The way we were in High School, and where we are now.....
Willis “Bo” A. Alexander
Nick Altum
Terry R. Anderson
JACQUELINE ANDREWS
James A. Ausili
GARY AYERS
GAY AZARHOOSH
DAVID BARFORD

- Married: to Debra Martin Barford for 35 years
- Children: 2 Emmie (studying to be a Doctor of Osteopathy), Nathan (getting a Masters in Violin)
- Currently: David and Debbie have played the horn and oboe respectively in the Oak Park and River Forest Symphony since the 1970's. Both are managers of computer systems – David at Trustmark Insurance, Debbie at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.
- Favorite Memories: I really enjoyed acting a small part in Our Town and playing in the orchestra for Carousel. I liked going to Normal Pool and also State Farm Park with Kirk Norton (In 1993, I played horn for Kirk at his funeral in Alpena, MI).
- Songs that make me sing: Can’t Buy Me Love
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I marched in Mardi Gras in New Orleans in ’73 and ’74 with 60th Army Band, played in the University of Illinois Jazz Band in the later ’70’s, lived in Germany for a year, raised two great children.
- Words of Wisdom: It’s more fun to do things than to sit and watch other people do things, I like to keep having fun and do things outdoors.
GARY BAUGH
JUDY ANN BEELER KJELLANDER

- Married: Robert Kjellander
- Children: 2
- Currently: Enjoying life, just started a horse farm, have been active in horses for years. Retired from practicing law years ago to stay home with sons.
- Favorite Memories: Graduation.
- Songs that make me sing: Too many to list.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Attended several RNC conventions, est. 2008 when husband was a convention official. Ran the high school rodeo national finals 2001, coached a grade school cheer team to 2nd in the state. Hosted President George W. Bush at our home, been to the white house for dinner.
- Words of Wisdom: Live your life like you own it.
GARY BELAND
Married: Mark Wilcox

Currently: I have been painting since the mid ‘90’s mostly pastels. Favorite subject – elephants since I rode on in Thailand.

Favorite Memories: The moving up of classes on class night. I hope it is still a tradition. Also, singing in Mr. Miller’s choir and having the opportunity to learn Russian, which I continued at Illinois State University.

Songs that make me sing: any of the Beatles or the Rolling Stones songs.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: My husband and I have traveled to many exotic places. Most recent we cruised from Athens to Istanbul on the Windstar Cruise Line (smaller sailing line).
Diane Bier Meister
DEANNA LYNN BILL DANIELS
Pam Blankenship
BONITA JO BOONE LEISNER
JOHN BRAND
SHELLEY BRIAN

- Metcalf
- Deceased
SALLY LYNNE BROOKS HERSHEYBERGER

- Married: Edward Hershberger
- Children: 1; Grandchildren: 2
- Currently: I work as Marketing Director for Snyder Insurance in Bloomington.
- Favorite Memories: Hanging out in the Student Council office.
- Songs that make me sing: Lots of different songs. The music from the 60's is still my favorite genre of music and I have lots of CDs from many different artists.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I love jewelry making and have taken many classes in beading, wirework and metalsmithing.
- Words of Wisdom: I am so blessed to have kept such close friendships with many of my U-High friends. As I look back over the past 40 years, my U-High friends are the ones who have been there for me during the bad times (and there have been some really bad ones) but also there for the many joys I have had along the way. During a recent very serious surgery while I was in the hospital, my U-High friends came in a did an "extreme makeover" in my house which included painting, new furniture, window treatments, reorganizing closets, etc. Of course my husband helped with the financing but it was an idea that began small and grew as other U-High friends found out about it. It was an amazing event and one that I still can't talk about without becoming emotional. I will never forget the love it took to put this all together and I will never be able to thank those who participated enough.
Married: John Trewartha

Children: 1

Currently: This fall I will begin my 37th year as the Library Media Specialist at Dwight Township High School, in Dwight, IL. 31 of those years I have commuted from our home in Pontiac.

Favorite Memories: Some of the best times I had at U-High were in the J-room, working on the school paper (The Clarionette) and the yearbook (The Clarion).

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: For over 15 years I have sung bass in a female quartet called Glory Avenue.
Harry Thomas Bryan

- Married: Shirley Ann Sabal Bryan
- Children: 4
- Currently: I manage IBM mainframe computer systems for United Stationers Supply company. In my spare time I do family history research.
- Favorite Memories: Participating in theater and chorus.
- Songs that make me sing: Sounds Of Silence, Downtown, Unchained Melody, Pipeline, Windy, I Heard It Through The Grapevine, Proud Mary, Blowin’ In The Wind, Wichita Lineman, Cherish.
Diane Burgess Voss
GEORGE CAGLE
Steven Clark Carlyon

- Married: Kathy Dambold BHS class of 1973
- Children: 2
- Currently: Director Parks, Recreation and Forestry City of LaCrosse, WI
- Favorite Memories: Sitting at Coach Scotts desk daily, in my Sophomore year, during my study hall periods because of my basement grades – thanks to Coach Scott of taking the time, I completed college (University of Miami) and attended grad school at the University of Illinois.
- Songs that make me sing: Light My Fire by The Doors.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Met 2 presidents, Clinton and George W. Bush. Retired from Federal Service after 26 years and started back to work full time at LaCrosse Parks and Recs. Lived in Europe for seven years – Germany and England.
- Words of Wisdom: The future depends on what we do in the present.
M ARJORIE L OUISE C HAMBERS DUFIELD
SHIRLEY CHANDLER

- Deceased
KATHY LYNN CHARLES
David Alan Clark

- Deceased 1971
JIM COATNEY
JUDY COMFORT METCALF

Deceased
Married: Michael Genovese for 27 years

Children: 3

Currently: Played Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*, the musical, in LA; Boo in *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* for Cathy Rigby/Tom McCoy Productions; guest starred in Fox’s *Mental* which shot in Bogotá, Columbia; played Nora in *A Touch of the Poet* opposite Daniel J. Travanti (*Hill Street Blues*); played Emily Dickinson in *The Belle of Amherst*, in Spokane, Washington; appeared in the *ER Retrospective* and *ER Finale*; and received, along with the ER cast, a TV Land Icon Award; just shot an Arby’s commercial, playing a teacher rocking out to Alice Cooper’s *School’s Out for Summer*.

Favorite Memories: Opening nights, Madrigal singing, Mr. Parmantie’s literary analysis class, folk singing with Karen Smith, June Thomas, and Lesley Manring ’68. Watching the sun come up and the trucks whooshing by under the overpass as *Light My Fire* played in the car (we had just graduated).

Songs that make me sing: Anything from *Hair*, Beatles, Crosby, Stills, and Nash, or *Light My Fire*

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: What I swore I would never do – marry an actor and move to Los Angeles. We actually have earned a living and set three kids through college as actors – none of the kids is in the entertainment field – they know better!

Words of Wisdom: Enjoy the age you are – you’ll be amazed how young it seems in a few years.
Married: Joe Finch

No kids: Cats: Madonna and Olivia

Currently: I am still working as a Private Detective, Joe is retired from State Farm.

Favorite Memories: Football season.

Songs that make me sing: I like them all. Wilson Pickett, Rolling Stones, Sam Cooke, Righteous Brothers, Bob Dylan

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I am self-employed – and that is the best – I like my job and find it is something new every day.

Words of Wisdom: “Our thoughts determine the experiences of our lives.” “What if a positive outcome was our expectation?”
MARGARET CROSBY
Michael Curby
Laurie Jean Davis Lee

- Metcalf
- Deceased 2000
Anthony Morelli DeRosa

- Married: Linda Koltveit DeRosa
- Children: 2
- Currently: Working part-time as a General Ledger Consultant and riding my Honda Goldwing Trike.
- Favorite Memories: Sitting between Linda James and Julie Fisher in Latin class with Mrs Chiles.
- Songs that make me sing: All of them.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: 13 Years in California, 13 years in Connecticut, then back to Illinois.
- Words of Wisdom: On the shore of hesitation, bleach the bones of countless millions who, on the dawn of victory, paused to rest; and resting, died.
Married: Gregg Burkey
4 Children, 1 Married,
Currently: For the past three years my husband and I have been active in pre-marriage counseling for our church. I also enjoy leadership responsibilities in a commercial airline pilot wives group, socializing and facing new challenges since 9/11.

Favorite Memories: "moving up" at class night...speech team events...tooling the "gag"...play rehearsals... working on prom, and enjoying friends.

Songs that make me sing: Dance to the Music, Sweet Caroline, Born to be Wild, Stairway to Heaven, and Light my Fire.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Most unique title—Greek Affairs Advisor; Most interesting—Authoring an award-winning career book; Most fulfilling—Teaching and directing Jr. and Sr. High school students; Most profitable—Sales...(from Tupperware to new homes); Most challenging—Sales promotion and advertising writing (with no formal training); Most creative—Floral design, party planning and craft show fundraisers; Most rewarding—My job as mom...encouraging our children to take the risks and pursue their dreams...our daughter is in Africa filming a documentary, advocating the causes of children at risk...One son is in Nashville finding acting work in TV and film...Another is in Wisconsin writing advertising...and our last son home is finishing college, looking for his dream.

Words of Wisdom: Cherish your relationships. Reach out to those in need. Value God’s call on your life.
STEVE DITCHEN
JOANNE EASLEY
Anne Elizabeth Eaton Kiper

- Married: Terry Kiper NCHS of 1970
- Children: 3; Grandchildren 2
- Currently: Work as a Lab Tech PA II for OSFMG on Fort Jesse Road – a family practice physicians office. I enjoy my grandsons, Nicholas (5) and Ben (4).
- Favorite Memories: The school parties, dances, football and basketball games. Trying to make the floats for homecoming – beautiful.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Worked with (Indian Kids) for the Mennonite Church in Oklahoma.
- Words of Wisdom: If you really want something – try hard – *Never give up* and you will accomplish your dreams.
Married: Linda L. Sears Eddy UHS Class of 1971

Children: 2

JOHN EDWARDS
BILL EFT
MARK A. ENGELSMAN
LINDA LEE ERWIN
Gayle Lynn Fisher Caldwell

- Children: 3; Grandchildren 11; Great Grandchildren 1
- Currently: Water aerobics instructor/occupational therapist, home healthcare.
- Favorite Memories: Mr. Parmantie
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Raised 3 wonderful children, have 11 grandchildren, and a great grandchild!
- Words of Wisdom: Set goals – do your best.
Children: 1 (entering U-High this year).

Currently: Getting ready for retirement.

Songs that make me sing: *Chain of Fools* by Aretha Franklin.
Victoria Lynn Freedlund
Van Cauwenberge

- Married to: James Van Cauwenberge
- Children: 2
- Currently: First grade teacher at Washington Elementary School, Bloomington, IL
- Favorite Memories: “Tooling the Gag”, fall football games, yearbook fun, flamingo gym suits?, Mr. Parmantie.
- Songs that make me sing: Shout!, any Beatles songs, Beach Boys, BeeGees, Moody Blues.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I’ve stayed married for 31 years, had 2 kids, taught school for 28 years, traveled to London, England and Hawaii. Our daughter, Amy, has been in Madagascar in the Peace Corps for 2-1/2 years. We may travel to Madagascar someday!
- Words of Wisdom: “Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things bright. Love makes all things easy.” Day Brightener Calendar June 29th.
PHYLLIS GEORGE CRABTREE
Currently: I am a Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter and intellectual property-entertainment law attorney.

Favorite Memories: Figuring out how to jimmy the food machines so they would dispense all of their sandwiches for a single quarter.

Songs that make me sing: I’m A Man, In The Midnight Hour, Eight Miles High, Lightning Strikes, Sittin’ On The Dock Of The Bay, everything by the Beatles and Stones...

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Not progressed all that much beyond high school.

Words of Wisdom: It’s all a blur.
KARL GOETSCH
Kent D. Graves

- Married to: Pat LeVert Graves
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 2
- Currently: Business Analyst – State Farm Insurance
- Songs that make me sing: Anything “Motown”
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Lived in Colorado and New York in addition to Illinois
PAUL GRAY
CHARLES BENSON GREIF

Deceased 1994
HOLLY HALL SCHULTZ

- Married to: Larry Schultz
- Currently: Still working at Van Gundy Agency (32 years), golfing whenever possible, and enjoying flower gardening and traveling.
- Songs that make me sing: ALL OF THEM!
- Words of Wisdom: Learn to be content with yourself just the way you are.
TONA GAYLE HANNIE SCHENCK
Married: Rick Tolka

Children: 4: Grandchildren 1

Currently: Retired from teaching middle school; offering my time back to the community working at the county food bank, thrift store, that type of thing. I am also a very fanatic runner!

Favorite Memories: Musicals and drama with Mr. Connolly.

Songs that make me sing: Mustang Sally; Louis Louis.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I hike/climb 14’ers (mountains 14,000 feet and over for “flatlanders”) here in Colorado.

Words of Wisdom: There’s something good and beautiful about each stage of our lives – but I love being where I am and the age I am more than any other time in my life.
Direnda Darlene Harder

- Metcalf
- Deceased 2006
RITA ANN HAYES DONOVAN

- Married: Roger Donovan UHS class of 1968
- Children: 3; Grandchildren 3
- Currently: Work in Career Development at Growmark, Inc in Bloomington
SUSAN HEIDEN HOYE
Married: Rick Ogorek

Children: 3

Currently: An Assistant Director of Financial Aid at a large community college in Florida (St. Petersburg College). We live in Clearwater, FL. We work too many hours... but try to play some too.

Favorite Memories: Building homecoming floats in our garage...marching band...good friends...

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Went to sail school 2 years ago... (sailing an AquaCat on Lake Bloomington 40 years ago does not count...) and bought our first sailboat last October. It’s a 28’ Oday...and I smile every time I think of it.
Kenneth Hermanowicz
VIRGINIA HESTROM PEDERSON
HOWARD HOLTZMAN
 Married: Judith

Currently: Semi retired

Share your favorite U-High memory: sports

Songs that make me sing: Wipe out.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Health care..who would have thought? Coroner cases:
Du Page and Will county Coroner, "hopefully finding the reason why." Working side by side with one of the few Forensic Radiologist in the US. At forty changed careers – went back to school found out what life really all about

Words of Wisdom: " Never say never.......“ Life’s really too short!
Married: Lora Chapin Horvath

Children: 2

Currently: Still working in the equipment leasing and financing industry. Currently Vice President Global New Business Development.

Share your favorite U-High memory: So many good memories, it’s hard to pick just one.

Songs that make me sing: Beach Boys, Moody Blues, Rolling Stones,.....

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I’ve been to every county in the Western Hemisphere (North/South America).
RHONNIE LYNN HOUCK

- Deceased 1973
Married: D. J. Wilson Hulet


Favorite Memories: Plays with Mr. Connelly and my first kiss with Ellen in *The Skin of our Teeth*! Many good times in band/orchestra.

Songs that make me sing: Anything by Peter, Paul and Mary.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: D. J. and I lived in England for a few years – she is an executive with British Telcom, ME, doing a couple degrees at Oxford.

Words of Wisdom: Wouldn’t presume.
Children: One step-daughter

Currently: As a consultant, I work with community and state-level collaborations around the country to develop electronic health information exchanges. This enables hospitals, doctors, and patients to exchange patient data, and as a result, improve health care. My expertise is not in technology or health care. It is in “herding cats”. Since this is a priority of the Obama stimulus package, I have no shortage of work!

Favorite Memories: Slumber parties listening to the Beatles and the English band spinoffs and going crazy over them. I forgot their names except for maybe the Rolling Stones.

Songs that make me sing: I have more of an affinity to the college songs than the high school songs, or, maybe it’s the songs from the 70s. I forgot. The ones that keep popping into my head are from the Woodstock era and the Saturday Night Fever era. I’m aware that these two types of music are the exact opposite – I can’t explain it.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: In the last 10 years I have had the opportunity to do extensive travel internationally visiting world religious pilgrimage sites – mostly Hinduism and Buddhism, but many religions and cultures actually, current and historical. My world view and frame of reference have changed dramatically from this experience.

Words of Wisdom: I used to think I was a wise person. Now I know that I am not.
Jeannette Jackson
Mary S. James Cox

- Married: Charlie Cox
- Children: 2
- Currently: I am a Certified Medical Assistant (AAMA) in an all women obstetrical and gynecologic practice. It’s truly the “happy side of medicine.” I believe we make a difference in the lives of females from puberty, to delivering babies, to menopause (is it hot in here?) and beyond. I see daily the difference a smiling face, a caring heart, a listening ear and education makes in someone’s life. I love what I do! Personally I am married to the love of my life and we stay busy with our family (all our family but one lives in Bloomington/Normal) and friends.

- Favorite Memories: I loved the football games, especially inner-city and the plays (especially Carousel).
- Songs that make me sing: So, so many... those songs were the best, from the Beatles to the Supremes, the Monkees and the Beach Boys!
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Perhaps not so unique but I have stayed close to three U-High classmates and we get together several times a year by ourselves or with our spouses. Old friends are the best!
- Words of Wisdom: “Life is good!” “My cup is always at least half full and never half empty.” Strive for success, savor your family and your friendships, seek happiness.... Share your talents with the world and most of all enjoy life every day for it’s special uniqueness and beauty. Always count your blessings!
Rick L. Jannusch
BONNIE JEAN JOHNSON PREGLER
PETE J. KAGY
Frank Keigher

- Deceased 1992
Jeanne Kendall Wooldridge

- Children: 3; Grandchildren 3 (6-1/2, 5, 1-1/2)
- Currently: Living in Adrian, Michigan; spending time with my 3 grandsons and extended family; also looking for full-time employment!
- Favorite Memories: I remember my friends at U-High; Walking to school with Karen Mercier Crusius – ironing our hair straight 😊; playing my cello in the orchestra for the musicals; cheerleading at football and basketball games; being a timer at the swim meets. It was all good!
- Songs that make me sing: A song by Harry Chapin – *All My Life’s A Circle* and *My Boyfriend’s Back* by the Angels.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Traveled to Taiwan with my sister, Meri, to visit her daughter, Kate, who was teaching English there.
- Words of Wisdom: Always look for the good in others and in all situations life throws your way. Keep your humor.
MATT KEUP
DAVID KINNEY
CAROL KRUEGER GILMORE
GARY LYNN LANIER
Children: 3

Currently: I work for State Farm as a Casualty Claim Representative, in Westlake Village, California

Favorite Memories: Having my dad around at U-High seems good now although at the time it wasn’t always fun.

Songs that make me sing: *Heard it Through the Grapevine*; all the Beatles songs from then on.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Bad news – divorce; Good news – moved to California to start again.

Words of Wisdom: Make plans for your future but be prepared and flexible for change because it always happens.
Children: 2; Grandchildren: 5

Currently: I own an apartment building and an H & R Block office in Craig, Colorado. I also own my home and 35 acres of land.

Favorite Memories: Tried out for cheerleading and was in a play!

Songs that make me sing: *Jeremiah Was A Bull Frog (Joy to the World)* by Three Dog Night.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Survived my husband’s suicide! Owned 3 H & R Block offices and built a house from the ground up.

Words of Wisdom: Cherish everyday and tell the people you love that you love them. Do the things that make you smile and laugh.
DEBORAH LEE LEONARD
Married: Meredith Kendall Lovelass UHS class of 1970

Children: 4; Grandchildren 3

Currently: Working at State Farm as an attorney.

Favorite Memories: Fall of 1967 football season undefeated. Each Homecoming celebration.

Songs that make me sing: Beatles

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Trip to Australia, rafting on the Rio Grand River, Horse back riding in New Mexico, Sailing /motoring on Chesapeake Bay.

Words of Wisdom: A reunion is a time for celebrating, an occasion for looking back with satisfaction and pride. We are celebrating the passage of time and more importantly a notable accomplishment – graduation form University High School.
LINDA KAY LOWER POTTS

- Married: Mike Potts BHS class of 1967
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 2
- Currently: Working at State Farm.
- Favorite Memories: football games, street dances, Dog and Suds.
- Songs that make me sing: Any Beach Boys song.
- Words of Wisdom: Make everyday count.
Amy Lusher
Paul Macy
EDITH MANAHAN JONES
Ron Martin

- Children: 2
- Currently: I am still remodeling nursing homes at Heritage Enterprises (23 years)!
- Favorite Memories: Beating NCHS, ranked 16th, at in the state, in Basketball at their gym in February 1969! It was the only time we had beat that class all through high school. Senior skit at Illinois State University’s Capen Auditorium, some of the guys were in girls gym outfits!
- Songs that make me sing: The Letter by The Box Tops; Wendy by The Association.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: While in college a friend and I rescued two people from the Tennessee River in Florence, Alabama. I am also trying to visit every ball park in the major league” Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, and Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Words of Wisdom: You cannot turn back the clock, you must move forward in a positive way and always put forth your best effort. Treat everyone, as you want to be treated. Life is short, every moment has a purpose!
RUSS MARTINSON
Cynthia Sue Mattoon Leach

- Married: Glen E. Leach
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 4
- Currently: I work part-time at our local hospital and I volunteer once a week at our women’s crisis center.
- Favorite Memories: Football and basketball games, homecoming and prom. Hanging out with my friends; building floats.
- Songs that make me sing: All of them.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I worked for Ozark Airlines for eight years and got to travel quite a bit. Then became a catering-convention manager for Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Met may famous people through that. Then we moved to Tennessee and started working for a Christian camp. That was a lot of fun. It was a working horse ranch and was very beautiful. We are excited about traveling to Nicaragua in January on a mission trip.
- Words of Wisdom: “Life is not about how you weather the storm it’s about how you dance in the rain”.
ROBERT G. McCoy
Children: 1; Grandchildren 2

Currently: Full-time Nurse Practitioner at the Community Health Care Clinic in Normal – McLean County’s free clinic for folks with no other access to healthcare. Primary caregiver to my again and unwell mom. Drama Ministry Director for Heartland Community Church.

Favorite Memories: It was great to hang out in the library bookstore during study hall. I also remember fun times with band, PrairieBells, and music contests.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Became a Nurse Practitioner to serve the uninsured/underserved folks who desperately need health care. Also spend a week in Ireland as a high school camp counselor with others from my church.

Words of Wisdom: Service God and others is the most fulfilling aspect of life.
LYNETTE C. MENKEN
ARGABRIGHT
Karen L. Mercier Crusius

- Married: Rich Crusius BHS class of 1964
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 1
- Favorite Memories: Winning state speech title my senior year.
- Songs that make me sing: Any and all – loved our “era”!
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Starting a business was especially interesting – probably the hardest thing I’ve ever done. Rewarding, yet very challenging.
- Words of Wisdom: Life has no guarantees – live each day joyfully!
DONNA CAROL METCALF FUNK
Currently: I’ve been living in Berkeley California for 7 years. I am a Senior Research Scientist working on prevention studies funded by the National Institutes of Health. Projects have been in Thailand and India, and I have learned a lot from observing how much of the world lives their daily lives. I feel very fortunate and it has been a good reminder of what is important "to live." Other projects are in the Bay Area. Most of my work is on family-based prevention strategies for preventing risky teen behavior. One project is related to risky behaviors among young adults in the club scene. That project is generally fun! Club patrons, owners, managers, promoters, staff, are all generally in a good mood!

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I enjoy the Bay Area and the relative ease of living here after many years in Buffalo, New York. I do not miss the winter weather! Enjoying the many opportunities to connect with the out-of-doors that is literally right out my door----I live near Tilden Park and the acres of natural area that I can access. My step-son has a 4 1/2 year old and I am enjoying being able to see a new generation take on life...and reconnecting with what it is like to be young again. My parents and extended family still live in and around Normal so I manage to visit occasionally.

Robin has my contact information and would enjoy hearing from long-ago (but not old!) friends.
PHILLIP R. MILLER
Married: Edwin Charles Thoma
Number of children: 3 (Our oldest child Michael died when he was 24); Grandchildren: 7 ½
Currently: Redecorating, ebay, taking care of Granddaughter, gardening, Cardinal baseball, traveling.
Favorite Memories: Probably the basketball & football games and the dances after.
Songs that make me sing: The Lettermen, *Hang on Sloopy.*
Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Been to England and talked with President of Teachers Union, Hot Air Balloon ride,
Words of Wisdom: Let Go And Let God
Dan Milligan

- Married: Susie Lyvers Milligan
- Children: 4
- Currently: Practicing dentistry full time. Flying as much as I possibly can. Being grateful for the Good Lord’s blessing.
- Favorite Memories: The many great times I had with my best friend, Dave Clark.
- Words of Wisdom: Thought creates reality.
Married: James Farruggia

Children: 2; Grandchildren 8

Currently: Educational Consultant

Favorite Memories: I loved being on the speech team!

Songs that make me sing: Any Beatles song

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: President of the Illinois Reading Council. Traveled and trained teachers across the United States and Canada.
SHARON MONAHAN GRIFFIN
Julie Myrta Moss Sampson
JAMES R. NEAL
Married: Norma Ohashi

Children: 1

Currently: I am retired for the third time and enjoying my life in northern California.

Favorite Memories: Good friends and great teachers made my days at U-High among my most treasured times – seriously!

Songs that make me sing: Motown or Beach Boys songs.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Lived, worked, and married and had a child in London, England.
Current Name: Robin Louise Norris Wilt

- Children: 2
- Currently: Working for a consulting company.
- Favorite Memories: Graduating! J.K.!
- Songs that make me sing: Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You, Hang on Sloopy, Louie, Louie.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Raised two kids in the second 20 instead of the first twenty – but oh what fun I had those first twenty....!
- Words of Wisdom: If we knew what we know now, we would have laughed louder (at ourselves), danced with abandon, kissed longer, hugged more, terrorized teachers, studied less, overlooked the pettiness, and above all cherished each friendship and memory!
STANLEY KIRK NORTON

- Metcalf
- Deceased 1993
Married: Linda Sherman Oberman

Children: 2

Currently: Still employed at Xerox (24 years). Spend most weekends at the cabin fishing or hunting.

Favorite Memories: Reeling down the stairs backwards after being on the wrong end of a haymaker (thrown by some big guy named Bob) on my way to history class.

Songs that make me sing: I never could dance and it has not improved with age. Eric Clapton, Neil Young, The Doors

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Travelling in the “Boogie Bus” for a year with Jim Neal; hiking/camping in Alaska for a full summer; travel to all 50 states; fishing professional walleye tournaments; running a wildlife photography business, meeting the love of my life and raising a family.

Words of Wisdom: If you cannot respect yourself, you cannot respect anything else in the world. Fishing on a lake thinking about God, is better than sitting in church thinking about fishing.
CAROL O’BRIEN
Tom A. Paloumpis
Judy Patterson Henderson
BARBARA PORTER SCHLOSSER

- Married: Ike Schlosser
Currently: Living in my house on the tip of the thumb in Michigan, enjoying Lake Huron across the street.

Favorite Memories: Friday night football games.

Songs that make me sing: One by 3 Dog Night; Willie Nelson songs, Teddy Bear, and Phantom 309 by Red Sovine.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I had a bad car wreck 07/80. Hit head on by a drunk driver and rear ended just outside of Gridley, Illinois. The wreck left me in an electric wheel chair.

Words of Wisdom: As my health is failing each day, I have come to my Lord Jesus Christ. I feel all should come to him before it is too late.

Sure wish I could get there, it would be nice to see some of the old faces. I don’t drive anymore and I don’t think my electric wheel chair would make it. Ha! Ha! In case someone wants to contact me – Robin has my contact information.
Richard W. Quindry

- Married: Carole Martinez
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 3
- Currently: Doing as little as possible.
- Favorite Memories: Mike Curby at bat – telling Coach O’Neil to “pitch it right on it there you old _____ face!” (expletive deleted.
- Songs that make me sing: In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida by Iron Butterfly or What Does it Take by Junior Walker.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Being myself.
- Words of Wisdom: Just because you can, doesn’t always mean you should.
PHILLIP L. RHOADS
JUDY RIBBE STEWART

- Deceased 2007
CHARLES RICHMOND

- Married: Susan Gross
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 1
- Currently: Working – CPA/Tax
- Songs that make me sing: Most of them.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Traveled a bit to France and Japan for the Walt Disney Company.
JERRY ROBINSON
Married: Carol Wylie Roderick UHS class of 1970

Number of children 1

Currently: I am retired from the Kentucky Office for the Blind, a state rehabilitation agency. I worked there for 27 years. I have a Braille transcription business. I am a consultant on blindness and low vision for the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)

Favorite Memories: My favorite memories concern being on the speech team. I did after-dinner speaking, which was usually done after breakfast. We had a real camaraderie among the members, and it helped me go to know others better.

Songs that make me sing: Cherish, by the Association. Well, not sing, I can't imitate that elaborate harmony.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I graduated from the Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville and was ordained in 1980. I taught people who are blind and visually impaired how to use computers and Braille PDA's. I have had three guide dogs, Angus, Valentino, and Randy, all from the Seeing Eye.

Words of Wisdom: The hardest thing to do in life is to keep a balance between planning for the future and living one day at a time. Both are important.
ERIC A. ROEHM
KEN ROWE
D A V I D  R U E B
SHIRLEY DIANE RYAN
HARRY RYBURN
JACQUELINE SALMOND
Daniel Mark Satorius

- Married: Tonda Mattie
- Children: 3
- Currently: Practicing entertainment law and producing films.
Married: Daniel J. Gould UHS class of 68 for 38 years

Children: 2; Grandchildren 5 - Taylor (8), Hunter (5), Levi (5) he is a Metcalf Wildcat, Cole (2) and Frank Jr. (1).

Currently: Still working at ISU. Dan still has his masonry business. We are preparing for retirement by being a snowbirds in Venice, Florida the month of February. The rest of the year we spend as much time as we can enjoying the company of our kids and grandkids.

Favorite Memories: I have very fond memories of my high school years (well maybe not the schoolwork part). My favorite memory is of class nights – the best tradition at U-High! Had lots of fun tooling the Gag, going to all school parties, and at slumber parties.

Songs that make me sing: I am still a huge Elvis Presley fan, but love the powerful music of Janis Joplin *Piece of My Heart, Cry Baby, Summertime*. I still have my Janis album, but don’t have anything to play it on anymore.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I finished my baccalaureate in 1998 and received my masters in History in 2000 (wouldn’t Miss Alexander be surprised?) Trivia: I have worked on my genealogy and discovered I am a sixth cousin once removed from Garth Brooks.... Obviously he got all the family musical talent because I didn’t get any!

Words of Wisdom: “Dance like nobody’s watching; love like you’ve never been hurt; sing like nobody’s listening; live like it’s heaven on earth.” – Mark Twain
SCOTT GRADEN SENIFF
Clarence Shade
DOUGLAS ALLEN SMITH
Karen Lee Smith Hirshon
HERB STEELE
VICKI JEAN STEINKELLNER CATURLA
PATRICIA A. TAYLOR SNOW
Mary E. Tebrugge Payton

- Married: Mac Payton
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 3
- Currently: Working for State Farm as a Team Manager in Subrogation Services.
- Favorite Memories: Singing in a trio with Jeanne (Kendall) Wooldridge and Sally (Brooks) Hershberger. We weren’t very good but had a great time with Bill Goebel accompanying us.
- Songs that make me sing: All of them!!
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Traveled to Hawaii twice, both times with State Farm for insurance designations. Moved to several states (IL, GA, TN, TX) but still love Texas!
- Words of Wisdom: Live every day to the fullest and enjoy every minute of it!
ETHEL TEMPLE
Jon C. Thetard

- Married: Suzie
- Children: 2; Grandchildren ¾ (one on the way).
- Favorite Memories: Never forget Oberman getting nailed by Bob Scott for singing “Me and My Shadow”.
- Songs that make me sing: Can’t dance or sing!
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Developed a building downtown Bloomington with retail space and residential loft space.
Currently: Doing international consulting

Favorite Memories: Hanging out with Karen, Ellen, Mark, Ken and Pam.

Songs that make me sing: *Somebody to Love* by Jefferson Airplane.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: The development work that I do takes me to some pretty interesting places where I get to work with all kinds of people in all kinds of situations, e.g., I recently worked with a group of Afghan farmers and agricultural extension workers in Kandahar and Helmut provinces to establish a private certified seed company; I just returned from Liberia where I conducted a train-the-trainer training on "Farming as a Business" for agricultural extension workers who will now train approximately 1500 subsistence-level farmers; earlier this year I helped establish a business start-up center in Kosovo and I'll be going to Georgia later this month and Burundi in September to do the same.

Words of Wisdom: Do everything you possibly can to maintain some balance between work and personal life. This is one reason why I stay in Europe.
SUZANNE TUTTLE MARTIN

- Metcalf
- Deceased 2008
Children: 2; Grandchildren (one on the way)

Currently: I am a special education teacher in Schaumburg, Illinois. This will be my last year of teaching before I retire in June 2010.

Favorite Memories: I loved all of my years at U-High. Friendships were formed at Metcalf and U-High that have stood the test of time. I am blessed to have such great friends.

Songs that make me sing: All of them!

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: I finally traveled to Europe a couple of years ago. It was a dream trip to Italy with my best friend since 1st grade, Karen Wroan. This summer, I am off to Vienna with Karen.
Marcella Lee Vancil

- Married: D. Scott Stewart
- Children: 1
- Currently: Retired from classroom teaching (K-e) after 34 years in the spring of 2008. Teaching in Curriculum and Instruction at Illinois State University, full-time faculty at Eastern Illinois University, Regional coordinator for Illinois NBPTS Comprehensive Support System, early states of professional writings, traveling, connection with former students (over 600), playing......
- Favorite Memories: Hangin’ with friends.
- Songs that make me sing: Just about all of them! (Beatles, Motown, Stones, and so on.)
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: My “work” has been my play! With my Kindergarten through 4th grade students in 3 schools in Urbana (1974-2008). Co-developed yearlong simulated world “travels” with my student that cut across all curricular areas as we explored cultures, history, etc. Became a NBCT (National Board Certified Teacher in 1998. Have been blessed with exceptional opportunities to work with other educators throughout the country/world. Have traveled extensively in Europe, Japan, and parts of the United States, researching for our units.
- Words of Wisdom: Enjoy!
Married: Steven Johnson

Children: 2

Currently: clinical social worker and grief counselor at a hospice.

Favorite Memories: Too many to remember.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Grown up!

Words of Wisdom: Take good care of you! Life is short. Be gentle with yourself.
Martha Nan Wade Craig

- Married: Kevin P. Craig

- Currently: Senior Legal Assistant and Professional Actor. I hold a Masters of Arts degree in Theater from Illinois State University and am a member of Actor’s Equity Association, The Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. I also work for a large law firm in New York that is 175 years old.

- Favorite Memories: There are too many to name. I’d say being a cheerleader for four years was one of the best.

- Songs that make me sing: *Hang On Sloopy*, anything by CSN (Crosby, Stills, and Nash) and *Wild Thing*

- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: See above.

- Words of Wisdom: We take many different paths in our lives that lead us away from home and the ones we love, but it is that exact thing that helps us find our way back.
BRENDA WALDROP
KATHLEEN W. WALSH FLOWER

- Metcalf
- Deceased 2004
Karen Sue Ware Coatney

- Deceased
Bill Watterson

- Metcalf
- Deceased 1997
JOHN WETTAW

- Metcalf
- Deceased 1986
Marilee Joyce Williams Alvey

- Married: Larry Alvey – BHS class of 1967
- Children: 3; Grandchildren 4 (5 and under).
- Currently: Last January, we moved to a house on a lake so we enjoy sitting on our deck, visiting with friends. We are planning on taking it easy this summer, especially since Larry’s was diagnosed with cancer in May. I’ve learned to cook and eat very healthy. We’re geared up and ready to fight! Later this month we are meeting all our children & grandchildren in Chicago for a vacation. We plan to go on a cruise or 2 this fall. We are enjoying and thanking God for the great friends he’s given us!

Favorite Memories: I have so many, it’s hard to choose. I remember riding to school in a blue convertible with my cousins, Laurie and Jody, who lived on N. School St We’d drive it a block away from their home and park on Gregory, then walk across the street to school. I also remember my first day of school as a Freshmen. I walked off the curb in front of school…and sunk into mud about a foot deep. Someone’s mother got out of her car, feeling very sorry for me, and took a Kleenex, attempting to wipe the mud off…but I was wearing hose! I had to walk home like that.

- Songs that make me sing: What Does it Take? Lots of Motown, anything Fleetwoods (Mr. Lonely; Come Softly to Me) or just about any Beatles song…it doesn’t take much.
- Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: As an Airline Captain, Larry’s flown me to France, England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Argentina, Hawaii, and I also got to fly to Russia (I have a Russian “son” and a “godson”). I’ve been Queen of the Red Hat Ooh La La’s. I’ve organized several bus and train tours. I’ve gotten to emcee 3 fashion shows and have achieved the level of Masters in the Christian writing filed. But best of all ,is that I’ve had a wonderful marriage (38 years) and gathered the best friends you could ever imagine.
- Words of Wisdom: Learn to be content.
CHERYL LYNN WINKLER
ALEXANDER
JOHN “JACK” WRIGHT
LARRY J. WRIGHT
Currently: Traveling as much as I can and spending time with family and friends.

Favorite Memories: I loved the slumber parties my mother let me have. Especially the combined one with Susie Brandt and her BHS friends. There were 35 total and we went to the UHS vs. BHS game then we all spent the night at my parents house.

Songs that make me sing: Anything from Motown and the Beatles.

Interesting stuff about the last 40 years: Probably the most unique and interesting things I have done are when I went cage diving with the great white sharks off the tip of Africa, and when I climbed Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and broke my leg at 15,500 feet up. Had to be carried down the mountain for nine hours.

Words of Wisdom: Cherish the time spent with family and friends always take the scenic route and enjoy the simple pleasures.
Robert Kent Wurmnest

- Married: Cynthia L. Munts NCHS class of 1973
- Children: 2; Grandchildren 3
- Currently: Retired
- Songs that make me sing: Any Motown
Also Attended - No Photos Available

- Kipp Connour
- Barbara Edwards
- Arthur Garrison
- Pam Musgrove
- Raymond Ribbe
- David Riberdy
- Michael Richmond
- Julie A Roberts Graham
Every few years, as summertime nears,
An announcement arrives in the mail.
"A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand,
Make plans to attend without fail".

I'll never forget the first time we met,
We tried so hard to impress.
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.
It was held at a fancy hotel.
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined,
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first
To achieve great fortune and fame.
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;
Or that poor little Jane, who's always been plain,
Married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"
Was serving ten years in the pen,
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys
Who seemed to have aged the least.
Another was given to the grad who had driven
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini,
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether
They impressed their classmates or not.
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal,
By this time we'd ALL gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores,
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.
Then most of us lay around in the shade,
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,
We were definitely over the hill.
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait--to set the date,
Our fiftieth is coming, I'm told.
It should be a ball, we've rented a hall
At Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs will be made to my hearing aid,
My pacemaker will be turned up on high.
My wheelchair will be oiled, and my teeth will be boiled,
And I'll buy a new wig and a glass eye.

I'll feel quite hearty, and ready to party,
I'm gonna dance 'til dawn's early light.
It'll be lots of fun. But I just hope that there's one
Other person who can make it that night.

Hope you enjoyed the U-High class of 1969
40th Reunion. Hope to see you next time.....