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Alumni Newsletter

For alumni and friends of University High School, College of Education, Illinois State University

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Homecoming 2004: A Celebration of Alumni

Continuing the tradition of a true homecoming for alumni, the University High School Alumni Association (UHSAA) sponsored the annual social prior to the football game. Hundreds of alumni, boosters, and students mingled in the north gym of Horton Fieldhouse eating Gondolas and reconnecting with old friends. Door prizes were drawn to the delight of the crowd. The U-High Marching Pioneers wrapped up the event by parading through the crowd and playing the school song just prior to kick-off.

Several classes marked milestone reunions. The Class of 1984 had a terrific turnout. The Classes of 1943, 1944, 1969, and 1994 also celebrated and each had a strong showing of classmates.

Earlier in the day, UHSAA award recipients spoke at an all-school assembly. Jeff Fritzen '70 encouraged students to look beyond their self-interests and to value each day and leave something of value behind. Neil Hermanowicz '71 brought several chuckles from the students with his slide show that emphasized that you should believe in yourself even if

you're a late bloomer, that high school friends are friends for life, and that there is life after high school if you stay alert and surround yourself with education and family. Sam Mungo '81, unable to attend in person, sent a video of one his performances. His parents accepted the award on his behalf. Sandra Koepke Savignon '57 reminisced about the limitations that girls confronted in the 1950s. She challenged students to think about what they will be doing in 50 years and the changes that will occur during that time.

Once again Homecoming proved to be an opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and happy memories. Mark your calendars! Next year's Homecoming is set for September 30, 2005.



1.) 50-year royalty Dean Sears '54 and Glen Plotner '54 ride in the convertible caravan at halftime.

2.) Walter Fox '84 and Tom Jacob '84.

3.) Dan Kraft '84 displays his gratitude to Gary Wilcox '84 for traveling the greatest distance to their 20th-year reunion.

4.) Dan Kraft '84, Angie Kath Coughlin '84, and Tracy Semmler Schuler '84 cheer on the fighting Pioneers.

5.) Kris Albert Burke '79, Jill Wainscott Yek '79, and Cathy Blunk Lais '79.

See page 9 for more 2004 Homecoming photos!

A Big Pioneer Thank You

Many thanks to our generous Homecoming door-prize donors:

Casey's Garden Shop, Casey Lartz '75

The Garlic Press, Sarah Bushnell
McMangus '84

Angelica's Heaven on Earth, Nicole
Bourne Durham '85

Jean's Flower Basket

The Coffee Hound

The Gingerbread House

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U-High Athletic Department

U-High Theatre Department

President's Letter

By Marty Kiesewetter '76

This is my first letter as president of the UHSAA to my fellow distinguished alums of University High School. Please be kind and try not to be too critical of my grammar and literary style. The last time I was published was in the 1976 *Clarion* that was secretly edited by our year-book sponsor—the eternally youthful Peggy Scott.

I will not use this forum to ask you to volunteer or pledge donations. It is obvious that these elements are very important to the continued success of our association in promoting alumni relations, bringing together old classmates at Homecoming, helping organize class reunions, publishing this outstanding newsletter twice a year, maintaining our Web site, recognizing our accomplished alums, and highlighting the need to support the lab school system through your generous donations. Okay, that message has been duly delivered to appease those to whom I am accountable, so let's reconnect.

As I approach the 30th anniversary of my graduation, I can't help but think about the experiences and relationships of my high school years. From the emotional and educational, to the trite and trivial, I seem to remember high school experiences better than any other period of my life. My recollection of names and events has been clouded, but not eliminated with the passage of time. And of course I'm fairly certain that the memories are actually better than the reality of those times.

Each era of graduates has their music, movies, hangouts, fads, and pastimes. For my class, eight-track players blared out the tunes of the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Led Zeppelin, Foreigner, Hall & Oates, KISS, Jackson Browne, REO Speedwagon, Todd Rundgren, and Pure Prairie League, to name a few. The lounge had a jukebox that seemed to alternate between Mick Jagger's "Angie" and the oldie-but-goodie "Blue Suede Shoes."

We hung out at the Union Rec Center and played pinball. High-tech arcade games such as *Pac-Man* and *Space Invaders* had not yet arrived. We played Strat-O-Matic, the precursor to fantasy baseball, in one of my friend's attics, or we just lounged around the basement of another friend and listened to him teach himself guitar while singing, "Amie, whatcha goin' do?" On Sunday nights, we would seldom miss an episode of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* on PBS...very educational!

We wore bell-bottoms with platform shoes, played basketball in very short shorts, and had very BIG hair. Many co-eds wore bib overalls. I also recall the handmade "chokers" adorning many classmates' necks.

We ate pizza at Ragusa's, Mr. Kelly's, and Tobin's. We witnessed the opening of Avanti's. Our era was the tail-end of the phenomenon known as "The Gag"—the route from the original Steak-n-Shake on Main to the other Steak-n-Shake on Hannah. My older brother insists that Dog-n-Suds on Morrissey was also a part of the loop in the '60s. It wasn't unusual to register nearly 100 miles on your car's odometer in an evening without leaving the Twin Cities.

"Streaking" and "mooning" were introduced and rejuvenated in our era by the Rites of Spring on Illinois State's Quad and the release of the nostalgic movie, *American Graffiti*, respectively. One of my classmates is still famous, at least in my class, for his appearance on the Capen Auditorium stage during the screening of *The Poseidon Adventure*. In fact, there was a ballad written in the University student paper, the *Vidette*, shortly after "the sighting."

I recall the snowstorm of the winter of '75-'76 that paralyzed the Twin Cities and stalled virtually all vehicular traffic, with the exception of my red '63 Impala. Equipped with—now illegal—studded tires and weighted down with at least eight friends, we easily navigated the vacated roadways taunting the waist-deep snowdrifts. In polar contrast, I remember one hot summer night when we bought several large blocks of ice and went "cubing" down the hills of Highland Golf Course.

During my first year on the UHSAA board, there has been much heated debate regarding our mascot, "Petey" the Pioneer. I had never even heard the Pioneer mascot called Petey. However, I do have vivid memories of two bare-chested classmates sporting coonskin caps and fake beards making a classic entrance to a home basketball game. The crowd went crazy. But please recall that we lost nearly 20 straight games our senior year, so we needed something to cheer about. Besides, why all the fuss about Petey the Pioneer—whatever happened to the "Human Letters"?

Going to U-High can also be a great family tradition. My father sold his farm and moved to Normal in 1960 to work for Jim McKee on Illinois State's experimental farm in order to send his children to good schools. Merlin did his student teaching at U-High, Marvin graduated in 1961, Myron graduated in 1963, and Marion (Chip) graduated in 1973. The next generation spanned the '80s and '90s. I also think of other U-High family names that span the decades including the Gannaways, Chiodos, Karrakers, Lartzs, Hubbards, Cottones, and Hages.

Finally, I remember when Mrs. Barbara Lichty Blunk, our class sponsor and a current fellow UHSAA board member, wanted us to wear red, white, and blue robes to commemorate our nation's bicentennial. Just as the class was preparing to vote, three classmates paraded in front of the group on the Stroud stage dressed in borrowed traditional green garb. The rest is history.

High school is a time of many "firsts"—first kiss, first job, first car, first university parking ticket. It's the time of your life when you begin to dream of all the possibilities for the future. Maybe you and your friends did not listen to the music that I did and maybe you hung out at different places. Nonetheless, everyone reading this newsletter spent significant, instrumental, four years of our lives that shaped and influenced our characters in the institution known as University High School. During those formidable years, all of us forged friendships and created memories to last a lifetime.

I encourage you—no, I challenge you—to take every opportunity to reconnect with friends and keep those memories alive. Who knows? You may even create some new memories!

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Reunion Planner

Class of 1950

Monthly get-togethers

First Wednesday of the month

8:30 a.m. at CJ's Restaurant, Bloomington

Contact Donna Mae Geske Jordan at (309) 662-9345 or

Gordon Schroeder at (309) 452-2872

55-year Reunion

September 30, 2005

Contact Donna Mae Geske Jordan at (309) 662-9345 or by e-mail at dmaisie@aol.com

Class of 1955

50-year Reunion

September 30, 2005

Contact Margie Freed Abbott at (309) 827-2638 or by e-mail at wmm59@aol.com

Class of 1973

"Let's Celebrate Turning 50 Together"

July 15, 2005—Social/Cocktail Hour

July 16, 2005—Dinner

Contact Cathy Girardi Fogler at (309) 829-7870 or Kathy

Alwes Petri at (309) 452-4288

Mail: 212 Cambridge Drive, Normal, IL 61761

E-mail: UhighReunion1973@aol.com (accessible on U-High Web site)

Class of 1995

Contact Mike Hronek by e-mail at hronেকcubs@comcast.net

Future Homecoming Dates

September 30, 2005

September 22, 2006

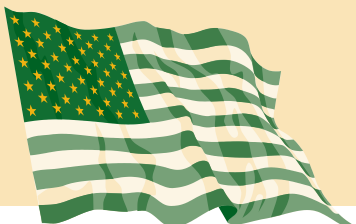
September 28, 2007

Is this your milestone year?

Contact the UHSAA for aid in organizing and planning your class reunion. Now is the time to get the ball rolling to reconnect classmates for a rewarding gathering. Don't be shy!

Support Our Troops

Thank you to all of our University High School alumni who are bravely serving in our armed services during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Awards Committee:

- two 1940s Pioneers
- one 1950s Pioneer
- one 1960s Pioneer
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- two 2000s Pioneers

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Why Engage in Fund-raising?

By Robert Dean, Director of Laboratory Schools

U-High alums occasionally ask me, “Why are the laboratory schools involved in fund-raising? Can’t the state and the University support these schools?” The short answer is they do, but not at a level that permits the laboratory schools to keep pace with the competition. Allow me to explain.

The University recognizes the value of the laboratory schools and has been very supportive, even though the state dollars flowing to the University have been reduced for three consecutive years. Through appropriated funding from the Board of Higher Education, Illinois State University provides 14 percent of the revenue for the laboratory schools—a little over \$1 million for the current fiscal year. The University also maintains the facilities and provides employee benefits through CMS (Central Management Services for the State of Illinois). Since state dollars only constitute 37 percent of the University’s budget, the University must look to other sources of revenue such as tuition, fees, and grants to fund its operations. And of course, the University also relies heavily upon fund-raising to maintain the level of services that students expect to find on a large university campus. In short, the University’s fiscal condition limits the amount of support it can provide for renovation projects in the schools.

There’s not much new to report about the financial challenges facing the state of Illinois. The economy has not recovered as quickly as some thought it might. Consequently, the flow of revenue continues to lag behind anticipated expenditures forcing state legislators to make difficult budget decisions. Schools, like many other public service entities, continue to struggle financially despite the best efforts of the General Assembly. In fact, the financial hardships encountered by some schools in Illinois are severe enough to force local decision-makers to question the viability of continuing to operate. In this kind of environment, many K-12 public school systems have turned to fund-raising. The laboratory schools are not alone in looking to alumni and friends for support.

One of the things that is unique about the laboratory schools is their status. As “other funded public schools,” the schools receive General State Aid dollars (connected to pupil count), but the schools are not considered a school district and thus have no taxing authority. Without the ability to tax, the schools do not have a way to generate the additional dollars needed to finance major projects. This is especially troublesome as Metcalf and U-High are beginning to show major wear, having opened in 1957 and 1965, respectively.

Another unique aspect of the laboratory schools is the fact that they are schools of choice. Students and their families have many good schooling options from which to choose in the Bloomington-Normal community. Consequently, the laboratory schools find themselves in competition with other schools and facilities are often one of the determining factors in this competition. New

schools have been built in recent years at Normal Community and Normal West, Central Catholic, Cornerstone Christian Academy, and Trinity Lutheran. Calvary Baptist built a new addition and several new elementary schools have also been built in Unit #5. University High School, a state-of-the-art facility when it opened, is now the oldest high school in town. Although newer buildings do not always equate with better educational programs, facilities do make a difference in a competitive marketplace, especially the new technology that comes standard in new buildings.

Your Contributions are Making a Difference

For being somewhat new to fund-raising, the laboratory schools are enjoying some early successes. From the time we joined the University campaign (three years ago), our generous alumni and friends have donated just over \$560,000. These gifts have come in a variety of forms—cash, equipment, planned gifts, corporate matching gifts, bequests, and endowments. Several of the gifts have been earmarked for specific projects. Consequently, the money is being held in a specific account until there is enough

money to proceed with the project. Our first-annual fund drive, during 2003, raised over \$23,000, and the second raised over \$25,000. Your gifts have already helped fund four different projects that have made a huge difference in our schools.

Last year, the flooring and seats in Hayden Auditorium were replaced. Part of this project included the removal of asbestos from the ceiling. Even though the seats were donated by the Unit #5 School District, the laboratory schools invested \$50,000 in this project. The lighting and sound systems still need to be upgraded and the stage area also needs some work.

Students at Metcalf are now enjoying a new gym floor (new bleachers will be installed soon). The original floor had deteriorated to the point where screws were used to keep the floor from buckling. Needless to say, folks at Metcalf waited many years for this floor to be replaced as it was part of the original building which opened in 1957. We’re still waiting to see the final tab for this project.


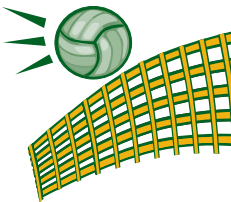
The University has acquired approximately \$1.2 million in capital improvement funds to renovate Stroud Auditorium. The project includes asbestos removal, installation of a new catwalk system to access mechanical systems, installation of a new ceiling and house lights, a new floor covering, new seating, and general painting. We would like to raise another \$150,000–\$200,000 to upgrade our lighting and sound systems and to make stage improvements. It’s extremely exciting to think that this wonderful auditorium will once again become a showplace space!



On the technology front, a new computer lab has been installed at Thomas Metcalf School and two labs have been replaced at University High School.

As you can see, we are clearly making progress on some of our stated priorities. So thank you for your continuing support!



In the Halls of U-High

- Catherine Butts participated in the **state tennis tournament**.
- Josh Fowler finished 15th in Impromptu Speaking and Alyssa Huff 8th in Original Oratory at the 2004 **IHSA Speech State Tournament**.
- **Boys' and girls' cross-country** teams won their regional tournaments.
- **Boys' golf** won the state tournament setting a new record with a score of 596. This breaks a 33-year-old record of 604.
- **Girls' golf** won second place in their state tournament. Marisa Milligan earned the first-ever medal by finishing tied for 6th with a 161.
- The **girls' swim team** won the intercity tournament. 
- The **fall play** *Into the Woods* was produced in October. Over 60 students participated.
- Patrick Turner and Samantha Vazquez were crowned royalty of **Homecoming 2004**.
- Rebekah Clay won the intercity **girls cross-country** meet.
- **Girls' volleyball** won the Corn Belt Conference Championship with a record of 12-2 in the conference. 
- Megan Sage, Patrick Turner, and Sarah Hall taped a public service announcement for WJBC promoting anti-drug **Red Ribbon Week**.
- The following students were successful in their **IMEA auditions**: 1st violin—Kayla Comerford; 2nd violin—Julie Parsons, Megan Ball, and Weikang Sun; viola—Phil Kramp, Addison Elble, and Molly Brown.
- The following chorus members were chosen in their **IMEA auditions**: senior chorus—Melissa Basolo, Megan Sage, Hilary Baboukis, Lane Miller, Patrick Turner, and Alex Preller; jazz choir—Hilary Baboukis, Alex Preller, and Quentin Hursey.
- The **U-High marching band** won Best Drum Majors, Best Musicality, and first place in Class 2A at the Pontiac competition.
- The **Student Senate** blood drive on October 6 produced 35 pints of blood from over 30 student donors.
- **Madrigal singers and court singers** performed for the 18th annual madrigal dinners, the *Pantagraph* Holiday Spectacular, and State Farm's Sounds of Christmas.

- The *Clarion 2004* yearbook was distributed in late November.
- The *Clarionette* is available on the U-High Web site.
- Robin Berryman scored in the top 5 percent of more than 120,000 black Americans and has been named to the **National Achievement Scholarship Program**.
- Kerry Stewart, Patrick Turner, and Jessica Hunt were named to the Commended **National Merit Scholarship Program**. 
- Alex Preller was named a finalist to the national **Merit Scholarship Program**.
- All the **choirs and orchestra** are looking forward to traveling to Toronto March 29-April 3 to compete in a festival, attend musical theatre and symphonic performances, and visit sites.
- **Spanish students** will be traveling to Puerto Rico over spring break.
- There are over 70 U-High students enrolled in **Illinois Virtual High School** classes (online courses).
- Teachers Cory Culbertson and Brad Dearing have been named to participate in a **\$10 million engineering and technology grant** funded by the National Science Foundation.
- The **U-High robotics** team, led by captain Lori Nichols, advanced to the semifinal rounds of the Eastern National competition at Auburn University in Alabama. The team won second-place honors at the state competition in Chicago along with awards for the most elegant design. Coach Cory Culbertson and his team also visited the NASA space-flight center in Huntsville, Alabama, on their way to the competition in Auburn. 

2004 Alumni Association Awards

These awards celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni. Recipients are mentors to the University High School student body.



Distinguished Alumnus Award **Sandra J. Koepke Savignon, Ph.D. '57**

Sandra Savignon is a professor in the Department of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies at Pennsylvania State University. She was past president of the American Association for Applied Linguistics and founder and longtime director of the Multidisciplinary Doctoral program in Second Language Acquisition and

Teacher Education at the University of Illinois.

Savignon attended the University of Illinois graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in French and education and a M.A. in French literature.

Early in her professional career, Savignon was an instructor at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois. She served as co-director of the Classrooms Abroad Study Program in Vichy, France, in 1968. Over the next several years she earned her Ph.D. in education at the University of Illinois, where she was appointed assistant professor of French. She later became a professor of French and English, staying there through the mid-1990s.

Savignon has published numerous books and has received accolades for her outstanding research in the field of foreign language teaching. A number of years ago while reflecting on her profession, she vividly recalled the words of Chaucer that were inscribed high on the wall at Capen Auditorium: "And gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche." In 1983, she dedicated a publication to her students for giving meaning to those words she had first learned as a girl attending Metcalf and U-High.

Pioneer Hall of Fame

Jeffrey A. Fritzen '70



Just months after graduating from U-High, Fritzen became a sports writer for the *Pantagraph* while pursuing his bachelor's degree at Illinois State University.

In 1977 Fritzen accepted a sales position for Bloomington Offset Process Inc. He also served as sales manager, and is currently executive vice president.

In 1983 Fritzen was elected to his first of five four-year terms as Town of Normal councilman. He is currently serving on the council and will be running for mayor of the Town of Normal this spring. He has also served on the Illinois State University Liaison and the Downtown Advisory committees.

For over twenty years, Fritzen has developed a strong post-graduate involvement with Illinois State University. He has served a multitude of positions: the Alumni Association's board of directors, the Redbird Club, Foundation board of directors, the Athletic Council board of directors, along with several search committees.

Giving back to his elementary and junior high schools was incentive for Fritzen to serve with Unit 5 School District where he

was a member of the Citizens Advisory Council's Turning Point 2004 Education Task Force and president of the Chiddix Junior High School Parent-Teacher Organization.

Fritzen is also an active member of East White Oak Bible Church in Carlock. His leadership has been evident with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Men for Missions International Work Crusade Team, and Bible Institute of Colombia in Medellin, Colombia, South America.



Dr. Neal S. Hermanowicz '71

Neal Hermanowicz graduated with highest distinction from the chemistry curriculum at the University of Illinois. He attended graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied physical chemistry. Hermanowicz then enrolled at Pennsylvania State University to complete requirements to apply for medical school. While at Temple University he decid-

ed to specialize in neurology. Hermanowicz completed his medical training at the University of Michigan in movement disorders, a subspecialty within neurology.

Hermanowicz's career path led him to the University of Wisconsin where he was the chief resident in neurology and practices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Evanston, Illinois. He is currently director of the Movement Disorders Program and vice-chair for clinical affairs for the Department of Neurology at the University of California, Irvine.

As a physician, Hermanowicz serves patients with neurological problems, primarily Parkinson's disease, Tourette's syndrome, dystonia, Huntington's disease, and other movement disorders. He conducts trials of new medications in the treatment of Parkinson's and is engaged in clinical research projects for Parkinson's, Huntington's, and epilepsy. He is also involved with the instruction of medical students, residents, other physicians, support groups, and the lay public.



Samuel J. Mungo '81

After graduating from Illinois State University, Sam Mungo was accepted into the Boston Conservatory where he received an artist's diploma. Mungo continued his training under the auspices of the legendary opera coach and conductor John Moriarty. He received a scholarship to attend the New England Conservatory, and graduated cum laude with a master's in music. Several

apprenticeships followed, and he has since moved to New York to pursue his operatic career. Mungo quickly found himself performing in operas and concerts all over the country. His roles have included Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*, Escamillo in *Carmen*, Marcello in *La Boheme*, Junius in *The Rape of Lucretia*, Ping in *Turandot*, Maximillian in *Candide*, and the Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*. His favorite roles include the title role in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Danilo in *The Merry Widow*, and Eisenstein in *Die Fledermaus*.

Mungo has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, Jordan Hall and Symphony Hall in Boston, and El Auditorio di San Ursula in Lima, Peru. In 2002, he was thrilled to be asked to sing in the Cultural Olympiad at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City where he joined fellow artists Itzhak Perlman and Savion Glover.

Mungo's talent extends to teaching, directing, and producing. He spent eight years as a voice instructor at New York's famed Actor's Studio at New School University and four years on the voice faculty at New York University. He is currently finishing his doctorate at the University of Colorado, where he directed Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*. While at Colorado, he served as the associate producer for their opera in the summer repertory season.

Friends of U-High Award



Gayln Biddle

Gayln Biddle has selflessly supported and contributed to U-High for well over thirty years. He and his wife, Florence, joined forces with another couple and founded the present-day Boosters Club. Throughout the '70s and '80s, Biddle and his family hosted pig roasts at their home to raise funds for the U-High athletic programs.

Some of Biddle's contributions to the athletic programs at U-High include installation of the scoreboard in the gym, working as timer and door-keeper at basketball games, umpiring softball games, working the "chain gang" for football games, and assisting

at wrestling meets. Biddle can always be counted on to fill in at a sporting event.

The Biddles are proud parents of six children (three of which graduated from U-High), 20 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Past Award Recipients

Distinguished Alumni

- 2003 Ralph Roderic Abbott '45
- 2002 Edward Powell '55
- 2001 Richard Dunn '36
- 2000 David Brazelton '46
- 1999 G. Richard Marzolf '53
- 1998 Charles W. Dunn '58
- 1997 Robert B. Blesche '66
- 1988 Irving S. Tick '46
- 1987 Clarence R. Ropp '24
- 1986 Janet Hayslip Streenz '58
- 1985 K. Patricia Cross '43
- 1985 E. Burton Mercier '45
- 1984 Arnold O. Beckman '18
- 1984 Eugene D. Funk, Jr. '18
- 1983 R. Morgan Evans '35
- 1983 Gordon H. Schoeder '50
- 1982 Henry W. Capen '18
- 1982 Robert T. Fleming '41
- 1982 William W. McKnight Jr. '31
- 1982 John L. Wroan III '45

- 2003 Marilyn Mette Freelund '45
- 2002 Marc Boon '74
- 2002 Cal Hubbard '67
- 2002 Nancy Steele Brokaw '68
- 2001 Jane Bower '69
- 2001 Brian Fisher '83
- 2001 Grace Eckert Wiant '68
- 2000 Grant Anderson '89
- 2000 Sidney Hutter '72
- 2000 Lesley Manring '68
- 2000 Allan Sutherland '82
- 1999 Jim Crews '72
- 1999 Ruth Anne Miller '68
- 1999 Ray Roderick '77
- 1998 Pat Brymer '68
- 1998 Ellen Crawford '69

Alumni Service

- 2003 Casey Lartz '75
- 2002 Yvonne Maxey Hougham '46
- 2001 Ginni Hedstrom Pedersen '68
- 2000 Barbara Lichty Blunk '53
- 1999 Dixie Smith Lewis '64
- 1999 Ken Berglund '39
- 1998 Glenn Leary '71

Pioneer Hall of Fame

- 2003 John Campbell '73
- 2003 James T. Carmichael '80

U-High Alumni Association Awards Nomination

Distinguished Alum: A graduate who has made exceptional achievement and significant contributions to his/her profession, community, state, or nation

Pioneer Hall of Fame: A graduate who has made significant accomplishments within his/her career, civic duties, cultural involvement, or charitable organizations

Alumni Service: A graduate who has made significant contributions to the school or to the U-High Alumni Association

Friends of U-High: Non-graduates who have made significant contributions to University High School

NOMINEE'S NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME (IF DIFFERENT) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

U-HIGH GRADUATION YEAR _____ PHONE () _____

() _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHY THIS ALUM/FRIEND IS BEING NOMINATED _____

PERSON MAKING THIS NOMINATION _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE () _____

All nominees will be contacted to fill out a more detailed form to aid the awards committee in the selection process. All nominations with completed forms are retained and reevaluated from year to year. If you would like to update your file, please send new information to the address below.

Return to: University High School Alumni Association, Awards Chairperson, University High School, Campus Box 7100, Normal, IL 61790-7100



Jack Williams '54 Presents Scholarship

By Gail Lamb, Director of Development

Dr. John H. "Jack" Williams '54, currently living in South Carolina, returned to U-High in May to present the Crossroads Scholarship he established several years ago to graduating senior Darren Beverage. Beverage is now attending Drake University in Des Moines.

In his own words, Williams established the Crossroads Scholarship because he "feels that the experience at U-High was the first major crossroad, which allowed me to change directions and influenced the rest of my life. I will always be grateful for that. It was the foundation that helped me compete at the highest academic level at Baylor University, Baylor College of Medicine, University of Virginia, and Duke University."

During his visit, Williams not only spoke at the awards ceremony, but also visited with members of the graduating class during their annual senior class luncheon at Bloomington Country Club. He describes the visit as time very well spent, having the chance to visit more thoroughly with the U-High students.



Bob Dean, Ph.D., left, welcomes Dr. Jack Williams '54 to U-High in May.

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Legacy Society Membership Plaques Honor Our Donors

By Gail Lamb, Director of Development

Many of you will recognize Barbara Lichty Blunk, who is standing in the photograph next to the Legacy Society plaque that hangs outside of Stroud Auditorium. We have also hung the same plaque at Thomas Metcalf School—all to thank and honor the donors who have become members through their charitable giving.



Barbara Lichty Blunk '54 stands by the Legacy Society plaque.

The Legacy Society for the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools provides recognition and appreciation for those persons who have 1) established a planned gift in

support of the laboratory schools, University High School, and/or Thomas Metcalf School, or 2) reach a level of \$10,000 or more in cumulative giving, in support of the laboratory schools, University High School, and/or Thomas Metcalf School. Legacy Society members as of December 31, 2004:

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Names in bold have become members since the last issue of *The Pioneer!*

Many, many thanks to our Legacy Society members. Your belief in our educational system is much appreciated. For more information about the Legacy Society, contact Gail A. Lamb, director of Development, at (309) 438-2903, or by e-mail at galamb@ilstu.edu.

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Special giving opportunities for alumni and friends

The University laboratory schools—U-High and Metcalf—are continually grateful to those alumni and friends of U-High who make donations to support and enhance the educational experiences for our students. Please use this form if you would like to make a donation at this time. All gifts are welcome. You will note that the campaign priorities are listed. If you prefer, please specify your gift today as you desire.

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More Homecoming 2004 Photos!



Julie Gannaway Golliday '76 and Tim Golliday '76



Paul West '47, Martha Schaab West '47, Yvonne Maxey Hougham '46, Donna Murray, Merle Murray '46



Bob Fitzgerald '92 and Park Allison '92



Nikki Bourne Durham '85, Paul Heller '85, and Laura Thomsen Lelone '84



Award Committee members Tracey Steigerwald Burke '88, Marcella McIntire '46, and Renee Steigerwald Kelch '86 secure the award recipients' display.



Tom Chiodo '76 and Dave Schultz '76

New Principals, Assistant Principals



Jerry Christensen was named the interim principal for U-High for the 2004-05 school year. Christensen has served in a variety of roles over his 41-year career in education. He began working at U-High in 1997 as a mathematics teacher and then served as the assistant principal. He received a certificate of advanced studies in Educational Administration/Chief School Business Official, a master's degree in educational administration, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics, all from Illinois State University.



Candice Swift joined the Pioneer team as assistant principal this year. Prior to coming to U-High, she was assistant principal at Mattoon High School and taught special education in three central Illinois school districts. Swift completed her doctorate in educational administration and her master's in curriculum and instruction at Illinois State University. She received her bachelor's in special education at Bradley University.



Marcia Graff Rossi began her position as principal of Thomas Metcalf School on July 15, 2004. Prior to joining the Metcalf team, Marcia's most recent work experience included serving as principal and vice principal for an elementary school in Austin, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree and her first master's degree (both in special education) from Illinois State University. She received her second master's degree from the Harvard School of Education in human development and psychology.



Amy Fritson Coffman joined Thomas Metcalf School this year as assistant principal. Prior to working at Metcalf, Coffman taught at Illinois Wesleyan University and before that, taught middle school science and mathematics. She is currently working on her doctorate in educational administration at Illinois State University. She received her master's in education leadership at Northeastern Illinois University and her bachelor's in education from Illinois State University.

Campaign Efforts Increasing- Second Annual Fund Drive a Success

By Gail Lamb, Director of Development

The most recent endeavor for the campaign for the laboratory schools has been the establishment of the laboratory school Ambassador Solicitation Committee, composed of individuals serving as ambassadors for the campaign effort. The following alumni and friends have agreed to serve as ambassadors for the laboratory school campaign. In this role, each ambassador serves as an advocate for the campaign, works closely with the development office, and makes connections with alumni and friends who may be donors to the campaign.

Local area ambassadors: Steve Adams '64, Dr. Buford (Duffy) Bass, Robert and Barbara Lichty '53 Blunk, Jeannie Walker Breitweiser '68, Randy Butts '74, Joan and Dr. Jack Capodice Jr., Mike and Kellie Madigan Clapper, Dr. Frank Chiodo, Dr. Steve Doran '75, Robert '41 and Myra '45 Fleming, Yvonne Maxey '46 Hougham, Tom '69 and Meredith Kendall '70 Lovelass, Audrey Brust Naffziger '45, Eric Ruud '71, Lynda Schaab-Rush '66, and David Wilson.

Out-of-state ambassadors: Dr. Robert Belsche '66, St Louis, Missouri; David L. Brown '65, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Ed Powell '55, Prescott, Arizona; Dr. Jack Williams '54, Seneca, South Carolina.

Some of you may have been contacted in the past several weeks by one of these individuals. Through the efforts of these ambassadors, who work closely with Director of Laboratory Schools Bob Dean and University Development staff Roger Laramée and myself, several of you have made leadership commitments to a number of the lab school priority areas. We are very grateful, and will list the donors in the summer issue.

To date, coinciding with the dates of the Illinois State University Redefining "normal" campaign, more than \$560,000 has been contributed by alumni, faculty and staff, retirees, and friends for the benefit of University High School and Thomas Metcalf School. Our second year of the campaign raised \$25,500 which exceeded the previous year's total of \$23,000. These annual gifts are so important to our success, and are helping us meet our goals for the designated areas of giving as supported by the Campaign Case Statement for the laboratory schools:

- Lab school classroom technology enhancement
- Modernization of science laboratories at U-High
- Renovation of U-High Library
- Renovation of Zimmerman Library at Metcalf
- Metcalf Applied Technology Center (former Industrial Arts area)
- U-High Applied Technology Center (former Industrial Arts area)
- Renovation of Stroud Auditorium at U-High
- Renovation of Hayden Auditorium at Metcalf
- Athletic facilities expansion at U-High
- Small auditoriums at U-High

Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Class of 1984 Reconnects with Flair

By Angie Kath Coughlin '84 and Jennifer Brumleve Joseph '84

The Class of '84 enjoyed a weekend of festivities to celebrate its 20th-year reunion.

The planning committee began work in early 2004. The group decided to plan the reunion around U-High's Homecoming weekend so classmates could attend the football game and visit with fellow alumni and faculty.

Saturday night's event was held at Bloomington Country Club. It was the perfect atmosphere for such a special event. After contacting the U-High Alumni Association, the committee went through the class database that contained 95 of 130 addresses. Four committee members worked to locate our classmates' missing addresses, and were successful in locating 10. It was time-consuming work, but they were glad to have found the additional classmates.

Communication plays a big role in the planning process and the committee got to work right away. A mark-the-date mailing was sent in mid-March. In June, a second mailing detailing the agenda was mailed, and finally, the invitations were sent in August. The committee decided to telephone classmates who had not yet responded to the formal invites. The effort paid off as six more classmates decided to come join in the fun!

The Homecoming reunion weekend began with 35 Class of '84 alumni cheering on the Pioneers during the football game. We then moved the group to Foul Shots, where the conversation flowed well into the early morning hours. On Saturday a picnic for the families was held, and all enjoyed the sunny day filled with games, food, and reminiscing. A highlight at the picnic was a face-painting activity and a clown that made balloon animals. This provided much entertainment for the children and many alumni!

Later Saturday, 61 classmates and guests enjoyed an evening of dinner, dancing, and door prizes of U-High alumni t-shirts and visors. Everyone received a booklet with current information and addresses of our old friends. We hired a photographer to snap candid shots as well as a formal class photo. A DJ played all '80s music and the evening was met with great enthusiasm when the group voted to extend the dancing hours and festivities.

Eunice Ha Kehlor remarked, "Usually in the movies it seems like everyone comes back to their high school reunion only to find they don't recognize anyone. Unlike that, I was surprised how much everyone looked the same or better. The best part of our reunion was that there were people I talked to more during this one night than during the entire four years of high school! I had a great time and can't imagine anyone who didn't." Both Karen Wolter Peruba and Mike Vohland agreed. "The weekend couldn't have turned out better. From the incredible job of the planning committee to the catching up with classmates, it was easily the best reunion we've ever had. It's amazing how all the good memories and laughs from 20 years ago come right back to you when you get a group together for a few days."

Everyone agreed that we cannot wait for the laughter, stories, and reminiscing that our 25th-year reunion will bring.



Amy McCarney '84 Smith and Steve Mandel '84.



Mike Vohland '84, Kelly Vohland and Todd Moore '84.



Front row: Dan Kraft, Phuong Tcheng Chiu-Tcheng, Tom Jacob, Tracy VanHoesen Moews, Sarah Bushnell McMangus, Sarah Sessions, Amy McCarney Smith, Rose Tcheng Yong, Sarah Kaiser Lindsey, Karen Wolter Peruba, Mike Vohland
Back row: Judy Hubbs, Michelle Hurtt, Colleen Wojohn Wright, Leesa Nelson Ringer, Tembi Hove, Valerie George, Eunice Ha Kehlor, Gary Wilcox, Angie Jones, Tracy Semler Schuler, John Martin, Patty Ryan Petty, Ann Faribairn Gullixon, Angie Kath Coughlin, Kelly Walsh Pulliam, Diana Brown Flynn, Jennifer Brumleve Joseph, Laura Thomsen LaLone, Patty Labeledz Hart.

Combining Reunion Efforts Prove Successful

By Barbara Lichty Blunk '53

Over the weekend of October 8-10, the Classes of 1943 and 1944 met jointly for their 61st and 60th reunions, respectively. On Friday evening they met for a picnic at the home of local organizers, Bill Miller '43 and Martha Behr Miller '44. On Saturday, many participated in a tour of Bloomington-Normal during the day. Later that evening, alumni and their guests enjoyed a formal dinner at the Holiday Inn. Remembering days

past at U-High from items gleaned from past *Clarions* by master-of-ceremonies for the evening, Fred Rozum '43, and a performance by a local barbershop quartet provided the evening's entertainment.

On Sunday morning, the group gathered for brunch and farewells. Twenty-eight alumni (plus their guests) from nine states—ranging from California to Florida—enjoyed the weekend festivities.



Class of 1943
Sheldon Smith, Bill Miller, Rita Vanderwater Boyd, Gene Schaab, Pat Cross, Bob Fletcher, Tom Douglass, Wendell Learned, Connie Malmberg, John Wolf, Fred Rosum, Bill Popejoy



Class of 1944
Jean Ann Otto Bates, Margaret Johnson Melick, Otilie Owen Womack, Betty Wilson Lawrence, Ben Matlick, Eileen Adams Sawyer, Dick Norris, Dorothy Wharton Humphries, Connie Kinneman Rowdebush, Barbara Beck Hobart, Dick Metcalf, Marjorie Keasling Lawrence, Martha Behr Miller, Janice McNeil Armstrong, Chuck Blossom

David Brown '65 Bestowed Honor at Drake

By Gail Lamb, Director of Development

Drake University Law School named David L. Brown '65 the 2004 Alumni of the Year. This honor is bestowed for exceptional achievement and distinguished service to the school, the legal profession, and the community. Brown is a former assistant attorney general and law clerk for former Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore. Currently he is a partner with the law firm of Hansen, McClintock & Riley of Des Moines. In announcing the award, the dean of the law school stated, "David is known for his professionalism, unimpeachable character, and absolute integrity; and he is widely recognized for skill in advocacy, leadership, and services rendered in promoting the best interests of the legal profession."

Reconnect with Classmates on the Internet

Go to the U-High Web site at www.uhigh.ilstu.edu and click on the "alumni" section. Within the alumni pages is a section to look up a classmate's e-mail address. Leave your e-mail address with us by using the built-in instant messenger. Maybe someone's looking to contact you!



1974 1938 1982 1985

Alumni News Through the Decades

After a fulfilling career, **Ernest Jarke's '37** retirement allowed for travel. Jarke now limits his adventures to caravanning from Nebraska to Lake-of-the-Ozarks, Missouri, and back through the ranchlands of northwestern Nebraska twice a year.

Twelve people from the Classes of 1943 and 1944 that attended kindergarten through senior year at Metcalf and U-High reconnected at Homecoming. They include **Bill Miller '43, Margaret Johnson Melick '44, Jean Ann Otto Bates '44, Pat Cross '43, Connie Kinneman '43, Sheldon Smith '43, Bob Fletcher '43, Tom Douglass '43, Wendell Learned '43, Connie Malmberg '43, Gene Schaab '43, Bill Popejoy '43**



Accompanying U-High's first librarian, Louise Stubblefield, for recognition of service to the University are **Yvonne Maxey Hougham '46, Merle Murray '46, and Marcella Pearson McIntire '46.**



Dave Engstrom '47 writes that he is particularly indebted to Professor Watterson who guided him into the earth sciences and a career as a petroleum geologist.

He added that Professors Rine, Poland, Bey, and Young who provided study in math, science, and critical thinking were also vital to his future career. He also thanks Ms. Klauser, who transformed him from a "D" English student into an "A" scholar. And he couldn't forget Coach O'Connor who inspired boys to exceed their natural abilities. Without the "running start" offered by U-High, Engstrom knows that he would not enjoy the life he has now. Now retired and enjoying world travel, he resides in Walnut Creek, California.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary of graduation in Nashville were **Class of 1954** alumni Karl Putman, WinnieLou Parsons, Don Swartz, Sue Danneberger Swartz, Caroline White Shanks, Jane Kilgore Stephenson, Doris Stoddard Cropp, Lois Rediger Holcomb, Shirley Hayslip Howard, and Darlene Grove Collett.



The film *Homecoming: The Forgotten World of America's Orphanages*, features five Illinois Solders and Sailors Children's Home (ISSCS) alumni. **Ed Powell '55** along with his brother, Richard, appears in the movie and states that he strongly believes in the home. **Yvonne Bourkland '57, Edward Cummings '63, and Carol Sylvester '68,** who also appeared in the film, agree that the home also had a positive influence on their lives. The documentary, which was made as an impetus for an alternative to today's foster-care system, was shown at the annual ISSCS fall reunion.

Hot Springs, Arkansas, artist **Barbara Cade '57,** was awarded the 2004 scholarship from the Arkansas Committee of the Women in the Arts Museum. She traveled to Finland to research felt-making by visiting textile museums, felt factories, a wool factory, and interviewing artists who work with handmade felt. Cade uses handmade felt to construct two- and three-dimensional art for architectural interiors.

The **Class of 1958** gathered in 2003 for its 45th reunion.



Front row: Jim Stahly, Judy Greeness Regnier, Jan Soyez, Janet Hayslip Streenz, Barbara Messman Bennett. Back row: Jerry Biolchini, Sue Ann Lemme, Cathy White Rhoda, John Butler, Dodie Heiden Conser, Molly Alexander Johnston, Becky Brown Aulenbacher, Bryan Hodgson, Dianne Schnitzer Biddle, Jack Crowley, Burles Bennett, Tom Barger, Dan Riddle.

Mary Merchant Parsons '60 writes that she would love to hear from her classmates.

Recently featured in Jim Barnhart's *Pantagraph* column was **Mike Mittelsaedt '60**. Mittelsaedt contributed his high school athletic success to Coach Butts. While in the Marine Corps, Mittelsaedt successfully competed in the Armed Force Championship and the Conseil International du Sport Militaire. He then coached seven athletes to the 1972 Olympic team. Returning to civilian life, he became an insurance writer but continued to coach world-class professional runners in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is now retired, but still enjoys his role as head cross-country coach at Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

Ronald (Whitey) Miller '65 and **Mark Hubbard '65** recently spent a weekend fishing together. Miller commented that it seemed as though they were still at U-High and they can't wait to reconnect with classmates at their 40th reunion next year.

Dick Templeton '65 is telecommunications consultant for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. He commutes to his home in Delaware on weekends and has an apartment in Virginia while working during the week in the nation's capital.

As a general manager of a Caterpillar-Mitsubishi joint venture in Singapore, **Mike MacPhail '70** is forced to keep up with Bloomington-Normal via the *Pantagraph* Web site. As a former baseball player, MacPhail comments that his only regret from U-High was not playing golf and learning a second sport from Coach Scott.

Christopher Elvidge '71 works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geophysical Data Center in Boulder, Colorado. He produced the first national map and inventory of impervious surface areas (ISA) in the United States. It will be used by scientists and planners managing conservation and resource allocation, as well as those working on issues of water quality, biodiversity, habitat loss and fragmentation, and climate change.

Angela Watson Adams '72 was selected as a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar at the University of New Mexico where she is working on her third master's degree. She has been awarded an all-expenses-paid three-week trip to Japan where she will tour museums, government and business agencies, as well as historical and cultural sites. Currently, she is the library media specialist at Vista Grande Elementary School in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

The art of glass sculptor **Sidney Hutter '72** was on display this past fall at the Marx-Saunders Gallery in Chicago.

Hetzel Hartley '73, M.D., MPH, is director of the Department of Occupational Medicine and Preventative Medicine at Carillion Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia. He is a colonel in the Air Force Reserves and is commanding officer of the 315th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. He is also the proud father of Douglas II.

Richard Drexler '73 has been a full-time professional musician since high school. He currently tours world-wide, primarily with Jeff Berlin and occasionally with the Woody Herman Orchestra and others. His new CD, *Señor Juan Brahms*, is an innovative classical/jazz/Latin mix.

Dan MacPhail '73 playfully jokes that he hasn't changed much since high school—he lived in the art department then and he lives in his art studio today. He also raises cutting horses and Scottish Highland cattle on his farm in Kentucky and collects British cars for fun!



Swim instructor **Rob Knight '77**, was featured in the *Pantagraph* column "On the Job". Knight owns and operates a Swim America national learn-to-swim program at the old Bloomington Junior High School pool on Washington Street.

Cheryl Sherrard '81 is a special education teacher at Columbus West School with the Cicero School District. She is happily working with third- and fourth-grade trainable/mentally handicapped students. She has started earning a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Concordia University.

After earning his B.S. at Stanford University in symbolic systems and a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, **Mark Criley '87** is currently completing his doctoral dissertation entitled "Concepts, Conceptions, and Conceivability" at the University of Pittsburgh. Last fall Criley returned to the Twin Cities as a visiting instructor in philosophy at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Don Conant '88 practices as a chiropractor at his own Walton Clinic in Springfield, Illinois. He and wife Lisa are the proud parents of two sons.

Theresa Ryan '88 is teaching seventh- and eighth-grade language arts in Yale, Michigan. She also trains teachers to provide literacy intervention instruction to at-risk and special education students.

Erik Anderson '89 co-founded Infinity Print Group with parents Gary '61 and Holly Anderson in Normal. He and wife Audra have two children, Evan and Libby.

Grant Anderson '89 had the opportunity to work on the special effects in *Spider-Man 2*. Anderson's art can also be seen in the first *Spider-Man*, *Titanic*, and *The Matrix*. During an interview with WJBC, Anderson was asked to name a famous person that he has met while at Stan Lee Entertainment. He responded that Michael Jackson was once in his office.

Collegiate Baseball magazine named **Derek Johnson '89** as the Pitching Coach of the Year. Johnson is an assistant coach at Vanderbilt University. He attended Lake Land Community College, Indiana University, and Eastern Illinois University where he played baseball. In 1993, while at EIU, he was an all-Mid-Continent Conference Selection.

Joyce Hughes '93 is in Chandigarh, India, on a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for one year of doctoral dissertation research on the folk and popular music of Punjab. Her graduate studies in ethnomusicology are ongoing at New York University, where she received an M.A. in 2000. She has also earned a B.A. with honors from Beloit College, Wisconsin, in cultural anthropology and music.

Ted DeLong '96 will be working towards a master of fine arts in theatre management at Yale School of Drama in the fall of 2004. He will be working towards a master of fine arts in theater management. He and fiancée Sarah will be married in June 2005 in California.

Caroline Skaggs '98 and **Jim Sallee '98** were married in 2002. They both are in graduate school at the University of Michigan where Sallee is pursuing a Ph.D. in economics and Skaggs is earning her master's in public policy.

Photography artist **Antonia Cunningham '99**, participated in the annual Sugar Creek Arts Festival in downtown Normal this summer.

Former volleyball teammates **Jodi Naffziger '00**, **Ogonna Nnamani '01**, and **Njideka Nnamani '03** joined their former coach, **Pam Gannaway Naffiger '73**, at Avanti's. The Nnamani sisters were in town just prior to departing for 2004 Olympics where Ogonna played on the U.S. women's volleyball team.



In her senior year at Stanford University, **Ogonna Nnamani '01** was named Pacific-Ten Player of the Year, All-American Academic Team, and the *ESPN* magazine Cover Player of the Year.

Paige White '01 just completed a very successful year at Illinois State University as the libero on the volleyball team. She also holds the team record in digs.

As a sophomore at Illinois Wesleyan University, **Ashvin Baru '03** is majoring in biology with aspirations for medical school. This past summer Baru was chosen by faculty to work as a researcher at the Illinois Wesleyan Center for Natural Sciences. He was assigned to study methods for improving environmentally-friendly pharmaceutical processes in the organic chemistry department.



After being selected from a nationwide audition, **Tony Gannaway '03** has taken time off from studies at Illinois State University to perform at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida. Gannaway has the lead role, singing and dancing, at Busch Gardens' newest show based on a 1950s diner.

In her freshman year, **Ashlee Pistorius' 04** has made her mark on the Texas A&M soccer team lineup. She scored the game-winning goal in each of the final three games of the season. She was named as the lone freshman to the Soccer Buzz Elite Team and was honored as Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Week.

Old *Clarions* Available for Purchase

There are a limited number of *Clarions* available for a nominal fee of \$10 each. Please contact Barbara Lichty Blunk '54, UHSAA alumni relations coordinator, at (309) 438-2828 or by e-mail at blblunk@ilstu.edu.

If you discover any old yearbooks that you would like to donate for distribution, please contact Blunk. Several yearbooks have been retrieved from yard sales and auctions. Help preserve a part of U-High history.

Almost complete collections of past editions of the *Clarion* are archived at the University High School Library and the McLean County Historical Society.



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