S.U. lines up December Month lectures, exhibits

Exchange with Hyde Park high school, a trip to Operation Breadbasket headquarters, a party featuring WVON Dick Jockey Herb Kent, lectures and exhibits and a panel discussion of "Where do we go from here at U-High?" will be a main program of December Month, Student Union's project for inter racial understanding.

"December Month is a series of projects to promote good will towards mankind on the premise that you can't have good will without understanding," according to Chairman Brenda Williams.

Programs—dates and times of which are subject to change—have been scheduled as follows, in order:

Tuesday, Dec. 3—An exhibit of books and art by black people by Mr. Curtis Ellis, owner of Ellis bookstore.

Wednesday, Dec. 4—Calvin Mergin from Operation Breadbasket will speak on economics.

Friday, Dec. 6—A speaker from Briefer will speak on the war in Nigeria.

Saturday, Dec. 7—Bus trip to Operation Breadbasket.

Tuesday, Dec. 10—Artist Margaret Burroughs will give an exhibit and lecture.

Wednesday, Dec. 11—A black principal will speak on education.

Thursday, Dec. 12—Dr. John Hope Franklin, noted black historian and John and department head of the university, will give a black history lecture.

Friday, Dec. 13—Herb Kent, WVON radio's first black disc jockey, will broadcast from a U-High party which will begin at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18—Richard Hatcher, mayor of Gary, Indiana, will speak on politics.

Thursday, Dec. 19—A six-member student panel chosen by Student Union from self-nominations will discuss "Where do we go from here in U-High?"

Friday, Dec. 20—The annual Christmas assembly will incorporate the theme of interracial understanding.

A black theater group production and several other programs are being arranged.

All activities are scheduled for after school, lectures in the Little Theater and exhibits in the senior lounge, where food will be served.

Although several students from Hyde Park high school became saucy at a recent CBS meeting where an exchange with U-High is being planned, evidently because they felt U-Highers were condescending in asking them to visit, the exchange is expected to take place as scheduled.

"These were only a small segment of Hyde Parkers and last year a group went there and was treated nicely," Senior Debbie Turner pointed out.

In announcing December Month, Student Union quoted a speech by the late Robert F. Kennedy on a street corner in Indianapolis following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in April, 1968.

"We have to make an effort in the United States," he said. "What we need . . . is not division; what we need . . . is not hatred; what we need . . . is not violence or lawlessness; but love and wisdom and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice towards those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or they be black."

Disc Jockey Howard Miller

Patriot views his America

Second in a series of interviews with political, business, education and entertainment figures on topics of interest to U-Highers

By Bruce Goodman

"I consider myself more as a commentator than as a disk jockey," WCFL's Howard Miller said as he seated himself behind an uncluttered metal desk in the green-walled cubicle which serves as his office.

Mr. Miller is one of Chicago's most listened-to radio personalities, primarily because of the patriotic commentaries which he presents on his 6 to 9 a.m. program.

He broadcasts from WIND radio in Chicago for 17 years, until last spring, when he was temporarily taken off the air by the WIND management because of what he felt was inflammatory commentary during the riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Miller filed suit against the station because of its action and resigned. He joined WCFL in October.

Some of this controversy seemed to be on his mind as he began to converse with his visitor, ranging from abortion to communism in America to the idea of commenting itself.

"More people should express their opinions," Mr. Miller asserted. "Commentary is not a privilege limited to disk jockeys. Newspaper men, television people and those in the public eye should do far more commenting on the vital issues than they do now."

THE PURPOSE of his commentary, according to Mr. Miller, is not to sway people to his views, except on the issue of patriotism, but simply to make people think.

"The people in this country are too apathetic, too unschooled in all issues of our society," he said.

In his resonant, but almost monotonous voice, Mr. Miller explained what he believed was behind this apathy.

He claimed that "keeping up with the Joneses" had caused most American families to feel that the goals of the jobs (two by the husband and one by the wife) and their concern for economic causes has caused "family life to be sacrificed on the altar of the dollar."

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Mr. Miller added:

"About 20 per cent of the hippies really believe in the philosophy of love," he believes. About half, Mr. Miller thinks, have simply been led by hysteria similar to the beginning of the rock-'n-roll craze, when, he believes, a few leaders thought it was good music, and other teenagers forced themselves to like it because they thought it was "in."

THE REMAINDER of the hippies, Mr. Miller explained with some apologetic reservation, are "the agitators, who are just looking for trouble."

Even the most sincere hippies, however, would be more readily accepted by the rest of society if (continued page 4, col. 1)

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Former teacher tells of German protests

Student seminars and determination of courses, academic freedoms that have been enjoyed or the problems that have been created, the German S.D.S. (Socialist German Students, not connected with the American SDS), Mr. David Barthrick, former Lab Schools German teacher, told at U-High.

Mr. Barthrick, who recently returned from a year of work on his Ph.D. thesis at Berlin's Free University, became personally acquainted with several West German student leaders there.

IN ADDITION to academic restrictions, Berlin students have grown intensely proud of their S.D.S., according to Mr. Barthrick, who has repeatedly visited the students.

Mr. Barthrick said the students have adopted several forms of protest which have been common in the U.S., such as the sit-in, as well as some "ingenious" methods of their own: water cannons, used by police to disperse demonstrators, have on occasion been taken over by the students and turned on the police.

Students have circumvented restrictions on marching down Berlin's main thoroughfare by marching together until police arrived and then dispersing and meeting again at a predetermined spot, Mr. Barthrick added.

Dick Dworkin, editor of last year's Midway, returned from Earlham college Thanksgiving Day to accept for the paper the 1968 Pacemaker award at the National Scholastic Press Assn. convention this weekend at the Palmer House. About 5,000 high school journalists and their advisers attended the plaque, now on display in the trophy case, was presented by Mr. Walton Collins, chief editorial writer of the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune, which each year selects six high school papers to receive the award, the highest a publication can win for general excellence, on behalf of the sponsoring American Newspaper Publishers Assn. Midway Editor-in-Chief Daniel Pollock, one of 12 U-Highers attending the convention, came away with a television set, won in a drawing.

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As the Midway sees it

Students threaten school govt'

U-High's image in the Hyde Park community, according to Dean of Students Standord Carmichael, has become one of shoddiness, irresponsibility and atrocious behavior. Complaints about U-Highers have been made to school administrators by neighboring resident Arthur Bassin, 5704 South Kenwood avenue, and University person nel at Reynolds club and Woodward court. Mr. BASSIN told Prime Student Government knit and Administrative Assistant Peter Cobb that students have been reported behaving badly between Reynolds drug store and U-High leave trails of candy wrappers, soft drink cans, empty cigarette packages and sacks of garbage, with his front lawn a frequent target. He also mentioned students necking on the steps of homes in the neighborhood (see photo editorial this page).

The people in charge at Reynolds cut and Woodward court, according to Mr. Carmichael, have made changes for "loud, noisy behavior and childish high school shenanigans."

BRUCE GANS

Will someone tell Hugh Hefner his new playmates are ready

When walking across the halls of U-High, notice the girls. Some would like you, some wouldn't. But they're all beautiful anyway.

Like the girl who doesn't like Hyde Park because "I like to walk down the streets yelling 'Hi' to people, and most of them look at me like I was crazy."

Or the girl who once came to school wearing a pair of stovepipe shoes because "I was wearing my saddle shoes. My mother says saddle shoes are shoes of the shoemaker's."

When I'm wearing my saddle shoes, I feel like jumping up and clicking my heels and being nice."

And there is the girl, daughter of a successful businessman, who contends some of her black sisters and brothers because "they haven't suffered enough."

Besides her, there's a female in the junior grade who relates any discussion, from where some strange college.

If you walk slowly you'll notice the girl who has a 'Hi' and an empty false laugh for everyone. She's leaving the school soon, but her friends won't care because "I can't stand her. I'll never understand why all these college guys take her out week after week."

If you're keen of eye, you'll see that girl who doesn't say a word in class or out of it for that matter, just a whispered "hello" in the dismissal passing-time halls.

Like one boy said, "it wouldn't be so bad having this place full of girls with me. The girls of U-High. It might make a lovely ploytic. What would it matter?"

Actor ability saves lengthy production

By Mary Dering

Only the actors' fluid stage movements and excellent abilities for interpreting and expressing dialogue saved the Theater Workshop's fall production from seeming to drag on forever.

In the U-High Cafeteria, student behavior is no better, though at least the students plates are not so disturbed. Into trash cans, U-Highers throw trays complete with food and plates as some have been seen doing.

The senior lounge was scheduled to be closed four days because seniors had been smoking and eating in it, in violation of the regulations set up by the senior steering committee. The lounge center will have to be closed during lunch and after school, because four tape units in the center have been vandalized. Students have uncrewed nuts and bolts and damaged units. Club meetings were called to order by students who don't necessarily have the facts to help the situation; Mr. Carmichael has receipt of several calls from parents about lack of school discipline.

Student board President Walter Lipkin has been working with the administrative and student government officers to rescue U-High's image before the school is in irreversible disrepute.

Fortunately, Walter has a plan. Student Board no longer has monitors, but students can make "citizens' arrests," he pointed out. He encourages students to write referral cards when they see an offense of school rules.

"We will revoke off-campus privileges for those who can't seem to handle it," he said, "or if a student misbehaves in school, would you consider this a sign of him not being up to duty."

But Student Board's efforts and referral cards are not enough. The student body must cooperate to socially pressure the students who are expected to take student government seriously.

And the school needs the community's trust and support if it is to permit off-campus privileges.

THOUGHTS ... about going to court

"This here is a democratic court of law, and I'm here to uphold the people's rights against the judge, looking at the policeman."

"You're not out on the street now," he added.

This speech preceded a court battle over a traffic ticket. You might call it the case of filling in my defense: the judge began to argue and shout at each other.

Young Honors calmly listened, trying to understand what was to happen. He noticed he had a strange attraction to the policeman, and it seemed to start him at the end of the trial.

In the details of the case, the judge nonchalantly stated that he thought I was innocent, but asked me if there was anything wrong with my traffic ticket, and if not why did I cover it with my hair.

I was amazed at the statement because I had no ticket, and asked the judge if he would give me a receipt for an unwanted haircut the day before. My hair was shorter than it had been in months.

The judge began a soliloquy. "Since the dice games has continued longer, so it doesn't go back and lie on the top of his head, then revealing the true beauty of his face."

His belief in this statement was confirmed by his neat baldness, although his nose was not particularly long for taking in the details.

The judge proceeded to make his ruling on the case.

"Young man, I am continuing your case until December 12. Meanwhile, we'd like to bring to your attention the case of Ken Devine who got another ticket and if you come back to court and you hair comb back properly, maybe I'll be at your door from now on.

My lawyer pointed out that I had already missed a day of school, and another session would hinder my education.

The judge replied, "He's getting a more important kind of education by observing democratic court of law in action."

I agreed.

—J. A.

Editor's note: Because of the case of this lawyer in Hyde Park, the Midway is not printing his name. Readers are going to know why and may choose to look for a bar with an additional number.

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Cagers to tackle 'improved' Harvard

By Ken Devine

U-High's varsity and fresh-soph cagers travel to Harvard-St. George today for a 4 p.m. game with an improved Hurricane squad. Harvard Coach Patlak said, "I don't know what to expect of these teams. They're good teams with players who have name recognition."

Variety of players, Coach Patlak said, "I don't know what to expect of these teams. We'll find out when we get out on the court." He added, "Most of the teams we play are bigger and faster than us, but our boys hustle and fight better than they have in years. We may lose a few games now, but we'll be able to see and correct our mistakes early in the season."

The annual alumni game against the varsity cagers is scheduled for December 19. "I don't think we'll do too well against the alumni," but it will be a good ball game," Mr. Patlak said.

U-HIGH PLAYED North Park November 19 there, losing 50-49. Although the cagers were unable to overcome the deficit, the game was the first of the season where the cagers made fewer than half the 40 points recorded for the cagers. Fresh-soph cagers fared better by sticking together and working as a team. They won 21-27 coming from behind in the last quarter.

A MEET AGAINST Hy 3-9259 1342 East 55th Street

Dribbling down the court, Prefreshman David Wilkins is pursued by classmates Tim Lewontin and Paul Fackler in their first home game. Several U-Highers have a difference of opinion. Harry Cohn, a basketball player, said he feels U-High's basketball is offered, and mostly because U-Highers are losing interest in intramural basketball. Few high school students are turning out for the basketball, swimming and indoor track, but members of the Physical Education department say they expect interest to rise again when winter sports are over.

According to Phys Ed Chairman William Zavzis, intramurals offer U-Highers the opportunity to put into practice in game situations the skills they have been taught in the phys ed classes.

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Several U-Highers have a different view.

Junior Bruce Montgomery, basketball player, said he feels U-Highers are losing interest in intramurals at any time of the year.

They'd rather go back to their own neighborhoods and play with their own friends," he explained.

JUNIOR BILL DENIS, swimmer, said prefreshmen keep many high school boys from coming to intramurals because they prefer to play with others of their own size and ability.

Boys desert intramurals for winter sports teams

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Miller sees his America

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they would keep themselves clean-shaven and neat, according to Mr. Miller.

Turning his attention to the civil rights movement, Mr. Miller said that the movement had noble causes, and shouldn't feel discouraged over the amount of progress it has made in the field of racial equality.

"WHEN YOU consider that 100 years ago, a Negro wasn't even considered as a human being by white people, and that now we live together, work together, and intermarry, our society has made tremendous progress."

Among the Negroes he admires most, Mr. Miller included William Barry of the NAACP, Judge William Parsons, and men like the garage attendant at the Marina City Office Building, a man who has worked hard and appreciates the progress made by black people, he said.

When the attendant's sons became disenchanted with the poverty in which some other Negroes live, Mr. Miller explained, the man takes them to Mexico where the people are even worse off than those in American ghettos, and, he said, the boys realize how lucky

Debaters travel

Juniors Bill Green and Elliot Minnich will present a demonstration debate at the annual Indiana High School Debaters' Conference and Student Legislative Assembly at Purdue University November 12th. They were one of two outstanding out-of-state teams chosen to debate two of Indiana's top high school teams, according to Adviser Earl Bell Jr.

"I voted for him," he said, referring to President-elect Richard Nixon. "The main reason for my favoring Nixon," he explained, was that it was "time for a change. Eight years of any party is long enough," he said.

Mr. Miller said he likes President Johnson, but his main fault has been trying to please everyone.

George Wallace, if he is a racist, is an unacceptable candidate, according to Mr. Miller. But, he added, no one has proven that Mr. Wallace is anti-Negro. His main reason for voting against Wallace was that "he said what people wanted to hear, and didn't have programs of his own."

Concerning any future plans he had, Mr. Miller said, "I might run for public office."

GROWING MORE reflective, he added, "I want to leave something to the world."

"It won't be a book. They just sit on the shelf and collect dust," he said, noting that he had started three books but never completed any of them.

"I might write a play," he added, trying to think of an alternative to politics.

Mr. Miller informed us that he receives about 1,000 letters each week, most of which refer to what he says on the air.

"But whether they agree with me or not, I answer them all," he said proudly.

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Thanksgiving a day early

ADMINISTRATORS, their secretaries and students of Mrs. Dorothy Szynkowicz's foods class enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon Wednesday in the home economics room. The meal is an annual class project planned and prepared by the students. The menu included turkey roast beef, stuffing, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, five kinds of pie, punch, rolls and butter. Later in the afternoon publications Advisor Wayne Brasier and a visiting journalism teacher from Iowa enjoyed the same feast, and in the evening the maintenance staff was served. Digging in, from left, Neil Jader, Andy Sigel, Carol Warshawsky, Scott Meyer, Brent Nakamatsu, Bill Smith, Charles Williams, Sam Shapiro and Principal Carl Rine fill their plates.

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