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Editorial: Interschool Programs

Exchanges Need Council's Support

If the Student Council decides that another interschool exchange is desirable next year, it had better face up to its responsibilities for such a program. After ambitiously announcing this year that U-High would conduct an exchange with Clayton (Mo.) high school, the Council all but forgot the matter.

Luckily, two hardworking students, Lynda Herman and Beth Palnes-Seyfarth, assumed their personal responsibility, and what could have been a disaster was averted.

JOURNALISM Teacher Wayne Brayser agreed to chaperon U-High's delegation to St. Louis because he was going there anyway for spring vacation. He took over responsibility for the planning and execution of the exchange when it became obvious he would get little help from the Council. In fact, he says he has never heard a word from the Council.

Clayton's council handled its end of the exchange beautifully. Homecoming week included free lunches arranged for U-Highers without a hitch. An assembly was scheduled at which U-Highers told the Clayton student body about their school and community.

IN PREPARATION for Clayton's trip here, the Clayton council voted to send 10 applicant students who were also members of the Clayton council.

The week's activities included tours of the city, trips to a repertory theater and auto plant, and several parties and dinners. Mr. Brayser invited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sperman to come to the school as a guest journalism teacher.

As for the week's activities, they were selected as those who would best represent the school and benefit from the trip.

Such necessities and niceties evidence that students who want to get involved should form the Clayton Council. The U-Highers who went to Clayton simply were those who wanted to go (it turned out to be a well-balanced group).

Few of these people, it turned out, could have been found to take the Clayton exchange.

Freedom Impressed Visitors

Exchange students from Clayton (Mo. high found freedom at U-High than they are accustomed to at their school, but felt such freedom was too much for most U-Highers to handle wisely.

The Clayton students were here April 9-11. Thirteen U-Highers had visited Clayton March 18-25. Although the Clayton consensus was that students learn more under the strict teaching conditions found at their school, the visitors also felt that more freedom should be introduced there with positive results.

U-HIGH'S INFORMAL atmosphere impressed the guests.

"There's more give and take in class discussions," observed Helene Frankel. "They are more lively.

Vicki Wirth noted that, "The kids have a better attitude toward the teachers. There's a cooperative atmosphere. The teachers seem to be on the students' side and the kids treat the teachers like humans.'

HELENE added, "I liked the attitude of the kids toward each other. Everyone is accepted for what he is. Everyone accepts the weirdo.'

Karen Platt found shorter skirts and longer hair here than at Clayton.

"The cosmopolitan environment lets kids be kids, nobody college kids or anything else too true," asserted Vicki.

BOB LEVINE agreed that a community, Hyde Park was much different from Clayton.

"All different kinds of people live there," Bob said. "Meeting urban people and learning about different people is the most beneficial part of this exchange program.'

Bob noted that "The kids at Clayton are less political-minded.'

BRUCE SILVERMAN felt students here are more academically motivated than a high at most high schools. He found, however, an absence of sports and little interest in athletics.

Council, however, could not have been aware of this fact because it made no attempt to secure homes until the last minute, when Mr. Beth made a frantic appeal. No one thought to send letters to school parents describing the exchange and asking for volunteers.

THE RESULT of this lack of planning was a last-minute nightmare. Mr. Brayser received abusive calls from enraged parents who were not receptive to the announcement from a son or daughter that a visitor was about to arrive from out of town and stay for a week.

Had the Council properly screened parents in advance, those inhospitable to the idea of an exchange could have been notified in the first place.

Because they did not wish to place Clayton students in homes where they were not welcome, Keith and Mr. Brayser were frantically seeking homes the evening before the delegation was to arrive.

All for the week's program for the guests, that responsibility seemed to escape the Council's attention and staginess and Beth graciously gave parties at their homes.

Lynda and Mr. Brayser were able to work out a trip to Old Town with the help of parents who volunteered transportation. A Coke party was pulled together after school one day, but not before time. Embarassing confusion caused because no one had thought to get administrative permission for it.

No arrangements were made for guests' lunches; to their surprise they had to pay. No provisions were made for Clayton's faculty guests. The Council failed to schedule an assembly, thus pulling together any all-school benefits from the exchange.

THE PARENTS, teachers and students involved got not one communication, much less a thank you, from the council for their trouble and expense.

Teachers were notified of the exchange the day the Claytonites arrived.

President David Bourquin agrees the Council will have to organize the program better in the future. He says there was confusion over which Council members were responsible for the exchange.

As for an assembly, he says, he was required to schedule it a month in advance. At that point he had given little thought to the exchange. "I didn't know what we could have an assembly about," he explains. "Frankly, I couldn't see any great point.'

In judging the merits of an exchange for next year, the Council would be wise to talk not only to U-Highers (who received their Clayton visitors with friendliness and approval) but to teachers and parents. At least one parent called the week a 'socially-wasteful' idea.

Several teachers complained about disrupted classes and lack of any help from the Council. Nearly all visitors were selected as those who would best represent the school and benefit from the trip.

If the Council decides on another exchange, after carefully considering such opinions, it should thoughtfully consider what its goals are in such a program. Then it will need to appoint a committee to screen delegates, secure receptive homes at least a month ahead of time, arrange adequate activities and courtesies for the visitors, and properly notify the faculty of its plans.

Any student group, after all, can make big plans. Seeing them through capacity is another matter.

KEEPING UP

Hyde Parkers

Plan Theater

By Debbie Gross

Community repertory productions will open this fall at the Hyde Park Community Theater, a new group headed by University Professor David Boorstin.

Eight plays are planned starting in October at Harper theater, 5238 South Harper. Professional actors will form the company.

The group also hopes to operate a cafe at which "Second City-type" skits will be presented and coffee and pastries will be served each evening.

After 300 founders' season tickets are sold through parlor parties, where neighbors meet theater representatives in their homes, several thousand general subscription tickets for six of the plays will be sold. Student price reductions are planned.

ANOTHER new venture, the People's Corner restaurant operated by the Blackstone Rangers, is expected to open this week on 57th Street.

The restaurant, an independent project of the neighborhood gang, is partially backed by community businessmen.

Managing Director Selk Selker started things this week with A R Y S T E R S , a play about the Chicago police by Robert Shapero, and a Coke party pulled together after school.

An advertisement for Hyde Park Community Theater appeared in the Illinois, the local monthly publication for residents.

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Luther South Frosh-Soph invitational meet Friday will be first of three straight away matches for U-High's trackmen.

Since this year's v. s. squad is dominated by inexperienced freshmen, their chances of placing are poor.

There is a chance that the meet will take place Saturday, in which case U-High would not enter because of a previous varsity commitment to the Palatine relays.

In the meet, schools are grouped according to size, with U-High in the smaller of two divisions.

Coach Elmer Bush plans to concentrate on doing well in the relays, and probably enter one or two boys in individual events.

Third trip away for trackmen will be to Concordia teachers college May 9 for a triangular meet with Walther Lutheran and Chicago Christian.

U-High should trounce the weak Christian squad, but Walther should give the Maroons a tough time.

Runners defeated DuSable and Hirsch April 14, with Peter LeFevre pacing the U-High 4000, 100, and now face Hirsch, 21. Frosh-soph-U-High, 60; DuSable, 60; Hirsch, 40;.

Douglas Tave, with 151 points, sparked U-High to a come-from-behind win against Luther North and North Park April 18. Final score was U-High, 85; Luther North, 65; and North Park, 31. U-High trailed for most of the meet but won when the Maroons captured five of the last six events.

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Golfers Hope For 1st, 2nd

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Scores read: U-High, 12, North Park, 0; April 4; Illiana, 9, U-

High, 7, April 7; and Chicago Christian, 5, U-High, 3, April 11.

By Ron Leesman
With only two players returning from last year’s starting lineup, U-High’s baseball team faces four crucial games within the next 2 weeks.

The only two returning players from last year’s league champion team (which recorded a 12-0 season) are Senior Gus Lauer, 3rd baseman, and Ron Leesman, short-

stop.

Much of this year’s success will depend on the pitching of Sophomore David Jacobs.

This Thursday will find visitor Latin at U-High’s diamond, 46th and the Lake. It is unlikely that last year’s slay of the Latin men will be repeated. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday’s game should spell victory for the Maroons, who will journey to Glenwood, a team not much improved over last year.

Morgan Park is the challeng-
er at 3:20 p.m., Friday, May 5, in a home affair. A strong offensive attack will make Morgan Park a tough foe.

Frances Parker finally is without the services of Pitcher Dave Hendler, their only strong point the last few seasons.

Lack of hitting by Parker should spell victory for the Maroons, Tuesday, May 5 at Parker.

In three pregame seasons the Maroons showed much promise for the upcoming season. They won only one of the three games, but were able to hold their own against the fancier teams.

Tennis Men Await Clearer Outlook

The tennis team will know just how it stands in the Independent School League after tomorrow’s meet with Latin, 2:30 p.m., here.

Meet completes the first round of League play for the Maroons.

Noted newcomer Elgin April 14 here in both team’s first meet of season, winning all four matches.

Away meet with Morgan Park April 18 was cancelled because of M. P.’s lack of tennis court.

Meet with Parker April 21 was rained out and will be rescheduled.

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Clear Days On The Senior Lounge Front

by David Boorstin

Until recently this year's senior class had shown little spirit by any standards. A few weeks ago, however, they gained the distinction of being the first class in U-High history to use a section of the hall as their senior lounge. It was fairly obvious, however, that this site lacked certain physical advantages. In spite of the seniors' assurance that in case of a fire drill they would allow undergrads to pass through their area, the administration's Top Two felt obliged to try to meet with students and locate another place.

"What about the weather station on top of the Cloisters?" suggested one student at their meeting.

"I don't think so," replied another. "That's University property. They didn't want us at the Ida Noyes lounge, so why should they accept us at a place U. of C. students use just as frequently?"

"What if we drained out the swimming pool and put in carpeting?" asked an administrator.

"That's ridiculous," replied one of the students. "Where would we hold the interclass water-polo tournament?"

"I see your point."

The young administrator leaned back in his chair and lit a Camel.

"Gee, y'know, what about that room over in Education? All it's got are a couple of computers and they're just machines, and you can put them anywhere . . ."

His voice trailed off as he saw every pair of eyes staring at him coldly.

"Well pass over that one."

They sat in silence. Then suddenly the young administrator sat up. His eyes leaped.

"Listen, remember that house? At the corner?"

"Department of Education has that, remember? They asked us out there a couple of years . . ."

"Not the one across the street! I meant another one. It's perfect! Plush, spacious, no faculty supervision, and—hee, hee—not in the center of U-High's noise and bustle."

"Where the seniors won't bother the rest of the school and the school won't bother the seniors? Where is it?"

"Bellevue."

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**Midway Wins Top Award From CSPA**

Medalist, a special distinction and the highest honor awarded by the Columbia (university, N. Y.) Scholastic Press association, has been received by the Midway for issues published between Easter and Christmas, 1966. The award arrived just after the announcement of an All-American rating, also the highest, from the National Scholastic Press association.

THIS IS THE Midway's second Medalist certificate and third All-American. Receiving 946 out of a possible 1,000 points in CSPA's scorebook, the Midway first received a 1st place rating, for which 850 points were required. From the highest-scoring papers, not more than 10 per cent of the entries were selected for the Medalist award.

"Thissprightly paper has interest and substance," the judge commented. "It reflects credit on the staff and school."

AMONG suggestions for improvement were fewer long editorials and more attention to minor sports.

In another distinction, the Midway was included in a list of papers recommended for study by other staffs in the April 6 issue of the Northern Illinois School Press association Roundtable, a bulletin for advisers.

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**Teacher Seeks Government Funds To Develop New Course**

To subsidize the development of a freshman curriculum in world history, Mr. Edgar Bernstein will request $80,000 from the U. S. Office of Education. Mr. Bernstein and Principal Philip Montag will work together as associate directors.

Funds for the project, which would run July 1-August 31, would go for materials, personnel salaries, and consultants. Also participating in the program would be Mr. Joel Surgal, Miss Andrea Pontecorvo, and Miss Jane Ashbrook.

If the project is successful, Mr. Bernstein plans to request a 3-year extension.

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