Holiday Eludes Teachers Bound For Conventions

While U-Highers sit around the family groaning board, feasting on turkey and pumpkin pie and enjoying the company of relatives and friends, many of their teachers will be away from home, involved in the affairs of conventions. Several professional meetings both in and away from Chicago over the four-day school vacation, Nov. 23-26, will be attended by, and include in their programs, U-High teachers.

Miss Elsa Podestor, science depart­
ment chairman, and several science and math teachers will at­

tend a meeting that will appear on the program of the National Science Foundation and be held at the Pick-Congress hotel. Miss Podestor and two lower school teachers, Miss Lulla and Miss Mary Johnson, will discuss "Elementary Science—A Process Ap­proach".

Sops Plan 'West' Party

The sophomore social scene will start with a bang, for the theme of the class' first party this year is "The West, Wild and Wonderful".

The party is planned for 7:30-11 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, in the cafeter­

ia.

Class officers, acting as plan­
ning board, have set refreshments, clean up, entertainment, publicity and decorations committees.

Music will be provided by the Cam­

ele.

School clothes and hats or stirrups are the proper attire, ac­

cording to Super-sophomore President Larry Hostetter.

The freshest party originally scheduled for tonight has been post­

poned to Friday, Jan. 7.

The time, 6-11 p.m., and place, the cafeteria, remain the same, but the original James Bond theme may be scrapped, a class spokes­man said.

School clothes will be proper dress. The Student Union Turnabout, an unusual girl-sask-boy event, will take place 8-11 p.m. tomorrow in the cafeteria. The theme is 0p Art.

A call for Tans will be played, but the entertainment and refresh­
ments will have been eaten.

Girls were allowed to sign up them­

selves, but not the boys.

Woolen hats and cats and sportcoats and ties for boys is pro­

posed.

Debbie Zlock is planning chair­

man for the dance.

Name Still Stumps Choir

Members of the a capella choir failed last week to reach a decision concerning the Midyear's proposal that it re­name its previous name of Jimmy Shaute. The group also has been called the mixed choir.

Deegeist Joseph Gardiner told the group he believes they have earned the right to use a capella, which means "without accompaniment".

President of this year's choir is Lynn Warren.

Principal Secures Partime Assistant

Mr. Williams Boyd has been ap­

pointed assistant principal to Prin­

cipal James Warren. Mr. Boyd is from Northern Texas.

His last teaching assignment was at East Texas State university.

Mr. Ernest Poll will discuss "A Secondary School Project," dealing with junior high level work. Mr. Leon Kaplan will speak on "Science History and the School Curr­

riculum", Mr. Byron Swain's topic, dealing with his work for the National Science Foundation in India, will be "The Cooperative Efforts To Improve Science".

Another convention here, that of the National Scholastic Press Association, will convene November 26-27 at the Hilton hotel, will be attended by Mrs. Wayne Brasler, publications advisor and journalism teacher, and several members of the Midyear and U-High­

lights staff who are financing their own attendance.

Staff members and advisers from high school newspapers and year­
books from across the country will participate in workshops and short courses at the convention and hear panels such as one discussing whether papers should take a stand on the question of Beatle haircuts.

Traveling out of town, Mr. Daniel Lindley, Mr. James Mc-Camphill and Mrs. Ruth Kaplan will participate in the National Council of Teachers of English convention in Boston.

Mr. Lindley will speak on "Making Changes in Your Teacher's Text" to form a group of approximately 200 English supervisors and consultants.

S.U. Toy Drive Gets Underway

Signs for the annual toy drive for underprivileged children at the Mary McDowell settlement are under­
way, according to Mrs. Dorothy Kowalsik, advisor of the Student Union, who sponsors the drive.

As in previous years, now, gift wrapped nugs, tagged with the intended age and sex of the child, are re­
quested, according to Friendie Flash.

Gifts should be brought to the cafeter­

ia during the two weeks preced­ing

winter vacation, before and after school.

Up to delegates rejected a proposal to charge the drive this year to a book collection for culturally deprived children.

Mr. Chips has given the idea of a neighborhood

club house but shedded the idea for consideration next year.

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servance (the President proclaims the holiday once each year) will be read by Bob Silverman, assembly committee chairman.

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Council To Consider 2 New School Clubs

The Student Organization Committee will be proposed to the Student Council by students interested in forming them, according to Dean of Students Herbert Pearson. They are the Great Books club and Youth For Democracy club.

The Youth for Democracy club would discuss social, economic and neighborhood problems, Mr. Pearson explains. The Great Books club pur­

poses discussion of the "Great Books" as its name implies.

Before the proposed clubs can ac­

quire the necessary Council approval and become operative, they must se­

cure faculty advisers and draw up constitutions.

Theater of the absurd often is played for effect, and effect will be undermined in U-High's production of Eugene One­

ne's "Rhinoceros", according to Mr. David Kieserman, director. Performances in Belfield 123 will be 3:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 1-2, and 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4. Tickets are 25 cents.

"Rhinoceros" deals with man's de­

sis to be individual in the face of conformity, Mr. Kieserman says, Berenger, an individualist who will be played by Paul Kaplan, resists the conformity of becoming a rhinoceros (everyone else is making the change) until he is the only man left. Deci­

ding he wants to conform after all, he finds it too late.

Other Roles

Other major roles in the drama will be taken by Bill Lewin, Larry Levi, Susan Grant and David Boerstel. A special effect will be created as Bill Lewin and Susan Grant simultan­

eously play the lead female role of Didi, who has two distinct perso­

nalities. Because each actress in­

terpret's the role individually, the rest of the cast will have to adjust their responses accordingly, Mr. Kieserman says.

Other special effects will be provid­

ed by the scenery and makeup. The set will be as abstract and theatrical as the play and the makeup will trans­

form characters before the audience.

Mr. Kieserman says, although just how it's done isn't being revealed before the performance.

Author Uses Effect

The author provides effects such as nursery rhymes and stereotyped char­
acters. He goes to great lengths to make fun of, parody and insult the audience.

Theater of the absurd, Mr. Kieser­

man explains, is a special kind of drama designed to portray man's dealings with life. It makes no at­

tempt to be mental or moral, to preach or to arrive at answers. It is merely a statement.

Photo by Stamber

"LET'S STOP last year's record 457 contributions," urges leader of this year's Student Union Toy Drive, from left, Wendy Blum, president; Songs Chry­

ta, house committee chair­

man and Fransee Fischbein, drive chairman.

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Rhinoceros' Opens Dec. 3rd

Effects Underline Action

Photo by Stanberry

ROB ALDRICH, right, as the logician in Drama Workshop's production of "Rhinoceros", explains that an Asiatic rhinoceros has one horn and an Af­

rican rhinoceros two. Boiled by the dicussion in Eric Williams, left, as the grocer, while in rapatt attention are Susan Grant and Dinyti and Pat Schulman as the housewife.

Rockefeller Chapel Dean To Speak For Thanksgiving

The Rev. E. Spencer Parsons, newly-appointed dean of Rocke­

feller chapel, will be guest speaker at this year's Thanksgiving assembly, 3rd period, Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the chapel, accord­

ing to Dean of Students Herbert Pearson.

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The Student Council has been try­ing unsuccessfully for two years to secure a concession and re­

newed its efforts the beginning of this year.

The dean of students gave several reasons why the High school and University administrations refuse to allow a soft drink machine in the High school.

He said that students would litter the building with cups and would drink Colas with their lunches instead of milk, a matter of health with which the school-dietitian is concerned.

Although a vending machine com­
pany would install the machine on commission basis, the cost of sev­

eral hundred dollars for running in special electrical lines which the machine requires would come from the student activities budget which already has a deficit of several thou­

sand dollars and could not absorb this expense, Mr. Pearson added.

Profits from the machine would go to the University and not the student activities budget.
Freedom Of Dissent Insures Democracy's Survival

Reading a Time magazine essay about the "self-defeating dissent" of demonstrators against U.S. action in Viet Nam, and reading President Lyndon Johnson's statement that he was "surprised that people would feel toward their country a sense that it is not consistent with national interest" concerns more fortunately the teenager in Hyde Park than his counterpart in suburbs such as Niles or Skokie or Whetnuka.

Hating a country is both university town and Green-Wich Village, friends and relatives are the ones who demonstrate, not just in faces a newspaper column, in statements by legislators, and yes, even from the President's mouth, of branding critics of this country's role in Southeast Asia as evil people alike to traitors and treasoners, is dangerous.

Those young people who conduct peaceful demonstrations against this country's policies who openly solicit foreign powers. The person who criticizes the war does so because he does not want to see his country and the democracy and way of life he holds so dear squandered on a futile battle.

Both views are consistent with the national interest, and it is too bad the President did not consider the point more carefully before making this statement. But it is clear that draft card and encouraging draft-dodging is not the same as dissenting from the action, from what someone else thinks is the national interest.

The dissenters of national policy at this time are no less wrapped in Red, White and Blue than the glib "We're behind you all the way, Mr. President" people. Neither of them has torn up his draft card, or encouraged insurrection, or seen an American, whatever that is. But love their country and are vitally concerned with its future.

To say that to take one side of the question is in the national interest while taking the other side is un-American is like saying Democrats are good and Republicans are bad. Political issues just aren't that clean-cut in this atomic age. The ways in which a person expresses his opinions, his foreign policy, his civil disobedience and draft-dodging certainly are "not consistent with national interest", but peaceful demonstration and discussion can only promote understanding and thus our country's interest by a full, complete understanding of a situation?

PEARLS BEFORE Film's Director, Actors Prove Knack For Comedy

BY DAVID BOORSTIN

Extravagant abilities have always belonged to individual men. Societies is praised for his philosophy, Shakespeare for his poetry and Cas-

ervases for having "The Knack". And how do you prove a film's Knack? And How

David Boorstin

A comedy which creased a moral: The Knack may be new, but it has been around since Rube Tushimog, the "ugly duckling of the British film industry, is an innocent Country Girl who knows nothing about s*x except that

she doesn't want to be.* 0. At one point she thinks he has been, al-

though she hasn't, and one of the funniest shots in the movie is that of her calmly saying "I'm going to see a nice little old lady who always replies, "None today, thank you dear."

There are many one-liners like "The Knack", like "Learned Law Review", like "Two Beanie movies, is fraught with rifted eyes. His male voice has been done with television ads, where it is necessary to capture the maxi-

mum amount of attention, and even from moment of time, and this ex-

perience shows to a great extent in all three films.

"The Knack" is a force on people, Men who have been chosen either a better director or better actors for such a purpose. True, the dia-

logue is slow in one or two places where the viewer starts thinking

Holidays undercuts the wisdom of conscription and vio-

rence. Thanks for the Thanksgiving that means petite aires for relatives and 

horses we dislike? For a meal and a visit with the neighbors. Other appear-

ance is not cost anyone very much? For the images we project and the sentiments we express? The pageant of Yankee stadium, where more cameras click than holy beads, probably will be the a-

ward winning picture of the year. But perhaps we can be grateful to the people who crossed an ocean to urge us to"rethink peace."

We can even give thanks for a shaggy troubadour named Dylan. The "Protestants were a somewhat scruffy breed."

We must take our states where we can find them.

---Dan Glum
Problem of drug use by teenagers in Chicago is not as threatening as the public seems to think, according to Sgt. James Sterling, aide to the director of the Youth-division of the Chicago police department.

Sterling believes that the number of young people involved in the use of drugs is declining, as the statistics indicate, but that there are many cases that never come to the attention of the police.

Experiments that lead to addiction also go unreported, he continues, but the statistics do indicate a trend toward an increase in such cases.

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Drugs bought on the street usually have been cut out by the seller until they are almost ineffective, in order to maximize the profits, yet the user still gets his "kick." This "placebo" effect is comparable to what happens when people are cured by sugar pills or quack nostrums.

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By Joana BRESLIN

MYSTERY MUGS

Earth, Mars

Attract These

Sgt. Sterling believes: Psychological illusion accompanied by is followed by physical need. Both factors are usually present in drug dependency cases, and the strength of either physiological or psychological need is enough to keep the user on drugs. It is difficult to make the distinction once a person is accustomed to a drug, according to the sergeant.

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Cagers Pit Experience Against Wheaton Height

Meeting seldom-encountered Wheaton 6:30 p.m. today at their court, U-High will pit experience against the opponent's famed height.

The Maroons haven't met Wheaton in 3 years or more, and any speculation about what they are up against can't be based on recent experience.

Coach Sandy Patlak does know the Maroons can show Wheaton how the game is played. In practice the U-High boys have shown fine shooting and ball handling, proved themselves adept at (saw black shoot), defensive maneuverers, and (bulls),

Coach Patlak has been centering practice on picks (offensive screening), which he says determine the winners.

Four Other Games

Four other games in the next three weeks shape up as tasty battles for Maroons fans.

U-High will meet Morgan Park in what should be a tight game, 3:30 p.m., away, Tuesday, Nov. 23. In '63 the Maroons walked M.P. 66-65 but in '64, playing against Morgan in the Private School League tournament, took a 65-66 loss. With a minute left, the U-High boys have scored one shot with M.P., leading 62-61. A makes in overtime means lost U-High the ball and the game.

Returning from last year's Morgan Park squad, according to U-High's statistics file, are Vlask, who took 12 points in the tournament game. Licher, who scored 14, and Anderson, who scored 2.

One serious loss, to graduation, is All-League Forward Tom Lorenz, who scored 23 points each of 2 years he played for us. We are working on getting the team in almost every game. Well known for his unshakeable undersized body, he has accurate jump shot and tremendous speed and ball handling. Lorenz was an invaluable asset.

Luther South Game

One of the biggest games of the year will be against Luther South, 3:15 p.m., here, Tuesday, Nov. 30.

"It's not a rivalry," said an old U-High alumnus, "It's never close enough to be a rivalry."

This year 16 boys, give or take four hove, from the Little School On The South Side, will have their best chance in 3 years to make that alumnus eat his words.

The rivalry between Luther and U-High developed 7 or 8 years ago and rekindled a blaze 5 years ago when the Maroons played South away for the PSL championship.

Seek Revenge

The Maroons lost a tough one. Ever since, they have been trying to gain revenge, only to face repeated defeat.

The closest they have come was in '63-'64, when they lost the game by 10 points after playing their hearts out.

Although U-High lost to Luther 10-9 last year, hopes are up this season because the Maroons are more up to Luther's strength than ever before.

They always come up with a good team," says Coach Patlak, but this year their team doesn't look as good as usual, making U-High leap for the long-awaited revenge.

U-High's first official White division game, against Evanston, will be played at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3, and last summer he went to Mt. Hermon, Mass., as a National Science Foundation course in math.

Mike would like to attend school in the East, preferably Harvard, Am­

heat or Stanford, He might like to go co-captains, too, he says, "probably will choose some science as a profession," he said, and with his A-minus average, he shows promise of excelling in such a challenging field.

SPOTLIGHT

Outstanding Soccer Player Excels At Studies, Too

By SKIP MOORE

Senior Mike Aitnich was star right wing on this year's top-ranked soccer team. Mike has played on the team for the three years he has been here (he spent his sophomore year in Scot­

land).

He believes that each year he im­

proved his performance and this year he finished with 6 goals in 12 games, scoring two of them in one game.

Mike played all or most of every game, and attended practice regular­

ly. He said the team's chances next year will be unusually good, especial­

ly since "many of the starting players will be returning".

Mikes, rugy, ice hockey and tennis and might go out for the latter. He enjoys reading and chess and won a chess tournament on the basis on which he went to Scotland.

Outside the Sportlight, he is a mem­

ber of the senior steering committee. On Saturdays Mike goes to Adler planetarium for a science program there. The game matches what many observers believe to be the best teams in the league. The squads are even in shooting and ball handling power, but U-High has the height advantage. U-High's speed may be impaired by some boys who are fast but tire easily.

Considering last year's 57-56 (U­

High scores first) and 77-63 outcomes with Illiana, the game obviously is a tossup...and could determine the White division champs.

Second game of the official season, at Harvard, 3:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, shapes up as a less rough contest, Harvard hasn't come up with an outstanding team in 5 years or so, and this year's squad figures likewise to be weak on unity and fol­

lowing patterns. U-High can take this game with its 2nd string in the 2nd half.

TOWERING TALL in the history of cross-country at U-High will be these standout members of the first team, which has completed its season with a 6th place in the Private School League. The pioneers are, from left, David Orson, Oscar Rattenberg, Charley Moore, Stewart Herman and James Steinbach.

Two Replace

Sports Editor

Junior Jeff Stern has been appointed sports editor of the Midway by Editor Jeff Stern (a senior and no relation) to replace Charley Moore, who re­

signed to devote more time to his presidency of the Student Council and sports activities.

Ernie Izzo will replace Charley as sports editor of U-Highlights. Ernie is business manager of the yearbook and was to have been manager of that section the staff orig­

inally planned but later dropped.

College Daily Prints U-High's Photos

Four photos by Senior Jim Graft of the October 30 Manhattan-Wisconsin football game were selected and pub­

lished by the Michigan Daily news­

paper. Photos of the game also had been submitted by four college photo­

tographers.

Jim, a photographer for the Midway and U-Highlights, also planned to take photos of the Illinois-Wisconsin game November 13.

Harriers End 6th In PSL

U-High's first cross country team finished 6th out of eight teams in the Private School League Finals November 5 at Wheaton academy.

Oscar Rattenberg came in 16th and James Steinbach was 22nd.

The championship was won by Chi­

icago Christian. U-High Coach Elmer Sych says his top runners are Oscar Ratten­

berg, James Steinbach, David Orson, Charley Moore and Stewart Herman.

Because much of the squad's talent lies in its underclassmen, the coach considers this mason year an im­

portant training experience and be­

lieves the team will become increas­

ingly important in coming seasons.

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SANDY'S HOT TOPICS...
4 Points Sum Up Stick Tale

by MARGIE HORWICH

U-High's hockey girls almost suffered the humiliation of a scoreless season this year but were saved by victories in two home games. 3-1 over Francis Parker November 2 and 1-0 over Florence November 9. In the Parker game, Co-captain Fred Purkett scored 2 goals and Left-hander Marilyn Kneen put the other.

The encounter, unexpectedly, could not be recorded as a league game. A sudden stopwatch cut the second half 8 minutes shorter than regulation, rendering the entire game unofficial. In the Florence match, Julie Keller made the goal. Goalie Gail Stern proved she was on her toes with several topnotch saves.

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Faculty Upholds Tradition, Beats Students At Hockey

by MARGIE HORWICH

Upholding what is probably U-High's most unpopular tradition (from the student point of view), faculty members continued not one, but four, student hockey teams in the annual student-faculty hockey contest November 10 on the Midway.

Four teams, each representing at overcoming the mighty faculty, a faculty team in which the students have pulled off in who-knows-how-many-mans. The first quarter saw the freshmen taking to the field with mayhem in their eyes. Their confidence was set back somewhat when Mr. Elmer Buch, who was the first 1st minute of the game had elapsed.

The balance of the quarter, according to the students, was spent by the faculty in cheating. The student referee tried to stop the criminal, but Mr. Buch continued to kick the ball (absolutely in violation of the rule). Mr. Sandy Padak never ceased committing sticking sticks (very unsportsmanship) and Miss Margaret Matsik assisted upon playing her usual excellent game (poor form in view of the circumstances).

Replacing the freshmen in the game for the second quarter, the determined sophomore kept the teachers on their toes (the faculty's performance did look like a ballet at times) and away from the student's goals. The students failed to score, however, and at the half mark the game stood 2-1 at the faculty, 0 to the students.

Several sophomores stayed to help the juniors in their quarter. The faculty, somewhat, for the ability in scoring, but at 3:1 the score declined, and the faculty finally defeated the students by the margin of 4-0. As the faculty would have won, the students claimed that one or two of their goals would have been stopped.

The faculty's "just for fun" life was evident in their final quarter resurgence against the seniors. Mr. Busch, who is fast gaining a reputation in these encounters as a ruthless man not to be toyed with, scored an illegal goal during the first half of the quarter by driving the ball through the goal from outside the striking circle.

In the last minute, Mr. Padak pulled the faculty to a 3-1 victory with a beautifully-executed goal which, unfortunately, somehow ended him on the field. So once again the mighty faculty proved it could outlast the students who's time was up.

But, remind the students, there is always next year. And the year after that and the year after that and the year...
Science Meeting Draws Faculty

Miss Ida Podendorf, chairman of the science department and Mrs. Lab School teachers left Thursday, Nov. 4 for a two-day conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Washington, D.C. Teachers from over the country met to discuss experimental science material developed by a writing committee sponsored by the Association. Miss Podendorf led a discussion group.

Other Lab School teachers who attended were: Miss Barbara Weir, Mr. Jeff Bronson, Mrs. Ann Hawes, Miss Betty Cactasso, Miss Ellen Twayne, Mrs. Alice Moore, Miss Janet Kirth, Miss Sadako Togawa, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Miss Eleanor Rossel.

Attendance System Proves Efficient

"Less confusion, less time consuming, more accurate and more meaningful" is how Dean of Students Herbert Pearson describes the attendance system instituted the beginning of the year. Attendance is taken 2nd period only for school records and a list of absences sent to teachers, who compare it with the separate records they keep of class attendance per week.

Students are responsible for being at the right place at the right time and parents are responsible for notifying the school if a student will be absent. The few students who cut classes repeatedly penalize themselves academically, Mr. Pearson says. The new system and responsibility for the student's educational welfare on the student himself.

The only problem in the new system had been with students who forget to sign in for 3rd-period library, and thus were marked absent when they were.

IRL Rallying

Rallying from a point where it had one foot in heaven, the IRL, inter-school Relations League, is coming back to life at U-High, according to Mr. Herbert Pearson, dean of student activities. He feels that Ellen Segler, new U-High IRL chairman, will succeed in regrouping the club here.

IRL was formed for the purpose of social exchange by private exchanges in the Chicago area: Lillie Francis Parker, North Shore, Faulkner, and U-High. Four other schools are believed to be considering participation.

Ellen finds "only a small core of ancient supporters for the IRL at U-High," she says. "The sophomore and juniors are represented well, the freshmen leave something to be desired and the seniors' one representative is a despicable fellow."

Ellen asserts that she "really wants to make it this year and if that small core of interested students grows it will be possible.

Among reasons for joining IRL, according to Ellen and Mr. Pearson, are the opportunity to make new friends and know what's going on in other schools and join in social activities with students from other schools.

Mr. Pearson says he finds it hard to understand U-High's disinterest toward the IRL. The ski parties, beach parties, art fairs and traveling skis IRL sponsors give students the opportunity to compete with their school to the others in the league. He feels that U-Highers can learn much from the other schools as well as give the other schools new ideas.

He cites as an example a boy ride held Oct. 15. "Even though there were only 40 or 50 kids," he says, "they had lots of fun."

"Too bad more people didn't attend," Ellen adds. "The more people, the more fun you have."

Irl's high in the League, not aided by its degree of participation, received a blow when Ellen was elected secretary-treasurer.

Support After Near Death Here

Music Groups Enjoy Seeing Rehearsal of Opera 'Samson'

Members of U-High's a cappella choir and social exchange engaged Monday, Nov. 1, an afternoon at the Lyric opera, where they saw the opera "Samson and Delilah" as complimentary guests of the management.

Mr. Joseph Gardner, director of the music groups, read the students a version of the play before they embarked on their trip.

The students' overall opinion of the performance was favorable.

Sophomore Larry Carroll said, "I thought the show was very good. I found the first act to be a rehash of a school musical do anything interesting because you would actually see the kind of things that go on before performances."

Mr. Pearson, with a hint of sarcasm, said, "The actors were not tre- mendous and the show could have been more lively," she said.

One fact on which everyone agreed was that the first and second acts seemed to drag a bit, but the third was gay, bright, colorful and realistic.

The group had complained the week which the students agreed, was the high point of the performance.

Food's Class Plans Holiday Banquet 'Fit for A King'

A banquet "fit for a king" is planned by the U-High Student Symposium's 4th period food class Wednesday, Nov. 24, in honor of Thanksgiving.

The girls and boys in the class will prepare a menu including turkey, dressing, rolled rib roast, green grove, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad and apple pie.

The students are to be responsible for planning the activities of the day, and the students explain, because several of them will be having turkey at home Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Blassler blew out the candles on the cakes for Debbie Gross and Judy Kain who turned 15.

"The cakes are cut and the cakes are served by Mr. Blassler," he says, "but the bread is baked and I think they enjoy it, too."

"You can't beat those fine meals, you know, and I think they do enjoy them."

Mr. Blassler said he was very impressed with the students and the food that they had prepared. Identifyable students are Sandy Flessell, left, and Sue Galero, Mrs. Symkowics, right, supervises their preparations.