Parents to visit?

Sophomore parents have proposed to Principal Carl Rice a week during which they could sit in on their children's classes to increase their understanding of the school and a school day as it looks to their children.

No final plans have been made, he said.

Strike up the band:

U-HIGH'S JAZZ BAND took second place in a 26-band contest on February 3 at Oak Lawn high school. Groups from across the state participated. These musicians made the all-star band, from left, Ross Anderson, tenor sax; Ray Anderson, trombone; and Mike Dawson, baritone sax. Ray also received a scholarship to summer stage band camp.

Parent pressure at U-High: It's infrequent, motivated by concern for children, faculty find

A white mother screams at a black child entering Mt. Greenwood elementary school on the Southwest side, "Go back where you belong!"

Other mothers, some carrying pickets, yell obscenities at the children, and their teachers.

Housewives—hundreds of them—converge on the Board of Education building to demonstrate for or against a plan to bus children from their neighborhood schools to others in the city to promote integration and relieve overcrowding.

PARENTAL PRESSURE—though seldom this pronounced—is a part of every educator's life, according to U-High faculty members questioned last week by a Midway reporter.

But at U-High, they added, actual harassment in any form is infrequent.

And, Guidance Chairman Roger Aubrey asserted, "Regardless of the type of harassment or pressure, I think parents are basically concerned with the welfare of the child."

However, deviants the parent may appear to be, his concern is for the welfare of his child."

SOPHOMORE COUNSELOR Roger Klein observed, "I think the uniqueness of a school such as ours lends itself to parental questioning, and I don't look upon it as being parental pressure, but rather as an attempt to understand what's going on in the school."

Mr. Aubrey added that the school itself may generate parental pressure.

"I'm wondering if parents feel harassed by pressures such as financial and academic upon the parent and even upon the child," he said.

MR. AUBREY said he felt parental pressure was not the worst problem an educator can come up against: "Given the two extremes of parental indifference and excessive parental pressure, I'll take the latter anytime."

Soph prexy expects crowd for gym night

"I expect a pretty big turnout," Sophomore Class President Jim Epstein said in anticipation of Friday night's sophomore party.

The sophomore steering committee planned a combination Giant Gym night and dancing party after polling the class for its party preferences in homerooms.

From 8 to 9:30 p.m., the swimming pool, gymnastic equipment and basketball and volleyball facilities will be available in Sunny gym.

From 9:30 to 11 p.m., refreshments will be served in the cafeteria and records and a band, "The Imitations," will play for dancing.

"We wanted to do something different," Jim said. "This way, everyone will be involved."

D.C. trip off: only 10 signed up

U-High's annual spring trip to Washington, D.C., has been cancelled this year due to lack of student interest, according to Mr. Herbert Pearson, sponsor.

Only 10 students signed up for the trip, he said.

Debate practices herald sectionals

To prepare for the sectional debate tournament March 9, U-High's debate team is scheduling two or three practice debates a week, informs Captain Raphael Pollock.

"The debates will provide the most accurate simulation possible of the sectionals," Raph said.

If the debaters place among the top seven teams at the sectionals (location to be determined), they will move on to the state championship tournament, April 6-7 at Illinois State University at Normal.

RAPH VIEWED optimistically the teams chances "to place among the top 10" at the state tournament.

Despite the loss of some seniors, the team's chances haven't been "seriously affected," Raph explained, because "the changes were made early enough in the year."

The team now includes, besides Raph, Sophomores Elliot Minceberg and Bill Green and Freshman Erwin Chmateria.

"This year we are debating: 'Resolved: that Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation procedures','" Raph said.

"THE AFFIRMATIVE team has to show the need to change from the status quo and present a plan that would replace it."

"The negative team must defend the status quo by showing the affirmative's reasons for change are faulty and showing why their plan is disadvantageous to the present system."

On The Midway

Today, Feb. 13—Girls' basketball against Francis Parker, 3:30 p.m., here; Basketball against Latin, 4 p.m., away.

Wednesday, Feb. 14—Valentine's day, dear hearts (not that anyone at U-High could care!).

Thursday, Feb. 15—Swimming meet, varsity only, 3:30 p.m., here.

Friday, Feb. 16—Swim meet (location to be determined), they will move on to the state championship.

Friday, Feb. 16—Track meet against Riverside-Brookfield, 4:30 p.m., here; Sophomore party, 8-11 p.m., cafeteria.

Sophomore parents have proposed to Principal Carl Rice a week during which they could sit in on their children's classes to increase their understanding of the school and a school day as it looks to their children.

No final plans have been made, he said.

Back of the news

Sophomore parents have proposed to Principal Carl Rice a week during which they could sit in on their children's classes to increase their understanding of the school and a school day as it looks to their children.

No final plans have been made, he said.

Strike up the band:

U-HIGH'S JAZZ BAND took second place in a 26-band contest on February 3 at Oak Lawn high school. Groups from across the state participated. These musicians made the all-star band, from left, Ross Anderson, tenor sax; Ray Anderson, trombone; and Mike Dawson, baritone sax. Ray also received a scholarship to summer stage band camp.

PARENTAL PRESSURE—though seldom this pronounced—is a part of every educator's life, according to U-High faculty members questioned last week by a Midway reporter.

But at U-High, they added, actual harassment in any form is infrequent.

And, Guidance Chairman Roger Aubrey asserted, "Regardless of the type of harassment or pressure, I think parents are basically concerned with the welfare of the child."

However, deviants the parent may appear to be, his concern is for the welfare of his child."

SOPHOMORE COUNSELOR Roger Klein observed, "I think the uniqueness of a school such as ours lends itself to parental questioning, and I don't look upon it as being parental pressure, but rather as an attempt to understand what's going on in the school."

Mr. Aubrey added that the school itself may generate parental pressure.

"I'm wondering if parents feel harassed by pressures such as financial and academic upon the parent and even upon the child," he said.

Mr. Aubrey said he felt parental pressure was not the worst problem an educator can come up against: "Given the two extremes of parental indifference and excessive parental pressure, I'll take the latter anytime."

Debate practices herald sectionals

To prepare for the sectional debate tournament March 9, U-High's debate team is scheduling two or three practice debates a week, informs Captain Raphael Pollock.

"The debates will provide the most accurate simulation possible of the sectionals," Raph said.

If the debaters place among the top seven teams at the sectionals (location to be determined), they will move on to the state championship tournament, April 6-7 at Illinois State University at Normal.

RAPH VIEWED optimistically the teams chances "to place among the top 10" at the state tournament.

Despite the loss of some seniors, the team's chances haven't been "seriously affected," Raph explained, because "the changes were made early enough in the year."

The team now includes, besides Raph, Sophomores Elliot Minceberg and Bill Green and Freshman Erwin Chmateria.

"This year we are debating: 'Resolved: that Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation procedures','" Raph said.

"THE AFFIRMATIVE team has to show the need to change from the status quo and present a plan that would replace it."

"The negative team must defend the status quo by showing the affirmative's reasons for change are faulty and showing why their plan is disadvantageous to the present system."
THE MIDWAY'S VIEWPOINT:
Option: simply call it free time

Four years have passed since the inno-
vation of the option program. The concept of option seems not to have work-
ed out as the originators planned. But the free period plan which has resulted from option now is in evidence at other schools across the country. They call it "free time"; U-High officially still con-
siders its option program an opportunity for students to work at home.

Planners of option, explains Former U-
High Principal Willard Congreve who first instigated the plan and is the first of the things students ought to learn in high school is to budget their time and accept responsibility.

Mr. Congreve said he feels that op-
tion gives students a chance to experi-
ence but they are not working up to capacity may be mature enough to handle it."

Mr. Thompson said that "Usually we go through students' forms and pick out the students we select unanimously while with other students we discuss particular problems and then we vote."

Although he considers option an educa-
tional opportunity, Mr. Thompson ac-
knowledges that most students spend their free time relaxing.

A LOOK AT option signout sheets re-
veals that most students sign out to Gar-
don's restaurant, Stineway's drug store or Certified grocery store. Some students feel that option privileges are "not enough to handle the option privilege."

Mr. Thompson said that "Most people have one free period and that's not enough time to go to a museum."

Several prefreshmen have written the Midway's editor to say that they talk, scream and fight during lunch period in Belfield hall because they have no place else to go. Well, kids, how about the cafeteria, the lounge and the field? Fighting and screaming aren't permitted. But, then, you can't have everything.

Freshman Carolyn Hodge wants to know why the Midway's photos are so obvi-
ously posed. She cites a photo where a girl is sewing without thread. After read-
ing Carolyn's letter, the Midway's report-
ers admitted that they are sloppy in set-
ting up photos to illustrate coming events. They apologized and pledged to do better. Let them know if they do, Carolyn.

One more comment pertaining to so-
cial life at Illinois . . . I found no trouble in meeting people and making lasting friends. I have been lucky so far, but I have found that that option "is still an educational experi-
ence but not academically. Students feel they are trusted and gain independence." Two committees are charged to find one for juniors -- decide who gets option and who does not.

Lounge planners, said Eric Lewis, Poole, chairman of the junior option committee, finds that both committees usually vote unanimously on a candidate. When opinion is split, the majority rules.

The option committees agree on a major criterion which determines a stu-
dent's option status: Will the student jeopardize the option plan if he/ she has option?

Other criteria by which option may be

decided include demonstrations of the student's ability to cooperate with school guidance and the student's behavior as observed by the student mem-
bers of the committee.

"YOU CAN'T HAVE grades into con-
ideration," Mr. Poole said, "Student's who do well scholastically may not be ma-
ture enough to handle the option privilege."

On the other hand, students who are not working up to capacity may be mature enough to handle it."

Mr. Thompson said that "Most people have one free period and that's not enough time to go to a museum." Some students view option lightly, "I thing the thing's good," said one junior, "because it empties the library and you can good off if you want to."

"Some students without option feel it doesn't change a U-Higher's day much. You have my own option privileges," said one senior.

But most students seem to take option for what it is -- a privilege to use part of the school day for recreational opportu-
nity. Admittedly, recreation in itself can relieve and therefore enhances the aca-
demic part of a student's day. And under certain circumstances recreation can be educational.

Option certainly can be defended as a school privilege. But it is no longer should be described as a project in student bud-
ging of time for academic purposes. It just didn't work out that way.

So you get option? At our school every-
one has it. Only we call it free time.

By Robert Katzman
Three walls are all that stand between the seniors and the Senior Lounge, reports Lounge Committee Chair-
man Eric Lewis and Mark Fishman.

Those three walls are in rooms six and seven adjacent to the cafeteria and formerly occupied by the dean of students and his staff. The walls must be removed as the floor areas can be en-
larged.

THE OLD LOUNGE location in the basement of Belfield was abandoned because large heating pipes blocked easy exit or entry into it in case of fire. To remove those pipes would mean cutting off the heat to the classrooms in Belfield hall, so the project was halted, Eric and Mark said.

For Donald Conway, director of administrative services, sug-
gested the present location.

The old lounge committee are Larry Samelson, Eric BetteIlBeth, Beth Fellows and Joao Alias. Senior Class President
David Levi worked with them.

Letter from college
Illinois has deceptive reputation
By Ann Loventhal, 67
A freshman at the University of Illinois
Dear U-Highers,

After coming to my first semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana, I thought I would write to you about some of the things about the school, false impressions I had gained during the past years at U-
High and which you may have.

Illinois in past years had the reputation of "an easy school to get into and stay in." Many U-Highers apply there for college and are shocked to find they have been rejected. I have not yet figured out exactly what the qualifications are for acceptance and why some

One more comment pertaining to so-
cial life at Illinois . . . I found no trouble in meeting people and making lasting friends. I have been lucky so far, but I have found that that option "is still an educational experi-
ence but not academically. Students feel they are trusted and gain independence." Two committees - one for seniors and

The old lounge committee are Larry Samelson, Eric BetteIlBeth, Beth Fellows and Joao Alias. Senior Class President
David Levi worked with them.

Press Stoppers
Lounge planners wait for walls to come down
By Robert Katzman
Three walls are all that stand between the seniors and the Senior Lounge, reports Lounge Committee Chair-
man Eric Lewis and Mark Fishman.

Those three walls are in rooms six and seven adjacent to the cafeteria and formerly occupied by the dean of students and his staff. The walls must be removed as the floor areas can be en-
larged.

THE OLD LOUNGE location in the basement of Belfield was abandoned because large heating pipes blocked easy exit or entry into it in case of fire. To remove those pipes would mean cutting heat to the classrooms in Belfield hall, so the project was halted, Eric and Mark said.

For Donald Conway, director of administrative services, sug-
gested the present location.

The old lounge committee are Larry Samelson, Eric BetteIlBeth, Beth Fellows and Joao Alias. Senior Class President
David Levi worked with them.

so they are not enough points on the tests was not enough to make a C on
case set by the psych department at the beginning of the semester.

Another misconception U-High-
ers have about Illinois is the impersonal-
ity involved in a huge school. Maybe I have been lucky so far, but I have found that that option "is still an educational experi-
ence but not academically. Students feel they are trusted and gain independence." Two committees - one for seniors and

The old lounge committee are Larry Samelson, Eric BetteIlBeth, Beth Fellows and Joao Alias. Senior Class President
David Levi worked with them.

Press Stoppers
Lounge planners wait for walls to come down
By Robert Katzman
Three walls are all that stand between the seniors and the Senior Lounge, reports Lounge Committee Chair-
man Eric Lewis and Mark Fishman.

Those three walls are in rooms six and seven adjacent to the cafeteria and formerly occupied by the dean of students and his staff. The walls must be removed as the floor areas can be en-
larged.

THE OLD LOUNGE location in the basement of Belfield was abandoned because large heating pipes blocked easy exit or entry into it in case of fire. To remove those pipes would mean cutting heat to the classrooms in Belfield hall, so the project was halted, Eric and Mark said.

For Donald Conway, director of administrative services, sug-
gested the present location.

The old lounge committee are Larry Samelson, Eric BetteIlBeth, Beth Fellows and Joao Alias. Senior Class President
David Levi worked with them.
U-High’s dress code: Is it really necessary?

In a recent homeroom poll to determine student opinion on a proposal to allow girls to wear slacks in cold weather, “an overwhelming majority (85%) were in favor,” according to Sophomore Ann Lawrence, chairman of the Council committee investigating the proposal.

Results of the poll may lead to a request by the Council for an addition to the dress code of this proposal.

DRESS CODES—there change with the years—long have been a topic of discussion at U-High.

The current code, as stated in the handbook, states, “Students are to wear appropriate school clothing except when special permission is granted by the principal. Students must be neatly groomed. Students may not go barefoot. Girls are not permitted to wear shorts, slacks, or Bermuda; boys may not wear shorts or Bermudas.”

A further paragraph is included to re-enforce a state law, “No student,” it states, “is allowed to wear or carry jacke­ts, pins or insignia indicating membership in a fraternity, sorority or other social organization of exclusive membership; nor are students permitted to carry on any activities of such organizations on school premises.”

FASHION AND new administrators are the main causes of changes in interpreta­tion of the code through the years, according to Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services and the administrative council with the most years at U-High (some as a teacher).

“The administration is conversant with the fashions and interested in being fair,” Mr. Conway said.

“APPROPRIATE SCHOOLS clothing changes; there are few specific rules in the dress code,” he added.

Each fall, students, faculty members and administrators meet to interpret the code in accordance with current styles, he explained.

“It is the opinion of the administration that we do not decide women’s fashions,” he stated. “For instance, four years ago short skirts were not allowed because the fashion dictated longer skirts, but now they are.

“Most of the changes,” Mr. Conway added, “come from new administrators. But some changes just seem to grow and there isn’t a definite policy change.”

INCREASED ACCEPTANCE once more of mustaches, beards, and long hair on boys is an example of one change, according to Mr. Conway.

In 1965 Dean of Students Burton Faldet kept a shaver in his office to remove beards from students’ faces.

Now beards, mustaches and long hair are all allowed.

Jeans have been another subject of debate. In 1963 they were not allowed because it was felt they fit too tightly. Latest dress is any color but blue was permitted. Now blue jeans are acceptable.

WHEN CULLOTTES became fashionable for girls, the school’s administrators had to determine whether they were more like shorts or skirts.

They decided that split skirts are acceptable when fit is difficult to tell if they are cullottes, but not acceptable if the split style is obvious.

Mr. Conway noted, “There has always been fairly lenient interpretations of exceptions to rules. For example, girls have always been allowed to wear slacks in cold weather.”

The change in the code now being considered by Student Council would make this exception official and solve the inconsistencies in enforcement which have resulted in slack-wearing being sent home some days and allowed to remain in school others.

After Council draws up its resolution, it must be approved by the representa­tives, then the faculty. If this approval is secured, the Council then can write an amendment and place it before the student body for approval.

At Glenbrook North high at Northbrook an amendment to the dress code recently was approved to allow students to wear Bermuda shorts after May 1 if they are “in good taste.” Slacks and cutoffs will not be permitted.

Glenbrook’s student newspaper, the Torch, reported, “Because of the question, ‘What would be in good taste?’ the administra­tion was hesitant to make any previ­ous decisions on the dress code.”

Mr. Herbert Pearson, Unified Arts, former dean:

The matter of personal grooming appears to be a matter of personal tastes only, but there is a great deal more to the problem than just the tastes of the individual involved. The effect upon himself and others who are required to remain in the persons in that environment and the way they are dressed is to be reckoned with not just by one individual but by all of them and the group.

Just as a person who does not bathe frequently is obvious the person who dresses and grooms himself in certain ways may become obnoxious. The group in which the person moves is affected one way or another by each person in the group.

Another point is to be considered in guiding ourselves to what is good for the individual and the group. Many people behave in ways that are not good for themselves and the group. In the case of high school students we like to see them moving toward preparation for the future. Compliance with the mores of the group is one of the aspects to be considered in this preparation.

Freedom and responsibility are not always the perfect bedfellows.

To have complete freedom at all times in the matter of personal grooming may and often does overshadow the individual’s responsibility to his group. A dress code is unfortunately a necessary piece of legislation in our school today.

The limits set by this code ideally should be set jointly by students and faculty agreement. This we have done at U-High but I personally feel the code is a bit too permissive and perhaps not enforced as well as it might be by the student body and faculty.

Pearl Griffin, senior::

I don’t feel that the school should have a dress code. After all, students are coming to school for education, not a lesson on how to dress.

If girls feel that they function better in pants, then I don’t see why they can’t wear them. I per­sonally would prefer to wear slacks every day, because I would be more relaxed.

I think that the present dress code system at U-High is no good. There needs to be a complete re-examination of what we should be allowed to wear in school.

Mr. G’s

1226 EAST 53RD STREET
363-2175

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1968—PAGE THREE
Swim meet looks triangular

Originally conceived as an Independent School League championship, U-High's first Invitational swim meet 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, here, looks like it will turn out a triangular affair.

Coach Ed Pounder explained that, of the seven ISL schools, only Glenwood has a swim team. He invited that team, which the Maroons beat earlier this year, and non-ISL member Lake Forest, another loser to U-High. He also extended an invitation to the other ISL schools to send swimmers, but few of them are expected he added.

U-High won its fourth consecutive Public School League championship two years ago, the last year before the PSL was split in two and U-High became part of the new ISL.

"Lake Forest should give us the toughest time, and will probably take second place," Mr. Pounder said. "But our fresh sof will help us more than theirs will help them.

Since the meet is varsity only, he explained, top j.v.ers will be brought up to varsity.

Win string lost

TURNING IN MID-AIR, Varsity Diver Jim Reinitz performs a forward dive with a half twist in last Tuesday's meet at Fenger. Jim's year-long winning streak in the event was broken as he missed second place by five hundredths of a point. U-High lost both divisions, 57-37 varsity and 71-17 frosh soph.

AL TERA TIONS
FOR your suit for your Valentines day party
WEISS CLEANERS
5454 South Shore Drive
DO3-5453

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOKSTORES
ARE HAPPY TO SERVE YOU

General Books  Textbooks
*Office Supplies  School Supplies
*Typewriters  *Photo Supplies
*Gifts  *Tobacco
*Snacks  *Main Store Only

MAIN STORE  5802 Ellis
EDUCATION BRANCH  5821 Kimbark
DOWNTOWN CENTER BRANCH  65 E. South Water St.
190 E. DELAWARE BRANCH  190 E. Delaware

Page Four—Tuesday, February 13, 1968