Donald B. and Lee Trow; Richard W. and Marilyn Trytten; Eric S. and Linda Emory; Frederica S. and Russell Brenneman; Charlotte Fariss Hartlaub; Edward and Joan Ormondroyd; John W. and Nicole Riegal; Mary C. Reyes; Helen Steigman Post in memory of daughter Julie Norris Post '69 • Class of 1945: Shigeki "Jim" Sugiyama; Barbara Chapin Rand • Class of 1948: Mary Sue Hopkins Coates; G. Craig Ramsay, M.D. • Class of 1949: The Rev. David Plumer • Class of 1950: J. Anthony Naylor; Ann Thuma LeVeque; Shirley Ind Koenen; Emerson F. Greenman; Fred and Debbie Lincoln O'Dell • Class of 1951: The Rev. Charles E. Irvin; Nancy Stehle Winchester; Susan Ridenour Deimen, Sam Reiter • Class of 1952: Ingrid Arneson Graham; Mimi Thomassen; Dale Westfall • Class of 1953: David G. Logan • Class of 1954: Louise Dunham Williams; Jeanne Goodman Warren; Richard H. Fischer; Anne Stevenson; Ann Sutherland Harris • Class of 1955: Robert Mancell and Rebecca Schrader; Tom Butts; Garvin Smith; Andrea Mayerstein Ludwig • Class of 1956: Barbara Morrison Licht; Eng Khiam Tan • Class of 1957: Sue Bergman Daniels; Anonymous • Class of 1958: Diane Alexander; Donald W. Boettner; Barbara "Bunny" Ouradnik; Irene Cunningham Roth; Eric D. Thuma, Jr. • Class of 1959: Joe Meyer; Peter A. Rush; Chuck Burleigh; Bill and Barbara Morrison • Class of 1960: Jennifer McVaugh; James W. Andrews; Sue Brown Eggling; Sue Gaynor Logan; David Griffin; Ann Wilson Rounds • Class of 1961: Russell T. Dobson IV; Margaret Jane Cranson Goodrich; Jim Eggert • Class of 1962: Susan A. Ivory; Larry Langford; Joyce Mordy Jeckell; George Smillie; Karen Baker Thumm; Dr. Jorun Ramsay Jones; Bobbi Bailey Karpinski; Jini Leeds Clare; Sally J. Ward • Class of 1963: Jewell Mansfield Taylor; Paul Woosley; Susan E. Brown; Londa Weisman, via Knafel Family Foundation • Class of 1964: Stuart Cohen; Clair Meyer Galed; Connie DeJong Armitage • Class of 1965: Barry Lehsten; Peg Norder Bertelli; Mary Tatchin Stemmler; Lynn Anthony Higgins • Class of 1966: Margot Machol • Class of 1967: Jack Gohn; John Poinier; Anonymous • Class of 1968: Alan S. Young; Mindy Oddy Bowles; Anonymous; Jim Knight; Rene MacGregor York • Class of 1969: the late Julie Norris Post • Other Friends: Jane and Robert Eberwein; Betty Stratton; Marjorie McKowen; Chick Deter, Susan Deter and Family; Phyllis Bollinger

"Gratitude makes of grief joy."

In that sense, this is a joyful occasion as we reflect on all that Dick's life meant to our lives and the lives of others. We also remember with gratitude the influence U High had on us and the way it enabled Dick to give full expression to his many talents.

For those of you who remember that I taught history at U High, it won't surprise you to hear that I'd like to put U High in an historical

context. Roll back the clock and imagine that you are living in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. As late as 1895, fewer than 6 per cent of those between the ages and 17 and 25 had completed high school. In 1917, 80 per cent of the school buildings in Michigan were one-room schools. There were more than 200,000 of them in the U.S., 7,200 of which were in Michigan. It was not unusual for the teachers in those schools to be only 16 years old with no more than an eighth grade education. Is it any wonder that concern had been developing in the country about the quality of the instruction?

It is a matter of pride to recognize that two institutions in Michigan were leading the nation in changing attitudes toward teaching and the preparation for doing it. One was Michigan State Normal School, the fifth such in the U.S., now known, of course, as Eastern Michigan University. It was authorized in 1849, along with the requirement to provide a "model" or training school. Initially, students as young as 13 or 14, following the eighth grade could enroll in the "Normal" to follow a limited curriculum to prepare to become teachers. The "Normal" achieved college status in 1889 and became a university in 1959. In the meantime, the University of Michigan became, in 1879, the first college or university in the nation to establish an academic chair of the Science and Art of Teaching, a first step toward the U of M's creation of a department of education, and eventually a school of education in 1921. Within three years, 1924, U High was established, followed by the elementary school in 1930.

The purposes of laboratory schools, also known as model schools, training schools or demonstration schools, were to provide places where best teaching practices could be observed by prospective teachers and others, and a setting where future teachers could learn

## Scott Westerman's Reflections on Dick Shafer

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the craft under the supervision of expert and experienced teachers. Some lab schools also were settings for experimentation and the collection of data. (This was more true for U Elementary than U High where Willard Olson collected physical growth data from the students.)

Let's look now at the students who attended U High and the teachers who were selected to teach them. The great majority of the students were there because their discerning parents believed, given the school's purpose, that the teachers would be of the highest quality; or, perhaps they preferred the benefits that a smaller school would provide for their children. A few students came from outlying districts, which did not have a high school. A handful came to U High because of special needs which required individualized attention not available in other schools, such as health or schedule considerations. In rare instances, a student might enroll after having been dismissed from his home school (for example, a very able transfer who was ejected from Ann Arbor High for having rung the fire bell during examinations, and another who put his fist through the window of a local junior high school.) Occasionally some students would come from other countries, providing an opportunity to learn about other cultures. In general, the students came from supportive families and were above average in intelligence. In essence, the student population was homogeneous racially.

What about the teachers? There were three categories of teachers, all of whom were appointed in the belief that they would contribute to the school's mission in a superior manner.

- Those committed to U High as a full-time and lifetime career. This core group was most responsible for the school's ongoing reputation. Included, of course, is Dick.

Among other names you will remember are Marion McKinney, Helen Ryder, Larry Conrey, Marshall Byrn, Irene Hayner (librarian), Hope Chipman, Katherine Hill, Odina Olson, Nels Lehsten.

- Full-time, tenured University faculty appointees who carried university responsibilities outside U High. William Merhab, Orlando Stephenson, Charles Fries, Raleigh Schorling, Fred Walcott, Francis Curtis.
- Transient part-time faculty teaching at U High while studying for advanced degrees which they expected would make them eligible for employment elsewhere. Ray Kehoe, Fred Cook, Joe Park, and coaches Harold "Tubby" Raymond, Henry "Hank" Fonde and Jay Stielstra.

Many of Dick's contributions have already been described. However, there are some other facts worth mentioning. Nearly 350 student teachers benefited from his expert guidance. The number of undergraduate student observers in his classroom certainly exceeded more than a thousand. (A course requirement in an undergraduate course, "Introduction to Education," was to observe U High classes.) But for you, his former students, the opportunity U High provided for you to know this remarkable man – to benefit from his expert classroom instruction – and for those who had the wonderful experience to learn from him while he directed theater productions – those were lifetime gifts that will remain with you forever.

After U High closed in 1968 (as did all the others in Michigan and most of those across the nation), Dick shared his gifts with the Huron High School teachers and students.

Gratitude makes of grief joy. Our gratitude for Dick's life will remain with us forever.

## We get by with a lot of help from our friends

Since publication of our July, 2005 issue, the *Newsletter* fund has received \$910 in checks from 21 contributing households, for an average gift of \$43. This total does not cover costs for last summer's edition for printing, photo production, addressing, postage, returned mail, and such, so we are very grateful for the classes that had the foresight to establish our *Newsletter* nest egg from surplus reunion funds.

If it's convenient for you to support this publication at this time, that would be appreciated. And please do send news, too! See "Where to Write" at the end of this publication.

We particularly thank these 2005-06 donors: Dorothy Hammett Allen, '50; Ann Edmunds Avery, '29; Roger M. Buslee, '45; Sue Ridenour Deimen, '51; L. Vivian Devereaux, '37; Mary "Molly" Hunter Dobson, '40; Eugene Fairbanks, '39; Mary Wright Fearnough, '42; Ingrid Burkland Hall, '45; Pat Hadley Haynes, '38; David Kahn, '39; Susan Kinde, Faculty; James D. Knight, '68; Renee Fransway Nichols, '67; Joseph N. Payne, Faculty; Philip H. Power, '56; Samuel S. Reiter, '51; Ann Husselman Rusanoff, '46; Madeleine Vibbert Seiler '40; John E. Swisher III, '61; June Wilson, Faculty.

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## 1927:

**Marion Radcliffe Finch O'Connell** passed away December 23, 2001 at Leisure World, Laguna Woods, California. Her friend, D.H. Rommel, commented, "I believe Marion was in the first class of University High. She often talked about the fun she had helping select school colors, etc. It was a most memorable part of her life. She certainly enjoyed living in the U-M environment. I believe she also attended U-M for three years."

• **Selma Olga Faster Larson** died in Ann Arbor on February 8.

1928: **Cathelia E. Pollock Newman** died in February, 2005. Jim Newman noted, "She was always interested to hear about U High and her old friends." She graduated from U-M in 1932 and was a social worker until 1942. She worked in the area of adoption placement in the 1950s and 1960s. • **Frances Thornton Stutzman** noted the changing parameters of her travels but had an especially nice time at her niece's wedding. "I flew to Florida. ... It was well worth all the trauma and even the airport screening. ... Everyone was most kind to me, and [niece Sarah] made a little speech at the rehearsal dinner about my being the oldest person there and the fact that I was going soon to have been married for 69 years." Last we heard, Frances was making slow but definite recovery from respiratory problems.

1929: **Ann Edmunds Avery** graduated from U-M in 1933 and was a secretary on campus for five years. She married in 1942. She recalls a teacher, **Selma Lindell**, fondly for her "wonderful advanced math classes." Ann lives in Grand Rapids.

## 1930:

**John Ballard Deo** died July 19, 2005, at age 92 in East Lansing. After graduating from U-M, he worked for a realty firm until he opened his own insurance office in 1937. Among his survivors is **Susan Deo Kinde**, faculty. *See an item on her in the Faculty section.*

1931: **Josephine Hadley Knapp** died in March, 2004 in Bethesda, Maryland, following many years of fighting cancer, reports her sister, **Patricia Hadley Haynes '38**. Josephine was the oriental ceramic specialist for the Freer Museum in Washington, D.C. and had written a book about the Freer collection which was given to U-M. She also contributed to the oriental ceramic section of the National Museum's book, which also is at U-M. •

**Irene Hall Childs** passed away May 28, 2005, her son Bill Childs reports. She received B.A. and M.A. degrees from U-M. She taught school for 30 years. • **Doris Gimmy Rhodes** died December 25, 2004, according to her niece, Jean Griffin.

1934: **Dave Lansdale** wonders if anyone remembers the song his class wrote for graduation. It went something like, "Goodbye U High, we're leaving you. Farewell to school and friends. ..." And Dave wonders who remembers the little band with twins Bob and Jack Young playing "Stormy Weather." Dave and wife Sally live in a retirement community, Crosslands, in Pennsylvania. "It's an enjoyable place to be with people who are also in their senior years. Sally and I lost our spouses 20 years ago and we met soon after. I still play the piano for singing groups and my friends here like the songs that were popular in the '30s."

1935: Three deaths in the spring of 2005 are all the news from the Class of 1935: **Myron C. Sarnes** expired February 6, 2005; **Janette Hagans Bondie** died April 18, 2005; **Florence VanAkkeren Hoseney** passed April 26, 2005. No other information was provided.

1936: "The main event in our year," **Phil Newman** reports, "was the dedication of the new parking area in the center of Puget-Ville, Var [department in southern France] which my dear wife, Yvette, was able to get named for her maternal grandfather, Senator Louis Martin, who was born in Puget in 1859 in the house in which we spend four or five months every year. He was a Deputy or Senator for 35 years." According to Phil, a "secondary event" was his being hit by a car in January on the cutoff of the main highway from Toulon which used to bisect Puget-Ville. "Happily my guardian angel was not respecting the 35-hour week now mandatory in



*From left: Yvette Newman, the Mayor of Puget-Ville, a Senator from the Var region, the Mayor of Cuers, a neighboring town. Puget-Ville has a population of 3,000 people. A school is in the background. The Rue de la Liberation was – until a cut-off was built – the Route National 97.*

France (plus 39 days of paid vacation) or I would not be writing. ... I am able to resume my daily pre-breakfast hikes."

1937: **Laura Vivian Golden Devereaux** describes herself as "a country girl [who] married a dairy farmer, John H. Devereaux. We had 58 years together before he died in 1997. I retired from U-M Hospital where I had been a supervisor in the Medical Records Department." They had two children, Robert and Marilyn, who both worked in education – Robert as an elementary school media specialist and Marilyn as a teacher. They both have built homes on the farm. "My husband's grandfather, Nathan B. Devereaux, built our octagon house in the 1860s," Laura notes. His family first occupied it in 1864; it is now on the Michigan Historical Sites list and on the National Register of Historic Homes.

1938: "**Martha 'Marty' Peirsol Matthews** died peacefully at her home in Midland March 18, 2005. Marty stayed in close contact with her many U High friends and will be remembered for her caring compassion, loyalty, courage, forgiveness and honesty – a wonderful model for her little sister, Sue," writes **Sue Peirsol Rockwell**, '43.

1939: **Nancy Bonisteel Calcutt**, who lived in Traverse City, died June 23, 2005. After U High, she graduated from U-M, married Harry Calcutt, and moved to Traverse where her husband joined a law firm. In her youth, she played tennis and golf and skied. Bridge was a lifelong interest, and she participated as a volunteer in many community activities. • **Hugh Barnard's** holiday letter reviews a successful year for his family and notes that Hugh continues to write books about Avard Fairbanks sculpture. "*Human Proportions for Artists* has been completed and although sales are sporadic, there are some fine appreciative remarks by those who have made purchases." • We have a report of the death of **Peter B. Olmsted** early in 2005. • **Dorothy Mae Dick** of Las Vegas died in October, 2004. • "My dear wife, **Edith Patricia Kempf Black**, died on June 17, 2004," writes Lorne C. Black from his Ann Arbor home. • **Dave Kahn** writes of his sadness upon learning of the death of **Marjory "Mudge" Killins Bentley** that was reported in the last *Newsletter*. "I was in close communication with her. ... We talked often."

## 1940:

**Mary Louise Reichert Beuhler** died at home in Ann Arbor March 10, following a long illness. She was 83. She was graduated from U-M in 1944. She married a U High classmate, **Ralph Beuhler**, who survives, following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. They were active participants in U High reunions. Concerned for her community and her alma maters, she served as past president of the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop and the Conger Alumnae Group. She was active in the Delta Gamma Alumnae Association, Visiting Nurse

Association, Motor Meals, Book and Thimble Club, and fundraising activities for U-M, March of Dimes, and American Cancer Society.

1942: "A small group of U High gals continue to meet for lunch several times a year," reports **Mary Wright Fearnough**, a member of the group. Others include **Jan Dorr Azary**, **June Robbins Krebs** ('43), **Barbara Groves Oddy**, and **Virginia Bassett**. Virginia and Mary went on a tour last summer to Nova Scotia and reported a wonderful time. • **Marilyn Botham Oppenheim** passed away June 2, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after a long span of Alzheimer's Disease. Marilyn lived much of her life in Ann Arbor, where her parents had opened the Marilyn Shoppe, a retail store for women's clothing on East Liberty Street. After U High, Marilyn received a degree from U-M, and she worked with her husband at the clothing store. • **Sue Alling Lynch** died in Chicago in 2004.

1944: **Frances Bull** reports the recent demise of two classmates: **James M. Guthe**, who had lived in Seattle, reportedly died suddenly on June 24; **Joe E. Tobias**, of Grass Lake, died May 26. **Al Gallup**, **Bill Sturgis**, and Frances were three classmates from Ann Arbor among the mourners at services for Joe. • **Thomas G. Moore** has passed away, according to returned mail. For some time prior to his death, he had lived in North Richland Hills, Texas.

1945: **Roger M. Buslee** writes from Durango, Colorado to express appreciation for the *Newsletter* and adds to the "Fun with Statistics" item in the 2005 issue: "On a recent U-M alumni tour to St. Petersburg, Russia, Finland, and Norway, 12.5 per cent of the travelers were U High graduates. These were **Fred O'Dell**, his wife **Deborah Lincoln O'Dell** '50 and myself. I'm sure U High graduates can figure out the total number of persons on the trip. Although this was the fifth trip that my wife, Shirley, and I have taken with U-M alumni, it was the first where we had any U High alumni as company. Dr. O'Dell, who is a retired surgeon living in Alpena, is recovering from a very severe stroke but seems to be doing well now. ... I never met Dick Shafer and I am sure that he deserves the praise he has been given. I just wish that Miss McKinney and Miss Ryder had something to honor their memories. Hardly a day goes by when I don't think of them, especially when I am reading or writing something."

1946: **Ann Husselman Rusanoff** shares a happy decision with us: "After a lot of jumping about in the days of my youth, I finally came to rest as an elementary teacher in a small district, Dearborn Heights No. 7. I truly loved teaching until the late 1980s when the encouragement of creativity and individuality began to be overpowered by the back-to-the-basics types, and in 1992 I retired. By 2002 I realized that owning a house with all its problems of maintenance and a yard with what to me was nothing but backbreaking drudgery was something I could do without; and I set about prepping the house and yard to sell and put myself on the list



for a retirement community in Fort Collins, Colorado. Fortunately, before I committed myself, I took a look at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn and found my new home. I'm loving it here! So many great people and so many things to get involved in that it's impossible to be bored unless you choose to be. I couldn't have ended up in a more satisfactory place."

1947: **Lawrence "Larry" Preuss, Jr., M.D.** died June 29, 2005 at home in Ann Arbor after a long battle with prostate cancer. At U High, he lettered in football, swimming, and track. A lifelong resident of Ann Arbor, he attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, received a B.S. from U-M, an M.D. from U-M Medical School in 1957, specialized in internal medicine at U-M, 1961, and held a fellowship in allergy, 1963. He was on the staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 1963-96. As well as his family, reading, and music, Larry loved traveling and made 44 trips abroad.

## 1950:

Seventeen people – U High grads and their spouses – gathered in Colorado Springs on September 9, 10, and 11, 2005. Writes **Dorothy Hammett Allen**, "Dinner was

at the Flying W Ranch, where we enjoyed delicious food and wonderful western entertainment." • **Hugh** and Marilyn **Barnard's** Christmas rhyme outlines a great variety of activities in 2005: a second cataract surgery for Hugh, family visits in Nebraska and Texas, "Snowbird" activities for which both Hugh and Marilyn serve in leadership roles, summer computer and bridge classes, and theater attendance, to name a few.

1951: **Sue Ridenour Deimen** fills us in on 2005 travels: a first trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico to visit **Alice Esterer Sickels**. "She has a beautiful 1950s style home reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright. ... We hiked to the top of Tent Rocks National Monument to view a 360-degree panorama of the Sandias, Sangra de Cristo, and Jemez mountains. There were many wildflowers blooming and interesting rock formations could be seen." In the fall, Sue and **Amy Wenzel Zitzman** took a month's journey around the Northeast, stopping in Ottawa, Canada to find **Daphne Price McCree**. "She has a nice apartment situated along the beautiful Rideau Canal. ... We spent five days touring Ottawa and outlying areas." Next stop was Salem, Massachusetts: "In the next two days we toured Rock Fort and Gloucester." Then it was on to Woods Hole to stay with **Mary Elliot Crandall** and her husband, Sterling "in their quaint cottage across the



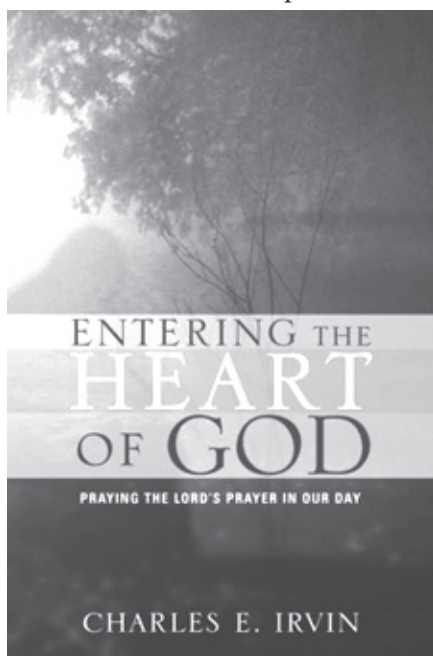
*Several members of the Class of 1950 gathered in Colorado Springs. Front row, from left: Jane Finkbeiner Mack, Ingrid Scharenberg Planert, Dorothy Hammett Allen, George Allen, Carl Koenen, Shirley Ind Koenen. Back row, from left: John Wurster, Karl DeFoe, Cynthia Hendrian DeFoe, Larry Mack, Sue Collins Wurster, Bob Brown, Dan Lickly, Sue Bromage Paterson, Rudi Planert. Not pictured: Sarah Angell Parsons, Colleen Brown.*



From left: Daphne Price McCree, Amy Wenzel Zitzman, Sue Ridenour Deimen.

road from the ocean." Last stops were West Hampton Beach and Williamsburg, Virginia. • **Sam Reiter** writes, "My wife Ruth and I made a spring [2005] trip to China, and several short excursions to various places in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and California during the year. Both of us are still employed. In fact, Legal Aid recently received a grant to run a low-income tax clinic, and I will head the legal portion of the clinic. Thanks to a bid at the auction of Richard Shafer memorabilia, my brother Jim presented me with the director's script of our junior play, *Our Town*. There were several original copies of the program included, and some news clips. If any of my classmates e-mail me at <reiter22@cox.net> that they will make a new donation of not less than \$25 to the Richard Shafer Scholarship Fund, I will send them originals of the program and copies of the news clips, so long as available, and then color copies for the remainder. • **The Rev. Fr. Charlie Irvin** has published

a book from his long experience as a man of God, *Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day*. "Very deliberately Jesus selected every word in what we know of as the Lord's Prayer. Perhaps we should spend some equally deliberate time meditating on His choices. Take the first word, for instance. Have we spent much time meditating on the



word 'Our'?" Fr. Charlie focuses on each of the major words and phrases found in the Lord's Prayer. The book can be ordered from Xulon Press, Inc. at <<http://www.xulonpress.com/bookstore/titles/1597814261.htm>>.

After U High, Fr. Charlie was graduated from U-M Law School. After a brief career as an attorney, he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1967. Shortly thereafter, he began an 11-year ministry at St. Mary Student Chapel at U-M. He held three other pastorates and a variety of posts for the Diocese of Lansing. He lives in retirement in DeWitt, Michigan. • **Nancy Stehle Winchester** sends the sad news that **Dr. John Bradfield** died on September 12, 2005, following a ten-year battle with leukemia; and **Joanne Galpin Hammond** died in October, 2005. Nancy notes that since her husband, John, died she has been traveling a lot – Alaska, Hawaii, China, Canada (including Nova Scotia and the Maritimes), and Mexico. "While I was in Honolulu, I visited **Joanne Lichty Beaman** and her husband, Jim. While I was in the Seattle area, I had lunch with **Carlyn Kaiser Stark**. Since I've moved to a condo, I am free to travel – no plants and no pets!"

1952: **Dale Owen Westfall** died July 10. After U High he attended Western Michigan University and the University of Utah. He served in the U.S. Navy. In December, 1969, he married Marcia Pope, who survives. They lived in Ann Arbor and had three daughters and one son. A computer specialist, he worked most recently as a consultant in Duluth, Georgia, where he died from a rapidly progressive illness.

1954: **Sharon Aileen Carrigan** died at age 69 on January 11 in Beaverton, Oregon, after a battle with cancer. She is survived by two sisters, Donna Grafton of Louisville, Kentucky and Carol Carrigan of Sparks, Nevada; two brothers, Leo "Tim" Carrigan, Jr. of Ann Arbor and Barry J. Carrigan of Scottsdale, Arizona. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Louise Sommers and Constance Jean Rogers.

1955: **Anthony "Tony" Norman** is entering his 43<sup>rd</sup> academic year in the Department of Biochemistry and the Division of Biomedical Sciences at the University of California–Riverside. At the June, 2005, commencement, "I was privileged to receive a special award, the Graduate Faculty Mentorship Award, which is for faculty who have been judged to have made an exceptional contribution to graduate education. ... In my instance I was acknowledged to have trained approximately 25 graduate students who received the Ph.D. and for having mentored over 40 postdoctoral fellows. ... It was wonderful to participate in our [U High] 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and get reacquainted with many of my old friends." • **Dennis M. Moynahan** wrote to express appreciation for a tour of the School of Education Building (formerly University School), conducted for the class 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last July. • This is the year that **Bob Mancell** and wife Becky Schrader intend to complete their summertime "two-person relay run" from Mexico to the Canadian border! In July, 2005, they had traveled 1,201 miles along US-83, stopping near Mission, South Dakota, completing



the fourth of five segments on their trip. We're not quite sure how this esoteric athletic feat works, but we know that one drives ahead, and the other runs ahead, and then they reverse tasks. After "retiring" from teaching college-level geography in Michigan, Bob took a similar position in New York, where Becky works in the publishing arena in Manhattan. In January, Bob was scheduled to have a reduced teaching load – while he took on the role of acting chair of his department. At one time Becky was acting director (in publishing) for Columbia University Press, leading Bob to quip that they both have pursued "acting careers" in New York.

1956: **Phil Power** is engaged in a new effort, the presidency of "The Center for Michigan," that is intended to provide "fresh thoughts for Michigan moderates." The center's web site – <http://www.thecenterformichigan.net> – offers commentary on a variety of Michigan issues each week. As this *Newsletter* was readied for printing, Phil's column centered on "out-of-state ideologues [who] want to control Michigan's purse strings and have manufactured a likely November ballot issue that could be bad for education and public safety." News items included an article on Google's decision to open a divisional office in the Ann Arbor area that should provide one thousand tech jobs over the next five years. • **J. E. Kerstin Sutherland Stempel** chronicles the wide variety of happenings in her life, ranging from high art (theater, musicals, and oratorio) to home art (putting up 75-80 jars of apricot and plum jam, pineapple guava chutney, and guava jelly) from singing Mozart Solemn Vespers to family participation in a bat mitzvah. Kerstin's health is improving, with extensive physical therapy and work on her own at a gym doing much to relieve back and leg problems. Trips included a visit to Ahmanson Theater (Los Angeles) for watching Tom's former student, Tonya Pinkins, in her Tony-nominated performance in *Caroline, or Change*; viewing spectacular waterfalls in deserts east of Los Angeles, and hiking in the Joshua Tree National Forest.

1959: **Alan C. Hutchcroft** died in October, 2005. A chemistry professor at Rockford College, he also served as academic advisor to students in engineering, medicine, and other health sciences. He had served as president of the Midwest Association of Chemistry Teachers at Liberal Arts Colleges and at the time of his death had recently been elected to honorary status. During spring breaks, Alan and his wife, Elaine, supported the college's annual trips to Mississippi where students worked with Habitat for Humanity. Those trips now are called the Alan Hutchcroft Spring Break. • **Bill Morrison** also reported the deaths of **Diana Wilkinson Burnham** and **Angus McEcheren**.

## 1960:

**John E. Swisher III** reports mixed news: "I have had the extreme pleasure of becoming a grandfather to John E.

Swisher V this year and the sad loss of my mother at 87. Harriet Swisher McOmber was married to John Swisher, Jr. for 46 years until he died and then to Ted McOmber (Dobson-McOmber) for ten years before he died. There is a season to be born and a time to die – I think that made a good song."

1963: In our 2005 *Newsletter*, **Viveca Tallgren** – who attended U High in 1959-60 – requested that her classmates in the Class of 1963 get in contact with her. Recently, she wrote, "In February I met **Atlee Kohl** and his wife Nicole in Copenhagen. It was so nice to get in contact with an old classmate from Ann Arbor. If any other classmates from Ann Arbor are coming to Copenhagen, please contact me." Viveca works at a secondary high school for adults. She teaches Spanish on all levels. "Last year, with a colleague, I published a book for educational purposes about Arab culture in Spain. This spring the cartoons depicting Mohammed – a big issue for months in Denmark – kept me busy." Viveca also writes articles about Denmark for publication in her home country, Finland. "In May my husband and I moved to a very nice flat after 25 years in the same place." New address: Viveca Tallgren; Henrik Steffens vej 4, 1tv; 1866 Frederiksberg C; Denmark. E-mail: <[viveca.tallgren@email.dk](mailto:viveca.tallgren@email.dk)>.

1965: **Ed Linenthal** writes "first to express my sadness to hear of the passing of Richard Shafer, who, though he would be surprised given my shoddy writing in his class, planted the seeds of my love of writing history many years later. I have mentioned his influence to so many people, and seen so many students who did not have a Richard Shafer in their high school years and are the poorer for it. I will always remember him fondly. Secondly, I wish to bring you up-to-date: After 25 years as professor of religion and American culture at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and several years as halftime visiting scholar for the National Park Service, I have accepted a position as professor of history and editor of the *Journal of American History* at Indiana University-Bloomington." • **Steve Dobson** was featured in color photos on the front page of the business section of the *Ann Arbor News*, on February 24, 2005 and May 30, 2006. The first picture showed Steve on the steps of the historic steam printing building at 301 North Main Street. His Dobson-McOmber insurance agency had purchased the building in 1993 and spent a year restoring it. The article was occasioned by Steve's announcement that he had sold his family's century-old firm to Toledo-based Hylant Group. He was scheduled to become president of the Hylant Group's new subsidiary office in Ann Arbor. The second photo showed Steve inside the building, near a tombstone that had been found in the building's basement. (Steve stated that he believed it had been used for practice by a tombstone engraver.) The article reported that the Ann Arbor Hylant Group office would soon move to new quarters near Domino's Farms, northeast of Ann Arbor. "In many ways we are thrilled to move, we'll have the room we



need and we are moving to beautiful new facilities. However, it just isn't going to be the same – it's been fun being downtown and it's been part of our identity," the *News* quotes Steve.

1966: **Stephanie Berg Oram's** holiday newsletter, titled "The 2005 Oram Picayune," details her travels throughout the United States and, with her sister Sylvia, to Iberia. She and Roger ventured to environs of New Orleans, including Roger's backwards-stepping encounter with an open manhole; Mississippi, with emphasis on Mark Twain's *Life on the Mississippi* and to Elvis's birthplace; Appalachia; and South Carolina. The trip to Spain began June 1 in Portugal and proceeded to Spain for a three-day conference of the College Music Society. Gibraltar and Morocco were on the itinerary, too. After returning to the U.S., Stephanie thought about constructing a music appreciation course with Bizet's *Carmen* as its centerpiece and received approval to go ahead. Other highlights included trips to San Francisco, Vermont and New York, and Quebec.

1967: **Renee Fransway Nichols** moved to Kentucky in 2005 and now lives in the middle of the Daniel Boone National Forest. "Times have certainly changed for me! We get our water via a cistern from a spring on our property and we have coyotes that make it difficult to go out after dark. But the up side is that the wilderness is beautiful and the stars very bright without all the city lights. The closest town is ten miles away – Frenchburg, a town of 500 people with no McDonald's! ... The people are incredibly hospitable and welcoming. And with the internet and Dish television it's almost like being in Michigan, although we do get two 24-hour horse racing channels." • **Mark Ouimet**, a Washtenaw County Commissioner who represents District 1 (northwest Washtenaw County) wrote to his constituents that "I led the way in the recent fight to preserve the Sheriff patrol in our communities. For the townships and rural areas, this is the only affordable police patrol available. Countywide, we are safer when we have the Sheriff deputies on the streets protecting our communities. As you know, the rest of the Commissioners disagreed with me on this issue. ... I am likely to be the target of heavy opposition in the 2006 elections because of my intense focus on reform and outspoken critique of the status quo." Mark assumed office January 1, 2005 and serves on the Accommodations Ordinance Commission, Local Development Finance Authority for Augusta Township, Michigan Township Association, Money Purchase Pension Plan, Road Commission (alternate), Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (alternate), and a private-sector group, the Workforce Development Board.

1968: **Steve Mason** writes from Lawrence, Kansas: "I was having breakfast in a local restaurant when I heard someone at the next table say, 'We don't mind the snow, we're from Michigan.' It was **Frank Stagg**, who student-coached at U High in the early 1960s. After a short professional career, he coached at a high school

north of Detroit. He moved to Lawrence to be near his two kids who are both professors at Kansas University." Steve also notes, "The Alferd [sic] Packer Memorial String Band [which includes Steve] has put out a new CD." It is available on the internet at <cdbaby.com> or the band's web site, <alferdpackerband.com>. • Barbara and **Jim Knight** moved from southeast Michigan to a home on Lake Huron on June 24, 2005 – a week after she retired from teaching. "My two brothers and I sold our vending and food services company in 1999. I worked for the new owners for about four years and retired in December, 2003," Jim reports. Son Andy is a captain in the Army, stationed at Fort Drum, New York. Daughter Karen teaches elementary school in the Tampa, Florida area. "Barb and I will live on Hammond Bay during the summer months ... we will spend winters on Anna Maria Island, which is west of Bradenton, Florida. If anyone would like to contact me, my cell phone number is (248) 722-3237."

[1969]: **Paul Parravano** was pictured with his mother, Ernestina, on the first page of the *Ann Arbor News* local section of June 14, 2005. She was honored for her volunteer work at U-M Hospitals, where she "has comforted families in distress for 27 years and sometimes used her own money to help strapped parents. A special fund with \$75,000 was created and named after [her] to assist families in need. A portrait of her also will be hung in the hospital," the newspaper reported, and continued, "Paul said his mother learned Braille to teach him how to read. With her children grown and living across the country, he said, he is comforted to know that she is part of such a community of friends. ... 'I know this fund will grow and benefit many, many people who will be touched by my mother's love and hands as I was' he said." Paul now lives in Arlington, Massachusetts.

*And nary a word was heard from:*

1932, 1933,

1941, 1943, 1948, 1949,

1953, 1957, 1958,

1961, 1962, 1964

*We had room for your classnotes;*

*we'd really like to hear from you before our next issue!*

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# Reunion Buzz

## *Class of 1957 seeks reunion input*

George W. Parker is seeking information from the Class of 1957 about a reunion in the summer of 2007.

"Please ask the 1957 class members to send any requests concerning the reunion, or ideas about it, to myself at 20624 Waterloo Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118."

## *Class of 1958 plans ahead*

Members of the Class of 1958 are making arrangements for a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held in Maine in 2008.

Karen Davis Frangoulis, JoAnne Ivory, and Barbara "Bunny" Ouradnik are planning a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the class of 1958 to be held in Maine near Acadia National Park during the weekend of September 6-7, 2008. Note that this is the first weekend after Labor Day, which falls on September 1 in 2008.

"The committee wanted to give everyone plenty of advance notice so that they could consider planning a vacation in Maine to coincide with the class reunion," noted Joanne Ivory. "More information will be forthcoming by snail mail to class members in early 2007."

To contact planning committee members: Karen (207) 374-2804, JoAnne (207) 244-7653 or jaia2@adelphia.net, and Bunny (207) 338-6511.

## *50<sup>th</sup> year: Class of 1956*

The Class of 1956 had its 50<sup>th</sup>-year reunion in Ann Arbor on June 16-17. Festivities began with a Friday night cocktail party, after which classmates broke into groups for smaller dinner parties. Saturday morning, the group toured the School of Education Building (the former University School Building). Then they had several smaller luncheon parties. They wound up the weekend with a Saturday night dinner party at which Scott Westerman spoke about University High as a laboratory school and talked about the teachers who made it work so well.

The reunion also provided opportunities for the renewal of friendships and the discussion of plans for the 55<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> reunions in the years to come.

Karl Frankena, a planner for the events, reported that these classmates attended: Patricia Ward Armstrong, Thomas M. Atkins, Richard N. Bird, Anne Etter Bochen, Wendy Dobson Browner, Cornelia Beveledere Butine, Peter M. Dawson, Samuel T. DeCamp, Karl R. Frankena, Lee Gaynor, John B. Griffin, John M. Hyde II, Andrea Mayerstein Ludwig '55, Frederick Y. McClusky, Michael R. McVaugh, David W. Overton, Virginia Wood Owen, Langdon J. Plumer, Philip H. Power, David L. Prakken,

Bonnie Miller Proffer, Kay Bower Rayment, Eng Khiam Tan, and Peter M. Walters.

## *40<sup>th</sup> year: Class of 1966*

Members of the Class of 1966 reunited for three days in Ann Arbor, June 9-11.

On Sunday, classmates visited the School of Education (formerly University School) and were greeted by Dean Deborah Loewenberg Ball and Stephen G. Bates, the School of Education's Director of Development.

## *A 'mini' for the Class of 1957*

Marty Drouyor DeCamp describes a "mini-reunion" of the Class of 1957:

"In Santa Monica, California, for five days, at the end of April, 2006, seven classmates from 1957 gathered for our occasional 'girls reunion.' Sue Daniels Berman, Margo Folsom O'Neal, Gene Smith Ohlgren, Dru Dexter Marseilles, Mary DeJong Obuchowski, Carol Crane Kitchens, and Marty Drouyor DeCamp saw museums, galleries, gardens, special architecture, theater, and beaches, and the Pacific Ocean, a few tourist attractions; and [we] talked and talked. We also visited with Kerstin Sutherland Stempel '56.

"We were amazed to reminisce that none of us had thought that we were in the 'in group' in high school, although frankly no one knew exactly what the 'in group' was (and still does not).

"We are grateful for our collective good health, for scoring well on some tests of strength and courage in our adulthood, for great friends and families, and for surviving our youth in spite of our insecurities. We remembered our classmates who had joined us on earlier such reunions but were unable this time, as well as those who are in the eternal class of U High. We look forward to seeing classmates in 2007 for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion."

## *Some reunion comments*

John E. Riecker '48 says, "There seems to be more input from U High alumni now than in the past. This is most encouraging and hopefully will lead to another all-class reunion in the near future. All that is needed is an organizer!"

Ann Sutherland Harris '54 comments, "I also see that no one wrote up the '54 reunion last August. I think it makes sense for someone from the class who still lives in the Ann Arbor area to do this ... [There was also] a nice group photo that John Etter's son took."

## Tell us about the reunion!

We are pleased to provide available space for brief summary articles about reunions recently held; and when the confirmed completion of details for a future reunion coincides with our somewhat erratic publication schedule, we're more than happy to add to the advance publicity.

Unfortunately, because of the intensity of time-consuming reunion tasks, the *Newsletter* is not able to assist with reunion planning, publicity, or searches for lost alumni. Your own classmates are a much better and more efficient resource.

Established reunion committees can secure cooperation from the *Newsletter* address files in addressing classmates. (See "Where to Write," on this page.) Note that use of the *Newsletter* address files conforms strictly to policies of the University of Michigan.

## Web site [www.uhigh.net](http://www.uhigh.net)

was created by the Class of 1959. "Designed to be a connection to all classes, the site will eventually have many of the yearbooks online, some history of University School, and links to other class websites and reunion information," notes Bill Morrison '59. "It will only be as valuable as you make it." E-mail Bill at [www.morrison3.com](mailto:www.morrison3.com) or call him at (734) 718-8575 with information about upcoming reunions and links to class web sites. The site is privately owned and not sponsored by the University of Michigan.

## Strayed from the pack ...

We have been told these Cubs now have invalid mailing addresses. Can you help the little lost Cubs to be reunited with the *Newsletter* and the rest of the pack? If so, please see "Where to Write" on this page.

1929: Dr. Robert H. Cummings, Harriet Ranson Hoffarth, Henry Thornton Winchester; 1931: Cyrenus Garritt Bunting; 1932: Josephine Ball Brokaw; 1933: Clifford Levy Cobb; 1939: Mrs. Howard E. (Ruth Gram) Blood; 1940: Virginia Joan Tesch; 1942: Mrs. L.A. (Barbara Ann Bay) Grimord; 1943: Chester John Bowling, Dr. Josephine C. Moore; 1948: Mrs. Robert (Charis L. Moehl) Moon; 1949: Mrs. Charles (Grace E. Wolfe) Hammond; 1952: David Bethell; 1955: Harriet Jones Rechnitz; 1956: David L. Ballinger, Allen Pendorf; 1959: Peter M. Holcomb, Peter Rush; 1960: Georganne Craig, Mrs. Nathan (Elizabeth Seligson) Johnson; 1961: Mary Ann Dykeman Lehman, Robert Shipman, II; 1962: Sabra Lee, Dr. and Mrs. W. (Marcia C. Howell) Litzenberg; 1963: John F. Spencer, Jr.; 1967: Jane Rosser Ware; 1968: Jill Oppenheim Miller; Faculty: Mrs. Ralph Sawyer.

## Where to write

### Send changes of address to:

Ms. Lois Hunter  
University High School Newsletter  
1001 School of Education  
University of Michigan  
610 East University Avenue  
Ann Arbor MI 48109-1259

Persons whose names have changed since graduation should include the names by which they were known in school. Please include an old address label when available. *Be sure to notify us when you move; for future reference, please clip this notice and put it with your address book.*

### Send news items and contributions to:

Eric Warden, Editor, *U High News*  
414 Westwood Avenue  
Ann Arbor MI 48103-3553

Please do send your holiday letters, but in them and all news items indicate year of graduation for all University High graduates. If the year is unknown, indicate that the person is an alumnus/a. Persons whose names have changed since graduation should include the names by which they were known in school.

*Make checks payable to University H.S. Alumni. Thank you!*

### To contact alumni via our mailing lists:

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*For individual mailings* we are unable to provide senders with classmates' address information from our mailing lists but will try to forward items on which postage has been paid. Be sure to include the sender's address in the correspondence so the recipient can respond. Send the item in a larger envelope to Eric Warden at his address above. Include a note indicating, if possible, the recipient's class year and name while in school (if different from current name).

*For class reunion mailings* two different procedures are available to established reunion committees. Make inquiries well in advance of need. For this purpose, you may contact Eric Warden at his address above or by e-mail: [ewarden@umich.edu](mailto:ewarden@umich.edu).

***Written contact is necessary;  
please do not telephone.***

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***We'd like to hear from you!***

*Please use this questionnaire to provide information for the next issue of University High School Newsletter.*

*Keep answers brief; we will be able to use only some selected information for publication.*

*You need not answer any question you would prefer to omit.*

***You may complete an answer on the back of this sheet if space is inadequate.***

1. Kindly examine your name and address on the back of this page and make necessary changes. Do not obliterate old information.
2. Your year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ When you were at University School, if you were known by another name that is not shown on the back of this page, write that name here: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Briefly please describe your career path after you left University School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is your chief interest or occupation now? (If you retired, also include retirement with year.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. List any special honors or major accomplishments you would like others to know about: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Are there certain University School people or incidents that you remember vividly? Please describe and indicate why you remember them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. If you wish, write briefly about family, a special trip, or other aspect of personal life: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Your e-mail address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
9. To help us maintain this mailing list, please provide current information about your spouse:  
Full name \_\_\_\_\_ If spouse is a U High grad,  
of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ year of spouse graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
If spouse is a U High grad, name while in school, if different \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

**MAIL TO: Eric Warden, Editor / U High Newsletter / 414 Westwood Avenue / Ann Arbor, MI 48103.**

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