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At our last reunion many of us said we would like to participate in a continuous (chain) letter and Lola agreed to write the first one, which she has now done. However, a chain letter would probably not get to everyone before our upcoming 50th reunion in June, so Lola and I propose that if each of you will write a letter of 1 to 3 pages and mail it to me by the end of February, I will zerox and mail copies of all the letters to everyone in our U-Hi class (including those who don't write a letter by then.)

Lola's letter says, in part: "I am hoping that everyone who participates in this letter will be willing to inform us of happenings in their lives, recording some of the great events (weddings, deaths of parents, trophies and honors), and of course mention of children and grandchildren. And we will accept some degree of bragging. But no lies."

Continuing, she writes: "I have enjoyed keeping in contact with many of our classmates, either via phone/mail/visit. And I love getting all of the news of those that I don't get to talk with, write or see. We are a special group, and I think any of our teachers would agree to that. There seems to have been a bond that has held us together all of these years. So I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 1994." (End of quote from Lola's letter).

As wonderful as our past reunions have been, there is never enough time to share with everyone (or even with one person) all that can be put in a letter. So Lola and I hope that you and all our classmates will follow her lead and share with each other some highlights (and/or low points) of your years since we were together at U-High. It should be fun, both to write our letters and to read one another's. It should also add interest and meaningfulness to our reunion in June when we can start our conversations where our letters have left off.

Even those who procrastinate as much as me (if anyone does) should be able, by February 28, to find an hour or so for a letter that shares some of the significant (and not so significant) events of our lives. So, you have three months (nine weeks after Christmas) to write and mail your letter.

Don't break the chain; its bad luck. Garrison Keilor of Lake Woebegone, Minnesota broke the chain letter of his high school graduation class and was then audited for 6 years running by the IRS. And his high-school principal took back his graduation diploma. (Just kidding. We all know that Lyman Ginger wouldn't do that to us. But IRS might.)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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CENTRAL KENTUCKY BRACES FOR U-HIGH REUNION ONSLAUGHT

Frankfort, Kentucky

With the announcement of their reunion next summer, the U-High Class of 1944 has caused the full mobilization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help prepare for this un-natural disaster which is expected to hit Central Kentucky next June. "Who knows what might happen!" exclaimed Mr. Wotta Blastt, FEMA Director. "The last time this bunch was all together, they almost blew up the physics lab at their school. People were jumping out of second story windows, and they had dug a tunnel (or was it a bomb shelter?) under the school."

In a separate report, Mr. I. M. Rockin of the U.S. Geological Survey Office in Menlo Park, California commented: "This reunion could be wilder than the Loma Prieta quake of '89. And that one took down a part of the San Francisco Bay Bridge!" He denied that his engineers were fine tuning their seismographs in preparation for monotoring the reunion. He also denied that he was worried about the reunion triggering a major quake on the New Madrid fault. He did admit, however, that he was planning to be out of the country next June.

Raymond A. Wilkie, class president, decried these reports as "hysterical hyperbole" and claimed that the U-High reunion will be a "perfect picture of patrician propriety." "There will be no quakes in Kentucky." said Wilkie. "After all, our no-fault class has real class!" (Or did he mean: "Our no-class class has real faults"? - Editor)

Nonetheless, the Governor's office has called on the U.S. for aid. A Senate committee will be appointed to study the issue, the only thing that they can do without adding to the damage. The state's fate is now in U-High's hands.

CLASS OF '44 ANNOUNCES ITS 50th REUNION PARTY!!

Gala Bash Planned for June 24-26, 1994

Lexington, Kentucky

Having confounded all of the experts by surviving for 50 years, the Class of 1944 U-High graduates are holding a reunion to celebrate fond memories and their survival. Forty seven graduates received diplomas on May 26, 1944. Forty four are still here to celebrate!!

William H. Allen Thomas Asbury Adolph Bigge Morris Beebe Esther Brumfield Jane Clark Martha Crutchfield Henry Foushee Jake Graves Jane Fugazzi Lafon Ingels Frances Horlacher Juanita Jacobson Patsy Karsner Dianne LeStourgeon Eva Lewis Carolyn McMeekin Greenberry Marshall Floye Mullineaux **David Morton** Nancy O'Hare Ray Murphy Ridgely Park Nancy Potts Betty Rhoads Eli Powers Glenna Ritchie **Betty Sageser** A. P. Schneider Betty Sue Scott Carolyn Silas Harry Scott Larry Simpson Nancy Skeen Lola Stokes Jim Steiner Betty Jo Underwood Cora Mae Strain Phyllis Valleau Thomas Underwood Alice C. Weil Raymond A. Wilkie George Willmott Vella K. Wise

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Carter Pat Evans Gene Marlowe

If you know of any class members who have moved in the past five years, I probably have the wrong address for them. Please send corrections to:

James W. Steiner 14195 Wild Plum Lane Los Altos Hills, California 94022 **** RESERVE THE DATES & PLAN TO ATTEND!! THE REUNION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE IF <u>YOU</u> ARE NOT THERE! ****

Lexington, Kentucky

In a news release to the editor of this paper, a spokesman for the U-High Class of 1944 announced the long awaited 50th anniversary class reunion.

The weekend of June 24-26, 1994 has been set as the reunion date. While plans are still in the formative stages, the gala weekend activities will begin on Friday evening with a party and will continue through Sunday morning. Of course spouses (or date) are welcome!

Reunion events will also be scheduled for Saturday, both day and evening. There will be plenty of time to visit and reminisce with old friends. Sunday morning there will be the traditional farewell breakfast as the reunion closes.

All class members are invited to suggest events which they would most like to see included in the reunion schedule. (Would you like to have daytime Saturday free, or would you like some special class activity?) Please forward all suggestions to:

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Graves III 5081 Winchester Road Lexington, Kentucky 40509 Phone: (606)-293-1800

As plans are finalized, you will be sent additional information. Reserve the reunion dates and stay tuned!