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Case Displays Berlin School Information

As the result of an exchange of information with the Berlin (Germany) American school, a display has been set up in the 1st-floor showcase.

The material includes books and pamphlets on classes at the school as well as the cultural and historical aspects of Berlin.

U-HIGH has been taking part in the exchange program, sponsored by the North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools, since February 1, according to Mr. William L. Boyd, administrative assistant to Principal Philip Montag.

Eighty-seven per cent of the 608 students at the Berlin American school (grades 7-12) are U.S. Army and Air Force dependents. The rest of the students are the children of private citizens, State department and other government agency employees, and foreign citizens.

MR. BOYD has sent the school several issues of the Midway, the Program of Studies booklet, Visitor's Kits, copies of the handbook, information on the Freshman Project, articles written and speeches delivered by Former U-High Principal Willard J. Congreve, and information on Chicago and the University of Chicago.

Student Council President David Boorstin and Mr. Boyd have discussed sending Student Council minutes to the school.

"We are open to suggestions for things to be sent on aspects of U-High life, including social life," Mr. Boyd added.

Odds 'n Ends

Student Council has started a weekly classified ad sheet and is accepting insertions at 25 cents for four lines.

A record 4,500 votes, \$240 5-cent tickets, was cast in this year's Bazaarnival King and Queen contest. Other Bazaarnival results and photo coverage in the next Midway, Wednesday, May 10.



STUDYING a booklet sent by the Berlin-American school as part of a new information exchange with U-High, Ed Rappaport, left, and Mr. William Boyd

discuss the program's benefit. Exchange's purpose is to provide the Berlin-American school with suggestions for its educational program.

Photo by Schrammel

But Maybe One Next Year

Seniors Won't Get Lounge

There is little likelihood of a senior lounge this year, according to Principal Philip Montag, because there is no room. Mr. Montag says he believes, however, that a senior lounge is a fine idea.

About 40 seniors staged a sit-in for a lounge 4th period, April 6, in the U-High-Belfield corridor. Dean of Students John Thompson met with the seniors and allowed them temporarily to use faculty lounge 2nd and 3rd periods the next day.

MR. THOMPSON later stated that several faculty members had protested, fearing the seniors would gain permanent use of the lounge.

Mr. Montag met with Seniors Judy Kahn and J. D. Weiss and told them that he had no authority

to turn the lounge over to the senior class. He suggested they discuss the matter with Faculty Co-chairman Richard Scott.

Judy and J. D. said they planned to ask Mr. Scott to hold a faculty vote on giving the seniors the lounge.

JUDY SAYS she feels the faculty should turn their lounge over to the seniors because it has forbidden use of other places in which to quietly spend out-of-class time.

Other proposals for a senior lounge include setting aside a different classroom each period, marking off part of the 2nd-floor corridor between Belfield hall and U-High, and converting U-High 1, a storage room in the east end of the basement.

Senior Play Choice Took Six Meetings

Six sessions marked by disagreement finally were resolved when the senior play committee chose "The Lark" as this year's production. Tickets will go on sale the second week of May for the two performances, May 19-20.

The six committee members were split over whether the play should be serious or a comedy.

Forest View

Third School

To Exchange

When Forest View high school and U-High exchange visits one day later this quarter, U-Highers will have still another chance to compare schools and Student Councils.

U-High already has conducted this year a one-day exchange of Student Council members with Niles West high school in Skokie and a week-long student exchange with Clayton high school in suburban St. Louis, Mo.

A letter was received from Forest View before spring vacation stating that 20 students wished to visit U-High and attend a session of its Student Council.

U-High was invited, in return, to visit Forest View.

U-High's council has sent a letter in reply but no further action has been taken.

David Boorstin was one member who felt comic relief was needed for an end-of-the-year production. He also pointed out that a comedy is a tradition at U-High.

SARA GOTTLIEB, however, was one who supported the selection of a serious play, asserting that "Tradition is a ridiculous reason to pick a comedy. It's not that I'm against a comedy as for a break from the traditional."

The committee narrowed a list of 14 plays suggested by Drama Teacher John Baumhardt to "The Visit," "All My Sons" and "The Lark."

"The Visit" was eliminated because of technical difficulties and the cast of "All My Sons" was too small, she says.

"THE LARK," by Jean Anouilh, is set at the inquisition of Joan of Arc. It centers around a series of flashbacks which show the events that led to her trial and death.

The play was first produced on Broadway in 1955. There are two available translations in French. Mr. Baumhardt is using the one he believes best.

Selection committee members not already mentioned were Tom Aldrich, Debbie Groban, Barry Levine and Nancy Selk.

PLAYERS and their roles follow:

Warwick, Lee Turkevich; Cauchon, Sam Schulman; Joan, Amy Wright; Father, Fred Davis; Mother, Charlotte Miller; Brother, Robert Klauber; Promoter, Scott Lewis; Inquisitor, David Boorstin; Ladvenu, Ed Boyer; Robert, Barry Levine.

Agnes, Sara Gottlieb; Little Queen, Miriam Kahan; the Dauphin, Tom Kohut; Queen Yolande, Wini Sallers; La Tremouille, Alan Daniels; Archbishop, Paul Stamlar; La Hire, Norman Epstein; Executioner, Bill Bradbury; Scribe, Jeff Stern.

Monks, Soldiers, Ladies: Helen Beck, Judy Kahn, Debbie Groban, Barry Newman, Jon Weiss, Bob Bergman, Allen Gordon and John Stout.

JUBILANT over temporarily obtaining a senior lounge, David Boorstin, left, Debby Groban and Barbara Weiss relax on the 1st floor.

Israeli Senior Only U-High Girl To Face Draft

By Ron Lessman

Every U-High boy faces the draft, but only one U-High girl must figure army induction into her plans for the future.



Eva Mehlberg

All Israeli girls age 18-20 must serve in the Israeli army for 21 months, and U-High Senior and Israel Citizen Eva Mehlberg is no exception.

Now, after 2 years at the Lab Schools, her visa is running out and she must return to Israel and fulfill her military obligation.

"I'M HOPING to get my visa

extended so I can continue with a college education in this country," Eva says with a pronounced Israeli accent.

Eva came to U-High at the suggestion of her uncle, a University of Chicago professor. She is not extending her visa as means of dodging her country's draft, she says.

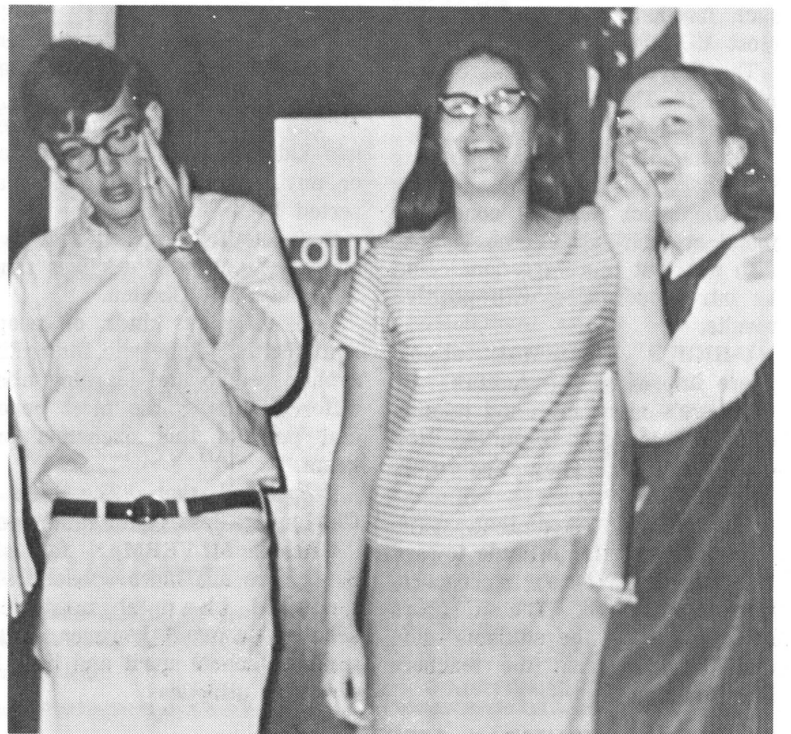
"I love the idea of Israel's draft," she explains. "It gives poor people who come from all over the world and become Israeli citizens a chance to learn how to live together."

EVA, WHO will be 18 in July, says that, in preparation for their induction, Israeli high school students have 1 hour of military

training a week. They also spend 1-2 weeks each year at a military base. A girl is exempt from the requirement, and the draft, only if she has a severe illness or is married.

"Our draft seems a bit more fair than America's, since everyone in Israel must go," Eva feels. However, the situation is different in Israel for we can't afford to keep anyone out. We're a small nation and a constant threat is posed by our Arab neighbors."

Suspecting that she will not be granted an extension of her visa, Eva says, "After I serve in my army, in that case, I will come back to the United States to attend college."



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, the Council all but forgot the matter.

Luckily, two hardworking students, Lynda Herman and Beth Fallers, quietly made the exchange their personal responsibility, and what could have been a disaster was narrowly averted.

JOURNALISM Teacher Wayne Brasler agreed to chaperon U-High's delegation in 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 never heard a word from the Council.

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

The week was packed with tours of the city, trips to a repertory theater and auto plant, and several parties and dinners. Mr. Brasler was invited to come to the school as a guest journalism teacher.

IN PREPARATION for Clayton's trip here, the Clayton council carefully screened about 50 applicants, from whom 22 delegates were selected as those who would best represent the school and benefit from the trip.

Such necessities and niceties evidently didn't occur to U-High's Council. The U-Highers who went to Clayton simply were those who wanted to go (luckily, it turned out to be a well-balanced group). Few of these people, it turned out, could serve as hosts to their Clayton exchanges.

Council, however, couldn't have been aware of this fact because it made no attempt to secure homes until the last minute, when 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. Brasler 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 would not have been bothered in the first place.

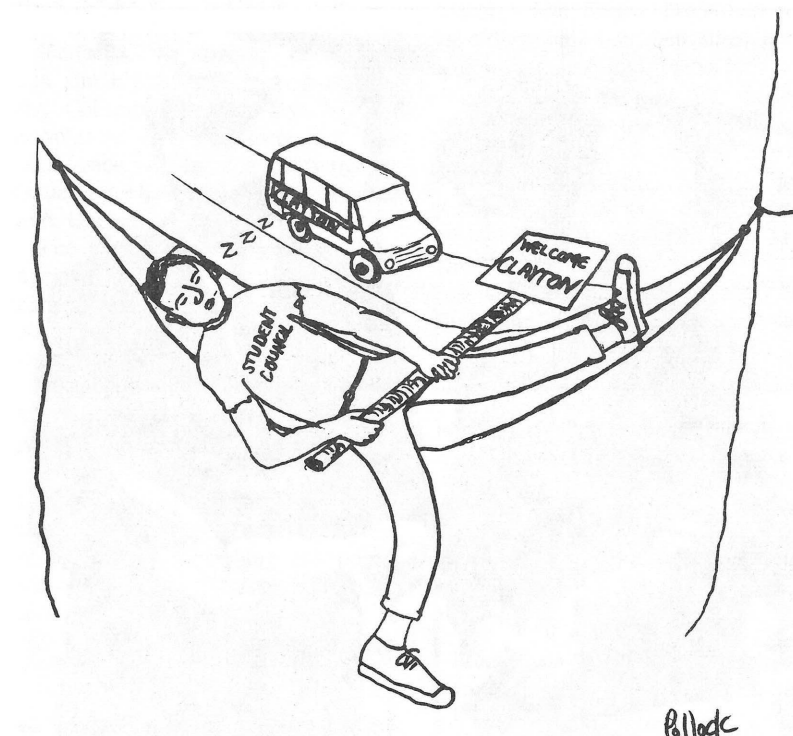
Because they did not wish to place Clayton students in homes where they were not welcome, Beth and Mr. Brasler were frantically seeking homes the evening before the delegation was to arrive.

AS FOR the week's program for the guests, that responsibility seemed to escape the Council's attention, too. Sarah Lincoln and Beth graciously gave parties at their homes.

Lynda and Mr. Brasler 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 some embarrassing 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 ruling out 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 Boorstin 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 sufficient notice concerning the visitors. As for the week's activi-

ties, they luckily turned out to be successful but were shamefully thrown together.

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 capably is another matter.

Freedom Impressed Visitors

Exchange students from Clayton (Mo. high found more 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 9-16. 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 could 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 weirdos."

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

"The cosmopolitan environment lets kids be beat, hippy, collegiate or anything else they want," asserted Vicki.

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

"All different kinds of people live there," Bob said. "Meeting urbane people and learning about different kids 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 at most high schools. He found, however, an absence of school spirit and little interest in athletics.

He noted also that U-High students tend to be younger than those at Clayton because of the prefreshman year combining grades 7 and 8.

Most of the Clayton students agreed the prefreshman year is a bad idea because of this age factor.

JOANNE BROWN was surprised to find that out-of-school fraternities and sororities exist here.

Some of Clayton's delegates found U-Highers have less homework than they do.

Helene, however, felt the work was about the same.

Bruce couldn't understand the four-days-a-week, different-from-day-to-day class scheduling at U-High or the privilege to option out from classes for independent work. He was surprised to find students who had only one class on a given day.

"**WHEN DO** they do anything?" he exclaimed, adding that he felt a student with only one class couldn't learn much.

KEEPING UP

Hyde Parkers

Plan Theater

By Debbie Gross

Community repertory productions this fall are the goal of the Hyde Park Community Theater, a new group headed by University Professor Daniel 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 be served each evening.

After 200 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 available. 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 63rd street at Stoney Island.

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

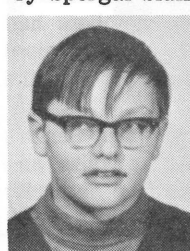
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U-Higher Also Crashed 'Wedding Of The Year'

By Robert Katzman

The University of Chicago isn't alone in boasting a gate-crasher at the Sharon Percy-Jay Rockefeller wedding. U-High Junior Barry Spersgal bluffed his way in, too,



Barry Spersgal

though he didn't win the daily newspaper recognition received by his university counterpart, Robert Shapiro.

Barry got into the exclusive reception following the wedding by walking "directly behind an older couple, pretending to be their son."

WITH HIS head bowed toward the pavement, he passed three F.B.I. guards inspecting invitations at the door.

"I was so stunned," Barry recalls, "it was all so unexpected, that for several minutes I just felt completely lost."

After getting his bearings, Barry began to enjoy his coup.

"**I WALKED** through the crowded reception hall stopping here and there to listen in on the conversations," he says. "I went up to New York Mayor Lindsay, shook hands and asked him how he liked the wedding."

"I eavesdropped by Maurice Chevalier, and as I walked past I heard the ladies exclaim, 'Isn't Maurice just darling?'"

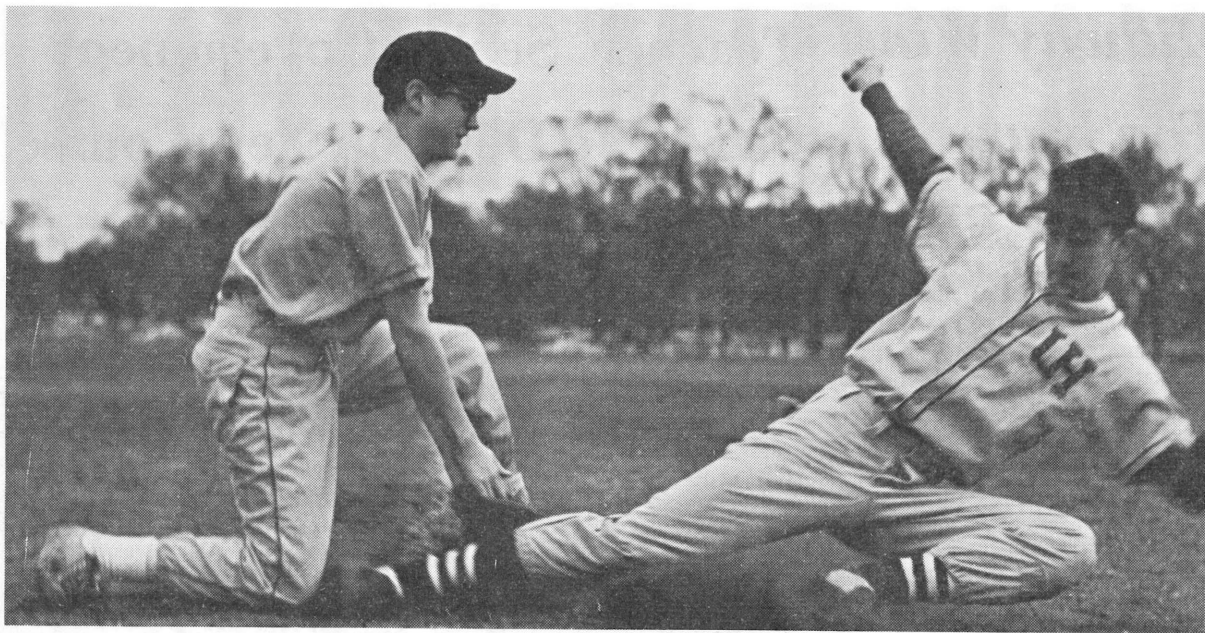
"Yes," the other said, 'just a dear.'

"**AFTER AN** hour in line," Barry continues, "I finally met the beautiful bride and the groom. I shook hands and congratulated them as they told me how much they appreciated my coming. I then had an extended handshake with Senator Percy, who was staring somewhat suspiciously at my pants."

Barry later discovered that, instead of wearing dress pants, he had matched a pair of wrinkled black levis with his dress suit.

"**AFTER STUFFING** myself with hors-d'oeuvres, I took a piece of cake and sat down at a table adjacent to the one where Lynda Bird Johnson and George Hamilton were chatting. As they noticed my eavesdropping and not-so-subtle staring, they became a little embarrassed and got up to dance."

Finally, a little past 8 p. m., Barry decided to leave, passing "only reluctantly by the rows of limousines, past the barricades and through the crowds."



JUNIOR Fred Belmont slides into second base manned by Junior Lawrie Burns in a Maroon practice game at Jackman field. Fred usually plays first base on the varsity team.

Only 2 Returning Players

Sluggers Face Tough Foes

By Ron Lessman

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 Seniors Gus Lauer, 3rd base, and Ron Lessman, 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, 48th and the Lake. It is unlikely that last year's slaughter 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 challenger at 3:30 p. m., Friday, May 5, in a home affair. A strong offensive attack will make Morgan Park a tough foe.

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

Lack of hitting by Parker should spell victory for the Maroons, Tuesday, May 9 at Parker.

IN THREE preseason games the Maroons showed much promise for the upcoming season. They won only one of the three games, but

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, 3:30 p. m., here.

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

the two losses served a purpose as Coach Tom Tourlas searched for pitching talent.

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.

'Rough' Game Receives Girls' Concentration

"In this game, you've got to concentrate on what's going on," according to Junior Kathy Garland. The game she's referring to is volleyball, a rough sport as evidenced by the frequent scratches, twisted ankles and sprained and broken fingers of players.

THE GIRLS' volleyball season began April 19 with a game against Elgin. Monday the team played Francis Parker, there.

Team members and Coach Margaret Mates are optimistic about the outcome of Monday's game against the Romans of Latin, 3:30 p. m., here.

Kathy feels the team started this year where they left off last season.

"COOPERATION among team members is much better this year," she explains.

Last year the varsity team beat Latin 15-8 and 15-10 to clinch the best-out-of-three game series. The frosh-soph girls lost the tie-breaking third game of their match.

Latin's team for this year remained, to be organized last week, according to the Romans' new coach, Mrs. Andrea Parham.

Track Team Faces Three Away Meets

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

Since this year's j. v. 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 this meet, schools are grouped according to size, with U-High in the smaller of two divisions.

Coach Elmer Busch plans to concentrate on doing well in the relays, and possibly 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 20 placing runners with 13 points.

DAVE COOLEY'S 14-3/4 points led the frosh-soph to a crushing win. Final scores: Varsity—U-High, 90; DuSable, 36; Hirsch, 21. Frosh-soph—U-High, 69; DuSable, 40; Hirsch, 25.

Douglas Tave, with 15 1/4 points, sparked U-high to a come-from-behind win against Luther North and North Park April 18. Final score was U-high, 65; Luther North, 63; and North Park, 31. U-high trailed for most of the meet but won when the Maroons captured five of the last six events.

The frosh-soph squad split, losing to Luther North and beating North Park. Final score was U-high, 48; Luther North 76; and North Park, 9. Cocaptain Dave Cooley paced the j.v. with 16 points.

Golfers Hope For 1st, 2nd

"No worse than second" is the outlook for U-High's golf season according to the golfers themselves, who opened their season April 18 against Francis Parker at Waveland. The Maroons last year finished 3rd in the PSL tourney, losing 1st place to Morgan Park and 2nd place by only 1 point to North Park academy.

"Our only real trouble this year should be Morgan Park," says Captain Kevin Kenward, rated U-High's number one fairway man. Kevin, who averages mid-70s, will be joined by five other seniors (Burt Geller, Barry Levine, Chuck Gelman, Jim Nierman and John Colburn) and about as many underclassmen.

"There was a surprising number of boys at our first meeting," informs Kevin, "from all grades."

Yesterday, the team was scheduled to meet Elgin and North Shore at Elgin. Remaining schedule follows:

May 4, Thursday—Francis Parker, North Shore and Morgan Park at Hickory Hills.
May 5, Friday—North Shore, there.
May 16, Tuesday—Elgin, there.
May 22, Monday—ISL Tourney at Elgin.

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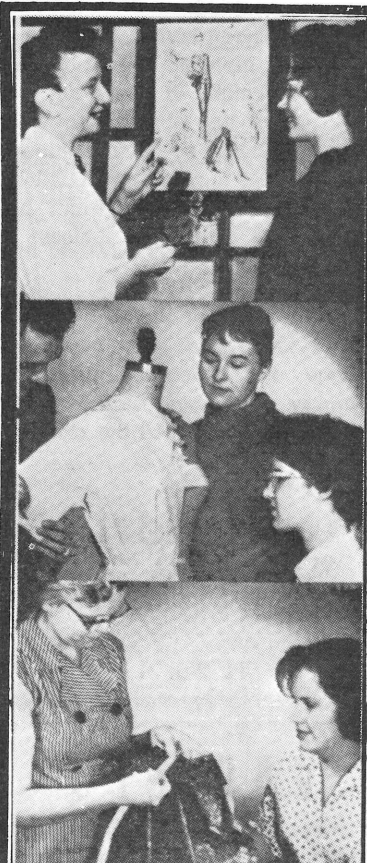
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Clear Days On The Senior Lounge Front



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 underclassmen 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.

"We'll pass over that one."

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

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

"Department of Education has that, remember? They asked us out of 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?"

"Bolivia."

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.

"This sprightly 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 pa-

Teacher Seeks Government Funds To Develop New Course

To subsidize the development of a frosh-soph curriculum in world history, Mr. Edgar Bernstein will request \$30,000 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 2-year extension.

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