

SPECIAL REPORT: FIRE SAFETY



Photo by Ken Devine

WHAT would happen if fire broke out in the crowded cafeteria during lunch hour? No one knows for sure; fire drills no longer are staged during lunch because they resulted in "chaos," a school administrator said.

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Administrators feel school well-prepared for disaster

By Daniel Pollock

"Parents have a right to expect their children to be kept safe from death by fire while the children are in school. The school system has the duty to keep children safe."

So states a 1960 report of the Educational Facilities Laboratories directed toward school officials.

"Most children who die in school fires do so from asphyxiation by smoke and toxic gases. Others are scorched to their death by heat. A few actually die from the touch of flame," the EFC report states.

HOW PROTECTED against fire deaths and injury is U-High? According to Mr. Daniel Green, supervisor of maintenance, the Lab Schools "are very well prepared. The fire alarm system is the finest in the University and seven pieces of (fire fighting) equipment are here in a minute-and-a-half (after a fire alarm is sounded)."

City fire inspectors, according to Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services, inspect U-High "every month and do a very good job."

IF SOME AREA of the school does not meet fire regulations, the school is given a citation, and if the hazard is not corrected by the next time the building is inspected, then by law the school must be closed down until regulations are met.

One area which still must meet city fire and building regulations is the future senior lounge in the basement of Belfield.

"The senior lounge," according to Mr. Conway, "is not a senior lounge yet."

"THERE IS A pipe at shoulder height blocking the exit that must be moved and certain alterations must be made in the ventilation system."

But at least one teacher said the inspections are haphazard.

"WE WERE having class one day, and this man walked in and looked around and walked out. I asked, 'Can I help you.' He said he was a fire inspector, so I said, 'We have some combustible materials here. Would you like to look at how they're stored and check out the fire extinguisher?' But he said no, they had already been checked."

According to the EFC report, "Another danger (in fire preparations) lies in the mistaken assumption that people will do the right thing in an emergency."

Mr. John Thompson, dean of students, said, "There is some room for improvement (by the students) in the fire drills, but if there was a real occurrence students would respond in good fashion."

ACCORDING TO the EFC report, "Fire exit drills must be held frequently—at least once a month, even in winter . . . at all times of the day, including during changes of classes, assemblies and lunch period."

Presently, Mr. Thompson said, fire drill procedures are being rewritten, so that fire drills may be staged during passing time or lunch as well as class periods.

Mr. Conway said that three or four years ago fire drills were given during lunch hour and the result was "utter chaos," so the drills were discontinued.

AS FOR A tornado or natural disaster drill, Mr. Conway said, "There is a practical limit beyond which you pay too much insurance . . . and if you are hit by a tornado, there is really no defense" (see "Viewpoint," page two).

Fire drills are not staged in Sunny gym because it is "not worth endangering the health of those in the swimming pool or those scantily clad," Mr. Conway explained.

Fire drills take place at all different times of the day, so that everyone knows what to do, he added.

SUNNY GYM, according to Mr. Green, "is what the fire department calls a fireproof building." If a fire were to occur during a basketball game in Upper Sunny "everyone could definitely get out," Mr. Green said.

U-Highers have enough practice in fire drill procedures to know what to do, he believes, and two fire guards are posted at the exits to supervise evacuation in case of an emergency.

Last quarter, according to Mr. Conway, there were "five or six unplanned drills (false alarms) and at least two and possibly three planned ones (Principal Carl

Rinne and the fire marshal said there has only been one drill; Lower school has had more . . . I was perfectly satisfied with the way fire drills were run."

MR. GREEN said there were two planned drills last quarter. In one, in October, the building was evacuated in two minutes and 45 seconds; in another in November, the building was evacuated in from two minutes and 12 seconds to two minutes and 15 seconds.

"Any time before three minutes," Mr. Green said, "would be enough time to empty the building."

According to the EFC report, though, "a three-story building can be 'uninhabitable' in two minutes."

U-HIGHERS, Mr. Green feels, are "very good" about fire drills, and he has never known a student to maliciously set off an alarm.

Once last quarter, however, a student accidentally set off an alarm when he placed a large instrument into a cabinet in the Belfield music room.

The cabinet became unbalanced and leaned back against a fire alarm box, touching it off.

When an alarm is set off in Belfield, U-High, Blaine or Judd it immediately sets off the fire horns in that building.

AT THE SAME time the alarm sets off a city alarm box located outside of Blaine. This box activates an alarm at the fire station at 55th street between University and Woodlawn avenues.

When this alarm sounds, firemen immediately dispatch their equipment to Blaine, where an annunciator (panel of lights) tells firemen in which building the pulled alarm box is located.

Mr. Green said it took firemen about 30 minutes to locate the alarm. Meanwhile, Art Teacher Robert Erickson unsuccessfully tried to contact an administrator to find what the alarm was about.

NOT EVERYONE in Belfield hall left the building when the buzzer sounded. But one teacher who did said it took nearly four minutes for the fire department to arrive.

Mr. Francis V. Lloyd Jr., Lab

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Photo by Ken Devine

THERE ARE people around U-High who consider fire safety a priority matter of immediate importance. Using a crowbar to scrape dangerous electrical equipment off the walls, Drama Instructor Robert Keil demonstrates how switches and wires were removed from the drama room walls to minimize the chance of electrical fire. Another safety improvement, accomplished over winter vacation, was the stacking of loose boards against the walls. In the publications office combustible materials also are now stored against a brick wall and in metal cabinets.

Busy Thursday coming up: gov't forum, homeroom polls

All-school forum in the freshman suite on the third floor of U-High to discuss student government will replace regular meetings of Student Council, Student Board and Student Union Thursday.

In homeroom Thursday three student opinion surveys will be taken. One poll, a project of Student Council Secretary Hugh Patinkin, will survey student opinion on the Vietnam war and this year's Presidential nominees.

Another poll, sponsored by the Laboratory Mutants, an underground student group, will seek student views on curriculum.

Students also will select Thursday four charities to receive proceeds from Student Council's Fund Drive.

In other Council business, motions to draw up three resolutions were passed Thursday: to change the dress code to permit girls to wear pants during winter months; to formally condemn increasing vandalism here; and to protest the rowdy behavior of prefreshmen in the halls.

On The Midway

Today, Jan. 30—Girl's basketball against North Shore Country Day, 3:30 p.m., here; Swimming against Kenwood, frosh soph only, 3:30 p.m., here.

Friday, Feb. 2—Swimming against South Shore 3:30 p.m., here; Girl's basketball against St. Patrick, 4 p.m., here; Basketball against North Shore, 6:30 p.m., here.

Monday, Feb. 5 — Fund Drive begins.

Tuesday, Feb. 6—Midway out after school.

THE MIDWAY'S VIEWPOINT:

Time to face facts about fire

The Midway's investigation of fire hazards at U-High, prompted by a false alarm incident last quarter, has illuminated an unpleasant but unavoidable fact: U-Highers have an unrealistic, childish attitude toward safety.

A student who says fire drills and preparation for natural disasters is a matter of major importance gets a queer look from his fellow students—he must be kidding, they feel.

This attitude is a long-standing one at U-High. Two years ago, when the Midway (for the third time in seven years) campaigned for tornado and disaster drills the idea was scoffed into obscurity by students and faculty.

LAST QUARTER, after a false fire alarm in Belfield hall, one student jokingly lit matches. The teacher who turned him in to the dean of students was called a "bad guy."

Fire drills have deteriorated into an excuse to waste class time. Students talk, laugh and straggle in line during most U-High fire drills. They obviously are unaware of how fast a fire can spread through a building and of the horrors of being trapped in a burning school (see stories pages 1 and 3).

And U-High's administrators and faculty members are equally to blame.

THEY ARE not intentionally careless, but their attitude toward fire safety here is uninformed and unrealistic.

For example, fire—unlike U-High drills—does not conveniently occur only during class periods, never during lunch or between classes or after school.

Exits do not magically remain unblocked in a fire.

School administrators may not all be immediately available, or the person in charge of drills may be out of school when a real fire starts.

CHICAGO FIRE ordinances require a drill a month, but in violation of this ordinance U-High's administrators have conducted only one drill during the first four months of school.

The fire marshal in this area, though a conscientious worker, equally is to blame. Sources at the Fire Prevention Bureau have told the Midway staff that the law specifically requires monthly drills at the initiation of a fire marshal.

It is usual practice in Chicago for prin-



Art by Daniel Pollock

'Don't worry, it can't happen here.'

cipals to hold an additional monthly drill, a spokesman said.

FIRE IS NOT the only disaster for which the school is unprepared.

U-High, with its glass windows and skylights, is a sitting duck for a tornado tragedy like the one which resulted in a dozen deaths at Belvidere high school last spring.

Yet U-High has no tornado and disaster plan.

And the administrator in charge of such plans feels the possibility of such a storm or an atomic disaster is too remote to justify shelter plans and drills.

AUTHORITIES at the weather bureau disagree and have prepared instructions on how to set up school safety plans.

Many area schools hold tornado drills and some, like Rockford East high, have shelters which can house the entire school population and in which is stored enough food to sustain students and faculty for two weeks.

When the Midway staff attempted to investigate possible fire hazards in the lounge being constructed in the basement of Belfield hall, student leaders, faculty members and one school administrator suggested to staff members and their adviser that the investigation be called off

or delayed.

Publicity, they explained, might jeopardize the proposed lounge by recording its presence because it had not received approval from a fire marshal (it since has been inspected and recommendations for improvements made).

MEMBERS OF the editorial board, after careful discussion, decided it was the paper's responsibility to bring the situation to light in a factual, calm manner.

They felt they could not ignore a serious safety hazard to students, no matter how unpopular their stand.

Yet Editor Dick Dworkin was told by one student, "Of course you're right, but we want that lounge and you'd better not say anything."

ANOTHER SAID, "How can you criticize the lounge? You're a senior."

Another called him an "altruistic slob." Faculty members, students and parents, of course, are to be commended for the work and cooperation which has made the senior lounge a reality.

STUDENT COMMITTEES found a suitable room in the Belfield basement, petitioned Principal Carl Rinne for permission to build a lounge and renovated the room with paint and hard work.

Parents have promised to donate carpeting and a television set.

But despite these truly impressive accomplishments, no one can be commended for an attitude which willfully sacrifices safety for student privilege.

THIS SCHOOL must initiate realistic, frequent fire drills; formulate a workable disaster drill plan; and impose severe punishment on any student who does not observe drill discipline.

Also needed are a really thorough fire inspection and report from the fire marshal and, if any are found necessary, funds from the University to institute safety measures.

Beyond these measures, U-Highers and their teachers need to re-examine a value system that places their pleasures above their safety.

A MUSING

... about test scores

Before your senior year, standardized tests are merely an engaging diversion from normal school routine. But to seniors they're deadly serious business.

And arrival of test scores is a time of joy or sorrow depending on the results.

The other Saturday my board scores arrived in the mail. With a combination of eagerness and apprehension I opened the envelope.

THEN I SAW my scores—130 points total drop from the previous spring's results. I nearly had a heart attack and then I shook for 15 minutes and fumbled with the score report book.

I thought that every college I applied to would instantly reject me when they received my scores. It was Podunk U. for me, I thought as I broke out into a cold sweat.

NEXT I WANTED a drink, then a smoke, but since it was 11 a.m. I didn't think my parents would go for either idea.

Then I realized that I had to get a hold of myself. I had to take more tests that afternoon.

—A senior

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She's woman of few words, he's of a heady profession

Amid "Humbolt's Guide to the Himalayas" and "The Disturbed Child" stands a petite woman who says three words:

"And?" "Thank you," and "next!"

Along with Bookstore Manager Charles Urbanas, Miss E. Clute ("E. will be sufficient, young man," she said firmly), daily faces unruly, noisy masses of U-Highers as she mans the



Robert Katzman bookstore in Belfield.

A COMPACT PACKAGE of energy and efficiency, Miss Clute came to the bookstore from Marshall, Michigan (where she was born and reared), after a few intermediate jobs. She didn't specify.

"Young students needn't know every detail of my personal life," she asserted.

But Marshall and Chicago are not the only places Miss Clute has been. She's taken trips to Hawaii and the Mediterranean.

MR. URBANAS, who formerly dwelled

in the heady profession of rare book collecting and buying, believes people don't accumulate books anymore.

"It used to be," he reflected, "when you went into a person's home, whole walls would be covered with four, five hundred books. Maybe a thousand. Now people think books clash with the design of their houses."

GIVING BOOK-BUYING up after his employer retired seven years ago, Mr. Urbanas came to U-High.

"The curriculum at this school is on a very high plane," he asserted. "The books we sell here usually surprise visitors from other schools."

Miss Clute becomes nettled by dawdlers and smart alecks in the bookstore.

"Kids who run in and say 'this is a stickup'; they interrupt the efficiency of the store," grumbled Miss Clute.

"All we want is to run an efficient shop," she sighed.

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The students at Carl Sandburg high in Orland Park refer to themselves as "Sand Burgers."

Meow, cats.

10-second editorials

● The Midway staff has received the following letter from Principal Carl Rinne in reply to a 10-second editorial in the January 16 issue:

"I hope you will correct your 10-second editorial statement: U-High students are not about to lose the New Dorms. We will continue to work to keep these facilities for the use of our students. The rest of your editorial is quite accurate, however—the childish behavior of a few students is sad indeed."

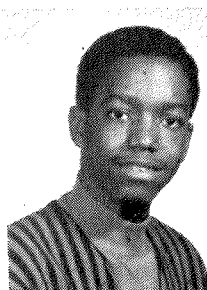
The Midway staff is happy to

correct its error in wording.

● The kind of horrible mistake newspaper staffs await in trembling—because such errors can't be prevented—happened last week to the Midway. Right before press time, the printer switched pages two and three. The staff was downhearted until someone remembered the bad luck which befell a school paper in Florida. Its staff had to burn all copies of an issue when a typesetting error resulted in a girl being labeled as a very special kind of saleslady.

Second thoughts:

What do you think about Student Union policy barring freshmen from some parties?



Bruce Baker



Mat Saidel



Lorna Sultan



Carolyn Thomas

BRUCE BAKER, senior: I think it's a tradition that should be abolished.

MAT SAIDEL, junior: Judging from the size and behavior of the freshmen, I think they haven't quite made it yet. By sophomore year they'll be ready.

LORNA SULTAN, junior: The only rea-

son I approve is that most functions are in the cafeteria and you can hardly move, as it is. It's not that they're immature.

CAROLYN THOMAS, sophomore: I think it's wrong because the freshmen pay the activities fee, part of which goes to the Student Union, just like anyone else.

School fires spread fast; panic, confusion take toll

By Judy LeFevre

"Once a fire gets going, it goes faster than you can run. All you need is one inhalation of that superheated air. It doesn't take much to trap a person and snuff out his life."

These words were spoken nine years ago after the Our Lady of the Angels school fire here in Chicago, by Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1958, 18 minutes before the school day would have ended, the West side parochial school burst into flames. Eighty-seven students and three nuns were burned to death. One hundred others were hospitalized.

The Our Lady of the Angels fire started in a basement stairwell. It takes two minutes for a basement fire to fill the first floor of a building with lethal smoke, a report by the Ford Foundation's Educational Facilities Laboratories states.

And it takes six minutes for a fire to make corridors impassable. In this time the fire alarm must be rung and the school must be

evacuated.

IN THE Our Lady of the Angels fire the children didn't get out quickly enough. They were trapped in the upper stories.

While fire raged around them, they balanced on window ledges waiting to be rescued or they jumped. Those who leapt were either killed or injured.

"Our backs were burning, then someone pushed me," a hospitalized girl said in a New York Times story, December 2, 1958.

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy described the scene. "Everybody was jumping. The smoke was terrible. Everybody was screaming. Everybody was trying to get on the firemen's ladders at the same time."

The next day the New York Times reported, "So rapid was the spread of flames that carefully rehearsed fire drill procedures were forgotten by many of the children."

"Kids huddled in panic in their rooms or jammed the corridors, unheeding the efforts of their teachers to organize them for an

orderly evacuation."

PANIC AND confusion, Captain James Collopy of the 55th street Hyde Park Fire Station stated in a recent interview, are the most dangerous elements in a fire situation and the cause of most casualties.

Discipline, he said, is a school's best protection. Fire drills should be serious and anyone out of order should be severely punished.

Different exits should be blocked each time (see "Viewpoint," page 2) he added, so students and teachers get used to acting creatively in special situations.

"Your school could also get an inspector or fire prevention man down to talk," Captain Collopy suggested.

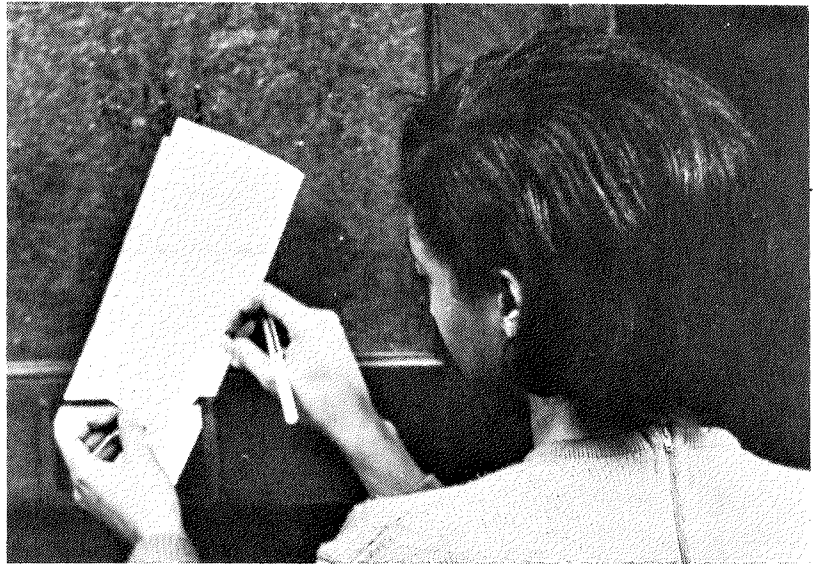


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MIDWAY Ad Manager Delia Pitts demonstrates how attendance list collectors have inadvertently picked up fire drill attendance lists from the publications office, Belfield 148. Exit instructions also are missing from the door. Other safety problems not mentioned elsewhere in this issue include unfireproofed scenery and costumes in the drama room, lack of conspicuous "no smoking" signs and teachers who smoke while walking in the halls.

Fire safety here

(Continued from page 1)

Schools director, told a Midway reporter recently, "As strange as it may seem, we have no way of knowing exactly where the fire is."

Earlier this month firemen would have experienced even greater difficulty in locating a fire if something went wrong with the alarm system.

ACCORDING TO Mr. Green, a fire alarm horn was ripped off a U-High wall about 4:30 p.m., January 17. For half the next day, Mr. Green said, the school was without a "trouble system."

This system detects flaws in the fire alarm system, and had to be deactivated to replace the stolen bell.

Mr. Thompson said, "We tend to believe it's a student who took the bell. It's a bad practical joke as well as very dangerous."

IN ADDITION to the theft of the horn, Mr. Green said, eight

"arms" have been taken from fire doors. These "arms" close the fire doors when a high degree of heat is generated in the area of the door.

U-High has fire doors between Belfield and U-High, and Blaine and U-High.

The EFC report points out, however, that in a close-to-normal school conditions test, "even when automatic heat-sensitive devices were used for closing the fire doors (in a close-to-normal school conditions test) . . . smoke made the building uninhabitable before the heat of the fire brought the devices into operation."

BUT PERHAPS attitude, not inadequate physical defense, is the strongest obstacle to fire safety.

"The greatest danger to the lives of school children," the EFC report says, "may come from excessive attention to matters other than fire safety. Whatever the cause may be, somewhere in the pursuit of education the basic safety of the children gets forgotten. No one means it to happen, but it does."

Hospital work: new option?

U-Highers soon may be able to spend their open periods working as volunteers at Billings hospital, reports Principal Carl Rinne.

This, he says, would be a cooperative venture with Billings whereby students leave U-High during open periods to work in various kinds of jobs at the U. of C. hospitals and clinics.

"Nothing," he adds, "is official yet, but I expect that we can have plans ready in another month."

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Preacher Haggler, Al Wilkinson; Floyd Allen, Gary Kaplan; Mr. Allen, David Halperin; Mrs. Allen, Jo Ellen Harrison.
Conjur Man, Mike Rosenberg; Conjur Woman, Emily Mann.

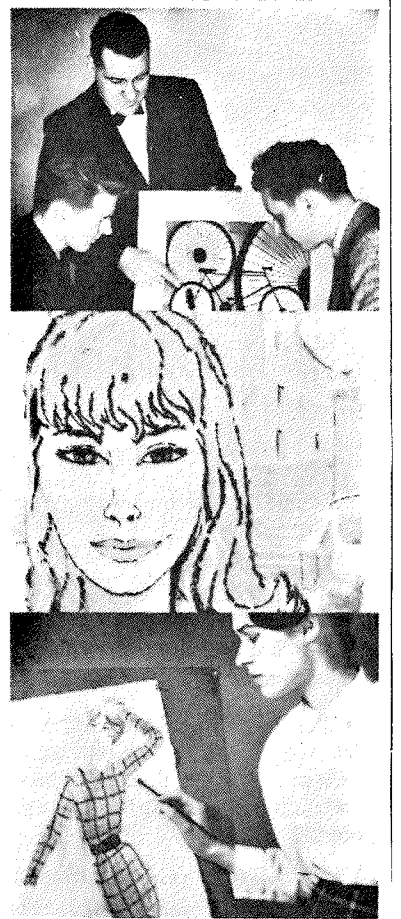
OTHER ROLES are as follows:

The Witches, Brenda Williams, Gloria Rogers, Sarah Lincoln and Ellen Irons; Miss Metcalf, Laurie Duncan; Marvin Hudson, Glenn Preib; Mr. Atkins, Al McNeil; Burt Dinwirth, Tom Kohut; Hank Guder, Paul Brin; Mr. Jenkins, Greg Walker; Greeny Gorman, Anni Raineri; Hattie Heffner, Lisa Heiserman.
Mr. Summey, Mark Patinkin; Mrs. Summey, Julie Schiller; Ella Bergen, Jeanne Orden; Mr. Bergen, Harry Cornelius; Mrs. Bergen, Debbie Bakan.
Townpeople and dancers will be portrayed by Rich Richter, Jim Moulton, Susan Hackett, and Gordon, Shayne Tulsy, Barbara Goller, Kathy Sloan, Richard Booth, Maria Nipson, Cathy Collier, Sue Scherer, Kathy Garland and Alison Becker.

TWENTY-FIVE members of the Workshop Theater were admitted to a newly formed U-High branch of an honorary drama society, the National Thespian Society.

U-High's branch will admit candidates after they have fulfilled a work requirement for the Workshop.

The twenty-five members were welcomed into the Society January 21 by members of the chapter at Barrington high school, where



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Jr. swimmers meet tough Ken'd today

U-High's frosh swimmers meet local Kenwood in a tough meet here today.

Kenwood swimmers to watch will be Craig Stevens in the 80 individual medley and 40 butterfly, Mark MacDougal in backstroke and Jeff Blumenthal, freestyle.

"Ya, I think we'll win, but it'll be close," says U-High Swimmer Bill Denis.

Here Friday for a return meet, South Shore's Tars will seek revenge for a 51-44 varsity loss and 51-34 frosh-soph loss.

"We should win again," says Breaststroker Peter Schloerb.

Maroon swimmers won at Glenwood January 23, 53-42.

The U-High lineup was jumbled with breaststrokes getting a chance to swim butterfly and freestylers swimming individual medley. The easy-meet trick almost backfired, however, with the final score close.

"There were some pretty good times, though," commented Coach Ed Pounder after the meet. "Mark Strandjord brought in a 1:54.7 in the freestyler, for example."

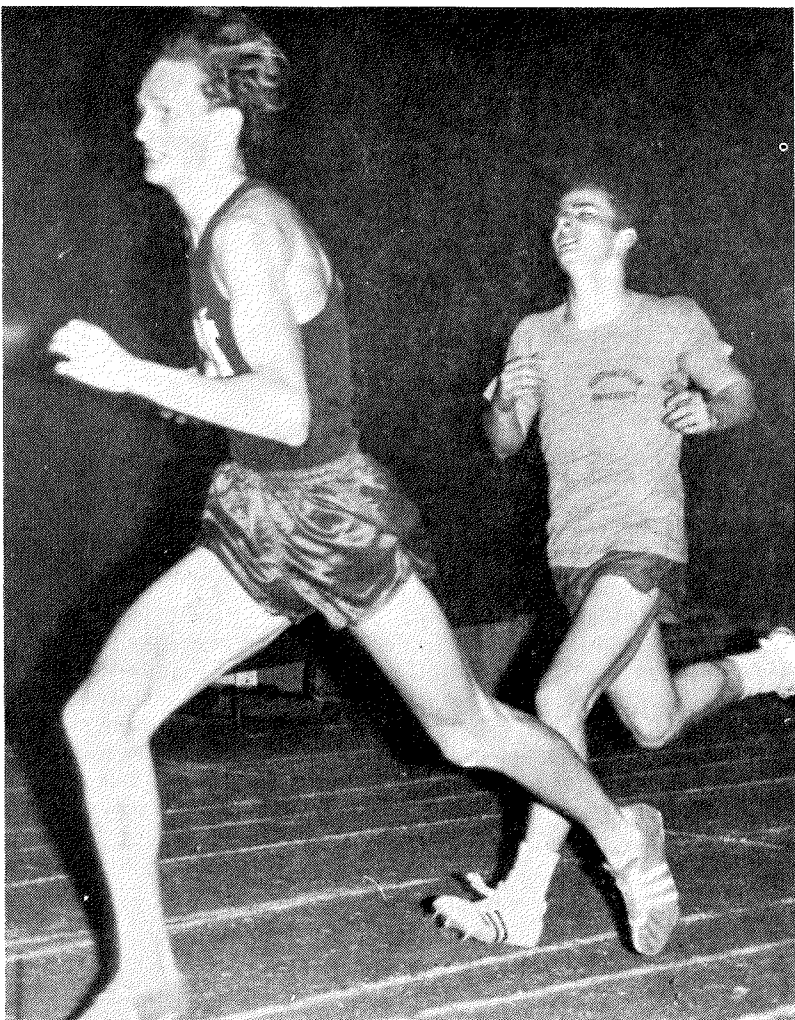


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ON HIS WAY to a first place in the half mile, Maroon Trackman Oscar Rattenborg breaks ahead of a Senn runner. U-High won the January 18 meet 66 to 45, beating Senn for the first time in four years. Maroons made it two in a row Friday, beating Hirsch 65-40.



Mostly Sunny

A student journalist learns the facts of life

By Dick Dworkin

As a student journalist I've found reactions to last week's "Mostly Sunny" column a real educational experience.

That was the column which said that if the school was going to require everyone at basketball games to rise for the National Anthem, or else leave, it should first democratically secure some sort of formal agreement on the matter among administrators, faculty members and students.

Most readers reacted so emotionally to what they felt was a threat to their personal security that they completely ignored what I actually had written.

I WAS ACCUSED of not wanting to stand for the flag (not true), writing that people shouldn't stand for the flag (not true) and saying the school had no right to ask people to stand (also not true).

I was told I had insulted the flag (nope, I never even discussed its meaning, though perhaps I should have said you can't legislate patriotism and that different people express it in different ways).

I also was accused of blowing up an issue when the people involved had no wish to blow it up. Well, aldermen who deprive minorities of their right to vote don't wish that issue blown up either.

BUT IF I HAVE a right as a journalist to stand up in print for others' rights, you'd never know it from the unsportsmanlike (please note) abuse hurled at me and two people who had nothing to do with the column.

A teacher told me, for example, that I'd ruined my chances for a good college recommendation from him. My brother was told his place in a school activity might be jeopardized. The Midway's adviser, who does not decide what I believe and write, was insulted several times and cursed once. When people attempted to bargain with me through him he graciously explained he wasn't my bargaining agent or spokesman.

A TEACHER asked me at Friday's basketball game, "Are the people you're sticking your neck out for really worth it?"

For a journalist, whether they are worth it or not doesn't matter. It's a journalist's job to protect the right to lawful dissent whether he likes the people involved or not. From what I've seen this past week, if we journalists don't protect such rights at U-High no one else will.

For the record . . .

VARSITY BASKETBALL					
	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Score
U-High	14	13	14	22	63
Lake Forest	12	16	19	29	76
Date: January 16, here					
Lead scorer: John Wachtel, 23 points					
U-High	22	26	17	18	73
Harvard	12	8	21	22	63
Date: January 18, there					
Lead scorer: Bruce Baker, John Wachtel, 14 points					
U-High	14	16	13	22	65
Glenwood	12	22	24	21	69
Date: January 23, there					
Lead scorer: John Wachtel, 22 points					
U-High	25	22	22	14	85
Francis Parker	16	12	20	19	67
Date: January 26, here					
Lead scorer: Mark Zelisko, 20 points					
FROSH SOPH BASKETBALL					
	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	Score
U-High	9	8	8	12	37
Lake Forest	17	14	17	14	62
Date: January 26, here					
Lead scorer: Bruce Montgomery, 17 points					
U-High	11	16	6	12	45
Harvard	15	7	15	5	42
Date: January 18, there					
Lead scorer: Bruce Montgomery, 18 points					
U-High	10	11	19	18	58
Glenwood	16	12	22	24	74
Date: January 23, there					
Lead scorer: Bruce Montgomery, 21 points					
U-High	18	15	10	5	48
Francis Parker	14	16	14	5	49
Date: January 26, here					
Lead scorer: Steve Pitts, 17 points					

VARSITY SWIMMING	
U-High 53, Lake Forest 40, January 16, here.	New 400 yard Freestyle relay record set by Stan Denis, Bill Hollander, Lawrie Burns and Mark Strandjord: 3:51.4. Old record Stan Denis, Bob Bergman, Steve Wright, Brian Leopold: 3:55.4, 1967.
U-High 60, Morgan Park high 28, January 19, here.	(New 400 yard freestyle relay record set by Stan Denis, Bill Hollander, Lawrie Burns and Mark Strandjord: 3:50.4) (New 100 yard freestyle record set by Stan Denis: :53.0. Old record Stan Denis: :53.1, 1967.
U-High 53, Glenwood 42, January 25, there.	
FROSH SOPH SWIMMING	
U-High 62, Lake Forest 26, January 16, here.	
U-High 43, Morgan Park 42, January 19, here.	
VARSITY TRACK	
U-High 66, Senn 45, January 18 here.	
U-High 65, Hirsch 40, January 26, here.	
FROSH SOPH TRACK	
U-High 46, Senn 36, January 18, here.	

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Defeat rides in on four points

By Peter Kovler

The scoreboard read one minute to play and U-High's varsity cagers were down 65-59 to Glenwood.

Center Eric Johnson leaped up and grabbed an offensive rebound. "Johns" went back up, sunk a hook shot and in the process was fouled. He made the shot.

The score stood at 65-62. U-High was down by three points with only seconds remaining.

"PRESS, PLAY them tight," yelled Coach Sandy Patlak from the bench as Glenwood came back down court.

Suddenly a scream came from the Wildcat crowd. A U-High player had left his man open . . . and suddenly Glenwood led 67-62—time was running out.

Maroons took it back up court and Captain John Wachtel sunk a long jump shot. 67-64, the clock still running with only 28 seconds to go.

"Foul him, foul him," the U-High bench screamed. Glenwood was passing the ball around as the clock seemed to speed up. 15-14-13-12, and finally the ref's whistle blew. Glenwood Center Ron Jones had just been fouled and had a one-on-one foul shot situation.

"YOU IDIOTS, that's the wrong man to foul," yelled Coach Patlak. Jones was the leading Wildcat scorer in the game.

The crowd was silent as Jones took his first shot. It was in. Likewise, the second shot, 69-64. With only 11 seconds left, Glenwood was assured of victory. Time out was called and the dejected U-High players came back to the bench.

"It can be done," exclaimed Coach Patlak. But there was a touch of hopelessness in his voice.

THE BALL WAS thrown in to Wachtel. He drove for the basket and was fouled. Three seconds to go and the Maroons needed five points. John's first of two shots was good. Time out was called again but futility was in the hearts of the players. John missed the next shot but it didn't matter. The score stood at 69-65—Glenwood's Wildcats had won.

. . . but cagers still eye title

Though championship hopes were dealt a severe blow by the Glenwood loss, U-High's varsity cagers hope to bounce back on the championship trail Friday at North Shore.

The Maroon's 7-2 record will be matched against the undefeated (at press time) North Shore team's 8-0 record.

The North Shore squad is led by 6-9 Center Jack Loomis, who beat U-High with 20 points in the teams' first encounter this year.

North Shore also possesses fine backup strength for Loomis with Guard Derek Barnes and Forward Price Patton.

"We'll need lots of practice, determination, desire and a prayer if we're going to win," says Coach Sandy Patlak.

We're a lot better in manpower and in ability at this point and I think if we really work we'll win."

If the Maroons do lose the North Shore meet, however, they will be all but mathematically eliminated from the championship race.

"A loss to North Shore on Friday will spell almost certain death," explains Guard Bruce Hurvitz. "They (North Shore) would then have to lose three of their remaining games and they will only have about four or five games remaining on their schedule. Meanwhile, we would have to win all of our games."

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