

# The U-High Midway

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## SLCC to discuss budget action today

### Statement criticizes 'poor communication'

By Mark Seidenberg

A meeting of the Student Legislative Coordinating Committee (SLCC) has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today to further discuss student government action concerning administrative decisions on the school's budget for next year.

Curtailment of some school programs, staff and services are being considered by administrators because of a University financial problem, the Midway reported Dec. 16.

Approved by the Board of Pre-collegiate Education January 7, a budget for 1970-71 has been submitted for approval to Roald Campbell, dean of the graduate school of education which operates the Laboratory Schools. The budget must in turn be approved by the University Provost and Board of Trustees.

Though administrators have declined to give the Midway specifics of the budget (see editorial page 2), Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. said Thursday, "I am hopeful that the academic program at U-High will not be radically different than this year's program, although the budget still must be approved by Dean Campbell, the Provost (Prof. John T. Wilson) and Board of Trustees."

Mr. Lloyd said he expected approval by Dean Campbell and Prof. Wilson to be a formality since they

are members of the Precollegiate Board that has already approved the budget.

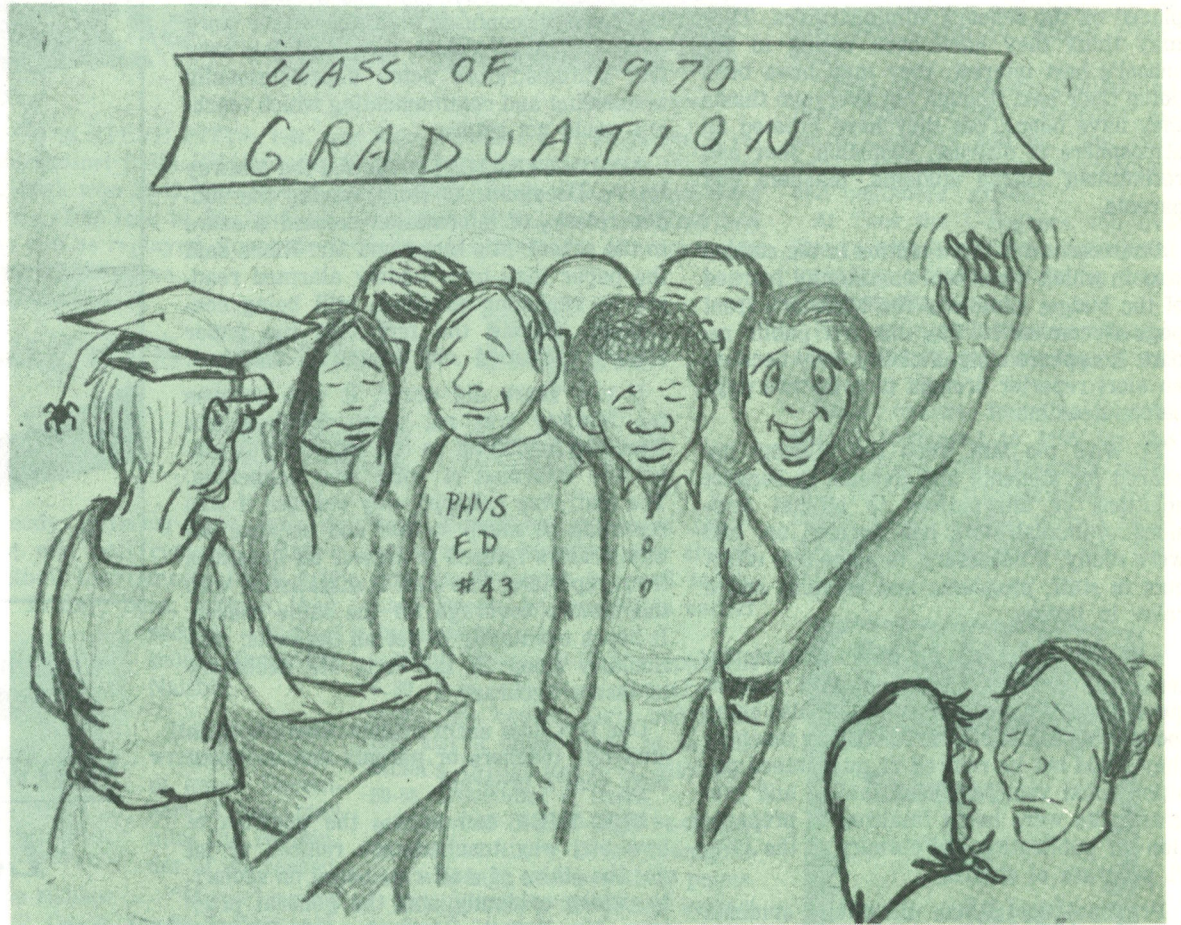
He added that once the budget was approved he would call a meeting of the entire Lab Schools faculty to explain program cuts the budget would necessitate and why.

Letters notifying teachers (Mr. Lloyd and Principal Carl Rinne were not sure how many when interviewed last week) they would not be rehired or could not be guaranteed.

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### U-Highers invited to 'Bowl' taping

U-Highers are invited to cheer on their team at a taping 6:30 p.m. today of WFLD-TV's "Prep Bowl Quiz" show. The station's studios are in Marina Towers, 300 North State Street. The show will be aired on an undecided Sunday at 5:30 p.m. on channel 32. Team members (photo next issue), chosen in tryouts, are Seniors John Lundeen (captain), Susan Ringler, Jim Epstein, Daniel Starr and Junior Frank Novak.



Art by Jerry Carr

'WHAT HAPPENED, SADIE, IS THAT, FOR ONE FINAL ECONOMY THEY DECIDED TO CUT THE COST OF GRADUATION'

## Were teachers left (kept) in dark?

By Mark Seidenberg

Lack of administrative communication concerning teacher status next year is a major complaint faculty members cite in criticizing the school's handling of its budget problems.

Music Teacher Roberta Newman, one of the teachers who feel communication was inadequate, explained that since early December she had heard rumors from students and other teachers that she would not be asked to return next year.

She became concerned, she said, because, "One of the budget cuts Mr. (Principal Carl) Rinne suggested for the Music Department last month was in the area of 'Music Appreciation,' in which we have no program."

"But I teach the introductory music course and in department meetings we decided he might have been referring to it."

"SINCE I am the only teacher of introductory music courses, I became concerned over my status. I have discussed the matter with my department head a number of times since and he has talked to Mr. (Lab Schools Director Francis V.) Lloyd (Jr.) about it, but I still haven't heard for sure."

Mrs. Newman said that since she hasn't received a December Letter concerning her status she assumes she will be asked to return full time.

A December Letter notifies a teacher he definitely will not be rehired the following year, rehired only on a parttime basis or not be guaranteed a position in coming years.

Mrs. Newman said she thought administrators should have explained to the school community criteria for teacher cuts and communicated directly with all teachers their status. Rumors, she pointed out, would not have existed had they done so.

DRAMA TEACHER Wendy Munson said that she received a letter December 22 notifying her she could only be guaranteed a half-time position next year.

Mrs. Munson said Mr. Rinne first discussed the decision with her December 18 when he telephoned to tell her the letter would be forthcoming.

Mrs. Munson added that Unified Arts Chairman Robert Erickson said in a department meeting in December that Mr. Rinne had recommended 2.3 teachers be cut from Unified Arts and the cuts probably would involve younger teachers. At that time, Mr. Erickson indicated he thought Mrs. Munson's position would be completely eliminated, she said.

"From then, early December, to the end of the quarter, many students and teachers came to me saying they heard I had been cut. I received no official communication until the 18th," Mrs. Munson said.

"MR. RINNE, who said he would discuss drama cuts with Bob (Drama Teacher Robert Keil) and me never did."

Mrs. Munson said she also felt administrative criteria for deciding what teachers would stay or go should have been made public.

She added that the situation here

was a "microcosm of the national condition — in each case there is a 19th century administration in revolutionary times."

Other teachers, who wished to remain anonymous so as not to impair their status or future responses to administrative actions, expressed displeasure over December Letters that they felt did not clearly state whether teacher contracts would not be renewed because of the budget situation or because of teacher inadequacies, and lack of stated criteria for deciding who would stay or go.

One teacher, who felt seniority obviously had constituted that criteria, said that as a result teacher cuts became in effect "a purge of staff under 30."

A FEW TEACHERS were willing to speak to Midway reporters of what they felt were administrative injustices and pressures but declined to have their statements printed.

Mr. Rinne offered several explanations for December Letter procedure.

Mr. Lloyd sends a December Letter to a teacher with the recommendation of the principal or principals in whose school (Nursery, Lower, Middle or High) the teacher instructs, he said.

Two kinds of December Letters may be sent for two kinds of reasons, he added.

"A teacher may be sent a December Letter for reasons of competence; a principal who makes such a recommendation will seek the advice of others beforehand — the appropriate department chair-

man, for example, or other teachers."

TEACHERS ARE judged on how effectively they communicate with students and how well they fulfill basic responsibilities to students and the programs and policies of the school, he explained.

The Personnel Policy provides more detailed guidelines, he added.

Other December Letters may be necessary because of budget cuts, Mr. Rinne said.

In such cases, the first person to be considered for the cut is the teacher hired with the understanding that his position is a one-year appointment.

When further cuts are necessary and cannot be satisfied by the number of teachers who leave the school each year by their own decision, letters may be sent to teachers who do not have senior teacher status, Mr. Rinne said.

(Teachers may apply for senior status with five years here.)

IN A CASE in which one of two teachers with approximately the same seniority might be sent a December letter, competence would be the deciding factor, Mr. Rinne said.

In reference to the complaint that administrators did not contact every teacher concerning the budget situation, Mr. Rinne replied that he did contact those teachers who were to receive December Letters. The others, he felt, need not have thought their status in jeopardy.

Earlier he had noted that department chairmen had information on budget decisions available to members of the faculty.

### Special issue . . .

To insure adequate and timely coverage of the school's financial situation, the Midway staff has published this special issue. Another special edition will be published next Tuesday, January 20. Letters for it are encouraged but must be in the Midway office 5 p.m. tomorrow. The next issue, January 27, will include previously-announced stories concerning community controversy over the killing of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, Black Panther leaders.

### In The Wind

Today — Taping of "Prep Bowl Quiz" television program with U-High team, 6:30 p.m., WFLD-TV, Marina Towers, 300 North State Street. U-Highers invited to sit in audience.

Friday, Jan. 16 — Track, Hirsch, 4 p.m., University Fieldhouse, 56th Street and University Avenue; Basketball, Elgin, 6:30 p.m., here.

Saturday, Jan. 17—Basketball, Lake Forest, 6:30 p.m., here; Swimming, Lake Forest, 6:30 p.m., there.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Midway out after school.



## As the Midway sees it

# School's future belongs in everyone's hands

U-High's financial crisis has become more than a question if the school can survive budget cuts. It has raised doubts among students, teachers and parents concerning their ability to learn and affect administrative decisions, motives behind the Lab Schools' personnel policy and plans being made for U-High's future.

The blame for these doubts must be placed on the school's administrators. They may think they have been acting in the school's best interest, they may have been doing their best (though not everyone thinks they have been), but they have created an atmosphere of distrust, suspicion, fear and resentment among students, teachers and parents.

One reason for this reaction is the sudden way in which the school community learned of the budget situation. The Midway's front page December 16 was the first public report. It appeared, significantly, only because an alert reporter brought in a tip two days before deadline.

IT WAS too late when the Midway appeared for students and parents to suggest solutions or alternatives to official decisions. Administrators had decided on, and were ready, if necessary, to place into effect cuts in staff, programs and services and a raise in tuition.

A forum January 5, in which administrators for the first time answered student questions concerning the situation, also came too late. December Letters notifying teachers they could not be rehired or guaranteed positions next year had been mailed and program cuts were being finalized in preparation for publication in February of the 1970-71 program of studies.

Principal Carl Rinne did advise students to write letters of complaint and opinion to members of the Precollegiate Board. But it had decided on the basic cuts already and Mr. Rinne and department chairmen were completing their decisions on specifics.

ABOUT 100 parents — not all high school — attended a Parents Association meeting November 3 at which Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. mentioned a financial crisis in the University. Some parents learned of the situation through school publications. Otherwise, the school did not contact parents to inform them or solicit their advice.

As for teachers, department heads were in on decisions from the beginning. But most teachers received information only if they attended a hastily-called forum December 8 or made personal appointments with administrators (and some who did wonder if they got much information at all).

It isn't hard to understand then, why so

many teachers have told the Midway they feel ignored, confused and misled (see story page 1). Many teachers have also said they feel administrators acted unprofessionally in deciding and communicating which teachers would not return.

ADMINISTRATORS criticized the Midway for its December 16 story, saying the sudden release of information created a scare in the school. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Rinne said the paper may have unduly alarmed readers by reporting decisions still being considered, despite the fact that the paper clearly identified any tentative decisions.

If any scare did occur, it was because the Midway was not given developments from the beginning so the entire community was informed of what was happening. The staff was unhappy only because it was reporting so much so late and because administrators refused to answer all questions from reporters. The staff is dissatisfied with this issue's coverage for the same reason. It hopes eventually to get all the facts, particularly since all the facts are necessary to insure accuracy.

One fact does seem evident: there is little students, teachers or parents can do about next year's program.

BUT THEY can pursue the question of how and why teachers are rehired or let go; the ethics of staff cuts based on seniority, which evidently was the general practice; Mr. Rinne's Comprehensive Development Program (an expansion of Project '76), which he says will allow the school to improve despite cuts; and what kind of democratic process, if any, administrators offer the school community.

Students can act through student government, parents through their association.

The teachers have another alternative. They are disturbed about salary levels, program and staff cutbacks and how they have been treated. They have several alternatives: to accept what has been decided, protest through their Policy Committee or the independent Faculty Association or consider legal action or unionization to force collective bargaining.

At a meeting Thursday a labor lawyer retained by the Faculty Association will discuss unionization and legal alternatives.

People who are denied a voice usually find a way of getting it.

## Drama gives, doesn't get

Drama Workshop needs a new theater, as anyone who attended its fall production can attest. Director Robert Keil estimates that 30 per cent of the student body participates in drama at least once. All U-Highers are exposed to its artistic influence. As Jamie Lewontin points out in his letter this page, the worth of drama affects the worth of the school.

That worth is severely impaired when students are forced to present their play in a hallway, as happened this year. The school's administrators had closed the theater in Belfield 345 because city ordinance prohibits schools from holding productions for an audience of more than 30 above the second floor.

The insurance company which represents the University warned Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services, that he could be held criminally negligent if someone were injured there because he'd been warned of the ordinance.

Mr. Conway promised Mr. Keil that as soon as the insurance company formalized its opinion in a letter, he would discuss alternative facilities. But Mr. Keil never heard more on the matter or saw the letter. Mr. Conway says he received it this fall, but was not able to locate it at the time

this issue went to press.

Mr. Conway did tell Mr. Keil the school would relocate the theater when a new building was built.

A Midway reporter asked Mr. Conway if drama could swap space with another department in Belfield. He replied that such a switch had been considered but many rooms in Belfield have ceilings too low to accommodate theater lights.

Mr. Keil said he never was approached concerning the feasibility of a swap. But Mr. Conway assured the Midway reporter that if Mr. Keil and the reporter found an available replacement for the drama room he would implement the switch before the winter production. Mr. Keil, who spent two years building Belfield 342 into a theater, doesn't think a switch could be made that quickly.

And no one expects a new building here soon, if ever.

With his associate, Mrs. Wendy Munson, and his students, Mr. Keil has given U-High a drama program which reflects long hours, hard work, dedicated effort and sensitivity to the school's needs.

It's too bad the school isn't correspondingly as sensitive to drama's needs. Drama won't be able to fend for itself forever.



Art by Fernando Pineda

"WELL, IRVING, NOW THAT WE HAVE A NEW THEATER, SHOULD OUR FIRST PRODUCTION BE 'DANTE'S INFERNO' OR 'TO HELL AND BACK'?"

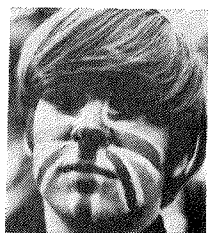
## MIDWAY MAILBOX

### Lack of theater endangers well-being of school as whole

Also see editorial this page

From Jamie Lewontin, '69

I was quite disturbed by the situation with which I was confronted when I returned to University High School at Thanksgiving. As does anyone with any theatrical experience, I know know that putting together a dramatic performance is one of the greatest single challenges that the arts has to offer. In an educational situation the problems are, of course, compounded.



The old Belfield theater Jamie Lewontin did nothing to aid the situation. The second floor of the new building is an absurdity. It presents problems that are frustrating and educationally useless.

Ideally, education is based on challenge, the greater the better. Realistically, there is a point where challenge becomes overwhelming and educational value disappears altogether. The Drama Department has been pushed dangerously close to this point.

Although I had very deep involvement with the theater while I was at U-High, my primary concern in writing this letter is not with the Drama Department, but with University High School itself. The circumstances surrounding the situation have been explained to me. There is no argument, I do not place blame. There is no blame to be placed.

One fact is painfully clear. If University High School does not take action on this situation immediately, one of its greatest resources will die. Less directly, but immeasurably more important, it will mark the end of University High School as the unique school of liberal arts that it has been.

## A Devine reaction

From Kip Barrash, senior

I rather enjoyed Ken Devine's column in the December 16 issue comparing SLCC to South Vietnam. It was a good way of discussing the inadequacies of both at the

same time. I never really realized that the relationship between SLCC and U-High was similar to that of the countries headed by Mr. Nixon and Mr. Thieu. At least Thieu could tell the whole U. S. to go to hell and get the appropriate response.

I wondered about some of Ken's analogies and statements. It's only natural, I mean, Ken hasn't been to either Vietnam or SLCC meetings—at least not this year. But I suppose his informants are as good as Royko's or Mabley's or Nixon's.

Kip Barrash I know he has been waiting, so now I'll get picky. Did Ken plan to answer the Midway 10-Second Editorial about who's apathetic at U-High?

Agreed that, looking at a distance, the Beef Board and the dress code may be trivial, but what about working on Moratorium activities, relaxing school rules about where we can eat and if we can smoke, whether or not the BSA can have an unknown reviewing board, approving other student activity constitutions, and how much control seniors have over the Senior Lounge? If these Ken considers trivial (some are), into what matters of earth-shattering importance did he think SLCC should stick its nose? If Ken is too busy, have one of your men come to a meeting so that the whole school may benefit.

Based on Ken's knowledge of the Vietnamese opinion of Thieu and the girls' view on the dress, I'll give you odds on Donald Conway in the next election.

Columnist Ken Devine replies, "On matters of public record such as SLCC meetings and Vietnam policies, it is not necessary to be present at the actual events to be able to think and write about them intelligently. The specific items you bring up as important SLCC legislation were vetoed by the administration, and that was one of the points of my December 16 column."

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# All swimmers will get chance at Elgin

U-High's swim team will spread the load and give every one a chance to swim against Elgin 6:30 p.m., Friday, there, according to Coach Ed Pounder.

"Last year Elgin did not have a crop of young swimmers, and the few they had were not too good," Mr. Pounder said. "We should win quite easily."

WITH EVERYONE swimming, most U-Highers will only have to concentrate on one event, Mr. Pounder pointed out.

The lighter load gives boys a chance to shoot for records, he explained. Senior Bill Denis will try

to break one minute for the 100-yard backstroke, a time no U-Higher has ever turned in, Mr. Pounder believes.

Judging from the talent Lake Forest has returning from last year and its performance against other schools this year, Mr. Pounder expects to beat the Coxymen by at least five points 6:30 p.m., Saturday, there.

HE EXPECTS Lake Forest's 100-yard breast-stroker to be its best man and give U-High's star breast-stroker, Sophomore David Schloerb, tough competition.

Lacking enough depth to win both varsity and frosh-soph meets against Fenger, 3:30 p.m., January 20, there, Mr. Pounder must decide which team has a better chance and concentrate his talent there accordingly.

The decision depends on information he hopes to gather during the days immediately preceding the meet.

HE FEELS he has, better than Fenger's frosh-soph talent, two frosh backstrokers, Freshman Tom Griffith and Sophomore Jim McGehee, and a frosh-soph breast-stroker, David Schloerb.

But Mr. Pounder has heard that 15 varsity swimmers have transferred from the school and, therefore, he may try for a varsity victory. Fenger Swim Coach Paul Lilek refused to either confirm or deny the rumor. He promised the meet would be "more than a mock contest."

In pre-Christmas activity, U-High beat Glenwood 71-24 December 12 there.

"We had some very good times at that meet and so did Glenwood, but we have a stronger team," Mr. Pounder said.

Leo defeated U-High's varsity 52-43 January 9 there. Frosh-soph lost 59-31.



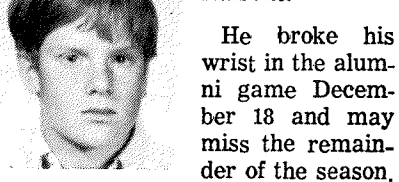
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MAROONS STEVE PITTS, left, and Bruce Goldberg struggle for a rebound against Latin Friday here. Bruce was high scorer with 18 points as U-High won 56-45. Frosh-soph squad won 41-39. It also received word that its 53-52 loss to St. Michael's December 9 has been nullified and game will be replayed. Coach Herb Smith had protested a discrepancy in timing of the game.

## Cagers tackle Elgin minus strong scorer

Already suffering from lack of height and ball control, U-High's basketball team meets Elgin 6:30 p.m., Friday, here, without their

second - highest scorer, Junior Jim Naisbitt.



He broke his wrist in the alumni game December 18 and may miss the remainder of the season. "He played great," Coach Sandy Patlak said. "The vacancy he left will be hard to fill."

After Elgin, U-High takes on Lake Forest 6:30 p.m., Saturday, there. Playing two games in two

days should be an added hindrance for the Maroons, who always find the Coxymen big and tough. Lake Forest defeated Elgin earlier this season.

North Shore, U-High's opponent 6:30 p.m., Friday, January 23, there, has beaten Elgin and Latin but lost a close game to St. Michael's. U-High lost to St. Michael's 59-38, December 9, there.

Glenwood beat U-High 54-46, December 12, there. Bruce Montgomery was high scorer with 20 points.

Montgomery's 20 points against the alumni December 18 led the team. Maroons won 63-61. Frosh-soph players David Cockrell, Linzey Jones and Joe Thomas helped out the varsity. All are sophomores.

## Spring ski trip attracts 42

By Betsy Munger

Forty-two students have signed up for a ski trip March 21-23 to Taos, N. M. The trip was organized by Seniors Malcolm Morris and John Goldsmith; it is not under school sponsorship.

If cancellations occur, Malcolm will accept applications for replacements.

The U-Highers will fly to Taos, whose skiing facilities are known for long runs and powdery snow. Like Malcolm, many of the travelers are veterans and casualties of last year's trip to Winter Park, Colo.

"Taos will be more challenging than Winter Park," Malcolm asserted, quickly adding, "but they have recently added intermediate and beginners' slopes."

At Taos the U-Highers will live five to nine each in an apartment including a kitchen, dining room and bedroom.

Former Social Studies Teacher James Cohen and his fiancée will chaperon.

Basic charge for the trip is \$229.58 compared to \$195 for the Winter Park trip. Malcolm noted that the Taos trip includes three meals a day instead of two as at Winter Park, six lessons and free ski lifts.

## Runners open against Hirsch

With Coach Ed Banas expecting improvement over last season's 1-8 varsity record, the U-High indoor track team opens its season against Hirsch 4 p.m., Friday at the University of Chicago Field House, 56th Street and University Avenue.

Coach Banas is unfamiliar with the Hirsch team but feels U-High will have little trouble matching last year's 62-47 victory.

Although only a handful of runners came to the team's first practices after Christmas vacation, according to Mr. Banas, the team is strong in most events, particularly running.

Maroons' second meet is against St. Patrick's, 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Fieldhouse. U-High defeated St. Patrick by one point last year and Coach Banas expects this year's meet also to be close.

Remaining meets, all 4 p.m. at the Fieldhouse, follow: Lake View, Friday, Jan. 30; Schurz, Thursday, Feb. 6; Senn, Tuesday, Feb. 13; Calumet, Tuesday, Feb. 20; Fenger, Tuesday, Feb. 27.

## Girl cagers eye Parker confidently

Past experience playing with each other, expert jumpers and powerful determination should compensate for lack of height when the girl's basketball team plays its first game this year, against Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, here, according to Coach Sally Leme.

She feels that Parker will not pose as much of a challenge as later opponents.

"From what I know of them last year, they were not all that good," she said.

Agreeing with Miss Leme, a Francis Parker girls' phys ed teacher said the U-High squad's spirit and

superior (to Parker) phys ed facilities for practice should give it the win.

Summing up the abilities of the varsity and junior varsity teams, Miss Leme said, "They have lots of potential. Their skill level will come with direction. Right now they make beautiful moves and pickup screens (a type of guarding) well."

Of the 12 girls on the varsity team, Juniors Carol Irons and Janice Coleman are exceptional ball-handlers, she said.

Remaining games are as follows: Ferry Hall, 3:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 28, here; Morgan Park, 3:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, here; Faulk-

ner, 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, there; Morgan Park, 3:45 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13, there.

Latin, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, there; North Shore, 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, here; Francis Parker, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 4, here; North Shore, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 10, there.

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## All may enroll in journalism

Journalism will be open to students at all grade levels next year, Publications Adviser Wayne Brasler announces.

Presently only juniors and seniors may enroll in the course, which includes beginning reporting and ad selling for the Midway and study of mass media.

"When I came to U-High six years ago, we restricted journalism to older students because we thought freshmen and sophomores lacked the maturity needed for newspaper work," Mr. Brasler explained. "But times have changed and now we think students at all levels are capable of the responsibilities involved."

Communications, a media study course which follows first-year journalism, will become repeatable under the new plan, Mr. Brasler said. Students may take the course as many years as they wish, working on individual study projects and in editorial and management positions on the Midway according to their experience.

The changes do not represent an expansion of the journalism program, Mr. Brasler noted, only a change in enrollment requirements.

## What one decade brought U-High

In 1960 U-High got a new building. In the decade since, it also has gotten, and lost, four deans and three principals; withstood hoolahoops, skateboards, hemline rises and bobby sox; had its walls smeared with posters and stickers from three national elections and countless war protests; has seen the rush to get into unofficial, out-of-school sororities and fraternities supplanted by programs to unify the races (singly and together); seen its newspaper named among the six best in the nation and its soccer team win two consecutive Independent School League championships; witnessed in the outside world three major assassinations, numerous riots, a U. of C. student takeover, Weathermen, Moratorium days, trips to the moon, the black revolution and the drug revolution. U-High, and its new building, survived it all to begin the 70s with a money crisis. If the 60s were interesting, the 70s should be absolutely fascinating.

## Suggest changes

## Parents evaluate school

Teaching of factual knowledge is not stressed at U-High in sufficient balance with teaching of concepts and how to learn.

That is a major finding of an evaluation of the U-High curriculum by the Parents Association.

Chaired by University Math Prof. Stuart Rice, eight parents interviewed department chairmen and prepared reports on their findings. Each parent is professionally associated with the field on which he reported.

Prof. Rice concluded from the

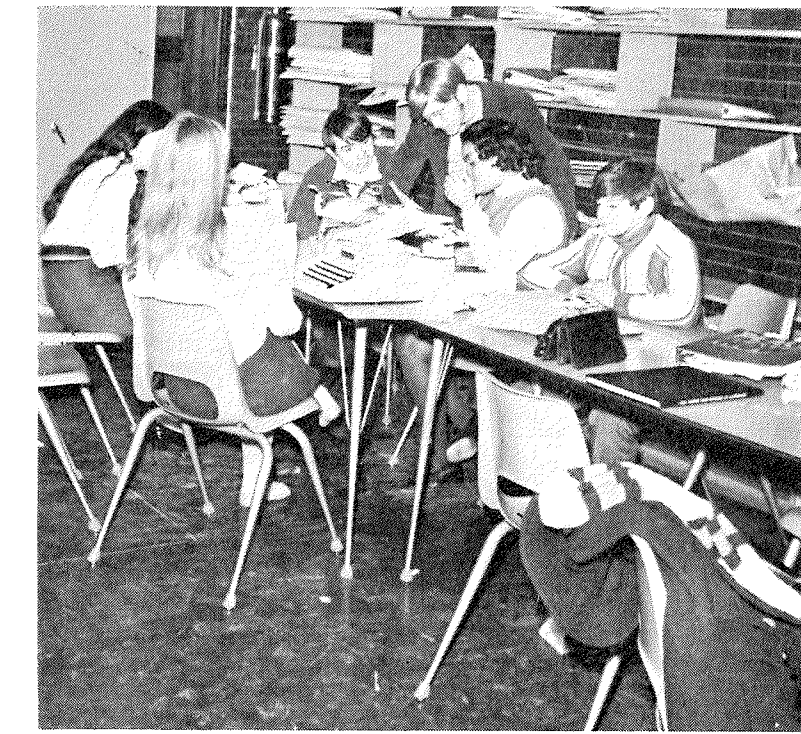


Photo by Mark Friefeld

EVERY WEEKDAY EVENING for two weeks members of the U-Highlights staff have been perfecting copy, cropping photos and finishing layouts for their first deadline Sunday. Huddled around the typewriters, from left, Erica Meyer, Anita Weinberg, Mark Pravatiner, Mark Friefeld, Carolyn Thomas and Doug Patinkin read and react to rewritten copy.

## 32 pages to enlarge first fall yearbook

With 152 pages, the 1970 U-Highlights will be 32 pages larger than last year, according to Editor Mark Friefeld. His staff is working toward the first of four 38-page deadlines Sunday.

The '70 yearbook will be the first here to be published in October, so a complete year can be reported. Previous books were delivered in June and covered events March to March. The student body voted for the change last spring.

SO SENIORS can get yearbook autographs before they graduate, blank pages will be distributed in May, according to Mark. Seniors will receive their books by mail at college or home, as they wish.

Additional pages were made possible by the printer's discount for fall publication and economy measures which included dropping of color photographs at a savings of \$70-\$100 each, Mark said.

The 1969 U-Highlights received a First Class rating from the National Scholastic Press Association headquartered at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

Entered in the category of schools of 550-401 enrollment (grades 10-12), it needed 7000 scorebook points for the top All American rating and 6000 for the next-highest First Class. It earned 6050 points.

JUDGES PRAISED the staff's enterprise in creating an innovative representation but criticized what they felt were incomplete coverage and confusing physical presentation.

From the Columbia (University, N.Y.) Scholastic Press Association, the '69 book received a First Place rating in the category of offset books from co-ed independent schools.

A minimum 850 scorebook points out of 1000 are needed to earn First Place in the CSPA contest. The U-High book earned 888. A higher honor, Medalist, goes to 10 per cent of the First Place books on the basis of outstanding personality.

CSPA's JUDGE also criticized incomplete coverage and cited poor photo quality but praised the staff's creativity.

## May Project group to publish handbook

A handbook explaining the guidelines for choosing and completing May Projects is planned for publication March 1 by the May Project Policy Committee.

It is responsible for formulating and communicating May Project policy.

Math Teacher Margaret Matchett is chairman. Other members are English Department Chairman Richard Scott, Industrial Arts Teacher Herbert Pearson, French Teacher Susanna Clark, Guidance Department Chairman Karen Robb, Phys Ed Chairman William Zarvis, Social Studies Chairman Philip Montag, Science Teacher Judy Ver-trees and Administrative Assistant Peter Cobb.

In determining policy, the committee will take into account both the successes and failures of last year's Project.

"THE WATCHWORD will be quality, not quantity," said Mr. Cobb, who was last year's chairman. "Last year, most of the students' projects were accepted for reasons of career orientation or social service. This year, however, we will consider furthering academic discipline in an independent study project as a valid reason for a project."

Another change in May Project policy concerns faculty advisers.

"Instead of each faculty member advising an unlimited amount of students as last year," continued Mr. Cobb, "each faculty member will be limited to two advisers in two separate agencies. If more than one person works in one agency, however, the adviser will have to sponsor all of them and no one else. This does not include independent studies. A faculty member may advise an unlimited number of independent study projects."

TO GIVE students more time to revise unsatisfactory project proposals, seniors will be required to hand in two proposal forms, according to Mr. Cobb. Only one form was required last year. The preliminary proposal will be due Jan-

uary 30 and a final proposal at the end of February.

The faculty committee which will receive the proposals has not yet been chosen.

A list of last year's sponsoring agencies who indicated an interest in participating in May Project again this year is available in U-High 109.

## BUDGET

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anteed the same positions next year were sent late last month.

SLCC Thursday approved a statement drafted by President Steve Pitts protesting the administration's "poor communication" with the school community concerning the budget problem (also see editorial page 2). Steve said the letter will be sent to the University President, Board of Trustees, Provost, members of the Precollegiate Board and all other members of the Lab Schools community.

SLCC also decided to write and circulate a petition stating displeasure with the administration's budget solution (cutbacks rather than alternatives) and to demand that the Provost and Board of Trustees reject the proposed budget.

Steve planned to attend a Parents Association meeting yesterday (after deadline) to suggest that parents and students unite their protest of the budget.

Teachers were planning responses to the budget crisis individually and through the independent Faculty Association, to which about half belong. The Association has asked its lawyer to address an open meeting Friday to answer questions concerning possible faculty affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers and legal action.

## 350 at program

About 200 alumni and 150 U-Highers attended the College Conference December 20. Insufficient organization led to confusion over the start and end of discussion periods, according to John Lundeen, president of the senior class, which sponsored the program.

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