Drug cases arouse concern

By Bruce Goodman - Is the school handling intelligently cases of drug sharing and sales on campus? The Midway planned to distribute last Thursday a leaflet charging that administrators were trying to obtain, inducing, and advising students about from a student suspend­

ed suspension for a first-time drug offender accused of passing out samples of marijuana, bound with DMT, a depressant drug.

Two sophomores were suspend­

ed two weeks, on the Committee's recommendation March 3-4, for sale of marijuana in school in separate incidents.

At that time, the Committee also recommended suspension until June for a student who admitted selling drugs in school.

Mrs. Fallers, who plays Willy's wife Linda, to show how makeup

will help the characters age. Photo by Abram Katz

Because Bruce McNeil, who plays Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," was absent when the Midway was to take a photo to accompany the story on this page, Drama Teacher Paul Sheff made up Joan Littlekin, who plays Willy's wife Linda, to show how makeup will help the characters age.

Makeup to quickly 'age' senior in April drama

Senior Bruce McNeil will age 30 years in three minutes for his part in next month's drama production of "Death of a Salesman." In the Arthur Miller play, later a film and then a television produc­

tion, a 60-year-old salesman, fired from a job he has had all his life, remembers in a series of flashbacks his past failures, both in his work and personal life.

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As the Midway sees it

To act, people must know

Some students and teachers this year have completed their decisions are being made about their lives and the school’s future without their knowledge or involvement.

The latest example cited is the problem of drug use on campus. The community has not been informed of the scope of the problem or the school’s action concerning it.

As a result, rumors far more alarming than the facts have spread through the school and community.

At a Student Legislative Coordinating Council meeting last week, Representative Jay Golter, seeking to open lines of communication, proposed that the Committee which deals with drug cases present at a future meeting an semiannual reports of its proceedings.

But such reports are only a beginning. Informed educators across the state have considered an informed community vital in attacking the drug problem and have resolved to see as many people as possible in learning about it and working to solve it.

Such programs need an environment in which there is frank communication of the facts to the community. U-High needs both the programs and the communication.

The Committee involved in dealing with drug cases, as soon as possible, should inform the school and community of developments this year, including a case in which Lab Schools Director Philip Jackson withheld information from the Committee.

Mr. Jackson said he felt the case was too serious to be considered by anyone other than the ultimate authority. He also indicated he had not wished to make the case public.

Why the Midway asked for money

Like almost everyone these days, the Midway Staff is having money problems. Declining enrollment resulting in a decrease of revenue from Activities fees, spiraling paper costs, and paper articles which have made ad sales more difficult than before plus a $5,000 deficit inherited from last year have contributed to the paper’s financial woes.

Both the Midway and U-High lights staffs have planned for next year which will accumulate smaller budgets.

The paper will publish 10 eight-page issues instead of 15 previously four-page issues. Eight-page issues will provide the paper with needed space for adequate variety and depth of features while reducing printing costs, since a larger paper is less costly per page.

The staff has four four-page issues to barely accommodate basic news items and fewer and shorter issues probably will better serve the school anyway.

The yearbook staff is in the process of planning a new format for the ‘72 volume and will have fewer pages in their plan.

Meanwhile, the Midway needs money to publish all four of the issues on its schedule for the second quarter and publish issues larger than the inadequate four pages.

The staff has triggered to student government and the Director that they might appropriate funds available for the paper so it can publish all its issues and publish the badly-needed larger issues.

The staff has not asked for money for its own pleasure. It is saying it is ready and willing to publish all its issues and larger issues if it is given the necessary funds.

That awful Snack Bar litter

“I’m getting a Coke to drink while I do my math,” the long-haired, bearded girl said as she entered the Snack Bar and student lounge area.

“For me a bag of poppers,” her companion yelled from across the room.

On the way back to the table, some of the girls’ Coke spilled to the floor.

The second table, she began her homework.

Uptown with a mistake on the paper, she crumpled it and threw it toward a garbage can.

Players surpass material

By Jessica Kohn

Despite the obstacle of two favored players which few in the audience seemed to comprehend, the three Student Experimental Theatre productions presented last week displayed beautifully controlled acting, precise blocking imaginative sets and effectively appropriate makeup.

Imaginari,” a jungle dance, directed by Senior Johny Sacks, proved the height of the evening. In a series of short scenes, eight dancers sensitively and agilely expressed the series of animals to well-matched Moosy Synchromus music. Especially outstanding were by traxels included that of a bird by wonderfully Freshman Judy Swanson, an elephant by Senior Larry Haggard and Junior Susan Smith, a monkey by Junior Karte Wolf, whose actionsexpressions were delightfully multiplied, and a lively lion cub beautifully captured by Larry.

From the three Feelington routines, directed by Sophomore Judy Becker, “Non-Option” comes on strongest as it blatantly comments on the futility of competition. The two principal actors, Sophomore Jello Robert and Junior Todd Bower, commuted several others piously competing from birth to death. “Capture the Flag” adapted and directed by Senior Tom Goodman, which was in the second half of the show, was interesting. Although the situations were amusing, much of the dialog was long-winded.

The most pleasant of the routine, however, was “Heather,” directed by Senior Adele Friedman, who actually performed the dried-up, no-nonsense teacher.

Midway Mailbox

STC freedom red tape

From Seniors Jay Mickell and Alond Broom.

We feel that the article and editorial on the Student-Tencher Co- Alliance Oct. 16 issue of the Midway show typical misunderstand- ing of the group.

Although we agree with some of the objections raised, we feel that our program has been misrepresented.

We have thought that STC is independent study or May Project.

The article begins by calling STC an “independent study pro- gram,” but doesn’t mention the essential sense of community in the project or the STC-structure allows for classes and projects of varying sizes and duration.

Your articles make STC seem like a top drawer project or the fact that the STC structure allows for classes and projects of varying sizes and duration.

Please write us.

Wake up, U-High! Drills are important

By Steve Garmina

If U-High caught on fire tomorrow could you get out safely? Despite a city ordinance that requires schools to have at least one fire drill a month, U-High went without a drill from November through February.

Two days—Tuesday, March 2—after Lab Schools Director Philip Jack- son, Principal Margaret Fallers and Captains Peter Schied of the Fire Preven- tion Bureau interviewed for this column U-High had its first drill.

But students seemed annoyed at having to suddenly leave the building without their coaches according to Dr. Warren Smith of the Fire Prevention Bureau, interviewed for our column “I could see the resentment in the faces,” he said.

It Smith explained that the drills definitely can save lives, that they can teach students not to panic and what to do in case of a fire.

It was obvious the March 4 drill that many people did not know what to do. Students who were not in classes did not know where to go when the alarm sounded.

Many students in the Snack Bar flocked to the basement instead of up the stairs to exit instead of walking out a basement exit.

Students did not take the drill seriously according to Dr. Smith.

Too many of them are not aware of the danger we are living in, he explained referring to the danger of fires. Administrators don’t want to see the drills fall apart. They need to be aware of the drills.

Perhaps the story of fire at Our Lady of Angels, a parochial school on the northwest side, Monday, Dec. 1, 1958, will make everyone aware of how deadly fires can be.

Twenty minutes before 1,200 elementary school students were to leave for the day they were caught in a holocaust.

The Chicago Daily Tribune of Dec. 2, 1958, reported, “It roared up the stairwell. Dense black smoke suddenly poured into corridors as it spread to the ceiling.

The stairwell must have been filled with flames by the time the fire alarm sounded.”

Blinding smoke poured into classrooms as if being sucked in.

“Some pupils were led out by teachers who had held their hands. Others were rolled down the stairwells like logs.

“Then a few witnesses outside now windows breaking outward from some force from within as children appeared as shadows on the upper floor. Then a man was screaming at a window: ‘We’re trapped! We’re going to die!’

“The upper floor housing the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades was a smoke-filled inferno.”

Eighteen children and three women died.

Fursten cried as they searched the mummifying ruins for bodies.

Mr. Smith said, “We seem to think that it can’t happen to us but that’s not true.

“We’re trying to avoid another Our Lady of Angels.”

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U-Highers will be treated to a student-faculty clash on the basketball court at 4 p.m., tomorrow in Sunny Gym.

U-High’s winter sports teams have concluded their season, but girls volleyball has just begun. The student team in tomorrow’s annual basketball game will consist mostly of juniors and seniors. This year’s varsity and freshman basketball players are not eligible to play in the game.

After defeating Morgan Park Academy 55-43 March 5 in the Independent School League (ISL) basketball tournament, U-High lost the championship game to Harvard-St. George 65-61, March 6 and took 2nd place in the tourney.

Tastefully done

Thirty-two skiiers have finally found chaletmen acceptable to the school. Their first choice, a couple, was rejected by Dean of Students Standard Carvin because they were not married. Instead, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Orlinsky, former Hyde Parkers contacted through a travel agent, will accompany March 27 to Steamboat Springs, Colo., the group of 28 U-Highers and Latin students and one Kenwood student. The trip will cost $217.28 per student plus meals and ski rental.

Student, faculty cagers to clash

The Maroons led Harvard-St. George, 15-11 after one quarter, but the Hurricanes blew past them, outscoring them 24-15 in the 2nd quarter.

Senior Jim Nashimi was named last week to the all-ISL 1st team and Junior David Cockrell made the 2nd team.

The girls volleyball team which meets Faulkner 5:30 p.m., today, may suffer from inexperience according to Coach Joan DiSantis, although she expects a winning season.

The varsity volleyballers lost their first match 2 games to 1 to Morgan Park Academy and the freshman team won 12-0 March 3, here.

U-High’s hockey team wound up its season with its first win 6-4 over Quigley North March 2 at Rambou Arena. Senior Curt Cohen scored 3 goals.

Captain Gary Pekel said the team’s 1-8-2 record was largely due to illnesses and injuries throughout the season.

U-High’s swim team ended its win 3 loss season Friday, losing to Lake Forest Academy in the ISL swim championships 94-79. Despite 1st and 2nd-place individual performances from juniors David Schloch, Brian Kline and Isaac Bailey and Tom Griffin, Lake Forest scraped up more 2nd and 3rd-place points by having two swimmers in every event.

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