RICHARD RICHTER, center, as Adolphus Bastable in "Passion, Poison and Perfidition," becomes a living status because of the plaster he drank. The Landlord, played by Harry Cornelius, left, and George Fitzolemaich, played by Gary Kaplan, plot to set him up in Trelafugier's square.

School's funds get new squeeze

Raise in tuition from $1,200 to $1,300 and probably cutbacks in teaching force and course offerings will be the immediate results of a new budget problem U-High faces, according to Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services.

Because of a new draft law announced Friday, U-High is facing several lean years, he added.

"This new law, which will remove draft exemptions from graduate students, will greatly reduce the enrollment of the graduate school, the backbone of the University," he explained.

"Lab School funds are acquired from a University allotment and obviously a cut in their funds means a cut for us." But, Mr. Conway added, "The funds cut will not mean the high school receives less money than last year. It will mean we won't get the resources for all planned expansion.

"In short, whereas in past years we asked for substantially more money every year, this year we won't."

The cutback in classes and teachers will be achieved by not hiring replacements for some departing teachers, Mr. Conway said.

"If a math teacher who teaches four classes a day leaves," he said, "instead of hiring a new teacher, we'll schedule the classes among the other math teachers."

SUCH CUTBACKS are important, he added, but "not devastating."

At the same time it is facing budget difficulties, the Lab Schools must effect faculty salary increases, Mr. Conway said.

"Since public school teachers got a $1,000 raise this year, salaries of U-High teachers must also go up if we are to stay competitive," he explained. "Since salary is one of the major drains on the school's budget there will probably be a general reduction in purchasing new equipment."

U-Highers among them

Thieves plague shops

U-Highers go to the Hyde Park shopping center every day. Most go to buy. Some go to work. Theft, including stealing by teenagers, is a fact of business life at the shopping center, 55th street and Lake Park avenue, store managers told a Midway reporter recently.

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Charles Tang describes these examples of his art (from top):

"Chinese" - Reading articles about China, I came to a very interesting black and white photograph. So I just merely painted it, although I changed it a little.

"Kennedy" - This was one of the very first black and white prints that I made in my graphic arts class in lithography at Midway Studios.

"Flags" - This is from an impressionistic painting by Claude Monet titled "Terrace near le Havre." I transformed it into my neoimpressionistic painting.

Charles Tang, before he came here, had no interest in art. "But after I was enrolled in an Art Studio class taught by Mr. Erickson, my interest began developing," Charles said. Charles was living in Hong Kong, his native city, when his brother-in-law who had attended the University suggested that he and his brothers Patrick (also a senior) and Eugene ('67) come to U-High.

During the summer of 1966, a year after his first course with Mr. Erickson, Charles took a course in figure drawing and painting at the Art Institute junior school. He clearly remembers his painter's outlook at that time. "Two years ago, I would paint exactly what I saw," Charles said. "Now I express what I see in my own way upon the canvas."

This year Charles is experimenting with abstract art. "When I paint, I use color to express my feelings," Charles said. "When I work with abstracts in painting, I use mostly colors to define shapes and forms."

Another facet of art with which Charles is experimenting is lithography. At present he is enrolled in a lithography course at the University. "When I'm interested in the art I'm working on, I paint quite a lot," Charles commented. "I change my moods often, so I paint according to these moods."

Charles paints about five hours a week but does not paint "for any long period of time," he said.

Charles plans to become a commercial artist or teach art because, he said, "work in the fine arts is difficult to find." He admits that sometimes he is not confident of his ability. "Many times I've felt like throwing it all out," he explained, "but then someone will come along and say they like it, so I'll decide to keep it." And then he grinned, satisfied.

His art teacher comments...

"One of the most remarkable things about Charles Tang is that he's not afraid to pursue and express an idea," according to Art Teacher Robert Erickson. Mr. Erickson explained that Charles uses good structure in his work, mostly with color and composition. Charles also has done more experimenting in painting than most people his age, according to Mr. Erickson. "One very strong point about Charles is that he is conscious of what he doesn't know, so he pursues learning with a tremendous drive," Mr. Erickson said.
Swimmers, cagers enter windup

Mermen eye state chances

After victory at the U-High Invitational Thursday and Friday against Lake Forest, Glenwood and Elgin, U-High's varsity swimmers look forward to a respectable but not spectacular showing in the District meet which includes 14 teams Friday and Saturday at Hinsdale Central.

Any U-Higher who makes quality time or comes in first or second in an event goes to state.

At least two Maroon swimmers said they feel they can better past performances.

Stan Denis, senior, won 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events at the invitational but thinks he can better his time at District. He is weak on turns, he explained, and Hinsdale's 25-yard pool requires less turns than U-High's 20-yard pool.

Junior Peter Schloerb, who broke U-High's records in 100-yard breaststroke at the invitational, expects he will be "about a second slower in a 50-yard pool, take about fourth in districts."

Basketballers need miracle

If U-High's basketball Maroons are to come out on top in the Independent School league tournament which begins 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Sunny gym, they will need a miracle.

The Maroons finished with a 10-4 league record, ending up in third place behind North Shore and Glenwood.

The Maroons again will meet these teams in the tournament and, observed Coach Sandy Patlak, "we are going to have to come up with something extra special if we're going to win the tourney."

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Invite win a cinch

Sports analysis by Dick Dworkin

Eight teams were invited to the first U-High Invitational swim meet Thursday and Friday in Sunny gym. Only four entered swimmers. Only three sent full teams. And the meet turned out to be a battle between Glenwood and Lake Forest for second place since U-High waited away with the top spot, as it expected to do when it made its invitations.

Maroons clinched the meet early, closing with eight wins and 75 points in in events and setting two team records. Mark Strandjord topped his own (90-pound) individual medley mark in the preliminaries and Peter Schloerb lowered his 100-yard breaststroke record by a tenth of a second.

Even a seemingly suspenseful fight for second-place trophy had been decided in the preliminaries, Glenwood needed three points in the last event, the freestyle, to beat Lake Forest.

Spectators were shocked to find the Wildkats relay team swimming at distance out of town. Glenwood and Lake Forest had taken the meet away from U-High.

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New York Senator Robert Kennedy is still the most popular possible Democratic candidate for President among U-Highers, a poll of home roomers February 9 by Junior Hugh Patnain indicates. In a survey of 587 voters November 9 by Miami University, President Daniel Pollock, Kennedy also came in third among only Democrats, but candidates of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The Midway staff sponsored both polls, each of which surveyed 450 students from the school's enrollment of 677. Not necessarily the same students participated in each poll.

FORMER REPUBLICAN Vice President Richard Nixon lost his standing as the most popular possible candidate from his party in the second poll. He came in third after New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller and Illinois Senator Charles Percy.

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 Hughes asked which of two candidates they would work for in campaign, students responded as follows:

Nixon, 15 per cent; Johnson, 15; neither, 70.
Nixon, 12; Kennedy, 47; neither, 41.
Rockefeller, 30; Johnson, 15; neither, 52.
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Hugh's poll also surveyed student opinion on the war in Vietnam. Sixty-three per cent voted for de-escalation of the war, 10 per cent voted for maintenance of present action, 15 per cent voted for escalation and 12 per cent said they had no opinion.

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Bobby retains Presidential poll lead

S.C. backs seniors

Senior Week 1968, a final week of planned social activities for seniors before graduation, was approved by Student Council Thursday and sent to Principals Carl Rine for final action. Principal Charles David Levi told the Council that faculty department chairmen have approved the plan.

Council also sent to Mr. Rine its resolution recommending that girls be allowed to wear slacks to school during winter months.

Discussing this resolution at their February 8 meeting, representatives pointed out that many Council resolutions are never adopted by the faculty. Some representatives suggested that the Council bypass faculty and administrators in changing school policy concerning student dress.

But a special committee chaired by Senior Mary Scranton recommended at Thursday's meeting that the Council follow its usual procedure and send a resolution or the dress code to Mr. Rine.

Mary later told the Midway's political editor, "If the Council starts breaking its own constitution and the agreements with the administration, then we'll have chaos. As soon as we start making our own rules we'll lose all the respect of the administration as well as the respect of the students."

Odds 'n ends

2nd exchange coming Sat.

REINHARD'S COMING - After being delayed because of illness, U-High's second German exchange student, Reinhard Korteis, for the winter quarter will arrive at O'Hare airport Saturday, an interview with Reinhard is planned for the March 5 Midway.

FILM FEATURE - First picture in a three-film Festival of the Arts series sponsored by the Parents Assn., "George Washington Slept Here," starring Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan, will be shown 1:30 p.m. this Saturday in Judd 136.

"Boy Who Loved Horses," March 2, and "Five thousand Fingers of Dr. T." March 9, will follow. Admission to each show is 40 cents.

CAREER SURVEY - For the first time in more than a decade, U-Highers will be taking the Kuder Occupational Interest survey in homeroom February 29. The survey, which measures an individual's interests and relates them to occupations, is given to seniors.

A $1 charge must be paid before the survey in the Guidance office, Belfield 137, according to Sophomore Roger Klein.

NEW TIER TRIP - Touring the school, observing the student-supervised lunchroom and student center and sitting in on a Student Council meeting, nine U-High students, government leaders and three administrators visited New Trier East High in Winnetka Thursday. They made the trip to study N.T.'s student government program, noted for its effectiveness.

FRESHMAN OPTIONS - Formerly some students were permitted to wear slacks to school during winter meetings.

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FRESHEM OPTIONS are getting wilder and wilder. In recent weeks they have included a paint-in (during which Roberta Shapiro, above, smears paint on paper taped to the cafeteria walls) and field trips around the city. A trip to the Contemporary museum and a visit Friday to Francis Parker have been planned.

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