Communication:

Parents, teachers resolve to seek it

Thirty parents and teachers resolved Friday to improve communication about the classroom and social progress of both individual students and the school. The discussion took place during the first of two meetings sponsored by the Social Climate Committee of the Parents Association.

The talks on increasing parent-teacher contact, and student-student relationships will continue 2:45 p.m. Friday in the faculty cafeteria.

Told that only 24 parents took advantage of scheduled visiting weeks earlier this quarter, some parents suggested Friday that their children’s apprehensions about other students pressuring them because their parents had visited, or parental work commitments, were responsible for the small turnout this and previous years.

When some parents at the meeting mentioned how little time was available for parent-teacher conferences during visiting weeks, Mrs. Geraldine Macsai, mother of Junior Jim, said that the meetings, suggested the lack of communication was a symptom of a more general separation between home and school.

"But once the parent has made that initial contact with his child's teachers, he finds he is much more involved in dealing with teachers," she added.

Publications Adviser Wayne Brazer suggested after parents and teachers could get to know each other informally.

"Many parents at the meeting blamed their children as much as teachers for not informing them about classwork.

One time the school did serve to unite families was a recent junior class meeting about college entrance, according to Mrs. Willowdean Balthazar, mother of Junior Brandon.

"We probably push our children into that college track much too much," she reflected.

Math Teacher Hanna Goldschmidt said that teachers don’t have time to phone or write every parent.

Parents should contact teachers, she recommended, whether or not they feel their child is progressing well in his classes . . .

Dig your penalty

U-Highers sent to hard labor? It could have happened if the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) had rescinded a motion passed at its Feb. 22 meeting.

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Three for the show

A DANCE and two plays (photos from top) produced and directed by students will be presented by Student Experimental Theater 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, March 11-14 in Belfield 138. Tickets at the door will be 50 cents for students and 25 cents for adults.

Two MONKEYS (Sophomore Laura Black, Junior Kate Wall) play on a vine (Sophomore Marina Karpuszko) from "Imagery," a jungle dance directed by Senior Jenny Sachs.

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On the inside:

FOR FOUR MONKEYS, seniors Matt Brown, left, and Sam Shapiro worked on a proposal for pass-D fall grades for seniors winter and spring quarters. To find out what happened to the proposal and the Midwest’s comment on what can still be done about the situation, read the editorial on page 2.

Arts Week involvement soars with 482 exhibits

INVOLVEMENT by students and teachers in Art Week, Feb. 14-19 was greater, figures indicate, than in previous years. According to Chairperson Alex Tsvetkovitch, 482 pieces of student and teacher art were exhibited, 180 more than last year.

Some of the presentations during the week included these, pictured from left:

JUNIOR Jon Rosenberg sings popular blues in the concert he presented Feb. 16.

JUNIOR Al Cohn and Junior Janey Bole dance in a scene of a live "Peter Max Commercial" produced and choreographed by Sophomore Judy Richardson. The "commercial" was the product of five months’ work.

PHOTOGRAPHY: 'No objection' directed by Sophomore Judy Becker.

CRIMSON BRIDGE, a rock group, performed in an assembly Feb. 19, at which were announced the following awards:

CRASH-4th: 1st, Annie Macas; 2nd, Bernard Przybysz; 3rd, Kevia Smalls; 4th, Marion Manise.

CRUMBS 2909: 1st, Mirti Scrimmash; 2nd, Kris Ferm; 3rd, Brian Cleary; 4th, Ann Kupfer.

Earth: 1st, Margit Miller; 2nd, Merit Seibel; 3rd, Sue Niemczyk.

FACIST SCHOOL: 1st, Shana Ricketts; 2nd, Anne Rosenholt; 3rd, Sarah Spence; 4th, Paul Michael, Mark Weinberg.

IN THE WIND: 1st, Jack O’Connor; 2nd, Susan Marks; 3rd, Gary Hentschel; 4th, Mike Kolodny.

MISLEADING AD: 1st, John Devlin; 2nd, John Kelly; 3rd, Brian Logan.

No SNOOZE BOXES: 1st, Kris Ferm; 2nd, Wanda Williams.

No LEARNERS: 1st, Lourdes Meitz; 2nd, John Kelly; 3rd, Jim Hite.

PATENTS: 1st, John Kelly; 2nd, John Devlin; 3rd, Jim Hite.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN: 1st, John Kelly; 2nd, John Devlin; 3rd, Jim Hite.

We
As the Midway sees it:

Hearing each other

A proposal for winter and spring quarter optional Pass-D-Fail grades for seniors was so to be considered at a faculty meeting yesterday. Legislative and Curriculum Committees made the proposal three weeks ago.

The faculty's Curriculum Committee, to which the proposal had to be sent initially, has recommended that faculty disapprove the proposal before sending it to Principal Margaret Fallers for a final decision. The Curriculum Committee met February 17. Curriculum Committee Chairman William Zavins said his committee decided against pass-D-fail grades for this year mainly because the proposal had been presented too late in the year and because of uncertainties of how pass-D-fail would affect students' college admissions.

SCLC Representative Matt Brown and Sam Shapiro, chairman of the SLCC committee which approved the proposal, had asked 30 colleges for statements of seniors' winter and spring quarter grades to evaluate and formulate. Fourteen of the 30 responded.

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Serendipity: on the art of the show

Play Reviews: Little Mary's uneven

By Liz Greenberg

Here's a new way to get your kicks to an art museum. The one I have in mind is the Museum of Contemporary Art, 257 East Ontario St.

I went there after I heard that there was an exhibit by Jesus Raphael Soto in which you could "participate." And, I vowed to come prepared with a BIC pen used for editing Midway stories.

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Mailbox:

Every puck has two sides

From Senior Steve Kaplausky

I'm a rather bored hockey player. Curt Cohen moody described a game in which he amassed an assist.

Curt was annoyed and I agree. But whatever their reasons, they were hugging each other that chilly gloomy day when Principal Margaret Fallers came by. He pushed his way through the heat and put his arm around her, "the boy dianoed," and said that we could hold hands because it wouldn't embarrass me because it would make the boys and girls who didn't have Boy Scout and Girl Scout ties jealous.

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Meet today's portends ISL swim tournay

U-Highers will get 4 p.m., today, there a preview of the Independent School League swimming tournament when the Maroons face Lake Forest.

The Gaysman, hosts of the tournament, expected to be Maroons' first contact 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 11-12.

Today's meet will give U-High the chance to average 1 point loss to Lake Forest earlier this season. The Maroons will be swimming in a pool 5 yards longer than their own.

Crucial events that could go either way today and in the tournament, according to Coach Ed Potzeder, include backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and individual medley.

Of the other teams competing in the tournament, the Maroons have defeated Glenwood by 44 points and Latin by 31 points.

Glenwood is handicapped because it changed coaches in the middle of the season and Latin is only in its second year if ISL swimming competition.

The Midway erred last time when it reported the Maroons lost to, rather than defeated, Glenway South, 38-36, Feb. 12, here.

For the first time in four years, no U-High swimmer participated in last weekend's state meet. At the Lyons Township District qualifying meet Feb. 26, junior David Schrob came closest to state standards for the Maroons.

More sports

Thincldas run Hirsch Thursday

Speedy Hirsh may succumb to U-High's advantage of better training facilities in a track meet 6 p.m., Thursday at the Fieldhouse, 56th Street and University Avenue.

U-High's 10 hockey team plays today and the girls basketball team has concluded its season.

Although Hirsh's runners may hold their own or even edge them, they will probably lose all of the field events to U-High due to lack of entrants, according to Huskie Coach Dean Dinseman.

Lacking other facilities, the Huskie must train in their school halls after school and cannot practice most field events.

In their final meet, the Maroons meet Schaumburg, 6 p.m., Friday, March 12 at the Fieldhouse.

Hoping to average 7/3 loss Feb. 11, the ice hockey team facing Glenway North 4:30 p.m., today, at Rainbo Arena, 4356 N. North Clark St. Captain Gary Pekoe expects the Maroons to win, blaming the earlier loss to injuries which sidelined six Maroons skaters.

Aggressive skating will count, Gary hopes, Glenway Youth's strategy of "laying back and waiting for the breaks."

Women play Brother Rice twice in the coming week, 4:30 p.m., Friday at the Glenwood Ice Lodge, 14546 and Halsted Streets, and 4:30 p.m., Tuesday at Rainbo.

Maroons lost to Kenwood 5-3 last Tuesday. U-High's varsity cagers were up their season with a 29-23 loss to Morgan Park Academy Feb. 16, there, in a slow-moving game. The loss gave the team a final 5 win/2 loss record.

The fresh-soph Maroons matched the varsity's final record by dropping a tense contest to South Shore 63-44 Saturday in the quarterfinals, after starting the tournament by beating the varsity's 47-19. North Shore had defeated the Maroons soundly twice during the regular season and compiled a record of 8-6 for its place compared to U-High's 3-10 8th place finish.

Balanced scoring by the Maroons included four players in double figures.

U-High got a break when North Shore Center Rob Holms, who had a 29 point-per-game average, was confined to the bench much of the game by foul trouble. He fouled out in the 4th quarter with only 9 points.

U-High will challenge Morgan Park Academy Friday for the right to play for the tournament crown against the winner of the Harvard-St. George-Elgin Academy game Friday. But U-High will meet that game's loser for 3rd place 630 p.m.

North High Park's regular season win over U-High helped the Warriors to, rather than defeat, Morgan Park twice last week.

Come in like a lion

And go out with a mild, imported whiskey. After a day at work, you may need something stronger. And to ease you back up, the Bar-M will serve a moderate LP.

For those who only enjoy a steak, a large selection of wines and spirits will be available.

The Basque Knit Shirt.
Short Subjects

Trippers to Germany

German Teacher Gregor Hegggen will accompany Senior Kim Uhlenhuth, Juniors Pam Wang and Steve Goetz, and sophomores Tom Griffiths and Eric Nash on an 11-week educational and cultural tour of Germany and parts of England and France beginning June 25. Because too many students withdraw as a result of strayed Russian-American relations, Russian Teacher Mary Hollebeck has excelled this spring's trip to Russia. Senior Bruce Goodman, editor-in-chief of the Midway, has been invited by the MIT Press of Cambridge, Mass., to write a chapter for a proposed volume, "The Public High School in America." How teachers can encourage students to improve their reading by developing an interest in books was discussed by Arts Chairman Robert Erickson and Phys Ed Teacher Sandy Patlak Feb. 24 at Badia King High School, Minneapolis.

Celebrate a certain isle victory

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'Perspectives' speakers discuss word power

How schools can relate theater arts to black needs and how language reflects prejudices were discussed by speakers at a Black Perspectives Workshop Feb. 7.

The speakers were Mr. Edward Robinson, a public schools drama teacher, and Mr. Horace Lanth, U-High French teacher.

Option group researching

After its first meeting in January, attended by half its membership, some of which had not been chosen, the student-faculty-parent-administrator off-campus privileges study committee has been meeting off-campus. The committee is attempting to develop information on which to base a recommendation. Formed by the faculty, the committee is to provide the school with information on which future decisions on off-campus policy can be based.

Initially, the committee was to make a final decision, but administrators would not grant it such power.

According to Publications Adviser Wayne Brazer, chairman of the school's Faculty Rules and Procedures Committee which is supervising the project, the study group is scheduled to pool its findings, elect a chairman and come up with a recommendation later next month.

"Heroes are made -not born"

Here we go.

Mr. G's

Looking for some gift ideas?

Lucille's

1,2,3,4,5

Keep Warm in Style

The Shoe Corral

International Arts and Crafts Center

Sticks and Jones

Clad in Afghan coats from Sticks and Stones, Juniors Brandon Baltzinger and Lancer Sanders are ready to cope with the outside air. Brandon and Lancer admit a reproduction of Picasso's "Pregnant Goat."