

Growing up in Chicago: *The Courts and you*

(First in a series of articles on how Chicago's courts, police, educational facilities and recreational facilities affect its young people.)

BY KEN DEVINE

Last May, 15 U-High students and teachers received tickets for parking in a street cleaning zone.

Not one person involved saw a sign warning that street cleaning was taking place. Of those involved, three students and a teacher decided to go to court to fight their tickets.

In court, the policeman who ticketed the cars said there were signs posted. The judge took his word against the four witnesses.

One student decided to telephone his father, a county employee. He told his father what had happened. His father said he knew the judge and would talk to him about the ticket. He did, and the judge reversed his decision for the one student.

One black senior who did not wish to be named said he felt on the basis of personal experience that discrimination against blacks was practiced in traffic courts. He described an incident in which he was involved.

"I went to court to fight a ticket I got for going through a yellow traffic light," he explained. "I didn't have a lawyer, and I was found guilty and ordered to pay my fine. The next case after mine involved a white middle-aged businessman who was accused of the same offense. He was found not guilty. If I get a traffic ticket now, I just pay it and forget it."

Last year this writer appeared before Judge William Golden to defend himself against a speeding ticket which claimed he was going 35 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Because other students who had been to court told be that judges were prejudiced against people with long hair and sloppy dress, I got my hair cut and wore a suit to court.

Despite what I felt was impeccable appearance, the judge suggested that I get another haircut. He placed me on a month's probation without mentioning the traffic violation as a reason for the order.

"If you get a haircut before you come back here in a month," he told me, "I might let you off."

Attempting to get a first-hand view of how the judicial system here affects young people, I visited Boy's Court on the North Side to observe and talk with Presiding

Judge Saul Epton. Boy's Court hears cases involving juveniles 17-21 years old.

When I arrived, Judge Epton was hearing a case involving a boy who had just returned from Vietnam after 27 months of service. The boy had been arrested for obstructing traffic while distributing anti-war leaflets downtown. Judge Epton convinced the district attorney's office not to press charges.

Later, in his study, he explained why.

"I don't know why this country is in Vietnam anymore than you do. I can understand why that boy had such strong feelings having just returned from Vietnam, but I don't agree with his methods. If he breaks the law again, the city will have to prosecute him."

I asked Judge Epton how he felt about defendants in court with long hair or sloppily dressed. The cases he hears frequently involve such people, I observed.

After making it clear that he does not consider long hair on boys particularly attractive, he said, "I cannot speak for any other judge, but I don't believe I have the right to let a person's appearance affect my decision as to his innocence or guilt."

"If a boy appears before me with shoulder length hair, I may suggest that he cut

it to look 'All American' for his trial as it might make his trial easier.

"Sometimes hostile witnesses who don't like people with long hair tend to exaggerate their testimonies when confronted with long-haired kids," he explained.

In the 20 cases I observed, I noticed that hostile witnesses usually include police officers.

I mentioned to Judge Epton some of the adverse publicity which the courts have received and unpleasant experiences my school friends and I had.

I asked if he thought it possible for a young person to grow up in Chicago without losing faith in what justice is versus how the judiciary is supposed to function.

He said, "You must realize that the court incidents with which we are familiar are the spectacular events that represent only about 1 per cent of judicial activities. Of course, there is a conspiracy trial and traffic court incidents and other unfortunate spectacles but there are at least 500 judges who are fair and honest and whom you never hear anything about."

"I've traveled to many other countries and observed the courts, and while our judicial system isn't perfect, it's the best in the world."

The U-High Midway Moratorium plans definitely uncertain

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School eyes new building, prefrosh split

After 14 years the 7th and 8th grades presently united as the pre-freshman year again may be separated, with a new building erected to accommodate them.

Whether the change will take place rests with the Board of Pre-collegiate Education, expected to reach its conclusions this month, and, in turn, the University's Faculty Committee on Academic Facilities, Provost, President and Board of Trustees, to whom the proposal will be forwarded.

ARGUMENTS FOR and against the split, according to Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr., include the following (there are others):

FOR — Separating the grades would better serve the physical and emotional needs of students; allow adjustments of the high school sequence for individuals to 3, 4 or 5 years; allow development of a better-paced and more-varied curriculum; eliminate some of the drastic differences of emotional and physical development between students entering 9th grade; make scheduling more flexible and allow more participation in cocurricular activities.

AGAINST — Added expenses of another year, lack of hard data indicating that students need another year and lack of concrete curriculum plans for the extra year.

BECAUSE OF enrollment pressures the new building, projected to extend north into Scammons Gardens, is necessary whether or not the split is approved, Middle School Principal Patricia Hindman pointed out.



Photo by Bob Atlas

CHICKEN SHUX Gorilla Band will give the second in its series of weekly lunchtime radio plays Thursday.

The drama group, part of the Theater Workshop, give students with limited time for drama activities a chance to participate in them without becoming involved in major productions, according to Senior

Mike Rosenberg, founder of Chicken Shux. Theatre Workshop also wishes to offer the student body more than its regularly scheduled productions, he said.

Testing the microphone for Thursday's production, Chicken Shux players, from left, are Mike, Stuart Sherman, Steve Palfi and Pam Harris, all seniors.

For marijuana stand

By Debbie Kalk

A "dirty old lady" is what Governor Claude Kirk of Florida called Anthropologist Margaret Mead after she surprised a U.S. Senate sub-committee investigating drugs with a statement that marijuana be legalized for persons older than 16. But U-Highers questioned by a Midway reporter had only praise for her.

Dr. Mead told the committee that marijuana was less toxic than tobacco, milder than liquor and less harmful than the law banning it. "We are denying our country, our laws and the relations between young and old by prohibiting marijuana," she said. "This is far more dangerous than any overuse."

Senior Carolyn Thomas praised Dr. Mead. "I think she's cool. She had the nerve to stand up before that committee and voice her opinion on a very controversial issue," Carolyn said.

Junior Lisa Harris felt even more positive toward the 67-year-old Dr. Mead. "I think she's a fine old lady," Lisa said, "and should be President of the United States."

Senior Eric Haggard liked Dr. Mead's ideas because he is sympathetic with them. "I think she's got a good head," he said. "She sees things as I see them. I personally think the laws against marijuana cause more hangups than otherwise and they should be changed."

Senior Shana Goldiamond agreed that the laws are too severe. "I don't agree with her argument about pot being a stimulant for this generation as alcohol was previous generations," she added. "I mean, look at the skid rows created because of liquor. But I don't think that marijuana is as potent as liquor."

By Susie Gordon

Only one fact seems certain about U-Highers' role in the second Vietnam Moratorium and Anti-War March on Washington next weekend — nothing is certain.

The school has decided on a Moratorium Day policy, distributed in homeroom Thursday. Essentially it states that students can secure pre-arranged absences from as many

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classes as they wish Thursday and Friday with their parents' approval, teachers can arrange for substitutes if they wish, and the school will continue its regular program. Unoccupied facilities will be available for Moratorium-related activities to be coordinated by a faculty-student committee.

But exactly who is going to Washington in groups or individually, or what U-Highers plan to do here no one is willing to say.

Those students who talked to this reporter were willing to state that the Justice Department's statement that it would deny marchers a permit to Pennsylvania Avenue

would not affect their decision to go to Washington or stay home. They added that they felt the government is trying to provoke a confrontation.

They also said President Richard Nixon's speech on Vietnam policy last week failed to change their minds about the Moratorium or the march.

Around the University, activities will begin 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 13 with a convocation in Rockefeller Chapel. Speakers, according to the University student newspaper, will include Former Sen. Ernest Gruening (D. Alaska), one of two votes against the Tonkin resolution in 1964; Jimmy Breslin, journalist; Cesar Chavez, leader of the California grape boycott; and Charles Evers, first black mayor of Fayette, Miss.

Afterward students will travel by bus to shopping centers to distribute anti-war literature.

A major public event will be a candlelight procession 7 p.m. Thursday down Michigan Avenue sponsored by the Chicago Peace Conference.

In The Wind

Tuesday, Nov. 11 — Field hockey, Latin, 3:45 p.m., there.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 — John Dewey Lecture sponsored by the Parents Association. Dr. Joseph Wepman, professor of psychology and surgery and director of the Early Education Research Center at the University, will speak on "The Unexceptional Child." Public invited, 8 p.m., Judd 126.

Thursday, Nov. 13 — Guidance homerooms, 2:25 p.m.

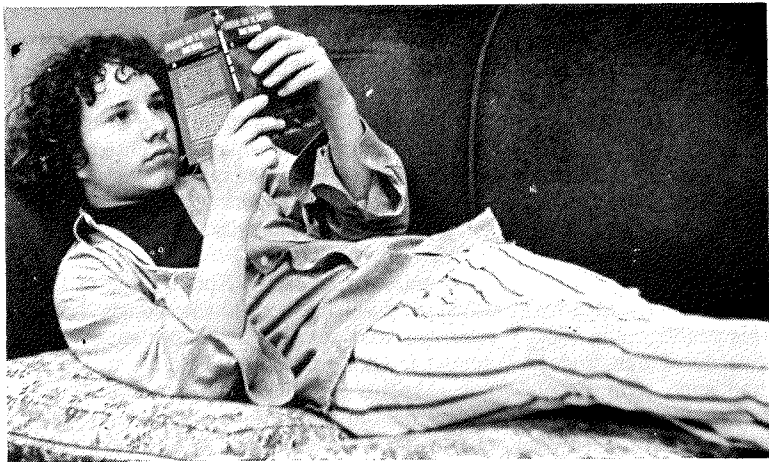
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15 — National High School Strike and March on Washington.

Monday-Friday, Nov. 17-21 — Parent conferences.

Friday, Nov. 21 — Basketball, Luther South, 3:45 p.m., here.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 — Midway out after school.

PEOPLE: Buyers, seller, dancers



A COUCH (on which Freshman Jody Kruskal relaxes) and six upholstered chairs have been added to the usual school desks and chairs in U-High 105. Social Studies Teacher Jane Southworth, whose classes meet in the room, explained, "I

Garden changes

Scammons Gardens is being converted for use as an urgently-needed recreational area for Lower and Middle School children, according to Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. Science Department ac-Hlouse, 58th street at Kenwood avenue.



Photo by Abram Katz

wanted to humanize the room. I dislike institutionalized school rooms and I wanted an informal atmosphere for my students."

Each of her students contributed 25 cents, then—with administrative approval — Mrs. Southworth and Junior Isamu Tashiro bought the furniture for \$26.50 at the Salvation Army.

"We are still looking for a rug," Mrs. Southworth said.

After the furniture was delivered, Mrs. Southworth, Isamu and Sophomore Vanessa Bush vacuumed and repaired it.

THOUGH U-HIGH and its neighbors have lost Thommy the newsman, they have a new friend at his stand at 57th street and Blackstone avenue. She is Mrs. Mary Lively, 5716 Elizabeth Avenue.

Mrs. Lively, Thommy's cousin and mother of five, works 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Her husband takes over until 7.

Unlike Thommy, who often was argumentative and became a neighborhood character because of it, Mrs. Lively is always warm and friendly, greeting everyone with a wide smile.



Photo by John Deering

SPONSORED BY Student Union nine students from Antioch College danced for about 75 U-Highers October 23 at Ida Noyes Hall. They had been performing at public schools in the Chicago area under the auspices of Urban Gateways, a program aimed at exposing young people in the city to the arts, when Music Dept. Chairman John Klaus brought them to Union's attention.

Music Teacher Roberta Newman invited the dancers and U-Highers interested in Antioch to her home for dinner after the show. The dancers call themselves the Southbloom Dance Company after a balloon on the ceiling of Antioch's South Gym, where they rehearse. They dropped the "a" from "balloon" on a whim.

Gilbert, Sullivan and Carl Rinne

Principal Carl Rinne will sing in the chorus of this year's Gilbert and Sullivan production of "HMS Pinafore" and "Cox and Box", 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 28 and 1:30 and 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, at Mandel Hall, 57th street and University avenue.

Other Lab Schools teachers and parents are in the cast of nonprofessionals.

The Parents Association annually sponsors the program which benefits the Scholarship Fund.

Tickets at \$3.50 for reserved and \$2 for unreserved seats at evening performances and \$2 unreserved only at the matinee are available at 363-7788 or 363-2103, or Adventures in the Arts, 1457 East 55th Place.

Next meet at NIU

Debate team tackles the 'undebatable'

Against Northern Illinois University Saturday, U-High's debate team will for the third time this year argue a topic its advisers and members believe was poorly conceived. The topic, "Resolution: Congress should prohibit unilateral U. S. military intervention in foreign countries," was formulated by the National Forensic League, which annually selects a subject to be debated by high school teams over the nation.

U-High's team previously debated the topic November 1 at Carthage College with a score of 6-2 and November 8 (after deadline) at Proviso East.

Other future meets include Evanston, date undecided; sectional and district meets in March; and state championships in April.

"This year's resolution is poorly stated and generally undebatable," said Adviser Earl Bell. "The primary reason for this is that the individuals responsible for constructing the proposition have speech rather than social science backgrounds. Policy questions which we debate require solid social science backgrounds which the planners of the question do not possess."

Social Studies Teacher Tom Eisemon, the other debate adviser, said, "The resolution is poorly phrased and does not permit a variety of reasonable interpretations."

Last year's debate team finished 6th among 700 Illinois teams. Junior Erwin Chemerinsky made the state team.

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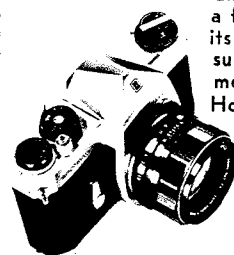
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Half-century didn't age play

Though written in 1919, Theatre Workshop's fall production is relevant today, Drama Director Robert Keil believes.

The play, "The Insect Comedy", will be presented December 4-6 on the second floor by the east windows. The play originally was to be presented at the Lutheran School of Theology, whose representatives later said they could not completely turn over their auditorium for the two weeks of rehearsal necessary for production.

Mr. Keil feels that the 50-year-old play is appropriate for today's high school audience because the play contains "many of the same kinds of struggles that we are concerned about today regarding love, openness, marriage relationships, values, war and co-existence."

"Although all characters but one in the play are insects, they perform human functions," Mr. Keil said. "In addition to their insect characteristics, they possess human qualities," he explained.

The only human character in the play is a vagrant, played by Senior Gary Kelleher. He acts as a liaison

between the insects and the audience, participating in the play and stepping out of it to comment. Gary feels his biggest problem will be his relationships with both the audience and the insects.

"I go into the insect world representing mankind," said Gary. "I not only have to make the audience believe I represent them, but to convince them that I am also relating to the insects on a realistic level."

The cast, besides Gary, is as follows:

Usher character, Linda Finner; Felix Butterfly, Larry Haggard; Victor Butterfly, Richard Kravets; Otakar Butterfly, Stuart Sherman; Iris Butterfly, Emily Mann; Cynthia Butterfly, Gina Heiserman; Young Butterflies, Marsha Clark, Dorothy Teegarden, Mary Lou Harmel, Lisa Richter.

Chrysalis, Julie Liffon; Male Beetle, Paul Ashin; Female Beetle, Blind Ant, Todd Brower; First Engineer and Dictator Ant, Stuart Mike Rosenberg; Larva, Pamela Harris; Parasite, Robert Cohen; Blind Ant, Todd Brower; First Engineer and Dictator Ant, Stuart Sherman; Second Engineer and Head General Ant, Richard Kravets.

Inventor Ant, Torg Smith; Yellow Ant Commander, Alex Vessel-inovitch; Quartermaster Ant, Peter Kalven; Journalist Ant, Jon Harrison; War Worker Ants, Pam Blau, Renee Timmons, Diana Cohen; Bond Salesman Ant, Rick Hornung.

Telegrapher Ant, Jody Kraskel; Messenger Ant, Jerry Robin; Red Cross Unit Ants, Pat Spargo, Kyle deCamp, Alison Heiserman, Cathy Silvern, Gert Fox, Erica Meyer, Shana Goldiamond, Carol Irons, Amy Bernstein; Moths, Nika Semkoff, Sue deCamp, Becky Smith; Snails, Larry Haggard and Debbie Kovacs.



Photo by Mark Patinkin

SEEING WHERE Mommy works, Karen and Kevin, newly-adopted 3-year-old twins of Mrs. Ouida Lindsey, secretary to Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael, recently visited U-High.

Mrs. Lindsey said that the twins, who had lived since birth in a Rochester, N.Y., foster home, adjusted immediately to their new home and parents, "just as if they had been with us all along. They kick me in the ankle and dump over their food without a second thought . . . they're beautiful."

Mrs. Lindsey and her husband Paul, a social worker, wish to thank all the U-High teachers and students who welcomed the twins with gifts.

Class will act against pollution

How they, as nonvoters, can affect political action against air pollution is being determined by members of Mr. Earl Bell's 8th period social studies class.

In five committees class members are gathering facts on air pollution; researching federal, state and city laws; and investigating which industries must take preventive measures, past procedures by the government to control air pollution and the scientific reasons for air pollution.

Senior snaps on new dates

To avoid conflict with the second Vietnam Moratorium, senior yearbook photos have been rescheduled for Saturdays, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13, according to Student Life Editor Roberta Shapiro. No photos will be taken November 29 because of Thanksgiving recess or December 6 because of SATs. The yearbook staff is mailing to each senior an announcement of the time his photo will be taken and information on what to wear and money to bring.



Photo by Bob Atlas

Sounds of silence

English class bans words

By Barbara Goller

Everyone was silent. Several people performed wordless skits, a few lit incense, some rearranged the room, but no one talked.

The scene was Mr. Richard Stolorow's SOEC workshop in nonverbal communication October 13-29. Mr. Stolorow believes that "A complete English curriculum should include a study of all forms of human communication, nonverbal as well as verbal. The workshop was designed to help students recognize ways in which man communicates without words."

Included in class exercises were a display of abstract paintings about which students were asked to write, records about whose moods students wrote and, finally, an entire non-verbal class session in which students were asked to present a wordless self-portrait.

"It was one day when people came out of their shells and started communicating," said Freshman Kyle de Camp, a member of the class. "Other times, people in class were really uptight about being expressive."

IN PREPARATION for the Parents Association ski and skate sale, Mrs. Ularia Lester, manager of the Scholar Ship, the Association's thrift shop, tags a pair of skis. The sale is planned for 12:30-5 p.m., December 4 at the shop, 1372 East 53rd Street. Skis and skates in usable condition may be donated there 12:30-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday until the sale.

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As the Midway sees it

SLCC smothering in its own weight

The dream of effective student government for U-High resulting from its reorganization in 1968 has yet to come true. Unfortunately, student government's dream too often has been a nightmare.

It is easier to list what the Student Coordinating Legislative Council (SLCC) hasn't done than what it has accomplished. One doesn't have to search for disappointments.

During its first year, for example, SLCC ignored its newly constituted "advisory function" in curricular matters, despite the fact this privilege had been won only after considerable faculty debate.

DESPITE URGING from the Midway, administrators, faculty and students, SLCC failed to provide leadership concerning long-standing issues and problems here.

There was no option program, no curriculum or grading proposals, no reports on the amount of social preparation for college and later life U-High provides or fails to provide, no investigation of the merits and demerits of a parent-proposed 12-year school plan.

The year was not without some progress, though it was hardly discernible.

A dress code revision, lauded by last year's SLCC officers as a major achievement, actually had been planned largely by the predecessor Student Council.

Student Union brought off Arts Week with success. But other events, like December Month and the second Herb Kent party, were either poorly executed or sparsely attended.

Student Board had a rough year. All its plans to keep quiet and order in the halls failed. In January, 1969, Principal Carl Rinne warned that direct administrative action might be necessary to maintain discipline. This year's Board officers decided to reinstate hired adult supervisors.

If student government was a disappointment last year, it looks no better this year.

THE OPTIONS forms SLCC promised for the first six weeks of school were mailed last week — six weeks behind schedule; outsiders crashed the first Student Union party because it was inadequately supervised; and SLCC failed to formally advise administrators concerning the October 15 Moratorium. Mr. Rinne had to make the first move to organize a faculty-student committee to consider the next Moratorium.

SLCC did not even officially meet until a month after school began because elections were postponed for lack of self-nominated Student Board and Student Union candidates.

That SLCC did not meet until two weeks ago is no excuse for its sloppiness. The interim government elected last spring to work over the summer planned fall activities and could have followed them up properly.

Tapeworms dine on Snack Bar

U-High's Snack Bar is making about \$30 less than the \$80 it cleared each day last November, probably due to the absence of brunch period.

This year, the student-run concession will be hard put to equal the approximately \$1000 profit it achieved last year.

Math Teacher Alan Haskell, the Snack Bar's adviser, fears the upcoming all-school option program permitting students off campus during free hours will further cut into profits.

To add to its problems, the Snack Bar lost two-day's profits when \$90 worth of ice cream melted because the plug to a storage freezer was left out overnight earlier this year.

The Snack Bar obviously doesn't need any more obstacles to make a profit. There is reason to believe, however, that among the students operating the concession another obstacle exists.

Last month, a Midway editor — a senior — witnessed a \$5 theft from the Snack Bar by a "customer" and a worker.

While he was at the counter waiting to be

Too often student government has been content to yield its unique position of power as mediator between students and adults at U-High. It has permitted students to negotiate grievances with faculty. It has forced administrators to step in and administer discipline in the areas over which it has jurisdiction.

As Mr. Rinne pointed out in his strongly-worded speech before student government last Wednesday, "If you let other people do what is properly your job, you have in fact (and very obviously to everybody) removed yourself from this, your rightful position of power and thus relegated student government to the same position as any other talk group, or platform for political discussion or sewing circle."

SLCC'S SHORTCOMINGS last year could be attributed to growing pains but this year that excuse no longer is valid. And this year's failures can't all be attributed to the students involved in government, though they are easy targets.

The real culprit is an ill-conceived structure. Student government simply is too large to be workable.

SLCC is constituted for 23 members, Student Union 60 and Student Board 60. That is a total of 148 people, more than one-fourth the entire U-High population of 608.

It makes little sense that more than one-fourth the student body is needed to operate a student government that couldn't get enough volunteers to fill all its positions.

FURTHERMORE, THERE are so many representatives that students do not know exactly who represents them.

If SLCC had 10 members — four officers, president of Student Board and Student Union plus one member from each class — students could know exactly who represented them.

Student Union and Student Board could each similarly be composed of four officers and four representatives. The Board additionally could be composed of 20 monitors.

Any non-elected student could also serve in government, but without vote privileges. If programs collapsed for lack of workers, the student body would get what it deserved.

Student government, after all, should reflect student needs and interests . . . or lack of them.

served, the editor saw a student walk up announcing that he had two \$5 bills. Minutes later he handed the attendant one of these bills crumpled up in his hand and requested change. The attendant gave him a \$10 bill.

The attendant then closed the Snack Bar and two students walked off congratulating each other on "shafting the Snack Bar."

When questioned later by another Midway editor, both student involved denied the charge.

Several customers have also reported seeing Snack Bar personnel take food without paying.

The Snack Bar cannot afford theft in any form. Perhaps its managers should employ paid monitors to insure such problems do not continue. The money saved by such a system would probably exceed the cost of implementing it. Monitors would at the same time protect the reputations and jobs of Snack Bar personnel, most of whom are honest and perhaps unaware of the thievery which does exist. All U-Highers would benefit since Snack Bar profit ultimately filters into the student activities budget.



Art by Fernando Pineda

TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH

Students want SLCC to live up to promises

By Debby Kalk

Living up to promises and enforcing rules once they are passed are among responsibilities U-Highers would like student government to fulfill, according to a Midway poll.

Student opinion on the effectiveness of student government varied, but most students saw room for improvement, the poll indicated.

Freshman Blythe Jaski believes student government performs adequately but does not fulfill all its promises.

"**THERE'S NOTHING** wrong with SLCC," she said, "because they've passed the option program and stuff."

She is, however, dissatisfied with Student Union.

"They were supposed to play records during lunch but they only put on one or two and it fades away," she explained. "And none of the parties ever work out right."

Freshman Donna Ferguson wished student government would spend more time clearing up what she feels are small but important issues such as providing students with lounge facilities.

"Student government says it can do a lot of things but it doesn't. Like this lunchroom. What are they doing about it?" she said, referring to the mess created by students.

Senior Sheila Macklin also would like to see government cater more effectively to student needs.

"**THEY SHOULD** pass rules regarding the student body's behavior in the general interest of the school as well as individual's needs such as privileges like having lounges and hall freedom," she said.

"In regard to curriculum, I think that the student government's job is to find out if there are any qualms that students have with the curriculum and to secure proper changes by negotiation with the administration."

She felt, however, that "student government shouldn't have the power to overrule the administration but rather to be an effective liaison between the students and the administration."

Junior Steve Lefton also felt students should not have more power than administrators.

"Student government should be able to operate on almost equal terms but the administration, which has more experience in education, should have the last say," he said.

"Student government should be able to make the rules concerning penal actions toward student offenders," he added.

"It ought to be a government that gets its plans across to the student body."

FRESHMAN JAY GOLTER said that, "Student government should be able to have more say in serious discipline problems like vandalism and smoking on campus."

"I think student government should have more choice of curriculum," he added. "It should be the student government starting things rather than teachers asking for help with curriculum planning."

Jay feels that student government can become more effective only if students support it.

"If students don't remain apathetic, then government will become as powerful as it wants to be," he concluded.

Letters policy

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Ho, ho, ho, ho homeroom's back

Mae West is back in Hollywood making pictures, Richard Nixon is back in politics as President of the United States and homeroom is back at U-High every Friday from 11:40 to 11:55 a.m. and occasionally Thursday afternoons.

SLCC President Steve Pitts, instrumental in the re-establishment of homeroom, explained how and why it was reborn.

Steve said that last year he and Student Board President Helene Colvin went to see Principal Carl Rinne and asked him if it was possible to have homeroom.



Ken Devine

"We wanted to provide communication between student government and the student body," Steve said. "Mr. Rinne said there would definitely be homeroom. Although homeroom may seem boring at times, I consider it a vital tool in informing students about student government action and preventing student apathy."

A typical homeroom session goes something like this (only the names are changed to protect the guilty):

Senior Boy: Teacher, Bob and Sally are necking in the back of the room.

Bob and Sally: We are not! (pant, pant, pant)

Student Government Representative: SLCC has unanimously passed a resolution calling for soap and toilet paper to be supplied in all bathrooms. It also was suggested that toilets be cleaned at least twice a year. The resolution goes to the

administration for final approval next week.

Beginning in homeroom September 26, students were informed of government plans to hold elections that would provide representatives for SLCC, Student Union and Student Board.

The actual announcement went something like this:

Homeroom, September 26:

Student Government Representative: Student Board and Student Union elections will be held in homeroom next Friday, October 3. Any student can nominate himself as a candidate.

Homeroom, October 3:

Student Government Representative: Because nobody nominated himself to be a candidate in the election, SLCC has postponed the election until October 9. We urge you to be a candidate.

Homeroom, October 10:

Student Government Representative: Because there were still not enough candidates to hold elections yesterday, October 9, elections will be held today, right now. Please fill out the ballot forms that I'm passing around.

Inquisitive senior girl: Why does the ballot say to vote for four candidates when there are only three candidates?

Student Government Representative: Well, there are occasional problems in running student government.

The end result of this ill-fated election was that Student Board lacked 10 representatives and Student Union one.

If the U-High student body next year continues to be as well-informed and involved in student government as it is this year, it may succeed in killing it neatly. Starvation diets can be fatal, you know.



Photo by Ilen Chroman

Photoeditorial:

NO ONE can say that U-High's new nurse, Mrs. Rhoda Thigpen, doesn't do a thorough job. Before leaving for school on a recent morning, Senior Roberta Callard scalded her hand when she raised the lid on a pot of boiling water. She didn't feel pain until several hours later, in school. She decided to drop down to the nurse, she

recalls, "just to get a little Ungentine or something sprayed on it." A half-hour later, she emerged from the nurse's office, her hand embalmed (see photo). Mrs. Thigpen explained that she applied ointment and copious gauze because the hand was red and she didn't want it irritated. Mrs. Thigpen is not only a good nurse but a good sport . . . she consented to let the Midway poke a little fun at Roberta's bandage.

MIDWAY MAILBOX

Do U-Highers place grades above lives?

From James Grodzins, senior, and Mike Grodzins, freshman:

How much is human life worth? Is it worth a day of school? Is it worth two days of preparing for a college? Is it worth 36 days and consequently not graduating?

Apparently U-High students don't think so. They won't miss class to save a life by expressing dissent peacefully; or to work with a poor family to help them. They will however, catch up on some sleep, or go on a vacation, or visit a college.

This society has bad values. We kill a man at the cost of about \$30,000 to \$150,000. Our government has spent more than \$100 billion in Vietnam killing men. We can help stop this right here and now. We can unite with the students of Hyde Park and

Kenwood high schools and help the lives of people, which the \$30 billion being spent in Vietnam this year should be doing.

The first Vietnam Moratorium Day October 15 helped save at least 300,000 men because after it the President promised to withdraw that many by 1970, but that's only the beginning. We can help save thousands of lives by not going to school on Moratorium days, and by going to Washington, D.C., November 15, to show peacefully that the majority of the people in the United States want peace.

Surrounding the three schools in this area are hundreds of people who need help. There are thousands more who need to be saved from death and millions who need aid.

How much is a human life worth?

CLAPS AND SLAPS

Powerful tale of uneasy ride

FILMS

EASY RIDER (downtown) — An amazingly powerful tale of two young men who tour the country on motorcycles and encounter America in undiluted hostile form.

BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID (downtown) — Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Katherine Ross portray a Wild West trio with unusual problems. Pretty cool.

TELEVISION

LESLIE UGGAMS SHOW (8-9 p.m., Sundays, channel 2) — Mix Uncle Tom with Aunt Jemima and you arrive at Leslie Uggams' desperate attempt to salvage the Smothers Brothers ratings. Smiling for a solid hour, Miss Uggams sings with exuberance, but her writers must be "Hee-Haw" veterans.

MUSIC SCENE (6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays, channel 7) — David Steinberg hosts a teeny-bop romp into the world of the Top 40. Reminiscent of "Shindig", "Malibu U" and other ABC failures.

BOOKS

CAT'S CRADLE by Kurt Vonnegut — In

a satiric, cynical vein somewhat akin to part of "Catch 22," this totally fantastical fairy tale about a man researching the biography of a recluse professor, puts down religion, the military, science and philosophy. Like nothing you've ever read.

TIKE AND FIVE STORIES by Jonathan Strong — An anthology of short stories about the youth generation written by a 24-year-old Harvard senior.

RECORDS

BARBRA STREISAND: WHAT ABOUT TODAY? (Columbia) — Barbra sings songs by Lennon and McCartney, Jim Webb, et al, with consummate artistry and shining intelligence.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: FATHER AND SONS (Chess) — Anyone who went to the Cosmic Joy Scouts benefit concert in April and hasn't forgotten Muddy Waters' unbelievable "Got My Mojo Working" and Paul Butterfield's wailing harp will find much of that concert reproduced on one record of this two-record set. The other is a studio job with all the concert personnel performing.

FACES AT PLACES

WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS GAME?
(Asked at the soccer match against Illiana here October 17)

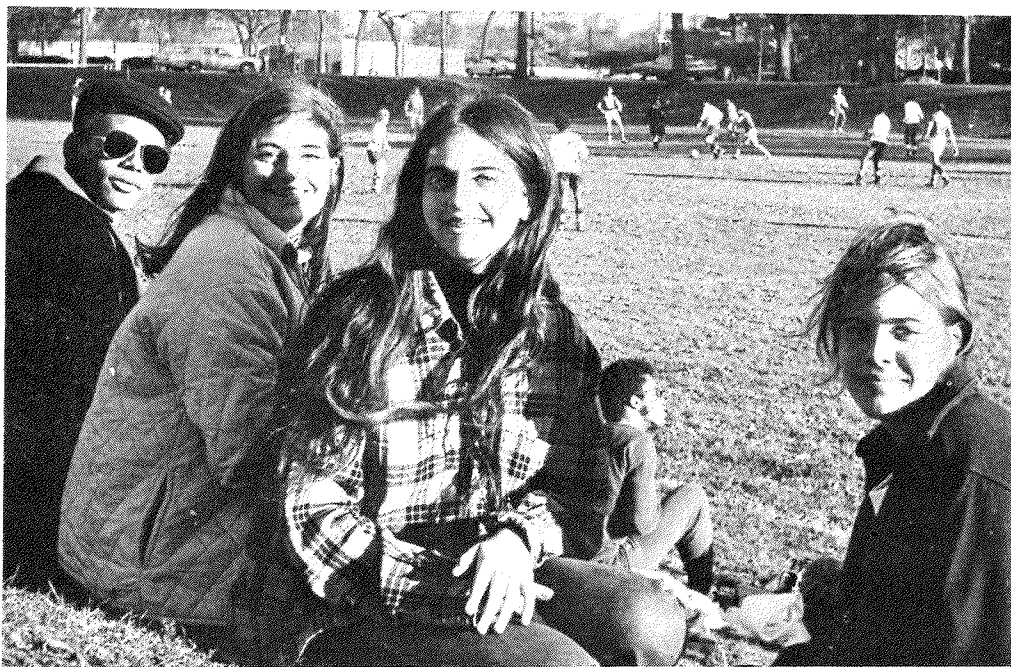


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SPECTATORS Clayton, left, Meltzer, Marantz and Ultmann.

SUSAN MELTZER, junior: I enjoy soccer games. I never miss a home game because I like the game and the people. I have a dedication to the team.

DUDLEY CLAYTON, senior: I like the game and I try to make most of them. I used to play myself.

SUSAN MARANTZ, junior: This is the first year that soccer has really interested me. I like it because you can really get involved in it. And today is Friday so I don't have any homework.

MONICA ULTMANN, junior: I come to soccer games because I like the sport and I like being outside. I'm at this one because the weather's mild.

Soccermen take Red Hot ride on cold day

By Craig Gordon

"How long does it take to get to Francis Parker?," someone asked anxiously. "It's only a quarter to three and the game doesn't start until four."

It was a cold October 28 and the northbound bus bearing 21 U-High soccer players passed Lake Point Towers. "I think it's about 300 North," one player said.

"No, you dummy," another squeaked. "That's how far west it is. That has nothing to do with how far north it is."

Coach Sandy Patlak interrupted the conversation.

"If they can't start the game early, you guys can come back on the bus and keep warm."

The players continued.

"Man, look at that sign! Thirty-eight degrees out there. I'm glad we're putting this Red-Hot on our legs."

"Oh, it's just a poor man's Ben-Gay."

"Yeah, but it works."

"I do not understand what we are supposed to do with this stuff," Center-Halfback Pierre Lacocque, newly-arrived from Belgium this year, said with bewilderment. "What are we supposed to do, swallow it?"

Halfback Dana Anderson became annoyed. "Haven't you been listening, Pierre? It doesn't do much good to have a coach if you don't listen."

Team Manager Harvey Weinberg busily rubbed the gooey, greasy ointment on the players' legs.

"Having fun Harvey?"

"Higher! Higher! Higher!," pleaded Jim Parsons mockingly as Harvey rubbed the Red Hot on his legs and everyone shrieked laughter.

The bus arrived at Parker and the team filed off, ready to begin the battle.

MOSTLY SUNNY

A glimpse of the 'old' (maybe) Sandy Patlak

By Bruce Goodman

I thought I was seeing the old Mr. Patlak again.

U-High's varsity soccer coach was giving the Independent School League's referee, Mr. Matthew Baker, a hard time at the North Shore game October 21. Mr. Baker had accused Mr. Patlak of yelling rulings from the sidelines.

"Who yelled?" roared Mr. Patlak.

"You did," said Mr. Baker.

"I never said a word," retorted the coach.

"Well, I heard you, Sandy," Mr. Baker said calmly, "and I won't continue to ref this game under these conditions unless you speak to me after the game."

For those few moments, I thought he was the Coach Patlak I had heard about from players whom he had coached in the past. From them, I had gotten the idea that he was tough, a real slavedriver.

My own impression over the past two years was similar.

I recall watching last year's varsity soccer team running through drill after drill, with Mr. Patlak's booming voice sending stragglers on jaunts around the field until they "learned how to hustle."

This year, however, it seemed to me that Mr. Patlak ran few drills and not as many calisthenics. Mr. Patlak doesn't think he has changed.

"Everyone mellows with time," he said. "We all learn from past mistakes, but I haven't really changed the way I treat my players. I have always tried to be fair to my athletes."

"I'm not getting easier on my players," he continued, "but I realize they have responsibilities other than sports and I try to take them into consideration."

Senior Steve Pitts, a soccer and basketball player under Mr. Patlak for two years, sees a change in the coach's attitudes.

"He has definitely mellowed from last year," Steve explained. "He has realized his mistakes. Last year he thought the basketball team could have a great year, at the beginning of the season, so he worked us to death. But he learned that the players had other interests besides basketball."

Perhaps Mr. Patlak has changed his attitudes and perhaps not, but the day after his falling out with Mr. Baker the referee entered the coach's office and inquired about a jacket he had lost at the game. Mr. Patlak was polite and said he'd try to find it.

After Mr. Baker left, Mr. Patlak clenched a fist.

"You know," he said, "when he came in here I had all I could do to control myself."



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Class promises muscles unbound

Twenty junior and senior boys will be in better physical condition and know how to stay that way if a weight training course started today succeeds.

According to Instructor Ed Pounder, students in the course will learn to use weights and to develop their bodies. But, he adds, they need not worry about becoming muscle-bound.

"Unlike a weight-lifting class," he explained, "we will concentrate on building definition rather than bulk."

Next Issue . . .

The Midway staff delayed this Issue a week to sell ads and publish closer to the second Moratorium. Next issue, finally, if furious ad selling pays off, there will be two sports pages including a roundup of fall sports.

In case anyone doesn't know by now, the varsity soccer team won its second consecutive Independent School League championship, 2-0 over Elgin, before about 200 screaming fans here Friday, after the deadline for this issue. The Midway will give the champs their due next edition, November 25.

TO STOP a senior offensive thrust in the junior-senior interclass touch football game October 22, Junior Rick Becker, left, zeroes in on Senior John Lundeen, center. Senior Kip Barrash and Junior Dan Schlesinger, far right, follow play. Seniors won 12-6. The junior touch-down came after a mixup in the pass defense when four seniors bumped into each other. In games October 29 and 30 freshmen upset sophomores 12-0 twice.


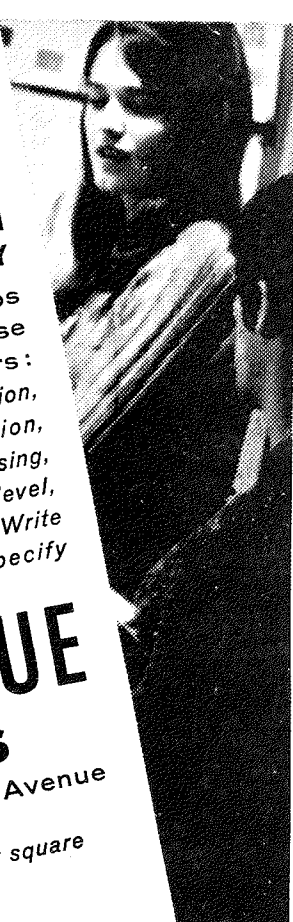
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