Budget clarified but questions continue

Decisions concerning the Lab Schools budget for 1970-71 have been clarified by administrators, but discussion on the matter continues among students, teachers, and parents. Latest development, Friday, was a teachers meeting sponsored by the Facultv Association at which a lawyer answered questions on the possibility of affiliation with the National Federation of Teachers, a collective bargaining agent.

The Board of Preparatory Education which advises administration of the Lab Schools approved the budget late Tuesday. To be final, it must still be approved by the University Provost and Board of Trustees.

Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. said that under the budget no program or personal would be cut next year except in cases of overcrowding, or where a department decided to delete a program itself.

The following have been approved:

- Administrative assistants to Middle and Lower School principals
- School printer
- Lay readers for the English Department
- Summer duty for College Counselor
- Statistics Laboratory budget from $15,000 to $9,000
- Telephone allowance from $14,000 to $10,000
- Summer grants from $8,000 to $4,000
- Audio Visual budget from $19,000 to $15,000

Tuition will be raised, probably from $1100 to $1150.

Applications have declined but school's not begging

By Heddy Weinberg
U-High's $100 tuition (approximately 12 percent per year next year) and the rising cost of living are among reasons applicants to U-High have declined in the past three years (one again slightly this year), according to Admissions Secretary Lorraine Kublik.

Salary not why teachers resigned

Although many teachers here indicate they are planning responses to the limited salaries they will receive next year because of the school budget, a survey of reasons 125 teachers gave for resignations does not indicate any direct cause of salary disputes.

According to the survey, compiled by Mr. John Weinberg, head of the teachers' union, the major reasons were the administrative decision to make changes in the school's program (even though they didn't like them) and the absence of a salary increase. Personal reasons were also given, with the most common being travel in the summer and personal obligations.

Students, teachers, and parents are still concerned about the budget situation. Many believe that the budget cuts will affect the quality of the school in the future. They are afraid to voice their dissatisfaction because they fear their protest will go unnoticed or unheeded.

The major problem at this point is the financial crisis, but in terms of mistrust and a lack of communication, there are even teachers who are afraid to voice their dissatisfaction because they fear their protest would go on their future recommendations.

The Student Senate is trying hard to change the situation, but so far it seems that the financial crisis is still the main issue.
School must regain sense of democracy

A short time ago — can it have only been a month? — people at U-High believed their school was different. At many other schools, the faculty and students shared leadership, offering their viewpoints, getting a listening. And then, only then, did administrators make up their minds.

A lot of people don’t think U-High is so different anymore.

In the handling of the school’s budget problem since early December, the faculty and administrators have indicated insensitivity to the role teachers and students desire to play in influencing administrative decisions. They are the case after all who have to live with such decisions.

Many people, as a result of administrative action, have taken a new look at the school’s decision-making setup. They are alarmed and unhappy with what they see.

(At the same time, it must be pointed out, many people are not unhappy and do not understand why others are alarmed.)

Officially, students and teachers have representative organizations through which to express conditions and recommendations. Students have the Student Legislative Coordinating Council and teachers have the Faculty-Welfare-Welfare Committees.

Although they have affected administrative decisions, the influence of these groups is limited because their constituted power is only advisory. They play no direct role in decision-making and those committees often ignore their advisory position on many matters.

THE POLICY Committee, for example, made no recommendation on the proposed budget cuts. SCUC let the Morrisonians pass.

President Chairman Ewing, McGuire feels, nevertheless, that her committee has done its job properly. She cited its proposals for new teacher appointments, revisions in the Personnel Policy and other suggestions made by administrators as evidence it was serving adequately.

According to SCUC President Steve Pitts, student government has advised the school’s administrators have indicated insensitivity to the role teachers and students desiderata for a direct share in decision-making have been negative.

School can’t cut forever

The Board of Procollegiate Education’s decision, in satisfying budget requirements for next year, to limit cuts to school services, rather than staff and program also, is an impossible solution for the time being. But the same solution will not work next year if further budget problems arise. There are no more services to cut.

Some kind of money-juggling encore undoubtedly will be necessary. Program and salary costs can be expected to rise. Mr. Donald Dawsey, director of administrative services, formulates the budget, speaks of a “light decade” when the school’s financial future is mentioned. He expects more battles over insufficient funds in coming years.

In all, the case, the school must find new sources of income. It cannot forever be forced only ways to cut expenses to sneak through. The idea that cuts can be made in staff and program, the notion that some programs are “fringe” and that the school will survive as long as the “basic program” (unadvertised viewpoints expressed by administrators) are unsatisfactory. All programs here are “basic.” So-called “fringe” programs — those in Unled Arts, Social Studies and English — are what make this school special.

And cuts made because of “oversstaffing” may not always make sense either. The number of classes and students for which a department or teacher is responsible on written schedules may not accurately reflect importance to the total school program or actual amounts of contact.

What the school needs to think about is not ways to cut expenses but ways to raise funds. Grant requests and fundraising programs independent of the University should be considered. Other private schools have taken this route successfully.

But to be successful, such endeavors require careful planning . . . and time. Now is when administrators, faculty groups, the Parents Association and student government should begin discussion of such possibilities.

As the Midway sees it

Wit and Wisdom

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'THEY'RE MAKING FRENCH TOAST AGAIN IN HOME EC CLASS'

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Art by Erica Haver

WEATHER REPORT: WINDY BOTH SIDES OF MIDWAY OVERCAST START 8 A.M. SUNSHINE SPOILS MIDWAY 8:30 A.M. TODAY
Girl skips senior year
By Tuya Hawkins

Although Marie Rodos will be
graduated in June, she won't have
senior status until October... and
then only in the 1970 yearbook, to be
published that month. Guidance
Counselor Roger Klein explained that
Marie is graduating
with junior status
because she is not
in the senior
class. Her early graduation was
made possible by a full-credit
academic program.

Marie is not participating in
senior activities such as May Proj­
ect and proms but would be con­
sidered for them if her schedule
were not full of course needs she
needs to qualify for graduation, Mr. Klein
said.

Classification as a junior, despite
the fact this year is her last, and
therefore, "senior" at U-High does
not bother Marie.

"It doesn't matter whether I have
options or May Project," she said,
"I don't have any open periods so it
would be impossible for me to
participate in these activities
if I wanted to."

Teacher attends gov't conference

"Republican foreign policies are
similar to past Democratic policies
and are seemingly moderate," So­
cial Studies Teacher Edgar Bern­
stein concluded after attending a
community leaders' conference in
New York City November 14.

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy
Commission in conjunction with the
federal government, the conference
intended to give a cross-section of
people influential in their communi­
ties insights into the functions of
the foreign policy committee and to
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More than 100 U-Highers were apoplectic with joy at the news that they would be allowed to leave school during their open periods.

SLCC Vice President Bob Jaffee said he did not think the option approvals were completely fair.

"Only 20 sophomores were approved and some rejected from that class weren't even on academic probation. It just doesn't seem right and I'm going to look into it."

In other student government business, Mr. Jaffee said:

- Student Union announced that U-Highers may attend a party at Latin High School February 7.
- Student Board Representative Neil Frick presented a hall monitoring system for the rest of the school year. The system is now in effect.
- Board President Helene Colvin said that the number of referrals coming in to Board is steadily decreasing. No student has received enough referrals to warrant a Board trial this school year.

A 65-POUND bronze plaque of the U-High creed, stolen late Friday, December 11, and recovered December 15, will be mounted on the wall of the east tower of Bethfield Hall as soon as mounting pins are obtained. Student Union President Steve Paili points out the space from which the plaque was discovered missing early December 12 by Publications Advisor Wayne Brazier as the Midway staff arrived for Saturday prepup of page 89.

Mr. Brazier said Mr. Donald Conway, director of administrative services, that he had sent several students and outsiders from the building repeatedly the evening before, when a Student Union party took place.

The plaque, a gift of the class of 1968, was pinned off the wall and stolen after the night security force left the building, according to Dean of Students, Standard Carmichael. One mounting pin also was pinned loose of the 300-pound Cot, Bethfield plaque on the opposite wall.

The plaque was reported Monday in the yard of an apartment building at 2156 South Kenwood Ave. by Mr. R. J. Stevens.

It disappeared again and was reported in the afternoon at the mental salvage yard of the Christian Dispensary Service, 1961 East Third Street. Company owner James Christianess delivered it, undamaged, to Mr. Carmichael.

The same weekend someone removed supporting pins from the hinges and broke the doorknobs off, the shop doors in Bethfield. Shop Teacher Herbert Pearson found nothing missing. Expense cost $15.

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The police, or "military arm of City Hall," as Mr. Roberts called them, and government threats toembed themselves in society and from exercising their civil rights to "be a bloody-minded thug."

"It's a return to the McCarthy era, sort of. Now people don't want to get their names on any lists because they're fearful for their jobs and security."

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