



The Pioneer

Alumni Newsletter

Gift of John L. Wroan III '45 will improve Technology Center

Retired Bloomington contractor and businessman John L. Wroan III has donated \$500,000 to University High School. A graduate of the Class of 1945, Wroan donated stock to support the remodeling of U-High's Vocational Arts area into an Engineering/Technology Center. This gift holds special significance because Wroan's company built the current University High School building in 1964. A private luncheon in honor of John and Jeanne Wroan, hosted by Illinois State University President Al Bowman and his wife, Linda, was held at the University Residence in special recognition of this significant gift.

"The importance of supporting education cannot be stated enough," Wroan said, in referring to his gift as "a challenge to everyone who can lend a hand in strengthening education."

Wroan has also given the same amount to Illinois Wesleyan University for student scholarships to attract the best students and has said that he considers these gifts to be a "payback" for all the support Bloomington-Normal has given to him over the years.

A native of Deer Creek, Wroan transferred to U-High his junior year, played football and basketball and ran track. After graduating from U-High and spending 1 1/2 years in military service, he attended Iowa State University for one year before transferring to Illinois Wesleyan, where he played basketball under famed coach Jack Horenberger. "I have a soft spot for U-High and Illinois Wesleyan," said



John L. Wroan III



The current vocational arts area will be remodeled using Wroan's gift

Wroan, who graduated from IWU in 1951 with a degree in business administration.

Entering the construction business was a natural choice for Wroan, whose grandfather, step-grandfather, and father were in the house contracting business from the mid 1880s. Wroan, who had helped in the business since he was 12, joined his father in the business in 1951 and they went into commercial contracting. In 1955, he and his father formed a partnership known as J. L. Wroan & Sons, Inc. His father retired but remained active in the company until his death in 1958. The company, which reached 600 employees before Wroan retired in 1983, worked on building and construction

projects across Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. From The Baby Fold, the company's first big project, the company went on to major projects in those three states.

"We cannot thank John enough for his continuing support of University High School and Illinois State University," said President Bowman. "He is a gentleman who has given back to his community in many important ways."

"John has done a lot for us over the years as he enthusiastically communicated the message about how his education at U-High changed his life," said Robert Dean, superintendent of the local laboratory schools. "We appreciate his active support and the fact that he truly is a humble and gracious leader."

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The Legacy Society for the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools continues to add charter members

Dr. Gail A. Lamb, director of development

The Legacy Society for the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools provides recognition and appreciation for those who have established a planned gift in support of the Laboratory Schools, University High School and/or Thomas Metcalf School, or reached a level of \$10,000 or more in cumulative giving, in support of the Laboratory Schools, University High School and/or Thomas Metcalf School. Membership is lifetime.

All donors, individuals, couples, families, corporations, etc., recognized through The Legacy Society may have their names permanently displayed on plaques placed in prominent locations at both University High School and Thomas Metcalf School. Charter Members of The Legacy Society – the first 100 – are noted as such on the plaques. Donors preferring to be listed as anonymous may request such designation.

Charter members as of December 31, 2007

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If you are interested in The Legacy Society, please contact Dr. Gail Lamb, director of development, to discuss possible areas of designation. Membership in the society is permanent, and is acknowledged by both the Laboratory Schools and Illinois State University. Even though donors make their contribution to the Illinois State University Foundation, they may rest assured that 100 percent of their donation will be designated for Thomas Metcalf School and/or University High School, as individually desired.

For more information, contact Dr. Lamb at (309) 438-2903, galamb@ilstu.edu, or via mail at Illinois State University, Attn: Dr. Gail Lamb, Campus Box 3060, Normal, IL 61790-3060. Your attorney or financial planner may also contact Dr. Lamb.

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.



Corrections

Donors Everett and Celeste Lueck were mistakenly listed as Everett and Jody Lueck in the Summer 2007 Pioneer issue.

Stroud Auditorium donors Karen Deighan and Tammy Hillhouse were mistakenly listed as Tammy and Todd Pistle in the Summer 2007 Pioneer issue.

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President's letter

Hello Pioneers and friends of U-High!

I would like to start by thanking all of the volunteers who worked so diligently on the 2007 Homecoming Event to make it a truly special evening for all of the alumni traveling from near and far. With over 700 meals served it was certainly the highest attendance number I can recall if not the highest ever! Between the Homecoming Committee, the Awards Committee and the rest of the Alumni Association Board volunteers, there are literally hundreds of hours spent making this event a reality, so again, thank you and congratulations on a spectacular success.

That being said, it is time again to begin work on this year's event. With that in mind, I call upon all of you who enjoyed the evening this past year, whether you attend every year or this was your first

time, to contact the Alumni Association office and volunteer. Be a part of the team and help to make sure the 2008 event measures up to the high standard we set for ourselves in 2007. As my grandfather and many grandfathers before him used to say, "Many hands make light work."

I also wanted to mention that we have an abundance of alumni wear from Homecoming. If you are interested in purchasing these remaining items, please send your contact information to me at bbenjey@insightbb.com and I will try to make the necessary arrangements.

In closing I would just like to say what an honor it has been to serve on the Alumni Board this past year. Having only just returned to Central Illinois about 18 months ago after living in Virginia for seven years, I had forgotten what a special

heritage and environment exists here at University High School. It is incumbent upon all of us who have enjoyed the life-long benefits of attending this great institution to do our part to keep the dream alive. Whether that means donating to the Stroud Seat Campaign, volunteering to serve, buying alumni wear, or simply sending a check to support the Alumni Association, resolve to do your part today and thank you in advance for your support. During my short time on this planet, I have traveled around the majority of our great country and there is simply no place like U-High.

Proud Pioneer,
Brian Benjey '89

Pioneering education for 150 Years—Homecoming 2007

Illinois State University's Sesquicentennial celebration was marked at U-High's homecoming football game with fireworks and a 14-0 victory over rival Sherrard. Five classes gathered and celebrated milestone reunions: 1957, 1967, 1982, 1987, and 1997.

The freshman class project documenting the history of U-High for the last 150

years was on display and captured the attention of many alums and friends at the Homecoming social at Horton Field House. An inviting meal of gondolas and pasta from Avanti's was enthusiastically received by over 700 U-High alumni, students, and boosters.

Earlier in the day, the Alumni Association's annual awards presentation

brought accomplished alumni home to mentor students. Their words were inspiring and thought-provoking.

1.) Brothers Brad Wolter '87 and Kurt '82 Wolter 2.) Ardith Walton Chism '34 and daughter, Donna Chism Mullennix '57 3.) Dawn Binke Nicola '82, Sue Asper Koch '82, Heather Cohen-Ahmann '82 4.) Linda Tomlinson Hensley '57 with '50th Homecoming Royalty Doug Agner '57 and Jill Ringel Monge '57 5.) Gary Snyder '57, Dave Andrews '57, Julie Andrews, Linda Tomlinson Hensley '57 6.) Carroll B. Cade '27 and son, Stephen Cade '57



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- President-elect
- Homecoming Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Awards Committee
- Homecoming Committee

2008 reunions

Class of 1947

Breakfast every fourth Tuesday 9 a.m. at
CJ's Restaurant, Bloomington
Contact: Clint Short (309) 661-1585
or Clarise Jefferson clarita02@verizon.net

Class of 1953

55-year reunion October 3-5
(Homecoming Weekend)
Contact: Barbara Blunk
(309) 452-2414
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Class of 1958

50-year reunion October 3-5
(Homecoming Weekend)
Contact: Tom Barger
(309) 828-5281
Tbarger@lbbs.com

Class of 1978

30-year reunion June 20 and 21
Contact: Tammy Hillhouse Pistole
(309) 825-0524
t.pistole@insightbb.com

Class of 1983

25-year reunion October 3-5
(Homecoming Weekend)
Contact: Doug Shaw
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Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 820-1825
ShawFamily1988@yahoo.com

Class of 1988

20-year reunion
Contact: Jim O'Connor
(305) 793-9485
jimmyoshow@hotmail.com

Class of 1998

10-year reunion
Contact: Kristy Corbitt Plassmeyer
(920) 471-3605
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ISSCS reunion

Tentatively Sept. 5-7
Luncheon on Saturday
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2007 Distinguished Alumnus

David L. Brown '65

David L. Brown '65 is a preeminent trial attorney with the law firm of Hansen, McClintock & Riley in Des Moines, Iowa. He received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Lawrence University in 1969, a master of arts degree in history from



Michigan State University in 1972, and a juris doctor degree from Drake University in 1975. Prior to attending law school, he taught school for Bloomington

School District No. 87. After completing law school, Brown was an assistant attorney general for the State of Iowa and clerked for two years with Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore.

Brown has set high standards for himself. He is known for his professionalism, unimpeachable character, and absolute integrity. He is widely recognized for skill in advocacy, leadership, and services rendered in promoting the best interests of the legal profession. He has been honored by the bench and bar through invitation to fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates (president, Iowa Chapter 1999-2000), and the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers (president, 2000-2001).

Brown is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys. He has been a contributing member to the C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court (Master) since its creation in 1990. Since his admission to practice, he has given generously of his time and effort to the bench and bar and for the benefit of the public by serving on numerous select committees, sections, boards and commissions. These include: chairperson of the Iowa Board of Law Examiners, who design, administer, and score the bar exam for the State of Iowa; the Supreme Court Commission to study

proposed Rules of Professional Conduct; the Special Task Force on Administrative Law of which he was co-chair; chair of the Litigation Section of the Iowa State Bar Association of the Uniform Court Instruction Committee; and the Special Task Force on Courthouse Security.

Brown has served as a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates and is currently the state delegate from Iowa. In 1999 he received the Iowa State Bar Association's highest honor, Award of Merit, in recognition of personal standards and accomplishments as a lawyer and citizen. In 2005 he received the President's Award for his service to the legal profession and the citizens of Iowa. Most recently, he was named the first-ever dean of the Iowa State Bar Association.

At Illinois State University, Brown has served as an ambassador for the Laboratory Schools' fundraising campaign. In honor of his parents and in recognition of his planned giving to the University, the Illinois State University Board of Trustees officially named the Bone Student Center ballroom the Dr. and Mrs. Francis R. Brown Ballroom on October 21, 2005. Brown is a lifetime member of the Legacy Society for the Laboratory Schools and the Illinois State University Heritage Society, both of which are Illinois State University Foundation recognition societies. Due to his knowledge, involvement, and interest in the University, Brown was named a member of the Illinois State University Foundation Board in 2005.

Brown has also distinguished himself through his service to and support of the Drake University Law School. His involvement with the school is longstanding and has included quiet support of student and faculty functions on myriad occasions including: service on Drake University's National Commission II—Toward the 21st Century, task force on the law school; service on the Law School Board of Counselors; longtime service as a member of the board of directors of the Law School Endowment Trust; and most recently, founding membership in the Leland S. Forrest Society and the endowment of a scholarship for law students. Brown has consistently demonstrated leadership and support of efforts to enhance education of

students and service to the profession. In 2004 he was awarded the Drake University Law School Alumni of the Year Award.

Brown is a current board member of the Des Moines Public Library Foundation. He maintains active involvement in charitable causes in Des Moines, particularly

those at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Mercy Hospital. He has created memorial gardens at both institutions for cancer patients, families, and caregivers in memory of the love of his life, Christa Lee Brown.

For his outstanding talents, success, and contribution, David Brown joins the select group of University High School Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations David Brown!

2007 Pioneer Hall of Fame

Dr. Douglas R. Bey Jr. '56

Dr. Douglas R. Bey Jr. '56 captained University High School's 1956 wrestling team. He was the first wrestler from Bloomington-Normal to go to the State Tournament. He earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell College followed by his doctor of medicine degree from the



University of Illinois. He completed his internship and residency at the Illinois Masonic Hospital and the Menninger School of Psychiatry, respectively.

In 1968, Bey completed his civilian medical training and entered officers' training as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. In 1969, he was deployed to Vietnam and with the rank of major, assumed duties as the division psychiatrist for the 1st Infantry Division. Bey received many military awards for his service.

After his return to the states in 1970, Bey wrote more than 15 papers, publications or presentations about his working experiences with soldiers in Vietnam and their experiences after returning home. His writing focused on the problems and stresses veterans encountered and coping mechanisms they and their families employed. In some instances, Bey's writings were published in British and German journals.

Bey became board certified in psychiatry in 1971 by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Twenty years later, he was board certified in geriatric psychiatry. He has served his profession well by taking on the national responsibilities of being a board examiner for

the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology from 1971-1995. For his contributions to the field of psychiatry, Bey was successively named a Fellow (1973), Life Fellow (2001), and Distinguished Life Fellow (2003) of the American Psychiatric Association.

Bey has written a book about his experience as a division psychiatrist in the military and has also contributed to the multi-volume *History of Psychiatry in Vietnam*. He and his wife, Debbie, wrote *Loving an Adult Child of an Alcoholic*, which was published in May 2007. He is currently in the process of writing his memoirs, which include 40 years as a practicing psychiatrist.

Concurrent with his writing, Bey returned to Normal to start his practice. He has been on staff at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, BroMenn Regional Health Center, Normal, and OSF St. James Hospital, Pontiac. At BroMenn, Bey served on and chaired many medical committees. During his time at BroMenn, Bey also developed the inpatient psychiatric program and trained the psychiatric staff. He was also chief of the psychiatric department for several years.

For the last several years Bey has limited himself to outpatient work at his office at One Normal Plaza—the site of the old Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School. He has been active locally as a former president or chairman of the McLean County Medical Society, the McLean County Board of Health, BroMenn Medical Staff, and the Illinois State Medical Society's Counsel on Mental Health and Addiction. He continues to write and speak at local, state, and national levels.

Congratulations to Dr. Douglas Bey Jr. on his 2007 induction into the University High School Pioneer Hall of Fame!

Dr. Theodore P. Nicholson '88

After graduation from University High School, Dr. Ted Nicholson '88 attended Illinois Wesleyan University. He began harp lessons at Wesleyan and quickly excelled at the instrument. In 1993, he became the first student to graduate with a bachelor of music in harp from Wesleyan.



He then studied harp at the University of Illinois while completing a master of music degree in musicology at Illinois State in 1996. After Illinois State, Nicholson attended the

University of Michigan on a full scholarship and received a master of music degree in 1998. In 2000, Nicholson became the first person to earn a doctorate of arts degree in harp performance from Ball State University.

Nicholson began piano lessons at age seven at Wesleyan. After being accepted to Thomas Metcalf School, Nicholson was active with musicals produced by the Allied Arts Program, sang in the Metcalf chorus, and played trumpet in the Metcalf band. At U-High, he was active in the marching and concert bands. He also wrote for The Clarionette and served as its editor his senior year. He was a member of the Thespians Club and had leading roles in several U-High stage productions. Nicholson was nominated for The Pantagraph's annual Student of the Year competition and was a member of the National Honor Society. While in college, he worked part-time playing the grand piano at Von Maur.

2009 reunions

Class of 1959

50-year reunion

Contact: Richard Sieg
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rsieg@speednet.com

Class of 1979

30-year reunion

Contact: Dan Zeller
(309) 862-3541
drzelle@ilstu.edu

2010 reunions

Class of 1960

50-year reunion

Contact: Lynne Johnson Fazzini
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lfazzini@verizon.net

Future Homecoming dates

October 3, 2008

October 9, 2009

October 8, 2010

So who can organize a reunion? Anyone! If you attended U-High, that qualifies you to step up to organize and coordinate a rewarding gathering of friends. Milestone reunions are traditional, but certainly consider hosting a unique reunion such as "Turning 50 Together" or "Survived the Sixties" or "Pioneers of the '80s." Please contact the UHSAA Alumni Relations coordinator for address/telephone/email listings and an event checklist for developing a successful reunion.

Locate an old friend through the U-High Web site

Access the e-mail address list in the alumni section of the U-High Web site. Go to 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!

Nichelson is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Honor Society and currently enjoys an active (approximately 100 performances per year) career as a freelance harpist in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. He serves as staff harpist for Hollywood Forever Funeral Home and teaches in the public schools of Beverly Hills and Glendale, California. Nichelson has appeared on the Comedy Central television show "Distraction" and worked as a body double for Ashton Kutcher in the film "A Lot Like Love." Upcoming projects include a featured role in the independent film "God Complex" this year and a coffee table book with Susan Olsen, the original Cindy Brady, highlighting the 40th anniversary of "The Brady Bunch" in 2009.

Today, Nichelson continues to be active as a musician and teacher in Los Angeles. He established the Nichelson Endowment in 2007 to underwrite the fine arts programs in the Laboratory Schools at Illinois State University so that future students will continue to receive the quality instruction he did.

Congratulations to Dr. Ted Nichelson on his 2007 induction into the University High School Pioneer Hall of Fame!

Dr. Judy L. Wright '61

In 1980, Dr. Judy Wright '61 completed orthopaedic surgeon training at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York City. Immediately following, she partnered with her father, Dr. John L.



Wright, and joined his practice, Family Orthopaedics, Ltd., in Bloomington. In 1985, she earned her board certification from the American Board of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons, and is currently in practice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, and Or, Bloomington, and BroMenn Regional Health Center, Normal, and John Warner Hospital, Clinton. In 1988, Wright and her father coauthored "Hip Fractures: an Alternative in Positioning," published in *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.

Wright is a member of the McLean County Medical Society, the Central Illinois Orthopaedic Society, the Illinois

Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. She is also an American Academy of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellow. In 1985, Wright received the "Boss of the Year" award from the McLean County Medical Association.

Wright is a very active member of the American Fracture Association. She has served on the Board of Governors (1993-1999) and was general chairperson for their annual meeting in 1998. She is currently their regional vice president, historian, and is serving on the X-Ray Forum, awards, and bylaws committees. Wright is also vice president of the International College of Surgeons (ICS). While being affiliated with ICS, she has chaired the Orthopaedic Specialty Group (United States Section, 1996 – 1998), was co-chairperson for the 60th Annual Surgical Update (United States Section, Maui, HI, 1998), and was co-chairperson for the 35th Annual North American Federation Meeting (Vancouver, Canada, 1997).

In addition to her professional activities on the national and international level, Wright has been active in many community organizations, including the Community Advisory Board for the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing, a physician on-call for the Rainbow Girls Summer Camp, work with MARC, and a member of the Girl Scouts of Centerville Council Board of Directors. She has been an ongoing member of the U-High Class of 1961 reunion committees and has regularly opened her home for the Friday evening informal supper and festivities. In 2000, Wright served on the parents committee for prom at U-High.

Dr. Wright and Dr. Andrew J. Bartolone, her late husband and former physician of internal medicine, have four children.

Congratulations to Dr. Judy Wright on her 2007 induction into the University High School Pioneer Hall of Fame!

2007 Alumni Service Award

Eric T. Ruud '71

Eric Ruud '71 participated in both student government and athletics while at University High School. During his senior year, Ruud was Student Council president and played on the undefeated



varsity football team; Normal Community was shutout 38-0. He received a bachelor of science in political science at Illinois State University in 1975 and a juris doctor degree from

Southern Illinois University in 1980.

Ruud has worked in the McLean County State's Attorney Office for over 26 years. He is currently the first assistant state's attorney. Ruud's emphasis has been on civil litigation, taxation, contract negotiations, legislation, school law, zoning, and environmental law. He has been instrumental in the successful appeal blocking a landfill development, creation of a county-wide 911 system, organization of a law enforcement merit system, implementation of Ethics in County Government legislation, authoring of contracts for computerization of county government, and negotiations for settlement of major industrial and commercial tax cases. Ruud is a representative of the State's Attorney Office to all agen-

cies, boards and commissions associated with McLean County government, all McLean County elected and appointed officials, and the Regional Office of Education. He is also a hearing officer for the City of Bloomington Human Relations Commission and in 2007 received the Outstanding Service Award from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools.

Community involvement is a priority for Ruud. He is a member of the McLean County Bar Association and has been a frequent lecturer at seminars sponsored by the Illinois Appellate Prosecutors Office and the State's Attorney Association. Ruud has made career day presentations at many local junior highs and high schools. He served on the Town of Normal's Human Relations Commission and is a Normal precinct committeeperson. He provides ongoing pro bono legal advice to the Youth Impact Board, the Child Protection Network Board, the McLean County Crime Detection Board, the United Workforce Development Board, the Recovery Starts Today Board, the McLean County Rural Mayors Association, and the McLean County Fire Chiefs Association.

Ruud has continued his involvement with the Laboratory Schools and Illinois State. He is a member of the lab schools'

Citizen's Advisory Committee and the University's Friends of the Arts program. He is also an ambassador for the lab schools' fundraising campaign and the Illinois State University Foundation. Ruud has been an adjunct instructor in the College of Business teaching business law courses and has chaired his 10-year and 30-year class reunions. His most important connection to the University, however, is that of parent to his two children who attend Thomas Metcalf School.

Thank you, Eric Ruud, for your positive contributions to the lab schools, Illinois State University, and McLean County. Congratulations on receiving the 2007 Alumni Service Award!

2007 Friends of U-High

Dr. Robert L. Metcalf

Dr. Robert Metcalf graduated with distinction as an honor student from Valparaiso University with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and triple majors in chemistry, history, and mathematics. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Indiana in physical education. While at Valparaiso, Metcalf was inducted into the University Athletic Hall of Fame and as a team member to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Gladly say you're from U-High. Uphold her through the years!

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As an expression of my commitment to U-High, I would like to donate at the following level:

- Gold** (gifts of \$1,000 or more)
- Green** (gifts of \$500 to \$999)
- Pioneer** (gifts of \$300 to \$499)
- Supporting** (gifts of \$100 to \$299)
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Please make checks payable to the Illinois State University Foundation and mail to

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Special giving opportunities for alumni and friends

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

Yes, I want to give! \$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$300 _____ \$100 _____ Amount of your choice _____

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Valparaiso has been identified as “a college that encourages character development.” At least in Metcalf’s case, that certainly seems to be true.

Metcalf is a high-caliber individual who has given tremendously to University High School. He first joined Illinois State University in 1961 as director of athletics at U-High and assistant professor in the Health and Physical Education Department at the University. He retired from the athletic director position and as a full professor from the University in 1982. During his tenure, Metcalf’s coaching accomplishments included taking the boys’ basketball team to the Sweet 16 four times and under his leadership, the 1971 team was inducted into the Illinois Coaches Association (ICA) Basketball Hall of Fame. Metcalf is also a member of the ICA Basketball Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Hall of Fame. He ended 18 years of coaching boys’ basketball with a 254-168 record. Eleven years after retire-

ment, Metcalf came back to U-High and served as a consultant to the boys’ basketball team for 14 years.

While Metcalf was the boys’ head golf coach, the Pioneers took 26 championships, held second place in the state twice and won the state championship once. He was named ICA Golf Coach of the Year twice and named NHSACA District Golf Coach of the Year. Metcalf also was inducted into the ICA Golf Hall of Fame, making him the first coach in the state to be in both basketball and golf ICA Hall of Fames. In addition to his involvement with boys’ basketball and golf, Metcalf started the boys’ cross country and the girls’ golf programs at U-High. He served as head coach for both programs two and three years, respectively. He also served as the girls’ assistant basketball coach for eight years after he retired.

Since his retirement, Metcalf has been a substitute teacher at U-High, a position he holds to this day. He has also been very active teaching and coaching basketball around the world. With over 11 trips to China, Metcalf has lived in the country the equivalent of more than three years. He has taught over 1,000 Chinese coaches in both national and provincial workshops. He has coached seven national-leveled Chinese—the first American coach in China to do so. His high school team

won the Chinese National Championship in 1987. He trained two college teams to Chinese national championships in 1993 and 1994. Metcalf has also coached national and professional teams in Mongolia, Indonesia, Sudan, and Hong Kong. He has written extensively on basketball and shooting fundamentals.

In 1985, Metcalf co-founded the Drug Enforcement Agency/National High School Coaches Association Drug Prevention Seminar. He revises the materials for the Association annually and is still their seminar director. He is also founder, chairperson, and co-organizer of the ICA/Bloomington-Normal Shrine Club annual high school all-star football game, which in its first 10 years raised over \$200,000 for Shriner Hospitals.

In recognition of his local, national, and international impact on basketball, Metcalf has received the NHSACA’s National Distinguished Service Award, the NHSACA’s Dwight T. Keith Award, the NHSACA’s National Citation Award, and the Illinois Coaches Basketball Association’s Buzzy O’Connor Outstanding Service Award.

In acknowledgment of his selfless efforts, Dr. Robert Metcalf is truly a friend of University High School!

ISSCS history published

After eight years of collecting material, a 146-page book documenting the history of the Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Children’s School (ISSCS) has been published. The book is titled, *A Place We Call Home*, subtitled, *A History of Illinois Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home 1864-1931 and Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Children’s School 1931-1979* and was written by local author, Ruth Cobb.

The orphanage was originally founded to provide care for children of Civil War veterans, but eventually accepted any child of the state in need of placement. For 114 years, ISSCS provided thousands of children with a homelike environment. The school closed in 1979 and its buildings are now businesses and private homes.

Many of the students at ISSCS attended University High School. U-High Alum Yvonne Borklund ’57 was instrumental

in the collection of the material used in the book. She serves as the co-president of the ISSCS Historical Preservation Society. The society holds an annual reunion that



is traditionally held in early September in Bloomington-Normal.

The book is filled with hundreds of photos and several oral histories to record

memories and commentaries of the “homers.” U-High’s 2002 Distinguished Alum Award recipient, Ed Powell ’55, is quoted as saying, “It was as if I had been plucked from the stomach of the whale and given an entirely new life.... If ever a social effort were worth it, it was ISSCS. I am proof.” Powell became a school superintendent and university professor in Arizona.

To purchase a book, please contact Jill Vernon at (309) 829-1800. Cost is \$20 and it may be shipped for an additional \$3.

Proceeds from the book, donations, and future fundraisers will finance the purchase of a statue to be erected on the former school grounds. The Society is in hopes of a monument that will symbolize the support system that the institution provided – perhaps a circle of children holding hands?

In the halls of U-High...

Senior **Rustin Fakheri** achieved a perfect 36 on the ACT. Rustin is one of only 46 students out of 136,000 in Illinois to reach the highest possible composite score.

Senior **Adam Larson** was selected to the 2008 Gibson/Baldwin GRAMMY® Jazz Band with his tenor saxophone.

Junior **Alexander Zaitzeff** placed first in his grade and second overall for high school players at the Illinois All State, All Grade Chess Tournament at Illinois State University.

U-High Thespians trick-or-treated on Halloween for canned goods to donate to Clare House, a local food pantry and soup kitchen. They collected 450 pounds of food as part of International Thespians' campaign "Trick or Treat so Kids can Eat."

U-High was the recipient of the 2007 **Corn Belt Fall All-Sports Trophy**.

The U-High **boys and girls golf teams** each won the AA State Championship for the second straight year.

Seniors **Ellen Clay, Joshua Clay, Anthony Duran, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Haley Stuckey** and **Rebekah Vaughan** were named *AP Scholars* by the College Board Advanced Placement Program. The scholar award is granted to students who receive grades of 3.0 or higher on three or more AP exams. Senior **Rustin Fakheri** was named *AP Scholar with Honor*, granted to students who received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, as well as grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams.

The **boys cross country** team placed 10th at their state tournament, with **Kevin Forde** and **Emily Clay** placing eighth and 22nd, respectively.

Dr. Kevin Thompson, University High mathematics teacher and department chairperson, received his doctorate degree. Dr. Thompson's dissertation was entitled, "*Students' Understanding of Trigonometry Enhanced Through the Use of a Real World Problem: Improving the Instructional Sequence.*"

Biology teacher **Mike Troll** and U-High parent **Lois Morrow** both received an *Award of Recognition* in the *Teacher* and *Community Volunteer* categories of Illinois State Board of Education's 2007 *Those Who Excel* awards program.

U-High received a \$4,900 *Real Research* grant from the **Library Services and Technology Act**. The money will be used to finance a visit from Marc Aronson, author of nonfiction books for young adults. During his four-day visit, Aronson will work closely with our freshmen in a workshop setting, assisting them with their final research project, as well as visit other classrooms.

U-High was the recipient of an **\$18,000** gift from the Boosters Club this year. Thanks to this generous gift, U-High now will install a new exterior sign at the corner of Main and Gregory Streets.

U-High added **four new laptop classrooms** this past year, which will impact approximately 550 students. Twenty faculty members participated in professional development throughout the summer and have continued during the school year to assist students in a more engaging learning environment.

The Seat Campaign for Stroud Auditorium continues

"Seats That Recognize Our Unforgettable Donors"

Dr. Gail Lamb, director of development

In just a three-year period, the Seat Campaign for Stroud Auditorium has already resulted in commitments of more than \$150,000. Over **300** seats have been "purchased" and each of those will have its designated nameplate once renovation is completed. It is our hope that every one of the **750** new seats in the auditorium will have a designated nameplate by the time the renovation is complete. Many of you have already participated in the Seat Campaign and we thank you for making this effort a priority.

The State of Illinois has designated approximately \$1.2 million in capital

improvement funds to renovate Stroud Auditorium. The project includes asbestos removal, installation of a new ceiling and house lights, new floor covering, new seating, and general painting. Raising an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 will allow us to upgrade our lighting and sound systems and to make stage improvements. By underwriting seats in Stroud Auditorium, you will have the opportunity to help us ensure that this wonderful auditorium will once again be a showplace space!

For \$500 per seat, alumni, parents, and friends may designate a seat plaque. The seat nameplate will include two lines. The first line may be selected as: In Memory Of ..., In Honor Of..., or Donated By. The second line will have the chosen name(s) or group, etc. What a wonder-

ful graduation gift this might be for your graduating student! Not only will donors leave a visible legacy through the nameplate, but also your gifts will truly make a difference in the overall renovation by supporting new lighting and sound systems.

Alumni and friends who have already contributed a campaign gift for the Stroud renovation of at least \$500 will be contacted with the opportunity to designate a nameplate(s). Legacy Society members whose gifts are designated for the Stroud auditorium renovation are able to designate as many as 20 nameplates for the campaign effort.

For more information, please contact Dr. Gail Lamb, director of development, at (309) 438-2903 or e-mail her at galamb@ilstu.edu.

Alumni Sportswear For Purchase

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and more available!

Proceeds to benefit the Stroud Auditorium Renovation.

Contact Brian Benjey at (309) 807-5160 for more information.



Old Clarions available for purchase

There are a limited number of *Clarions* available for \$10 each. Please contact Barb Lichty Blunk '53, UHSAA alumni relations coordinator, at (309) 438-2828 or blblunk@IllinoisState.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.

U-High Alumni Association Awards nomination form

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

Pioneer Hall of Fame: A graduate who has made significant accomplishments within his or 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) _____

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

PERSON MAKING THIS NOMINATION _____ TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

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

Memorials

Donna Anderson Frye '53
Norma Aull Sigler '37
John Bagosy '58
William Beebe '50
Glenn Beyer '79
Betty Cross LeBreton '44
Robert Davis '51
Mary Dennis Kerr '46
Charolette Fitzhenry Robling '34
William Keeran '66
Joan Kupfer '46
Jessie M. Langhoff Leggett '33
Suzanne Martin Tuttle '69
Jacob Morgan '33
Mary Niehus Hinthorn '35
La Veta Oesch Stauffer '45
Patricia Peterson Hurley '48
Ruth Ryan Vogel '58
Nellie Tallon Roberts '38
Joan Tate Rikli '49
Barbara Tobias Welch '65
Charles Weinberger '56
Betty Wilson Gaffney '42
Frank Wright '40

Alumni thru the decades

A tribute to **Bill Beebe '50** by his classmate **Dick "Gabby" Wachter**:

Bill Beebe was a U-High legend. He came to ISSCS at the age of 12 and resided there until his graduation from U-High. He turned into an outstanding athlete, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. Many of us who played the game of football with him will always claim he was U-High's greatest football player. As one sports reporter wrote in *The Pantagraph*, "He just ran and ran." After graduation, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Moore, just before shipping out to Korea. He was there for 15 months and became a reconnaissance sergeant. Bill later worked for the Washington, D.C. Gas and Light Company for 33 years. He retired and took up flying as a hobby and bought his first airplane in 1967. Bill spent the rest of his life in Orlando, Florida. We who lived with him on Boys Row in ISSCS were truly blessed to have such a wonderful classmate and we shall never forget him.

Virginia O. Kennick Emery '56 spent only the ninth grade at U-High, but it was one of her favorite school years. She later graduated with bachelor of arts and doctorate of philosophy degrees from the



University of Chicago. Virginia is an associate professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School and is married with two children and six grandchildren.

Ted Fagerburg '67 reports that he has been married for 25 years and has two children, both in college (Galesburg, Illinois, and Brussels, Belgium). He works as an inde-

pendent recreational marine consulting in Europe where he and his wife live. Ted sends his best and greetings to all of his classmates.

Reunions don't have to be formal or planned, as demonstrated by classmates of the Class of 1981. **Kathy Coyle Murdoch**,



Jeff Wainscott, Carol Townley Teener, Juliet Pritner, Julia Boaz Chase, and Kyle Karraker gathered together for the Fourth of July.

N.K. Martin '83 is still swimming, but he has now added running and biking to his repertoire. He was featured in *The Pantagraph* as one of the up and coming triathletes in the area. He has been competing in national Ironman Triathlons in hopes of qualifying for the world championships in Kona, Hawaii.

Rebecca Buscher Kinnestrand '89 was recently married to Sven Stefan Kinnestrand of Stockholm, Sweden. Rebecca is working as a sustainability consultant for Cascada Consulting Group in Seattle.

Nancy Ash '91 recently acquired a soy candle company. The candles are decorative, scented and encompass Nancy's love of the ocean and nature. She has even brought her Midwest heritage into them. Look for her at the Normal Corn Festival this summer or check out her Web site at www.kodiaktradingco.com.

Dr. Mary Thake '97 graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She entered an obstetric and gynecology residency at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle.

Dr. Karla Moshier Kossler '99 graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She entered an obstetric and gynecology residency at Washington

University's School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

As a crucial and experienced member of Team USA competing in the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) World Cup in Japan, **Oganna Nnamani '01** helped qualify the U.S. Women's National Volleyball team for the Beijing 2008 Olympics. The U.S. is ranked fourth in the world after the Olympic berth competition. Currently she plays professionally with the VBC Volero Zurich in Switzerland where her team won the Swiss Cup Final. As an Olympic hopeful, Nnamani has been cho-



sen to be part of Bank of America's yearlong Olympic marketing campaign. Pictured with Nnamani (far left) are **Jodi Naffziger '00, Pam Gannaway Naffziger '73, and Jamie Naffziger Outlaw '98**.

Angie Basolo Raile '01 claimed her fifteen minutes of fame when she was featured as one of the 30 Dallas contestants selected to be showcased in an "American Idol" audition episode on Fox network. Unfortunately, Angie did not advance to Hollywood.

Betsy Ummel '04 was named Butler University Homecoming queen during the University's celebration last fall. Ummel is in her fourth year of pharmacy school there.

Regina Feagin '06 was named Atlantic Sun Conference Volleyball Player of the Week. She is a sophomore at Gardner-Webb University where she was also named most valuable player in the Runnin' Bulldog Classic tournament.

Stevie Jankowski '07 has received a presidential scholarship from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.



What's new with you?

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Please share news about yourself or a classmate below so we can include it in the next issue of *The Pioneer*.
 Photos are always welcome, and every attempt will be made to return them.

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