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## 84 Scholars Honored

The following eighty-four students have been listed on the honor roll for the first semester (September 9 to January 24) of the 1963-64 school year.

Alpha, four A's and no mark lower than a B: Bob Achterberg, Connie Adams, Bill Barr, Kathy Bennett, Jeff Blankenburg, Kathy Brune, Jane Davidoff, Chris Galbraith, Lynn Gardner, Bob Glaser, Betty Hannon, Doug Hanze, Carolyn Hodge, Mike Holaday, Sue Holaday, Al Karr, Bruce Karr, Adrian Lo, Keye Luke, Corky Martin, Berry Ann Matthews, Ruth Nadelman, Judy Norris, Becky Phillips, Ann Rosegrant, Craig Speck, Ken Stillwell, Bernie Stulberg, Kathy Sykes, Daphne Szmuszkovicz, Dave Triestram, Kathy VandeGeissen, Cheryl VanDeventer, Marsha Williams, and Caryl Zzenbaard.

Beta, three A's and no mark lower than a B: Barb Brannock, Pat Dew, Dave Fatzinger, Louise Freyburger, Marge Hannon, Rick Gilkey, Jane Maus, Melanie Murray, Ingrid Nelson, Karen Palmer, Sarah Phillips, Duane Riege, Dave Stevens, Henry Todd, Marie Trimpe, Kathy VanStrein, and Bill Wichers.

Gamma, two A's and no mark lower than a B: Sally Appledoorn, Sue Alexander, Gay Blanchard, Steve Boyack, Doug Callander, Dan Devendorf, Dennis Fransted, Jeff Gauthier, John Glendening, David Grey, Marty Groulx, John Hinz, Jane Hotneier, Jill Klammer, Jan Larzelere, Margaret Larzelere, Carol Manske, Sue Masters, Kaye Miles, Carl Moe, Kathie Moore, Bobbi Platt, Bill Prange, Edgar Praus, Sue Starkweather, Candy Stanlake, Sue Strube, Mary Ann Thorne, Bunkie VanderSalm, Sue Wetnight, Marilyn Wierman, and Tony Wonderley.

Among those honored were twenty-four freshmen, twenty-three sophomores, eighteen juniors, and nineteen seniors.

## Europe, Here We Come!

Plans for the European Tour, sponsored by Mr. Ray Deur, are well under way. Applications and the first deposit must be paid by March 31 and the entire amount must be paid by May 15.

The group will leave from New York by jet on June 23 and will arrive in Glasgow the next morning. Some of the highlights of the trip will be: two free days in London, a day of leisure in Venice, time in East and West Berlin, and time in Copenhagen.

There will be a charter bus from Kalamazoo to New York. It is possible to spend a couple days at the World Fair before leaving for Europe. The group will return to New York by jet on August 5, a weary but happily travelled group.

## UNIVERSITY HIGH

# Highlights

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## Thespian Effort Well Received Triple Casting of Howard a Success



"Time out for Ginger" cast left to right: Agnes, J. Birkhold; Howard II, G. Hallam; Ginger, G. Blanchard; Jeannie, A. Rosegrant; and Joan, S. Southon.

"Time Out for Ginger" a comedy in three acts by Ronald Alexander, was produced by the University High Drama Club on January 30 and February 1 in WMU's Little Theatre.

The play, a mirth-provoking story about a family whose youngest daughter has decided to go out for boy's football, was co-directed by Mr. Arthur Christensen and Mrs. Anna Williams. Carol Manske was the student director.

The title role, that of Ginger, played by Gay Blanchard, was well acted and funny. The part of her mother, Agnes, was played by Julie Birkhold, who did her usual fine job of acting.

The part of Howard Carol, Ginger's father, was played by a different person in each act as an experiment. The audience accepted the idea and the experiment was a success. The three Howards were: Phil Potter in Act I, Gary Hallam in Act II, and Carl Moe in Act III. Each of them played the

role in a slightly different manner, but each fit the act they were in, as Howard himself changed moods from act to act. All three of them are to be commended for their fine performances.

The parts of Joan and Jeannie, played, respectively, by Suzy Southon and Ann Rosegrant, were both well acted, as was that of Liz, the maid, played by Daphne Szmuszkovicz.

Bernie Stulberg did an excellent job as Eddie, Joan's conceited boyfriend. Tommy Green, the part of Ginger's boyfriend, was also played well by Denny Franstead.

Jim Giachino did a good job as Mr. Wilson, the square high school principal, and Ed Hoffman, Howard's boss and the president of the bank, was humorously portrayed by Bill Barr.

The play as a whole was highly entertaining and very funny. The entire cast is to be commended for a fine performance.

## Leap Year Lets Gals Take the Initiative

Each four years when leap year returns, it is especially welcomed by those born on February 29, for then they can really celebrate their birth dates. Of course, it is also an occasion for rejoicing by all unmarried females, for it has long been their right to propose to the man of their choice during this year.

Up until the time of Julius Caesar the calendar had fallen about three months out of line. He therefore decreed that the calendar year should correspond with the solar year and fixed its length at 365 days, with an extra day every four years. The first Julian year was 46 BC.

But Julius made a slight error, or at least his astronomers did, and by 1582 the calendar was ten days behind. Pope Gregory XIII canceled ten days in order to solve the problem. Result: people who went to bed on Thursday October 4, 1582 awoke the next morning to find themselves on Friday, October 15.

The Gregorian calendar was introduced in Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, and Catholic Germany within a few years of each other. Great Britain and her colonies, who had objections to anything connected with Rome, did not begin to use the Gregorian calendar until 1750 when the British Parliament passed an act adopting the new calendar. The Julian calendar had become eleven days slow by that time. It was therefore ordered that September 3, 1752 should be September 14, 1752 in both Britain and her American colonies. Washington was actually born on February 12, but at about the beginning of the nineteenth century the day began to be observed on February 22.

The leap year is the "ideal excuse for the young lassie to pop the question to the gentleman of her choice," according to one writer. Some say it can be traced to an old legend about St. Patrick and St. Bridget in Ireland. At that time, it was not necessary for priests and nuns to remain unmarried. Bridget headed a group of sisters, and she told him that the girls were unhappy because of the belief that only men could take the initiative in matrimony. Patrick was very sympathetic and said that she and her girls could have the opportunity to propose every seven years. But Bridget drove a better bargain: every four years. She started the custom by asking St. Patrick to marry her, but he refused, saying that he had taken vows of celibacy. To make it easier, he gave her a kiss and a silken gown.

In Britain there is an unwritten law: if the man doesn't accept the proposal he must pay forfeit of a silken gown. It was also customary for the female to wear scarlet petticoats with an edge visible below her skirt to let her intentions be known.

In 1288 A.D. Scotland passed a law

providing every woman with the prerogative to propose. If a man refused he had to pay a pound unless he was already engaged to someone else. Similar laws existed in France, Switzerland, and Italy. This is one handy way for a lady to add to her bank account. Of course, there was always it which probably added an interesting element of risk to the fun.

Although you may call this the "open season" leap year doesn't really have that much effect on marriage. The Institute of Life Insurance made a survey of marriages for the last fifty years, and it found that "nothing happens to the nation's marriage rate in leap years; it neither goes up very much nor down very much. If anything, as a matter of fact, it is apt to go down. It did, in any case, in five of the last leap years."

It seems that women still want to be pursued. I guess most women will continue to want the man to **think** he did the proposing.

## Letter to the Editor

"Yes, there are rules and regulations in our school, but student council officers and other cabinet members apparently are exempt from the observance of them."

This is the thought which frequently passes through my mind as I, passing through the halls during the home-room hour on Thursdays and Fridays, observe the above-mentioned students standing or sitting around the halls in "cozy" little groups, chatting the half hour away, in spite of frequent appeals to students not to be in the halls at that time.

Is this the kind of student example and leadership our elected officers should be giving us? What is the effect on other students?

In this writer's opinion, our student council cabinet members need to subject themselves to some self-examination.

Signed:  
Concerned

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

## Herd in Passing

I was walking downtown the other day when I saw a couple of more or less elderly women running down the street, one about four feet behind the other. I don't know where they were going but they sure were in a hurry to get there. Anyway, you know how these older women run (especially if they're kind of portly) they sort of rock one side forward and then the other, back and forth, back and forth, until finally they're going pretty fast. As I was watching them the one in front called to the one in back, "Come on, skinny, let's go!", in a sort of rasping, echoing, female baritone.

Then there was the time on the bus, once when I was eavesdropping on a conversation. (You hear more funny things that way. On a bus, people talk as if there weren't anybody around, but the conversation is still sort of aimed at anybody who happens to be listening. Hence, the conversation, while not **too** revealing, is still interesting.) A boy was complaining to a girl (not his girlfriend), "She was sitting there telling me how she liked to be pushed around and when I pushed her around she got mad at me." I would have told him that that was too bad, except that it isn't part of the game.

Heard in passing, girl to guy, "Yeah, but if you're going to voodoo somebody first he's got to know you're voodooing him and then he's got to believe in voodoo."

Once about four years ago I was downtown waiting for something and I saw this lady pacing in front of the bank, her hands behind her back—swearing. She was! She was about fifty, stocky, wore bluejeans and a denim jacket. Her grey hair was cut short and square around her chin. And there she was, swearing a blue streak. You could see where she had traveled by the blue in the air above. I caught some of it, "I don't know why that—man . . . couldn't have . . . no!, he had . . .—paint . . . store over . . . and I've . . . waiting . . .—hours! Next . . . I'll . . ." mutter, mutter, complain. I walked by to hear her better and then turned and walked past her again. I figured that that was about the limit so I walked off and left her there, still pacing and muttering.

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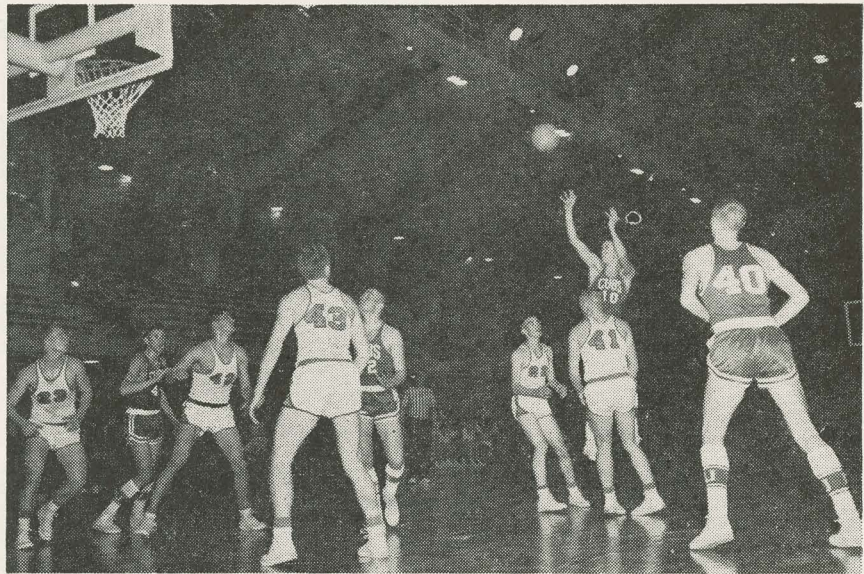
Connie Adams, Sue Alexander, Claire Anderson, Kathy Bennett, Steve Boyack, Louise Freyburger, Berrianne Matthews, Suzanne Piket, Sue Southon, Cheryl VanDeventer, and Vicki Virgo.

# Tell-tale Facts

## Varsity . . .

Player	No. of Baskets Made	No. of Free Throws Made	Total No. of Points Made
Doug Callander	1	2	4
Jack Engels	2	4	8
Pat Gallagher	24	8	56
Steve Johnson	50	30	130
Joe Koenig	1	4	6
Mike Low	13	11	37
Al Mulder	18	4	40
Andy Patton	1	2	4
Jeff Rhuland	48	18	114
Duane Riege	23	23	69
Rick Russell	25	20	70
Pete Vanderbeek	32	23	87
Bruce Williams	2	3	7
Team	240	152	632

Won 6  
Lost 7



The Cubs play Allegan. Varsity players are, from left to right, Duane Riege, Rick Russell, Pete VanderBeek, shooting, Steve Johnson.

## Freshmen . . .

Player	No. of Baskets Made	No. of Free Throws Made	Total No. of Points Made
Bob Achterberg	47	20	114
Scott Chance	0	0	0
Dave Fatzinger	24	13	61
John Hinz	0	0	0
Larry Hodge	45	28	118
Wayne Johnson	23	7	53
Bob Knapp	0	0	0
Doug Laing	1	0	2
Dean Panse	18	16	52
Paul Scott	4	2	10
Earl Shepherd	3	0	6
Jim Smith	1	2	4
Ivars Zemitans	5	1	11
Larry Zemlick	0	0	0
Team	171	89	431

Won 7  
Lost 4

## Seven Rate 'Excellent'

Saturday, February 1, will be long remembered by many of "U" High's instrumentalists for that was the day of the annual District Solo and Ensemble Festival.

First division recipients from "U" High are: J. Beukema, S. Beukema, L. Freyburger, B. Groulx, L. Kyser, A. Lo, and D. Triestram.

Also representing the school were: J. Gauthier, M. Grubb, J. Hartenstein, M. Holaday, M. Larzelere, N. Larzelere, C. Prange, E. Praus, and T. Wonderley.

## Driver Education Noon Class

Mr. McAuley is teaching driver education during the noon hour now, because he doesn't have any other hour free this semester. This class has about twenty students, and will be taught for the rest of the semester. The people who are in the class eat during their study hall.

## Cubs Now in Second

U-High's varsity and reserve squads defeated Paw Paw's teams Friday night. The varsity had four players in double figures: Steve Johnson had 16; Mike Low, 12; Pete VanderBeek and Bruce Williams, 10 each. This balanced scoring brought Barney Chance's cagers second place in the conference. Although the Cubs trailed 17-16 at the end of the first quarter, the half ended with the Cubs holding a 42-29 advantage.

The reserves, led by Doug Callander's 13 points (the margin by which the Cublets defeated Paw Paw—53-40) took the first half of the twin bill.

This Friday the teams play Plainwell's varsity, which has a 5-4 record, and is only a half game behind the Cubs. Even though the Cubs are out of the race for first place, the game is very important since not only second place is at stake, but also a respectable season's record.

## Reserves . . .

Player	No. of Baskets Made	No. of Free Throws Made	Total No. of Points Made
Jeff Blankenburg	35	25	95
Doug Callander	30	27	87
Mike Carr	9	4	22
Cam Carter	11	25	47
Bob Correll	3	4	10
Dan Ervin	41	9	91
Bill Faunce	18	12	48
Bill Jackson	3	7	13
Bill Prange	0	2	2
Dave Pruis	6	6	18
Roger Starkweather	4	4	12
Tim VanderMuelen	15	7	37
Bunkie VanderSalm	19	16	54
Team	194	148	536

Won 6  
Lost 7



"U" High Reserves play Allegan. The Cubs, from left to right, are Bill Faunce, Dan Ervin shooting, and Doug Callander.

## Cub-ettes Record 2-2

The Cub-ettes are a group of talented young girls who meet once a week to take out their frustrations on the basketball floor. The University High girls who were chosen to represent our school are, Nancy Maxwell, captain; Claire Anderson, Jan Kavanaugh, Marsha Williams, Ann Whitfield, Cindy Southon, Suzy Hamilton, Lynn Sorlie, Jan DePree, and Kathy Brune. Mrs. James Schultz is the manager.

The group meets every Monday night, time varying, at Hillside Junior High School to play different schools. So far they have played four games against four different schools and have won two. Next Monday they will play the Little Caesars. Visitors Welcome!

## Bear Blunders

Mr. Kotecki, reading the announcements for the kickline practice, said, "Bring heels . . . I suppose that means high heels," he continued.

Mr. Sack had a slip of the tongue when he was describing our critiques. He said, "I correct them, and hand them back to you; you swear . . . I mean, you correct them, and give it to the person you graded."

Mr. Nuzum was showing mutual attraction with two stick figures, when Mr. Jones said, "You call it mutual attraction, I call it marriage."

Julie Smith had the feeling she had forgotten something when she left the library first hour. She arrived in Geometry class to find everyone looking at her feet, which had no shoes on them.

In the third hour Chemistry Class, Jon Jennings was asked what the common name for the formula H<sub>2</sub>O is. When Bill Barr whispered to him that it was, "dihydrogen oxide," Jon repeated it aloud to the class. Mr. Engels later informed Jon that H<sub>2</sub>O is water !!!

Ask any member of the Choir why Dave Triestram's new nickname is "Swear." You may be surprised at the answer you receive.

## Program for Skiers Planned at K College

What's the next best thing to actually going skiing?

If you answered "Going to a ski movie—and especially a Warren Miller," go to the head of the class. And while you're on your feet, set aside February 14 for an evening of "skier's travelogue" enjoyment.

The Kalamazoo College and Western ski clubs will sponsor the 7 and 9 p.m. showings at the Wood Hall auditorium, WMU campus.

Skier-photographer Miller's latest color film effort is tailored to all skiing tastes. He found tobogganists flaunting certain death at Snow Valley, Calif.; he found Buddy Werner of the United States skiing to victory over Austrian Christian Pravda at North American championships at Squaw Valley, Calif. and he recorded an Easter carnival ski race at Mammoth Mountain, Calif.—complete with bathing beauties, ridiculous costumes and sensible ski action.

Miller visited slopes from California to Vermont and toured the major slopes of Europe. "Let's Go Skiing with Warren Miller" will be in full color with a musical score—all 90 minutes of it.

Kalamazoo College Ski Club  
Kalamazoo College  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

## Teens Become Jurors

Next Saturday, an unusual jury will be hearing cases in the Kalamazoo Municipal Court. This jury, called a youth jury, will consist of members of the Kalamazoo Teen Chamber of Commerce. The youth jury will be listening to juvenile cases, talking in private with the offender and suggesting sentences to Judge Olmstead.

The Teen Chamber of Commerce is creating their own list of penalties the jury will suggest to the judge after considering each case. Some suggested sentences have been:

1. 10 hours sweeping the mall,
2. Working in an emergency ward. (This one is for traffic violators to observe what a car can do to the human body),
3. Working on city and county projects.

A similar program, the first of its kind, was started in Jacksonville, Florida, and they have not yet had to try any one twice! No repeaters!

Rick Gilkey, president of the Teen Chamber of Commerce, said that an important reason for creating the youth jury is "to get the emphasis on the right kind of teen." He feels that the destructive teens are publicized in the wrong proportion to the more common constructive teen. Rick is hoping that the youth jury will be able to serve the community and help balance this proportion.

## Deur Leads Group South: Students Leave March 27

Mr. Ray Deur, an instructor at University High School, has now completed his plans for the annual spring trip. This year he will lead a group of thirty students to New Orleans. The group will leave from Kalamazoo, March 27, and will travel by a chartered bus. One of the highlights of the tour will be a visit to the famous battle field at Vicksburg, Missouri. They also hope to view the Showboat "Gold in the Hill." They will go through Baton Rouge, visit the Capital and see the University of Louisiana. While in New Orleans, they will visit the French Quarters, Audubon Park, old cemeteries, and visit Ponchartrain Beach. Also, the group will enjoy a steamboat ride on the Mississippi River. They will spend one day on the Gulf, and after more sight-seeing, return for home.

Applications and itinerary may be obtained from Mr. Deur. Any high school student is invited to apply for this tour. Applications should be in as soon as possible, but before March 1.

## Check-Mates

Steve really rings a (Camp) bell with Lynn Gardner.

Bob McCowen has been spending quite a bit of time with Comstock lately—yes, we do mean "with"—Nancy's the name of the girl.

The editor of the HIGHLIGHTS, Martha VanderBrook, has been neglecting the paper in favor of Dick Gabelich.

More members of the Society for the Improvement of Inter-school Relationships: Kay Clements and Terry Boley; Sue Reavis and Chuck Williams; and Dan VanBlaricom and Pat Miller.

You can Bet(Z) that Jim and Judy Margolis will be spending a lot of time together.

Mike Mulder likes Beth (Gil) more each day, and the feeling is mutual.

Nancy Hamilton has no room left on her Callander for anyone but Bruce.

## Honoring . . .

. . . the members of the 1964 Homecoming Court—Chris Cronley, Holly Allen, Suzy Hamilton, Nancy Van Eck, and the 1964 Homecoming Queen—Deni Gladstone.

. . . the cast and crew of the Dramatics Club play — "Time Out For Ginger."

. . . Charlotte Calhoun, "U" High graduate, who has been chosen to represent our country as a member of the Peace Corps.

. . . The Future Nurses Club for coming in second in the Bread Lift.

## Great Figures in History

"Listen," I said, "This is the way it works. The Boer War ended in 1902. So, you add those digits, 1, 9, 0, 2, to the year 1902. What is the answer?"

"1914."

"Good. What year is that?"

"The year World War I began."

"Right. What year did it end?"

"1919."

"OK, add those digits 1, 9, 1, 9, to 1919."

"Yeah."

"What year?"

"1939, the year the War began in Europe. Hey, I get it. Let's see, World War II ended in 1945 . . . and those digits and you get . . . Hey!"

"What?"

Well, what? But remember, the numbers only impel, they never compel.