Starting the year small

U-High opens today with a lower enrollment, down to 430 from last year's 478.

As a result, the English Department has suspended its Student-Ordered English Curriculum program available for funded extracurricular activities. Instead, SOEC, a workshop-format curriculum for freshmen and sophomores, was suspended as a result of the lower enrollment in these classes.

Mrs. Darlene McCamnell, an SOEC teacher, explained that, "It was very telling when we had enough students to offer a lot of workshops, but when enrollment so low, it's not worthwhile."

The SOEC workshops will be replaced by the quarterly elective program previously used only for juniors and seniors.

The small size of this year's freshman and sophomore classes—94 and 85, respectively—resulted from last year's split in the Middle School of the prefreshman grade into 7th and 8th grades, according to Administrations Secretary Lorine Kubik.

The Science Department also is instituting a change in planned curriculum. The department has cancelled a special chemistry course it had planned to offer sophomores because only 12 students signed up.

The 12 will be switched to a junior course where enrollment is higher, he said.

Schedule changes in all departments may be more difficult, Principal Margaret Fallers pointed out because most courses this year will be offered only one or two periods.

All extracurricular activities financed by the Student Activities Fund, according to Dean of Students Stanrdord Carmichael, will be affected by the enrollment reduction. With less students paying the established $33 fee, he said, budgeting will be tighter.

Since the school newspaper and yearbook each receive $6.50 of the Activities Fee from each student, regardless of enrollment, they also carry a reduced budget.

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As the Midway sees it

Paper loses to protocol

Last February, in the final step of a self-evaluation at U-High, teachers and administrators acting in behalf of the North Central Association (NCA) visited U-High for three days. They visited classes and talked with faculty about the school and about U-High. Then they compared their findings to self-evaluations done by students, by teachers, administrators, counselors, student leaders and parents.

NCA, of which U-High is a member, evaluates and accredits high schools and colleges in the Midwest and encourages a school to improve itself. The NCA visits unannounced; seven years ago, U-High was supposed to receive the visit in the spring. But because of a variety of delays, it didn't arrive until late June, after school had begun.

Because of the delay, the Midway had to postpone fulfillment of the NCA report three times. It's now late September, five months since the school should have seen the report. And while the faculty has had a chance to look it over, the Midway and its readers are still waiting.

Director Phillip Jackson and Principal Margaret Fellers said in a meeting with three editors that they would withhold the NCA report from the Midway because its structure, which was also that of the Daily News, needed the time to start preparing for the following year. The Daily News reported that the NCA report would be released in six months. 'The Daily News reported it in six months,' a student journalist was quoted as saying. 'It would be released, that's what I meant.'

Byron McGee, senior (from Kennedy Hight School): 'I expect good academic classes... generally a good year.'

Cynthia Scott, freshman (from Harvard-St. George): 'I'll just wait and see what it's like. I don't get excited.'

Gordon Gray, junior (from Rockland High School): 'I expect good advanced classes... generally a good year.'

Laurie Brusen, freshman (from Schaefer High School): 'I don't know any students or anything about the school. I'm sort of scared.'

Cynthia Scott, senior (from Schaefer). 'Forget that. The thrill, the excitement, the suspense—all that is behind Miss America now. Laurie Lea Schaefer's successor was chosen three weeks after the pageant.'

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Six-year plan to renovate Jackman

**Soccer team faces season of rebuilding**

By Alex Schwartz

With the loss of nine seniors to graduation, including six league all-stars, the varsity soccer team faces a season of rebuilding, according to Coach Sandy Patlak.

"The Maroons' performance may be hurt by school starting a week later than it started last year," said Mr. Patlak. "But the team has a chance to do well if it plays up to its ability.

Mr. Patlak is predicting a season of rebuilding, according to Coach Sandy Patlak. The team especially needs to work on building its forward and backline teams, he said. The backline will stay strong, however, according to Mr. Patlak.

The Monilaw winner three-team player

By Katy Holloway

U-High's 1972 Monilaw medallist played four years on the basketball, soccer and tennis teams, but he feels that athletics should not be the most important part of a student's life.

"It was also a great honor to receive the award," said Jimmy Solomon, now a freshman at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., of winning.

"He said. "Some schools have already played official games. We'll have to wait and see how we do in our first game.""

Plaques pop up

Last spring Mr. Frantz Warner, recipient of the 1936 Monilaw award, asked if he could borrow the plaque to show his daughter. He was told that the Monilaw award is a medal and not one presently at U-High, as he said. Later, during a clearing of the basement of Sunny Gym, two large wooden plaques were discovered with the names of winners from the first in 1916 through the mid-40s. Mr. Warner had found one. The Monilaw medal was not always a medal. In his day, it was a plaque.

Hockeyists get worst for first

By Katy Holloway

U-High's hockey team will meet two tough opponents to start its season. They are Morgan Park Academy, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, here, and North Shore, 4:15 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2, here.

Morgan Park U-High 94 lost last year and North Shore defeated the Maroons 5-0 and 3-1.

Senior Blythe Jakui, a returning player, feels that this year's team will be strong because "we didn't have many seniors to lose and we had a lot of good junior and senior players on our varsity team this year.

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Despite the fact that last year's $15,000 grant for educational programs at U-High was not renewed, Student-Teacher Coordinators will continue with its full-year program announced last year.

In the STC program, participating students work with and fulfill their contracts. Thirty-seven students participated in a math and a writing quarter program last year.

The second one-year grant was awarded by the Benton Foundation on the recommendation of the University's coordinating committee of two members to plan and lead meetings. Members of the committee would include one chairperson and two secretaries.

According to CAROL, the proposal was submitted with fewer members but since the number of members has been expanded.