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Planners map commencement

With multiple entrances into Rockefeller Chapel instead of the procession of former years, approximately 150 U-High seniors will begin a tradition-breaking, student-directed commencement 2 p.m., Thursday, June 11. Conceived by a senior committee whose chairman is Jeff Jones, the ceremony is intended to reflect student thought instead of tradition which many class members felt had become meaningless.

Music for the ceremony is being completed by Stuart Sherman. "I call it a cantata," he said. "Actually I'm not even sure that's the right word."

By EXPLAINED that several types of music will flow through the piece, including folk, heavy rock, string and reggae. A chorus of 20 seniors, yet to be selected at deadline, featuring four or five soloists will perform the music accompanied by 12 musicians. The entrance and cantata will last 15-20 minutes, he estimated.

Guests—each senior is being permitted six tickets—get their first hint of the "different" ceremony from announcements drawn by Erica Meyer and Jerry Carr. JERRY'S SHOWS a figure with a cap and gown holding out a diploma and saying, "That's all folks." Inside he uses his diploma, rolled-up, as a telescope with which to see the future.

Erica draws abstractly depicting the thoughts of a graduate, from the subjects he has studied to his future plans.

Student influence also will be reflected in speeches. Instead of a guest speaker this year's ceremony will include six members of the student body and staff whom the planning committee selected to represent the range of outlooks in the school.

THERE ARE Seniors Irene Tillman, Paul Silvern, Richard Goodman and Jim Hazard, English Teacher Arthur Shererrer Jr. and Director of Offset Services Chauncey Black. Neither of the adult speakers, like the graduates, will be returning to the school next year. Senior Class President John Lamden will announce the class gift, Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr. and Principal Carl Rinn will make brief remarks, and with Dean of Students Stanrod Carmichael present diplomas (subject to change as plans are finalized).

At the end of the ceremony, expected to last 35 minutes, the seniors "will sing a very simple melody as they exit," Stuart said.

As the graduates join their guests on the lawn of the chapel, 56th Street and Woodlawn Avenue, music from the ceremony will be played on the carillon in the tower.

A reception sponsored by parents of the junior class will follow in the cafeteria or Scannumns Court depending on the weather.

SUNDERS and their guests also have been invited to a buffet dinner 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Continuing Education, 3320 East 60th Street, at $6 per reservation.

Two graduation traditions—robes and urns—will remain.

Robes can be picked up at the Bellfield Bookstore the day before or on graduation day at $19.75 per set. Left, Matt Grodnits, Kathy Hazard, Tim Goodman, Mary Lou Harmel, Steve Dawson, Emily Mass, Jerry Carr, Bill Young, Donya Haby, Bruce Montgomery, Laura Dunham, Jim Grodnits, Sheryll Rich. Photo by Bob Atlas

NOT ONE, but several speakers will address the Class of 1970 and its guests at tradition-breaking commencement exercises June 11. Senior Irene Tillman discusses the message she has planned with fellow seniors, from left, Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr., Senior Richard Goodman, English Teacher Arthur Shererrer Jr. and Director of Offset Services Chauncey Black. Other announced speakers will include Senior Class President John Lamden and Seniors Jim Hazard and Paul Silvern.

In The Wind

Today—Tennis, Independent School League Championships, 2:30 p.m., here. Wednesday, May 27—Student-faculty softball game, 4 p.m., The Midway. Wednesday, May 27—Thursday, May 28—festival of Life, 5:30 p.m., Court between U-High and Banneker Hall. (See story this page.)

Friday, May 30—No school.

Monday, June 1—Athletic Awards Banquet, 8:45 p.m., McDuffie House, 5711 South Woodlawn Ave.

Thursday, June 4—Freshmen Picnic, basis leave Kenwood Circle at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6—Senior prom and related activities.

Monday, June 8—Wednesday, June 11—Final exams.

Wednesday, June 11—Spring concert, 7 p.m., International House, 1414 East 59th St., sponsored by U-High and Banneker Hall.

Thursday, June 11—Graduation, 2 p.m., Rockefeller Chapel, 56th Street and Woodlawn Avenue; reception following, Court between U-High and Banneker Hall.

Friday, June 12—School closes officially.

Monday, September 21—School reopens; next Midway out.

A world's record will be broken at the Festival of Life, tomorrow through Saturday in the Court between U-High and Elaine Hall. No one is sure what that record will be; the "breaking" is just one of the many ideas the Festival's planners have come up with.

The mammock festival will be highlighted by the presentation of the Manger Meggy folk-war musical, "Viet Rock." It will be performed Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The Festival itself will open at 5:30. Other activities will close before the play begins.

"IF," a fantasy film about upheaval in an English boarding school, will be shown Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Tickets for the Festival will cost $1.50 in advance and $1.75 at the door.

Classes throughout the school are involved in work for the Festival, Mr. Herbert Pearson's shop classes are constructing more than 20 booths for concessions.

Among the items available will be trinkets, handkerchiefs, leather goods, drawings and paintings from art and craft classes of Mr. Robert Erickson and Mrs. Nellie Wiener.

Art work will be displayed in Hall-Hall throughout the Festival.

PROCEEDS from items sold will go to three scholarship funds which the Festival benefits: Lab Schools; Martin Luther King, Jr. for black students; and influenza and Renaud Booth, established in memory of a 1968 senior killed in an auto accident last summer. Half the profits for each piece of art sold will go to its maker.

Organizations and individuals on both ends of the spectrum—teachers and students—will be represented in the event.

Students of Home Economics Teacher Dorothy Szymkowicz will prepare and sell refreshments, and a folk-wang, fortune telling, astrological forecasts and body painting. Balloons and cotton candy will also be available.

From the proceeds, the Festival of Life, to begin a tradition-breaking, student-directed commencement 2 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

TERRY MUNSON, Helene COBB, Linda Finder, Tim Neal, Carolyn Thomas, Rodney Fair, Gail Lents.

A multimedia production, U-High's version will employ drama—actor, monologue, monologue, panoply, several settings, staging, and a live rock band. Music has been composed by and for the event.

Drum Teacher Wendy Munson, who is directing the production, has revised it for high school presentation and has retained the author's intent, says. Miss Terry has refused performing rights in the piece since she felt the musical had been overly revised.

Actors in "Viet Rock" will not be the only performers at the Festival. A revving band of players will perform goa music and U-High folk songs and musicians will play throughout the evenings.
No rush yet for prom

The senior prom, once an American tradition considered — with commencement — the highlight of a high school career, seems to be going the way of other high school traditions: out. At U-High, only 22 people had signed up for the June 5 senior prom as of May 28. According to other high schools, their seniors too are abandoning formal affairs, though at some schools the decision is not permanent and there are still efforts to thrive for years to come.

U-High’s prom, at the Knickerbocker Hotel, will be followed by entertainment at Punchinello East night club, breakfast at the home of Kip Barrash and a day at the summer home of Sue DeCamp near Benton Harbor, Michigan. Concerns of some seniors about other high schools indicate their students too are abandoning formal affairs, though at some schools the decision is not permanent and there are still efforts to thrive for years to come.

Anti-war petitioning finished

Organized canvassing and petitioning by U-Highers to gain signatures protesting the war in Southeast Asia has been completed, according to students who helped coordinate the program which began May 3. The Crisis Activity Coordinating Committee, which coordinated U-Highers’ anti-war activities has stopped organized petitioning to avoid possible confrontation areas with other groups protesting the war, according to Senior Bob Jaffe, a member of the committee. He said that potential canvassers were not called to register groups at several universities.

Senior Jim Grodzinski, another committee member, said that students who wanted to protest the war could not do so because their class will be informed of school. He said that he did not expect any more participation to the extent of May 6, but he estimated that there were 150 students who would participate in future planned activities.

Course combines biology, chemistry

To incorporate biochemistry into biology, the science department will offer a course combining biology and chemistry course next year, according to science teacher Judith Vertrees.

Science Teacher Judith Vertrees will teach the chemistry section. The addition of the biology section is undecided.

Midway gets ‘Best in Midwest’ trophy

For the fifth consecutive year, the Midway has received the Midwest Award, presented to outstanding publication submitted from the Midwestern United States to Press Day competition at St. Bonaventure (N.Y.) University.

The paper was runnup to the High School Oval, Wellesley, N.Y., for outstanding lithographed publication entered.

Three stories by staff members of the Midway tied for the top award of Excellence in the Feature Writing category. The stories and their writers were an interview with the principal of Hyde Park High School, Craig Gordon; an interview with Fifth Ward Alder­man Leon Despres, Steve Garmisa, and an interview with Jay Miller, executive director of the Illinois branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, David Wells.

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STC planning ‘alternatives,’ will continue

Student-Teacher Coalition (STC) will continue next year and attempt to bring to U-High an alternative to the present school program, according to Participant Jay Make- sell.

The organization was formed earlier this year by students and teachers interested in making the school more relevant and worth-while to students.

At a meeting May 11 at the Blue Gargoley restaurant the organization presented revised alternative plans by which the school could offer to students who want it a full or partial basis a program oriented to individual interests without attendance or credit requirements or grades.

About 30 students were present. Including Lab Schools Director Philip Jackson attended.

In daily meetings about eight of the students involved in the group have been striving to complete the plans by the end of the year.

Jay said so could continue next year, although its founders and other students interested in the group have been graduated.

The group is satisfied that it has served the goal of its founders to “open eyes of the students, teachers and administrators in find out why they were at school.” Jay said.

Guidance plans career hinges

Career guidance will be more emphasized by the Guidance Depart- ment next year, according to Chairman Karen Libby.

“There’s a real world out there and we have to go outside the focus walls of our school to understand how other people live,” she explained.

Nenad heads home

He was used to violence

By Kathy Zupan

“I’ve learned more about different societies from my one-year exchange in the U.S. than I could have learned in history classes,” reflects exchange student Nenad Miniczev, who will return to Yugoslavia at the end of this school year. Nenad came to U-High last fall on the American Field Service (AFS) exchange program.

He had completed his freshman year at Yugoslavia’s University of Zagreb before coming here. At U-High, Nenad took courses in Latin, German, English and Afro-American studies plus University of Chicago courses in Greek and philosophy.

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As the Midway sees it

Good salaries help keep the ship stay afloat

One sign of an institution in distress, an administrator recently remarked, is that its best personnel begin to depart, like the rats flee a sinking ship. And while a large number of Lab Schools teachers always seems to be moving, a particularly distressing number of the most respected are leaving this year.

While their reason for leaving vary (stare page 3), salary is one major cause. Salaries here are notoriously poor. Earlier this year many teachers were chagrined at a report on why teachers leave compiled by Mr. John W. Wiseman, part-time advisor to Lab Schools Director Francis V. Lloyd Jr., because it failed to reflect reality as one reason they do so.

TWO YEARS AGO teachers formed a Sal­
ary-Welfare Committee primarily to im­
prove salaries. It has met with mixed suc­
cess; this year a portion of its suggestions were enacted but a portion of the cost-of-living increase was flatly rejected.

However, the actual cost of education and the amount the district is willing to pay are inextricably linked. Many administrators and teachers, on the other hand, approved and encouraged our depth of concern for the district's and their own viewpoint. To them we extend thanks for their aid in bringing this to our attention.

It is significant that the Midway staff and its friends perceive the problem as a pressing one, and that we are able to gather and print the extra issues to cover the budget situation and other concerns of this month.

Considerable confusion developed over our role. Some administrators and teachers felt that the Midway's concern was not necessar­ily released to it and keep its nose out of other business. When we printed more than one official version of a subject, giving all viewpoints an airing, we were criticized for fomenting dissention in the school, blowing up minor issues to major ones.

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Meet me in St. Louis
Visiting a college friend can become a riot

By Mark Seldenberg

About a month ago, when it seemed as though spring would never arrive, I decided to get away on a warmer climate. By chance I ended up in St. Louis, the Gateway to the West. St. Louis is by any account an interesting town. It thrives on two things: industries with huge defense Pentagon contracts and the biggest damn brewery in the whole world. I refer, of course, to Anheuser-Busch, Olin-Mathieson (dope), McDonnell Douglas (fighter planes) and Bud, the King of Beers. St. Louisians are not exactly in the Vanguard of the revolution; down there black puppies are rare in the 5th Ward. They have their own version of the Chicago Tribune, the Globe-Democrat, so well known amongst leftist types as the Olio Demagogues.

I DIDN'T know any of this, however, when a friend and I hopped a train down there. All we knew was that we could stay for free in the dorm at Washington University, occupy spitting hail and visit all our little friends there.

Upon arrival we were rather shocks to find that it was possible to throw ROTC off campus. The scholars, kids, and entire city in uproar. I really thought that ROTC had ceased to be an issue long ago.

Anyway, it seemed that many faculty and most students felt that ROTC was a very bad idea and the enrolling operation, had no place in an academic community like the University. Petitions, resolutions, resolutions and complaints to the administration were ineffective: ROTC remained.

It was no wonder: high-ranking officials are very powerful and a new ROTC building was named after Mr. Olin and a new science building is named for Mr. McDonnell. And ROTC is administered by the same Defense Department that negotiates billions of dollars in contracts with those companies.

In the weeks before we arrived, the Army ROTC building was burned, and a former student — black, coincidentally — was arrested for demonstrating and rioting in his earlier stance. Stance radicals called a mass meeting where about a thousand students discussed tactics, and policy for hours in a small, sweaty auditorium.

One student, a swellling chorus of "Right on!" and a student rose and read a statement declaring ROTC and war activities immoral and illegal and condemning itself to ROTC buildings. Bored by speeches and itching for action, the crowd rose as one at the suggestion that they tack the declaration to the ROTC building door and board it up. "He Ho Chi Minh... NLF is gonna win." (Sigh.) Handed, marched across campus, past the Olin Library, past the high rise dorms, past the military academy to the building. "May we can levitate it like Pan-Pentagon." My friend and I were warned to stay away, as arrestes were coming.

A local cop, on the make for a minor county office, promised that he was his responsibility to protect the campus if violence and/or destruction were to occur. FBI agents were everywhere and an all snag was gathered.

The day we arrived a dozen students were arrested for dancing in ROTC campuses. A student's jaw was broken by grease from a local military unit. The student couldn't eat, lost entire city in uproar. I really thought that ROTC had ceased to be an issue long ago.

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The University Chancellor suspended a dozen students. ROTC remained in place. And still is the King of Beers — but you know that.

Dropping draft deferments unfair, U-High boys feel

By Pam Emili

President Nixon's plan to drop draft deferments for college students is unfair, according to most U-High boys questioned by a Midway reporter.

Occupational deferments have been dropped for graduating seniors who applied for jobs after college and for those who have secured employment before the announcement was made would not be affected. Eliminating student deferments also is being considered, with one goal making lottery selection of inductees more equitable.

Sophomore Scott Meyer said of the plan, which is subject to change or modification, "I don't approve, and I feel it's the wrong way to go. The college student body is comprised of both working students for their future and those who are in college just to get out of the Army. There is no way of separating the two and it wouldn't be fair to deprive students of an education that one by drafting them."

Junior Art Wilson said, "I'm worried because it appears to me that all of the student unrest political figures in high places which is subject to make it great.

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Coach talks about reading

For the second consecutive year, Phys Ed teacher Sandy Patlak has designated delegates for the co-operation of the International Reading Association, an organization of professional educators. She selected two students, junior and senior, to participate in the reading competition.

Mr. Patlak started his collection four years ago in response to a suggestion from a reading consultant who hoped he could encourage members of his classes and teams to read. He has found that boys interested in sports, but not reading, can be gotten interested in sports reading by an enthusiastic coach working with a reading teacher, he told the convention. Then the boys become interested in other types of reading.

Mr. Patlak's library has grown to about 100 volumes. He says he sometimes reads for an afternoon reading teacher. His program is described in a chapter of a new textbook on teaching reading in secondary schools.

They'll miss the team

Sports worth effort, seniors say

By Lin Greenberg

Challenge of team sports and the unity teammates achieved made the senior year even more appealing to athletes, according to senior Mr. Patlak, who said, "I'll miss participating in some of the organized games. When we were winning it was really great because all team members got really tight."

Dean Zarvis, who played soccer, basketball and tennis, said, "I think I'll miss practices the most because they leave enough time to look forward to each day."

"Also the association with other members of the team. You're with them so much that you get to know them really well, and for this reason they become some of your best friends."

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Golf Coach William Zarvis said the team did try hard but was playing against tough schools. Had U-High played North Shore and Elgin at its home course in Jackson Park, as had been planned, it would have won, he felt. A strange course disadvantage a team, he explained. Junior Andy Horsch (photo) was among the golfers on the practice green before the championship matches.
Winning formula for U-High baseball: skill, luck

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Mostly Sunny: Two viewpoints, one problem

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Physical Education Department Chairperson William Zaviris feels the letter doesn’t express the philosophy of U-High athletics.

"The philosophy of U-High athletics is that any boy can go out for a sport, and will not be cut from the team," Mr. Zaviris explained.

"There is a difference between going out for a team and being put into games regularly. This year, there were boys on the tennis, soccer and track teams who rarely, if ever, played in a game," he continued.

"On course, our coaches are human. Sometimes they'll act on a whim to put a boy who rarely plays into a game," he said.

"Even though boys' interest seem to be changing, participation in athletics at U-High seems to be continuing at the same rate as in previous years. Approximately one out of every two boys has gone in for at least one sport this year," he said.

"The future looks rosy," he continued. "With the addition of an 8th grade (the preschool year being discontinued combines 7th and 8th grades) next year, we should be able to compete more evenly with older athletes from other schools. We currently have seniors on our team who are only 16, while guys on other teams are 18, or almost 18.

"U-High athletics must be acceptable to a lot of people, because I get lots of letters from former athletes," he said.

Mr. Zaviris and Mr. Zaviris believe in their statements. The unfortunate implication of this clash is that two people are looking at the same athletic program, but coming away with opposite viewpoints. Certainly U-High teams aren’t fielded to lose. But when an experienced athlete begins to get that feeling, there must be a flaw in coaching or the athletes’ attitudes.

Fans follow baseball men to title-deciding game

U-Highers can follow their possibly championship-bound baseball team to the deciding game today against North Shore at Angeli Guardian, Devine and Ridge Avenues. The game is 4 p.m.; departure time for buses from U-High was to be announced.

"We expect to come away winning. No chance we will lose, we’ve come too far," Coach Herb Smith said. Out of 13 league games, the Maroons have lost only one, May 8 to Morgan Park, 74. The U-Highers played four games last week and won all, as follows: Gleewood, May 17 there, 14-6; St. Michael’s, May 18 there, 165; Latin, May 19 there, 12-1; Francis Parker, May 20 there, 14-4.

The slaughter route—a team ahead by 10 or more runs after five innings wins—cut short the Gleewood, Latin and Parker games.

The team finished first in the South Section of the ISL.

The Maroons beat North Shore 11-0 earlier this year in a game in which U-High made nine errors. If the Maroons maintain their almost-consistently strong performance throughout the year they should have no problem getting the title.

Describing the team, which he says has no individual stars, Mr. Smith relies on "They are 16 guys who play baseball the way it should be played." The team’s philosophy, he added, is "we don’t believe in losing."

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COMMUNITY and political interests (photos from top left) led Steve Pitts to work for Alderman A. A. Rayner, at whose office he acts as secretary and is involved in community contact. BECAUSE of an interest in people and business, Gary Greenberg got a job at Sarnat's Drugstore. AMONG students working on individual study in musical composition, reading, photography and teaching, Bob Becker is reading the writing of Herman Hesse. He discusses his progress weekly with an adviser.

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