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In a short time we changed the name to U Hi-Lights, and under that name it is now published.

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THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S LETTER

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ON THE GENTLE ART OF LETTER-WRITING

Sometimes, I get letters from my friends; but I seldom keep them - they're not worth it. You know, the writers of good letters are few and far between, and high school students as good correspondents are even farther and fewer.

Most of the letters exchanged between friends of the high school age are decidedly impersonal, uninteresting, dispirited. They consist of "It's cold here now," "I like my school work, do you?" "Who are you going around with?" and other platitudes in which neither the writer nor the receiver is the least interested.

For myself, I write a good letter. I've been told so - and I already knew it. Most of their contents consists of my own ideas, invective, a large amount of scandal, "blarney" - flattery - and other fictitious elements, all of which are vastly pleasing.

I am by nature very conservative and never quote any scandal except that which I have been assured is absolutely authentic and more or less harmless. But a certain amount of this is necessary in every letter to "hold the interest," and to "work things up to a climax." Using such phrases makes me think of them, and allow me to introduce you to a few sure-fire effects. First, "Between you and me,"; this is good for relatives or if you wish that news you refer to be broadcast. The other two are largely used in women's letters. They are: "my dear," and "they say" which introduce respectively flattery and falsehood.

Dean Taylor in convocation on Monday afternoon unburdened himself of his opinions on this subject, which for Dean Taylor to do was a most noble thing because he is our elder by at least several years; but I feel sure that the gentleman made no reference to the abstinence of scandal in letters, nor do I imagine he holds to rigid scruples upon this phase of gossip. For what one intrusts to black and white is usually innocuous.

And so this article is completed, in which I have digressed from my friends' letters to a discussion of the promotion of scandalous gossip; which may or may not be a very worthy thing. It depends on circumstances, like a woman's tears and other important marine bodies.

Andrew Hoover

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club met Wednesday, October 20, at three o'clock. A committee for by-laws was made by Raymond Roberts, and these laws were discussed and approved by the club.

A report of the program committee was made by Alice Marrs; and the program for the year will be published in this paper in the near future.

After plans for the first quarter were discussed the club adjourned to meet at our regular time which is Wednesday, November 3. At this meeting all members who are present will be enrolled as charter members. Come and help work.

Elizabeth F. Tolle

The Library Committee wishes to send their best wishes to Bob Johnston, one of the sport editors who was very badly hurt while starring in the football game in Danville a week ago. We all miss Bob and his usual article, and hope to have both back soon.

THE NAILMAKERS

(On seeing the picture on the cover of a recent number of the Literary Digest.)

The nailmakers stand around their forge
Before that blistering fire,
Haking nails day by day,
And they seem not over to tire.

They stand there in that scorching heat
With arms and shoulders bare
Among those sparks and cinders,
But they do not seem to care.

With hammers and anvils true
They work year by year
In black and sooty gloom—
They seem to have no fear.

Small bars of steel they forge
 Into the MIGHTY nails,
 That are used throughout the world
 From the carpets to the rails.

E. J. Harris

CHAPEL NOTES

At the chapel period last Friday the newly formed orchestra of our school made its first public appearance with two selections which the audience applauded vigorously.

When Professor Harley Smith of Transylvania College, the speaker of the day, rose to address us he complimented the orchestra very highly, saying that he had heard many high school orchestras in Kentucky but that he could truthfully say that this orchestra was one of the best he had ever heard, as all of the instruments seemed to do their parts toward a harmonious whole.

Professor Smith gave several humorous interpretations and character impersonations which kept the student body in a continual uproar. His portrayal of the different roles places him in the foremost of Kentucky humorists, and the chapel was certainly a success.

Mary R. Mann

Fred Johnston. "Ireland should be a rich country."
 Louis Reeves. "Why is that?"
 F. J. "Her capital has been Dublin for years."

"But Johnnie, didn't your conscience tell you you were doing wrong?"

"Yes, man, but I don't believe everything I hear."

Miss Peck. "What is Guerilla warfare?"
 Edward Elam "War in which the men ride guerillas."

Professor Piper (To student inclined to be late) "When were you born?"

Late student. "The second of April."

Professor Piper. "Oh-late again."

Tommy Fitzgerald

WHAT THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

CAN MEAN TO ME

Prize-winning essay

What is the University High School Library? A little room on the third floor of the education building? A few rows of books on shelves? Yes, so it seems but even a mere visitor if he is observing will see that that is not all.

There are about four main things that this library may mean to anyone. First, you know that any book of fiction there is worth reading. If you will learn to read the type of literature which is in our library you will soon form a taste in literature which will be of value all your life.

Second, what a relief to know that you may find the reference books which you need right in your own library and that there is someone there who can tell you just where to find the material you want. And these reference books have been carefully selected too. They are the best which may be had for a library as small as ours.

Third, it is a preparation for college and later life. How many knew how to use the file or knew what a vertical file is until Miss Smith enlightened you? You may learn just how much more it takes to make a library than a few books if you will be all eyes and ears while in the library.

Fourth, there is the school paper which goes hand in hand with the library. What a stupenduous undertaking it was and still is! And how much it is going to mean to the school! It is going to create more school spirit and an interest in school activities and as you watch it grow you may learn a great deal about the formation of a paper. What a chance to express yourself! Don't be afraid to write and don't get the idea that you can't. Just try your best and usually you will get something worth while.

To everyone the library ought to mean some special thing. To me it gives the opportunity of finding out if I wish to follow my desire to make this type of work my life work.

What can the University High School Library mean to you? Perhaps you have not thought about it or given it a chance to mean anything to you! But "Stop, Look and Listen" and you will be surprised how soon you will become a part of that little world known to us as "The University High School Library."

Beth Scarborough

PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the University High School met in the auditorium on Wednesday, October 19, at three o'clock, for the first meeting of the year.

The opening address was made by Mrs. Scarborough, the president, who said that the object of the association was that of developing cooperation between the school and the home, than which there could be no finer work; that the object was certainly not one of money making but service.

Mr. Crawford spoke to prove that there was a real need for such an organization and put forth many interesting facts to prove his point.

The members voted to meet every second Wednesday in the month, at three o'clock.

The officers for this year are as follows:

Mrs. Scarborough,	President.
Mrs. Steers,	Vice president.
Mrs. Howard,	Treasurer.
Miss Frances Smith,	Secretary

The roll was called and the attendance was as follows:

Freshmen mothers	-----	10
Sophomore "	-----	3
Junior "	-----	4
Senior "	-----	4

Mrs. Wiemann was chosen the freshmen captain-mother; Mrs. Owsley, the sophomore captain mother; and Mrs. Linville, the junior captain mother. No senior captain-mother has as yet been chosen.

After this the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served while the parents and teachers met one another and talked together.

Raymond B. Roberts

SHALL I READ IT?

Most of the boys and girls in school have read Mary Johnston's "To Have And To Hold;" ~~but to~~ those who have not, I can say only that they have missed something great. It is a wonderful book to start when one has an hour or two at one's

disposal, because when it is once started it is hard to put aside. This book is not only a favorite with boys and girls but has many advocates among the older people. To our sorrow we have only two other books by Mary Johnston in our library, but as the library is growing rapidly, we can hope for more soon.

The story is laid in the New World in the year 1621, in what is now Virginia, and follows the adventures of a gentleman, Ralph, who marries one of the girls who came over from England, in indentured service. She, however, proved to be a swan in duck's clothing, and turns out to be not a common servant but a great lady. There are thrilling accounts of Indian raids and life in the wilds -----

Be sure to read it for yourself.

Hazel Baucom

UNIVERSITY HI LOSES TO DANVILLE DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL

Outclassed by a much superior eleven, the University High PURPLES were defeated in their game last Friday with the Danville Deaf and Dumb School. Starting off with a rush in the first period the opponents swept the PURPLES completely off their feet with long end runs; and it was by this means that Danville scored almost all of their points.

Johnston, Angelucci, and Donovan starred for University High.

HI-Y CLUB

Last Wednesday evening the boys of University Hi held their first Hi-Y meeting. Thirty members were present besides several outsiders.

Mr. Morris gave a short talk on ways to organize a Hi-Y club; and Mr. Crawford made a very interesting talk on the advantages of such a club.

Ralph Mc Kenney

Much of the success of the evening was due to Mr. Fred Bassett who entertained the club with funny stories and clever impersonations of a negro talking over a telephone, and with imitations of the tones of several musical instruments.

The business of the club was taken up, and the following boys were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Fred Steers, President
 Mose Howard, Vice president.
 Bob, Johnston, Secretary.
 Thomas Spencer, Treasurer.

Last meeting, thirty boys attended (as we remarked before); we want forty next time. All boys who desire to become charter members must attend the next meeting, according to the rules of the club. Our big goal is to make University Hi-Y the best in Lexington.

Thomas Spencer

ALUMNI ITEMS

Jim Dorman, one of the most popular seniors of '26, has an ambition to become a lawyer. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Gilman Robertson, of '26, who was here for four years is working for the Robertson Grocery Stores.

Richard Brewer, of '26, an "Oregonian," was in the University last year, but left here soon after school was out.

Fickie Wright, of '26, went to the University last year, but is not in school this year.

Pat. Gornley, the basket ball captain of '26, has entered the University.

Luce Marris

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 John Howard, Vice President
 Bob Johnston, Secretary
 Thomas Spencer, Treasurer

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Thomas Spencer

ALMA MATER

Jim Jordan, one of the most popular members of '28, is an ambition to become a lawyer. He is a member of Sigma Ipsilon.
 Gilman Robertson of '28, who was here for four years, is working for the Robertson Grocery Store.
 Richard Brown of '28, an "Oregonian," was in the University last year, but left here soon after school was out.
 Eddie Wright of '28, went to the University last year, but is not in school this year.
 Pat Connolly, the basket ball captain of '28, has entered the University.

Jim Jordan

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