

Name:

Jim Johannes

Year graduated from MUHS:

1968

Primary interests in school and extracurricular activities:

Football, Baseball

Current occupation (or former occupation if retired):

Professor

Where did you live while attending MUHS?

4136 N. 83rd Milwaukee

What were your impressions of the neighborhood during the time you attended MUHS?

A little tired but neat old neighborhood. Never worried about safety.

How did your classmates respond to the neighborhood?

Same way as far as I recall.

What businesses, entertainment venues, parks, or recreational opportunities were in the neighborhood when you attended school?

Merrill Park where we practiced frosh/soph football and all levels of baseball, a store 1 block north of Wisconsin where we always went to buy chocolate milk and other beverages between two a day football practices.

Were there particular "hangouts" for students near school?

None really, we hung out in the blue/gold room in the basement or in the auditorium before school. The #1 hangout was Gilles on 76th and Bluemound.

Did you feel connected with the community surrounding the school?

No

Did MUHS encourage you to be involved in any way with the community, either formally (Key Club, the Shared Life program), or informally?

No

Did students have a sense of the attitudes of neighborhood residents toward the school? Not that I recall. I don't think anyone thought much about the neighborhood.

How did MUHS's location on the west side affect your high school experience?

I think it hastened a maturity of development. In those days you had to figure out how to get home each night. Few had cars (very few) and most people took a bus home or hitch-hiked especially after football/baseball practiced ended around 5:30 or so.

Did it matter that you went to school at 35th and Wisconsin instead of, say, in a suburb?  
I think it did. Got us a little out of our safety zone and created challenges (transportation wise)  
that we had to figure out. Parents did not hover in those days so getting home was up to us.