

One year later: Fire safety here still inadequate

Reassignment of exit routes, and removal of dangerously-stored combustible materials from some rooms in Belfield hall are advancements the school's administrators have made in fire safety preparation here since the Midway's investigation of disaster safety at U-High a year ago.

But much more remains to be done, according to Principal Carl Rinne.

The fire safety issue, dated Jan. 30, 1968, won two American Newspaper Publishers association awards for best high school news story and editorial in the nation, among other recognition.

IN ITS EDITORIAL the Midway staff pointed out that the school had no safety procedure for natural disasters such as tornadoes; students were loud and disorderly during fire drills; drills were not staged frequently enough; and drills were not being scheduled during lunch or between periods, when students would be without classroom teacher direction in exiting.

Administrators last week said they have considered the need for more frequent drills and drills during lunch and between classes. Such discussion was a result of the Midway's fire safety issue, according to Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael.

Two drills at most have been conducted since the opening of school, none during lunch or between classes evidently. Not everyone is in agreement on what has taken place.

Director of Administrative Services Donald Conway said, "Eight drills are required each year and there have been two already. More drills will be staged later in the year when the weather gets warmer."

PRINCIPAL Carl Rinne and Mr. Carmichael said that only one drill has taken place in the High school this year.

A recent poll of 160 U-Highers by a Midway reporter found 35 recalled

two drills and 125 only one.

Supervisor of Maintenance Daniel Green insisted there have been "at least two drills this year, for I was at the front door both times and saw several hundred students file out each time."

Whether there were one or two drills, Mr. Conway commented, "Drills can't be held too frequently or else the inconvenience would cancel the benefits."

LUNCHTIME drills have not been held for the past five years because the building would have to be evacuated of Lower school students who share the cafeteria, he added.

"The drill practice students re-

ceive in drills during classtime will give the students enough knowledge of exit procedures so that they would be able to get out of the building any time," Mr. Conway explained.

"Anyway, the main purpose of high school drills is to show the students what to do once they get out of the building. The students aren't stupid, they'll be able to get out of the building in an orderly fashion," he speculated.

MR. RINNE added that drills have been planned for lunch and between periods later this year.

Mr. Green said that one of the drills this year took place during lunch period. The administrators, however, stated that no drills have been staged during lunch.

Explaining why U-High has no tornado or natural disaster drill, Mr. Conway said, "I've been on the outskirts of both a tornado and an earthquake and there is just not

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Faculty, students agree

Teacher strike unlikely here

A teacher strike at U-High is an unlikely prospect, administrators, teachers and students agreed late last week as the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) considered one in its drive for higher pay. U-High teachers are not members of the union, but some belong to a Faculty association (story this page).

"I believe in collective bargaining," stated Dean of Students Standrod T. Carmichael, whose wife is a member of CTU.

"IF STRIKING is the only effective way to instigate improvement, it is justified. Teachers, preachers and social workers should not be asked to work for love alone. A strike at U-High is unlikely, however, since the Faculty association isn't unified enough to organize one right now."

Principal Carl Rinne said he felt a strike here unlikely because "the teachers approached Mr. Lloyd (Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr.) for a salary increase last year and received it.

"I don't think they'd strike except as a last resort."

Mr. Ralph Borgen, math teacher and first vice president of the Faculty association, agreed with Mr. Rinne that a strike here is unlikely.

"THE FACULTY is a long way from striking," he said. "There are many other possibilities open to us. We have indicated to Mr. Lloyd that we would like to have a dialogue between our representatives and him about salary."

Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell also feels a strike here is unlikely since there is too little appreciation for unions among faculty members here.

Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services, said he felt that teachers shouldn't be concerned with money and are not justified in striking because it harms an innocent third party, the students.

STUDENTS at U-High generally feel that a U-High teacher strike is too remote a possibility to consider. Some feel, however, that CTU would be justified in striking.

Junior Bob Jaffe said, "There

is no reason why the teachers shouldn't get paid more. In many cities teachers are paid less than garbage men."

Junior Steve Palfi in expressing doubt that a strike would occur said, "In view of the New York fiasco, where students have to stay until the end of July to make-up lost class time. I think Chicago teachers would be leary about striking."

Senior Mimi Stern agreed. "I don't think the teachers will strike," she said. "Striking will not get them the results they want. Teachers in Chicago aren't that bad off anyway. Actually, they're relatively well paid."

Faculty association continues to push for salary changes

Trying to air problems with the administration concerning salaries will be the main aim of the Faculty association this quarter, according to members of its executive board.

Officers and their departments are as follows: President, Mr. Philip Montag, Social Studies de-

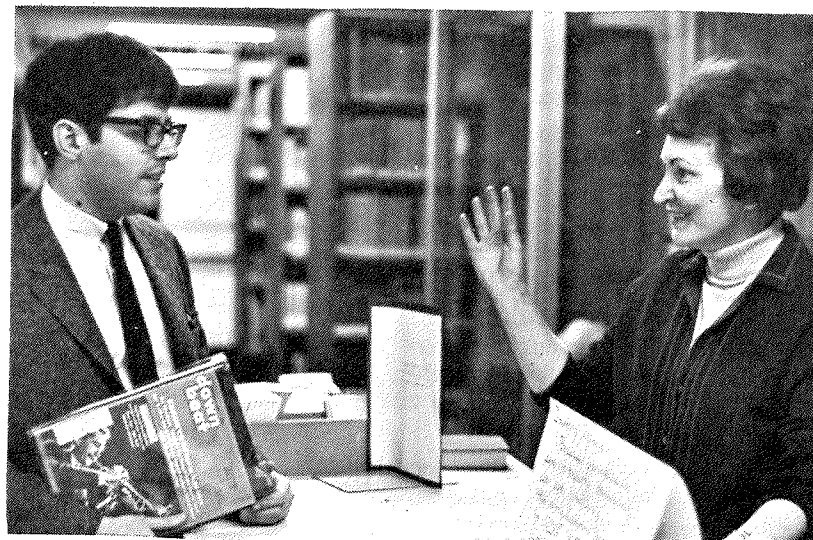


Photo by Mark Friefeld

A PANEL of U-High alumni and faculty members will present to a meeting of the U-High Alumni association a view of U-High, past and present, and its influence upon American education, 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 in Judd 126. Because the panel is a team effort, its members are reviewing each other's proposed presentations and making constructive suggestions.

Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler takes the opportunity while in the library to consult with Librarian Blanche Janeczek. Also making presentations will be Alumnus Sherman Serget; Faculty Members Judy Genesen (a U-High graduate), Roger Aubrey, Earl Bell, Edgar Bernstein and Dick Scott; Principal Carl Rinne; and SLCC President Fred Langendorf.

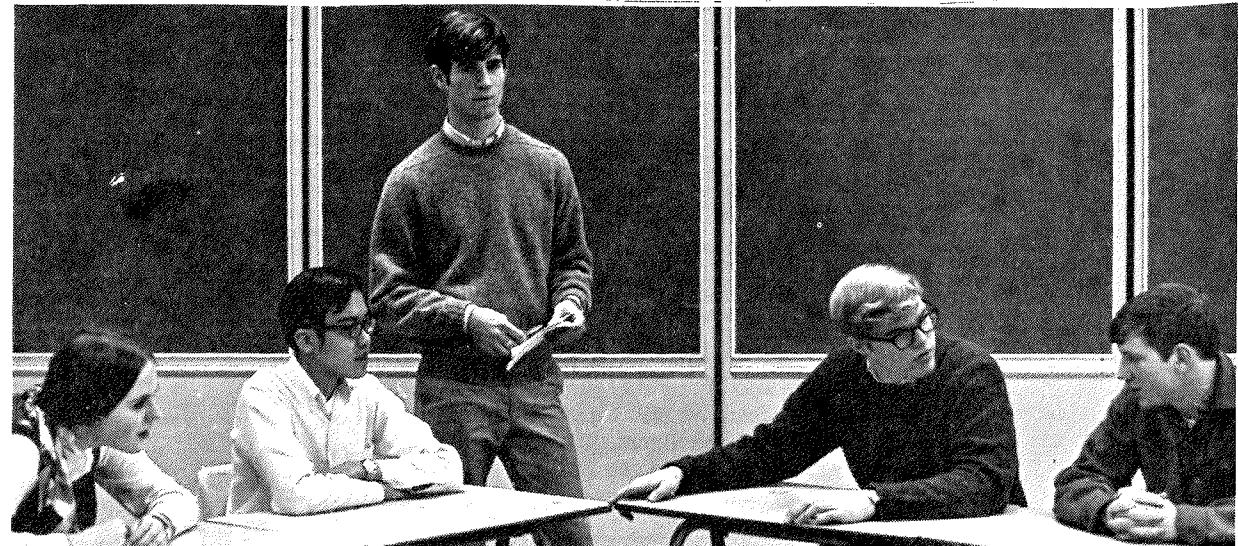


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U-High will be one of two teams on the "Prep Bowl Quiz," 5:30 p.m. Saturday on television channel 32. On the academic quiz show teams representing area high schools compete for prizes, such as encyclopedias, for their schools. A winning team may appear as many

as three times.

Midway News Editor Tom Neustaetter asks practice questions of candidates for the team, from left, Susan Ringler, Wendell Wong, John Lundeen and Brian Jack. Missing from the photo are candidates Bob Aldrich, Merritt Widen, Prentiss Taylor and Marc Berkson. These eight candidates, chosen from a larger field of volunteers, will themselves select the four television panel members and an alternate.

On The Midway

Tuesday, Jan. 14—Swimming, Elgin academy, here, 4 p.m.; Basketball, Elgin academy, away, 4 p.m.; Girls basketball, Faulkner, here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16—Swimming, Kenwood, here, 4:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 17—Basketball, Francis Parker, here, 6:30 p.m.; Track, Hirsch, here, 4 p.m.; Girls Basketball, Parker, here, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 — Swimming, Glenwood, away, 4 p.m.; Girls basketball, Wheaton, here, 4 p.m.; Basketball, Glenwood, away, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22—Alumni Assn. Roundtable Discussion, Judd 126, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24—Track, Senn, here, 4 p.m.; Swimming, St. Patrick, away, 6:30 p.m.; Basketball, Harvard, here, 4 p.m.

partment; first vice president, Mr. Ralph Borgen, Math department; second vice president, Mr. Richard Muelder, Math department; secretary, Miss Janet Kobrin, Lower school (2nd grade); treasurer, Mr. Norman Pounder, Phys Ed department.

THE FACULTY association was formed last spring by several members of the faculty dissatisfied with University policies, mainly those concerning methods by which personnel policies are determined.

Mr. Borgen said, "The teachers are in the process of changing their style in relation to employee-employer relationships. The way things now work is somewhat linear; that is, teachers advise but the administrators decide."

"What we are trying to do is participate equally with the administration in making these decisions."

AFTER DECIDING at preliminary meetings last spring that there was a need for a faculty association independent of the school, 30 faculty members drew up a constitution, ratified it and petitioned all members of the faculty to join their new organization.

About 40 per cent of the faculty, or 70 teachers, now belong to the group. Explaining why member-

ship is not higher, Mr. Muelder said, "The first thing many people think of when you say association is strike and right now that's the farthest thing from our minds" (see story page 1).

As the Midway sees it

Fiddling while Rome burns

(Also see news story page 4)

In a recent memo to student government, Principal Carl Rinne expressed deep concern over growing disciplinary problems in the school — an area for which student government has responsibility.

In a later memo he clarified that despite his concern he is proud of the progress the reorganized government has made.

THAT PROGRESS, whatever it is, fast is being overshadowed by the school's mounting behavior problems. In the neighborhood, at University facilities, in the cafeteria and study center U-Highers variously have gained a reputation for noise-making, garbage throwing and even thievery and vandalism. They talk in the halls during classes and are rowdy in Kenwood mall and Scammons garden. Even an injury and pleas from Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael hasn't stopped them from playing a kick-the-can game there.

Students also carry food to every corner of the school when it is supposed to stay in the cafeteria.

"Our cockroaches are having a field day," Mr. Rinne observed.

When apprehended, many students say they don't know the school rules and don't know where to find a copy of them.

TYPICAL OF THE school's deteriorating organization was the December 15 party featuring Disk Jockey Herb Kent.

Several Hyde Park and U-High students who paid 50 cents in advance were not admitted because of an insufficiently publicized school rule that the doors be closed 45 minutes after a party starts.

Mr. Rinne in an interview called this development "unfortunate" and "obviously unfair."

But more important than this incident was the fact that several persons were admitted to the party by their U-High friends through the cafeteria doors. Asked to leave by Mr. Carmichael, one of these persons pulled a knife, according to Mr. Rinne.

"STUDENT UNION was not effective in controlling the party," Mr. Rinne had to conclude.

"It appears that poor organization and administration caused these problems. I share in the responsibility for the organization and the administration, and will strive with students and adults to strengthen our work in the future."

The party fiasco, along with other disciplinary problems, have left Mr. Rinne three choices, he stated in a memorandum:

He could let the school deteriorate; take direct administrative action, cutting across all established agreements and procedures; or call upon the administrative resources of the school to mobilize for gradual and effective solution of the problems.

MR. RINNE has made the third choice. He will work with student government,

but, he said, "if students fail, then my choices are incredibly limited. I cannot wait for disaster; I must do something."

Already he has called a seminar of student and faculty leaders to determine ways to better coordinate leadership in the school.

The student government which has failed to preserve acceptable student behavior at U-High is the same government that reaches for independent administrative powers over student activities and discipline.

Yet it cannot guarantee the school that recording equipment will not be defaced by students in the study center or seniors can occupy a lounge without tearing it apart so that it has to be closed.

Student Board, in fact, has almost shied

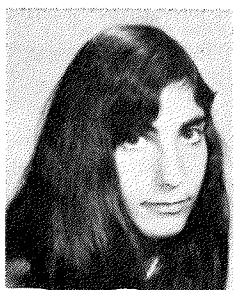
away from its disciplinary powers this year as if handing out referral cards and punishment were distasteful or beneath it.

Meanwhile, President Wally Lipkin complains about lack of power (see Bruce Gans column this page).

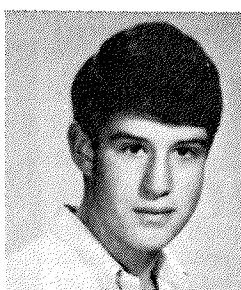
IF STUDENT government cannot work out the school's discipline problems with Mr. Rinne in the next few weeks, the principal will have no choice but to take direct administrative action.

In interviews earlier this year, student government officers indicated they are pleased with the progress they have made. Everyone at U-High wants to see the new student government succeed. But it cannot survive by working for more independence and power while the school falls apart underneath it.

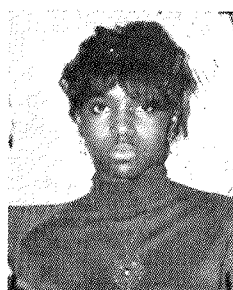
They said it: What do you think was the biggest news story of '68 at U-High?



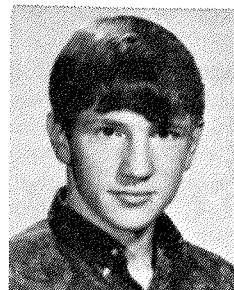
Laura Friedberg



Mike Groban



Helene Colvin



Brian Jack

LAURA FRIEDBERG, junior: The recent drug problem, because it's about time that some disciplinary action was taken against students abusing not only our High school rules but the laws of the nation as well. Too many kids get away with illegalities here; I'm glad that something was finally done about it. That's news.

MICHAEL GROBAN, senior: The vandalism and closing of the senior lounge. It took away so many of the privileges which the seniors had enjoyed for the year. The vandalism which caused the closing just shows the corruption in this school.

HELENE COLVIN, sophomore: The new dress code decision, because it's a big accomplishment for SLCC and for the entire student body. It allowed student government at U-High to get its first real of power, and I think the success it saw, was only the beginning.

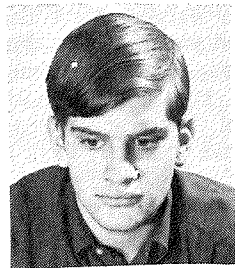
BRIAN JACK, senior: The '68-'69 soccer team being ranked third in state because it's pretty fantastic that a school this size could make such a fine showing up against bigger high schools, public and private, which have traditionally great teams and strong athletes.

BRUCE GANS

Two stories the Midway snubbed

By Bruce Gans

The Midway has oft been accused of managing news. This because Midway editors admittedly print only stories they feel newsworthy.



Bruce Gans

Well, obviously the Midway staff makes mistakes, and I am happy to correct this inadequacy. I have selected two stories that would have otherwise gone unprinted, unnoticed, unknown.

The first is an article written by School Hostess Muriel Robin, who last was featured in the Midway four years ago and, therefore, is still considered unnewsworthy by the editors.

A TAC showed up in Blaine 104 some time ago ready to take a group of visitors on a tour. The tour was somewhat different than she had planned because the visitors were from Japan and only three of the 30 spoke English. This year the visitors have been predominantly Chicago area college students and public school teachers, but we have had several foreign educators as well. They've come here from Korea, Thailand, Australia, Israel, South America and India and have stayed from two hours to seven weeks.

During the first week of the Laboratory Schools John Dewey reported visitors coming to observe classes in his 12-pupil school the week it opened in 1896. He welcomed the visitors and had chairs provided in the back of each classroom to accommodate them. The visitors' tradition has continued to this day. The number of interested and interesting educators who come in to observe and to confer has grown so that a full time School Hostess and TAC student guides are needed to properly schedule and guide them. In 1967-68 over 2,000 people came through Blaine 104 and were programmed into our school classes, teachers' offices, libraries, etc.

Name-tagged people walking through our corridors usually go unnoticed because there are so many of them. I suggest that greeting and guiding these people could be any student's job. Particularly if you enjoy talking about the pros and cons of U-High.

THE NEXT ARTICLE comes from the desk and mind of the Max Frost of U-High, Student Board President Walter Lipkin. Wally, who is frankly an intelligent, witty guy, wants a regular column in the Midway. But columns by student government

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THOUGHTS

... about a press conference

"One of Chicago's outstanding journalists and television personalities, Irv Kupcinec, is scheduling a press conference to give high school journalists an opportunity to question Kup about his show, news events of the day and the communications industry," explained a letter from WMAQ, a Chicago television station on which Kup's show appears, handed me by the Midway editor.

And so began a trudge downtown to the Merchandise Mart on a dreary Wednesday afternoon to meet the man the Sun-Times once described as "regul-ly handsome."

I WAS LED into a huge room draped with spotlights and cables accompanied by a group of anxious but awe-struck teenagers.

Questions to Kup dwelled mainly on where he was born and where he went to high school until I remembered the Midway editor's warning of no trivia in the story.

I raised my hand and asked Mr. Kupcinec his opinion of gossip columns and the standards of his own Sun-Times column.

MR. KUPCINET cleared his throat and said, "If you remove the word gossip, my column and any other column has a legitimate purpose in any newspaper. I don't compete with the city desk. I emphasize names, humor and news."

Routine questions and answers resumed and I learned of the exciting fact that Kup attended Harrison high school and that he only wears pajama bottoms to bed. As for me, I never got a chance to ask the rest of my questions. Kup ignored me.

Mr. Kupcinec ended the press conference after he was asked about his political ambitions. He said, "You must have me mixed up with Howard Miller."

—Ken Devine; junior



officers have traditionally been forbidden by the editors.

This policy seems incorrect. I will make a small attempt to right this wrong, i.e. I have reprinted one of his columns. He names his column,

SMEAR

The Ad Hoc committee on discipline is convened whenever a "serious offense" is committed in the school. It's interesting to note that only adults on the Ad Hoc committee can convene it — somehow that doesn't quite live with my idea of representation and voice.

How can the administration publicly claim to give the student body equal voice and then deny the student body the rights enjoyed by faculty, counselors and administration? (Gans note: You might get the impression that the faculty, counselors, and administration are considered a more responsible, mature group.)

But there's another farce I would like to speak to, that is the role of Student Board. As I mentioned before, the Ad Hoc committee is convened whenever a "serious offense" is committed. The following is a quote from Lab School Rules which clarifies for us the meaning of serious offense.

SERIOUS OFFENSES — Plagiarizing or cheating; Having in possession, using or being under the influence of narcotics, marijuana, LSD, other dangerous drugs or alcoholic beverages; defacing, destroying or stealing property; Possessing implements which are legally considered weapons. Under certain circumstances the following offenses might be considered serious: Smoking, gambling, cutting a class.

As you can see, just about every serious discipline problem is handled by the Ad Hoc committee. Oh, excuse me (Gans note: You're excused), Student Board does do something. We must make sure lockers are kept clean — the Rule Book states "lockers should be kept neat when not in use" — and students stay seated at lunch — the Rule Book states, "At lunch all students are to remain seated."

Real power. real clout, real important, eh?

Well, that's all from paper dragon land. Obviously there is one columnist in the school who deserves a reward for printing the news and stories that Midway editors haven't the good sense to print.

As our readers see it

Did Midway show true face?

From Vinette Woodard, senior:

Once again the Midway has shown its true face. I am referring to the December 20, 1968 editorial (Editor's note: It was a news story) "Dissatisfied blacks yet to unite."

First, as one of the distributors of the armbands, after consulting many of the black students I could find none that were ask to pose for the Midway picture so your statement, "Despite the numerous black students who wore the armbands, only Pat would pose for a Midway photo" is entirely erroneous.

Second, the many meanings of the arm bands is understandable. If you ask any-

one what the American flag stands for you will get almost as many different answers as you ask people.

While I'm at it I might as well give a different view of CBS. The idea of a CBS club is beautiful if its purpose is clearly defined. However, I disagree that separatism is what other black students prefer. Because we want an all black club to help us unite ourselves, that is agreed basically on main goals and issues, does not mean we want separatism.

"We ain't what we should be . . .

We ain't what we could be . . .

But THANK GOD we ain't what we used to be."

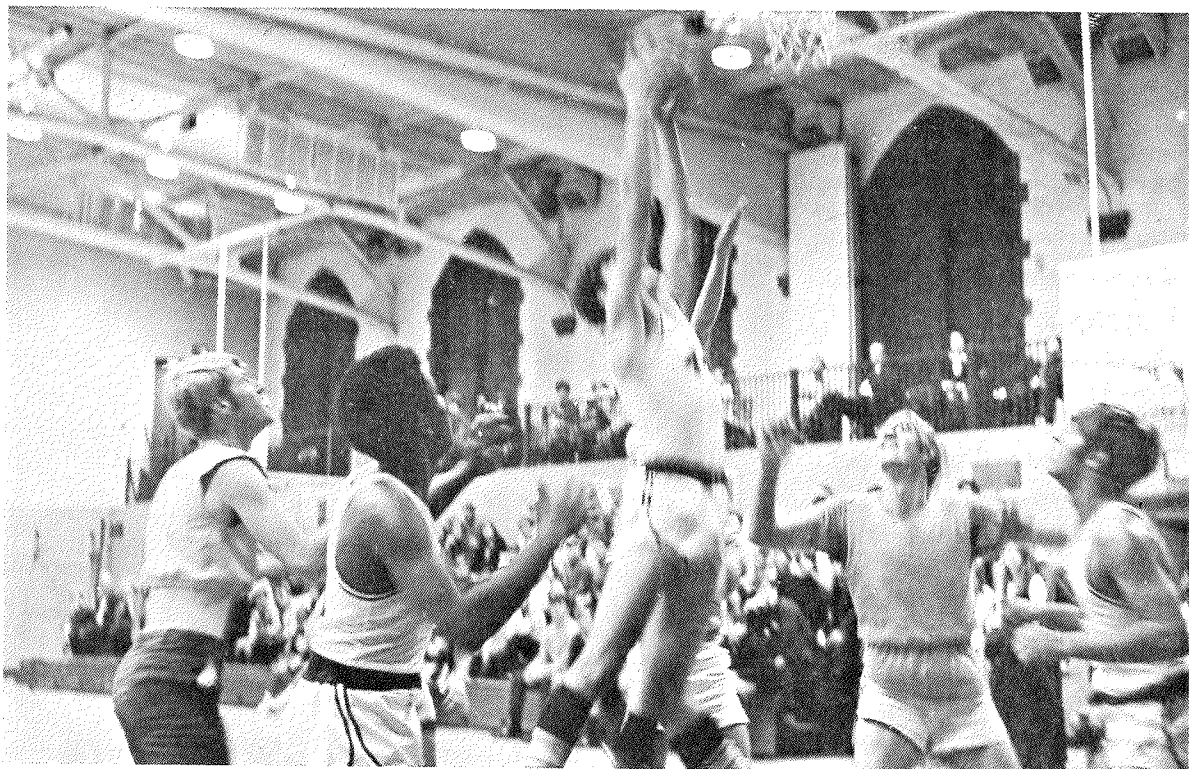


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U-HIGH'S MARK ZELISKO leaps into the air for a jump shot at the school's first alumni basketball game December 19. Despite the varsity's efforts, a last-second basket by a member of

the alumni team inched U-High out 96-95. Maroons in white, from left, are Bruce Montgomery and Peter Kovler. Alumni players are Brian English and Steve Dunham.

Alumni win spirited contest

By Andy Dworkin

"Where are you goin' to school, baby?"
"Yah playin' any ball lately?"
"Whatcha been doin' the last few years?"

Questions filled a locker room of U-High graduates as they awaited the beginning of their game with the varsity basketball team December 19 in what could be the beginning of a new U-High tradition.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION Director William Zarvis, alumni coach, organized his team of 21 into several squads, according to year of graduation starting with the oldest graduate — Bob Wiseneck, '53.

From the first second of play to the end of the first quarter both teams took the game seriously. Both had agreed to play halves of unlimited time, instructing the timer, Former Soccer and Swim Team Manager Dick Dworkin, '68, to let the clock run.

The result was a 36-minute half. "WE JUST PLAYED the longest half in U-High history," Mr. Zarvis told his team during the half time.

With the score U-High 46, alumni 44, Coach Sandy Patlak said he thought his varsity team could beat the opponent.

During halftime neither team got

a pep talk although the alumni were introduced to Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr., who informally talked about old times with the old-timers. Principal Carl Rinne, in his second year here, listened with interest.

For the record . . .

VARSITY BASKETBALL

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
U-High	23	25	15	32	95
Alumni	16	28	22	30	96

Leading scorers: U-High—Peter Kovler, 26 points; alumni—Ron Barnes, 21 points.
Date: December 29, home.

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
U-High	15	22	12	26*	78
Morgan Park	19	26	14	10*	72

*Game went into overtime, with U-High earning 8 points and Morgan Park 3.
Leading scorers: David Jacobs, 26 points.
Date: January 10, away.

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
U-High	46	46	46	46	184
Alumni	44	44	44	44	176

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Coaches see wins, no championships

By Mark Seidenberg

Although unwilling to predict any championships, coaches of U-High's basketball, track, swim and winter intramurals programs look forward with cautious optimism to the remainder of their seasons.

Basketball Coach Sandy Patlak predicted his team could "take it all" this fall because of its "determination," but after four early losses he hopes to end the season with as many wins as losses.

"Haphazard shooting and lack of ball control killed us," he said.

ALTHOUGH HE expects the three practices during winter vacation to improve the team in these areas, Coach Patlak foresees a close game with Francis Parker 6:30 p.m. here Friday.

"We should beat Glenwood (January 21 away) and Elgin (February 18 here) because they have weaker teams this year than they had last year."

On the distaff side, the girls basketball season begins this week. Coach Margaret Mates, enthused by the large turnout for tryouts (50 girls), looks for the team to win most of its games, mainly because of the poor quality of the competition.

She cautioned, however, that many of the girls think they are better players than they actually are.

SWIM COACH Ed Pounder and his team were disappointed when they lost the Lake Forest meet December 6 because of poorly determined lineup. Mr. Pounder expects his team to be hard-pressed to win most of its remaining meets due to a lack of depth.

The performance of the team in these meets is not the best gauge of success, according to the coach.

"The district and state meets this spring will show if the better boys have improved themselves over the season, and that's what our ultimate goal is — improvement."

Coach Pounder foresees Peter Schloerb (100-yard breaststroke) almost certainly going to state.

"Joe Balensi, David Schloerb and Billy Denis have good chances if they improve," he added.

NEW TRACK COACH Ed Banas admits that his unfamiliarity with the team is his greatest handicap. He is pleased with the turnout so far (20 stalwarts plus hand-on) and plans to determine his lineup before the first meet against Hirsch Thursday here.

Coach Banas expects this to be a building season, as the core of last year's team was graduated.

Nevertheless, he predicts more than a few wins this year because "most of our opponents, except Riverside-Brookfield, are of our caliber."

For U-Highers not on winter teams, Physical Education Director William Zarvis is planning boys and girls basketball intramurals. Dates and times have not been set. In his ambitious program, Mr. Zarvis foresees interclass and inter-gym class tournaments and a student-faculty game.

Schedulewise:

INDOOR TRACK

Jan. 17	Hirsch	home	4
Jan. 24	Senn	home	4
Jan. 30	St. George	home	4
Feb. 14	Lake View	home	4
Feb. 21	Fenger	home	4
Feb. 28	Schurz	home	4
Mar. 11	Riverside-Brookfield	home	4

All home meets at University of Chicago Field House, 5551 South University Avenue.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 14	Faulkner	home	4
Jan. 17	Francis Parker	home	4
Jan. 21	Wheaton	home	4
Jan. 29	Latin	away	4
Jan. 31	Aquinas	home	4
Feb. 10	Morgan Park	home	4
Feb. 14	Morgan Park	away	4

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Student Board sends SLCC plan to reduce membership

By Paula Kaplan
Political editor

A motion by President Wally Lipkin to remove everyone from the

Faculty ass'n

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In mid-November the Faculty association presented to Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. a position on salaries.

The association proposed that teacher salaries be determined by a schedule based on their training and experience.

TEACHERS WITH more training and experience would receive higher pay and teachers with less experience proportionately less pay.

In early December the association's executive board met with Mr. Lloyd, who said he would consider the proposition for next year.

The executive committee also discussed whether it should present the group's ideas to Mr. Lloyd as recommendations or points for negotiation, but no agreement was reached.

SEVERAL TEACHERS not in the association told a Midway reporter why they haven't joined the association.

An English teacher stated that she was happy with her job as it was. A biology teacher said he never follows the crowd.

One person who does not belong, but would like to, is Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael. Whether he is eligible is in doubt because the association's constitution states that faculty members whose major responsibilities are administrative may not be members.

MR. CARMICHAEL is in sympathy with the association's goals. He pointed out that teachers at U-High, according to the salary schedule defined by the Chicago Teachers union, probably receive 25-33 per cent less than teachers of comparable qualifications and experience in the public schools.

"If we could have higher salaries here we could attract more and better teachers," he said.

"Low salaries are also a main reason for the present void of black teachers at U-High."

60-member Student Board except for the executive committee and SLCC representatives and for each grade to newly elect eight representatives was passed by the Board last week and now goes to SLCC for consideration.

"With 60 people, Student Board is too large an organization to control," Wally explained.

THE BOARD has experienced considerable difficulty with its membership this year, he said. Attendance has been a major problem.

"It's hard to even get a quorum of 30 people," Wally asserted. Last week a trial could not be held because the necessary Board members did not show up, he added.

The Board can remove members who miss two consecutive meetings without valid reason and, through class election, replace them, but has not done so.

WALLY SAID he feels the perfect Board size would be 32 people and that he feels he could administer a group of this size.

He pointed out that the 60-person Board was written into the student government constitution with a hall and cafeteria monitor system in mind but the Board dropped that system this year.

Instead, all students were made responsible for writing and filing referral cards for other students who break rules.

Because of a growing behavior problem in the cafeteria, however, monitors — three each day — are being restored there, Wally said.

Three faculty positions change

Three new faculty members are replacing three departing U-High teachers this quarter.

Mr. Arthur Scherrer, who has taught in Beirut, Lebanon, has taken Mr. John Thompson's place in the English department. Mr. Thompson found a position outside the school, according to Principal Carl Rinne.

Mr. Anthony Ferrantino is teaching high school biology and lower school science in place of recently-married Miss Lola Boeck.

Miss Diane Perlut is taking Mr. Thomas Newman's spot in the Social studies department; he is on leave of absence. Miss Perlut has been a teaching assistant in history at Roosevelt University and the University of Illinois Circle Campus.

December month success, failure

Student Union President Leslie Jones and her executive board have evaluated December Month, S. U.'s project to promote interracial understanding, as being a success from the standpoint that all planned activities took place, but a failure for the large group of U-Higher who attended none of the programs.

A more detailed evaluation will be made at a February 7 executive board meeting, according to Treasurer Wally Moore, after plans for the Spirit Spree and Arts Week are completed.

Leslie indicated that December Month may become an annual event and other "month" projects be planned if "some of the mistakes and flaws are worked out."

Fire safety

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that much that can be done."

AUTHORITIES at the weather bureau disagree and, as last year's articles pointed out, have prepared instructions on how to set up school safety plans.

Mr. Rinne, limiting possible disasters to either a tornado or riot, projected that "in the case of disaster we'd put everyone in the basement and lock the doors."

He then went on to cite a number of other problems in the fire situation yet to be considered by school administration.

"WE HAVE NO sprinkling system that completely covers the High school; we still have storage problems with various rooms in Belfield and Judd; the accumulation of litter can prove dangerous in certain areas; though the drama department has taken great pains to clean up and store wood and other combustible materials safely in Belfield, the wiring and building itself are very old and could be a possible danger; and many teachers contribute to the danger of a fire by leaving doors and windows open.

"I certainly hope to get to these problems in the near future."

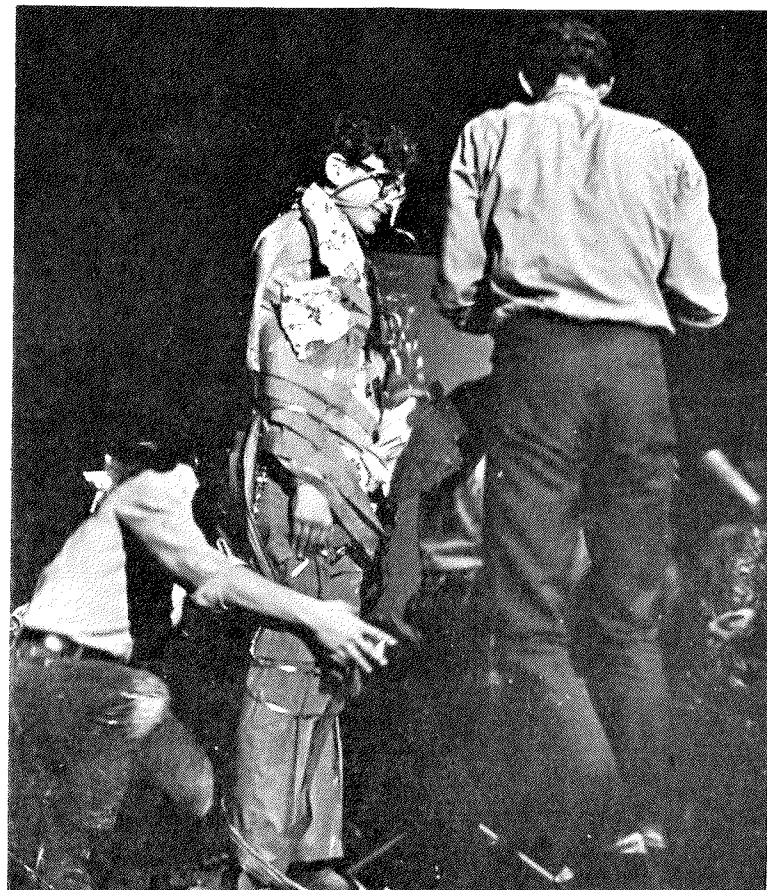


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A CHAOTIC Happening presented by the avant-garde classes drew mixed reaction at the Student-Union-sponsored holiday assembly December 20. Many people thought the assembly was a welcome departure from traditional Christmas programs but others felt it was merely confused. The wind ensemble, Theatre Workshop, orchestra and vocal ensemble also participated. In this scene from the Happening, Matt Goldwasser, left, and Alan McNeil wrap David Hyman as a Christmas present.

Midway becomes 4-pager as money problems mount

The Midway will be a four-page paper the remainder of this year, Editor-in-chief (of business and advertising) Paula Kaplan has decided after evaluating the paper's growing danger of a deficit and prospects for future ad revenue.

SLCC gave the paper about \$800 less than it would need to retain its originally planned schedule of four pages winter quarter and eight pages fall and spring quarters. By selling more ads than necessary in the fall quarter, the staff had hoped to make a profit which could be applied to spring quarter issues for the extra pages. But the staff failed to sell sufficient ads to even pay for the eight-page fall issues, much less make a profit, Paula said.

"WE ARE ALREADY \$500 behind our original plans," she explained. "By going four pages and loading the paper with ads we should be able to finance each issue and make up our loss so far. Our major responsibility is not to leave a deficit for next year's staff or student government to cover."

The staff may be able to publish an eight-page graduation issue, Paula said.

Because of the high ratio of ads to copy necessary to make a profit on the four-page issues, the Midway's editorial staff has been discussing with Adviser Wayne Brasler ways in which the paper can best serve the school in drastically reduced news space.

Editor-in-chief (of editorial content and policy) Daniel Pollock, who is leading the discussion, maintains that "You can have a far more effective paper more easily with eight pages because you have more space to work with, but quality doesn't necessarily have to go down with four pages."

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