U-High picks McGovern

Say he's lesser of two evils

By Bart Freedman

According to a Midway poll the overwhelming support for Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) for election over President Richard Nixon in November, McGovern won by a margin of 159-16.

The poll, distributed in English classes Oct. 11-12, elicited more than 200 responses. The Midway failed to reach all 430 students because of faculty planning some third, fourth, and fifth period classes were not reached.

Many responders indicated that McGovern represented the better of two poor candidates.

Students were asked to indicate how they were going to vote. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.), as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, and the McGovern headquarters in the Watergate Apartments in Washington, affected their opinion of the Presidential candidates.

Another question asked if Nixon and McGovern's reputations for 'credibility and honesty are as strong today as they were when they were nominated.'

Respondents were also asked to add any comments they wished. Among the candidates who received 'other' votes were Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.), Alabama Governor George Wallace (D), People's Party Presidential Candidate Benjamin Spock, Mrs. George McGovern, Black Activist Huey Newton and Canadian and Civil Rights Activist Dick Gregory.

Almost 29 per cent of the students responding to the poll said they were either 'undecided' or did not support any candidate. Several comments indicated that students were opposed to Nixon's policies and did not feel McGovern was competent to become President.

The majority of students who indicated reasons for their support of McGovern said they wanted the war in Vietnam to end.

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Volunteer finds

Campagne trail's rocky

By Doug Patinkin

"Hi, I'm Fred Elfman and I'm working for McGovern head..." SLAM!


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Fred was appointed campaign coordinator for U-High by working at one of two McGovern campaign offices in Hyde Park.

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The headquarters consists of a small room with posters, graffiti and news clippings covering the walls and literature, bumper stickers, and posters of candidates.

People constantly flow in and out of the office registering voter registration drives, answering phones and sorting literature.

After campaigning door-to-door with Senior Carol Lashof and other campaign workers on the Northwest Side, where he had one door slammed in his face and was ushered out of several houses after a few words, Fred returned to the McGovern office to relate his experiences and collect literature to distribute at U-High.

Fred enters the office and is greeted by a college campaigner.

"Hi, I'm Richard."

"I'm Fled Elfman. The campaign coordinator from U-High. I'm here to pick up some literature to distribute there. But if it takes too much time to read, it's not for U-High.

'You're kind of cynical aren't you?' Richard says.

"You have to be when you're working at U-High."

"Okay, here's a short one..." Richard responds.

"Thanks. Oh, yeah, do you have any ideas for ways to collect money?" Fred asks.

"How about McGovern cigarette papers?"

"No."

"A benefit soccer game?"

"If we got three people to come we'd be lucky."

Another college student, who has just entered the office and overhears the conversation, offers a suggestion.

"Why don't you start by organizing a Student-for-McGovern organization?"

"I am the organization," Fred responds.

"Well, try selling buttons."

"I did, but the only answer I got was 'It costs too much.'"

"It's the Sen. George McGovern Organization."

"Yes."

"It explains the college student, 'that explains it.'"

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As the Midway sees it

Faculty lends a hand

In its recent evaluation of U-High, the North Central Association (NCA) cited the Student-Teacher Coalition (STC) as U-High's "most effective working relationship organizationally," and recommended it to be given "every encouragement to expand." STC is an organization which provides an alternate education program through which students write and fulfill learning contracts.

Last year STC was funded as a result of a grant to the school for alternative programs from the Benton Foundation, a University-administered philanthropy. Money from the grant provided the salaries of two of STC's three faculty coordinators and a part-time secretary.

The two coordinators were Administrative Assistant Peter Cobb, who worked full time as a general advisor of STC, and Carol Nielson, a University Bookstores employee who was paid part-time to help coordinate the program. The third coordinator, Math Teacher Margaret Matchett, is paid by the school to work as a part-time advisor for its alternative education programs, so she was not affected by the discontinuation of the grant.

This year, however, the Benton Foundation decided not to renew its support of the coordinators. Consequently, STC was deprived of the services of the two coordinators and the part-time secretary.

For STC to continue with the full-year programs planned this year, it operated only during the winter and spring quarters. It needed to rely on volunteers from the faculty.

At a faculty meeting Oct. 9, its Curriculum Committee accepted STC's plans for the year, regardless of the lack of Benton grant funds. At the same meeting, 26 faculty members volunteered their teaching services to STC for the upcoming year.

To compensate for the loss of paid faculty coordinators, a committee will be formed consisting of two students and two volunteer faculty members. Counselor Tim Hartfield and Math Teacher Julia Zacharopoulos have expressed interest in becoming the two faculty members. Said Mr. Hartfield of the committee, "We can be a difficult man to replace. He did more than coordinate STC be made STC go. Our job will be to coordinate teacher and student interest and to let U-Highers know what STC is doing."

He added that although it would be difficult without the paid faculty coordinators, he had faith the student-faculty committee could do the job.

The faculty deserves the thanks of U-Highers in and out of STC for supporting this worthwhile program.

Column

For your 17 years of devoted service...

By Simona Alev

Miss Evelyn Clute was clerk at the Education Branch of the University Bookstores. She had been working there since she was 20 years old.

One day, Miss Clute asked her friend, Mr. Cobb, about a position at the Student Services Center.

Mr. Cobb replied, "Miss Clute, you're doing a great job here. Why would you want to leave?"

Miss Clute replied, "I need a change. I want to be a teacher." Mr. Cobb suggested that she apply for the position of STC coordinator. Miss Clute accepted the offer and began working at the University Bookstores.

Miss Clute remained in her position for nine years, and during this time, she became one of the most cherished employees of the University Bookstores.

Miss Clute's dedication to her job was unmatched.

One day, she was asked to work overtime. She replied, "I'm happy to stay late because I love my job."

She continued to work long hours, and as a result, she was often praised by her colleagues for her hard work.

Miss Clute's dedication to her job was matched by her kind and caring nature.

She always went out of her way to help others, and she was well liked by everyone who worked with her.

Miss Clute's retirement was celebrated with a special ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by her colleagues, her friends, and her family.

Miss Clute was presented with a plaque, a gift card, and a certificate of appreciation.

The ceremony ended with a dinner, where everyone had a chance to wish Miss Clute well and express their gratitude for her years of service.

Miss Clute left the University Bookstores with a heavy heart, but she knew that her work was done, and she could now start a new chapter in her life.

Miss Clute's dedication to her job and her kindness and caring nature made her a true example of what a great employee should be, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Shades of Bobby

GETTING IN PRACTICE Before the Oct. 14-15 Illinois High School Chess Championships, Bobby Patlak pondered his next move. He is one of three U-Highers in the tournament. The others are his brother, Daniel and Rex Cobb, his father. According to Dave, response in an ad day bulletin, Mr. Dobalil is the only member of this year’s team.

The squad, which plays regular games, has already worked out a routine to “just give me some more,” a record by the J. B’s. The Student Legislative Committee will pay for the girls’ ponies and skirts. The girls will pay for their two-tone $25 scarves. Miss Delthlyn McDonald, math teacher, and Mrs. Maxine Mitchell, secretary to the dean of students, will advise the squad.

Pep Band recruits

Because they lost 11 members to graduation, the few remaining members of U-High’s Pep Band are trying to recruit new members through signs, bulletins and parties.

Pep Band organizer Jerry Robin, a senior, feels that the band will be larger than ever by the spring quarter as a result of the recruiting. The Women’s Piano, a new music teacher, has replaced Mr. Peter Cobb, for music director and assistant, an adviser to the club.

Now employed one-third time on the Independent Learning Project, Mr. Cobb still plays with the band. “I enjoy it,” he said. The band will play at soccer, field hockey, basketball and baseball games and other sports events.

Girls’ swim squad

A girls’ swim team is being considered by Phys Ed Teacher Kaye Oballi at Hyde Park and Debra Freshman Cathy Agin. According to Miss Oballi, at least 20-25 girls would have to commit themselves before she could present a plan to a team at Hyde Park.

Mrs. Oballi said that an attempt last year to form such a team dissuaded girls because did not show up for practices. Were a team formed this year, she added, neither she or Cathy knows of any teams at other schools with which it could compete. Mrs. Oballi said that this year could be devoted to workouts while competitors were being sought for next year.

Gals start tennis

The girls’ tennis team, which plays during the spring, has gotten off to an early start with fall practice sessions. According to Senior Peggy Fitch, a returning player, the team is practicing during free periods and after school to get court time in before winter.

The team, which was coached last year by Social Studies Teacher Karl Bell, is being coached by Phys Ed Teacher Patricia Seghers.

Dancers plan year

African and jazz dancing may be practiced by U-High’s dance repertory group this year. The group, which continued itself to modern dance last year, is advised by Phys Ed Teacher Kaye Oballi. According to Miss Oballi, jazz dance would be taught by Junior Lory Cox with Junior Mime Polnitz teaching African dance.

Although the group experienced difficulty in finding a meeting place, Miss Oballi reports that it now has use of room 306 in Sunny Gym. The girls still hope to find larger quarters. They will perform at Arts and the spring week.

Mural underway

Cee swimming on Mondays and, on all days of the school week, handball and basketball and, separately for boys and girls, badminton, basketball and soccer are planned for the remainder of the October intramural program. Plans for November are uncertain.

The sports are played an hour every day after school under the direction of Phys Ed Teachers Tom Tolouzas and Patricia Seghers. The only requirement for participation, Miss Oballi says, are shorts and tennis shoes; swimming will be provided on Mondays.

Gym lockers are available to seniors who want them.

Free soft drinks and cookies will be served by members of Cultural Union during the day. Varsity Soccer Coach Sandy Fallick promises a housing game Thursday. U-High previously tied Francis Parker 2-2 in an away game Sept. 28. Mr. Fallick is fairly satisfied with the team’s performance despite being shut out 0-6 by Evanston here, Oct. 11. Mr. Fallick cites three team leaders: Halfback Rod Thomsen and Ana Stacey, both seniors, and Junior Dan Kohnman, fast-breaking halfback. In the last game of the season this Friday, the Maroons will play St. Michael’s, Varsity only.

The Maroons will play an Illinois High School Association district game, previously unscheduled, 3:45 p.m. today at Quincy South. A ban, sponsored by the Student Association Committee, will carry sports to and from the game for 50 cents, admission included.

Gym coach Larry McFarland is pleased with the team’s record of three wins, no losses and one tie. He says that the only problem the team has experienced is its failure to score early in games.

Recent scores (fresh-soph figures in parentheses): U-High 5 (0), North Shore 3 (0). Oct. 8, here; U-High 3 (2), Lake Forest Academy 0 (0), Oct. 13, there; U-High 8 (2), Park 6 (4), Oct. 16, here.

Track is back

Six boys turn out for cross country

Cross country track has made a comeback at U-High this year. There are two teams, one for boys and one for girls, with two members. The girls’ team is coached by Phys Ed Teacher Beatrice Hartwig and the boys’ team, which is coached by Phys Ed Teacher Patricia Seghers.

While the boys’ team has been practicing every day after school under the direction of Phys Ed Teachers Tom Tolouzas and Patricia Seghers, the girls’ team practices on Monday and Wednesday after school.

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Drug education: Enough here?

By Simeon Alev

Although the extent of drug use at U-High is not known, it is the school's responsibility to promote drug education.

That is the viewpoint of principal Margaret Faller who believes, however, that "we haven't really fulfilled that responsibility yet. It's just that we've made a lot of progress this year."

She noted two new developments here: A wide selection of books about drugs in the library and a greater emphasis on drugs within the general curriculum. Students can learn about the drugs from the textbooks.

In his Biology course, Science Teacher Jerry Ferguson said, drugs are mentioned in the text, "but don't relate to other topics.

"We don't have any section of the course and call it drugs," he explained. "When we're talking about the circulatory system, for example, the subject of drugs comes up spontaneously in the course."

His Little World of Social Studies Teacher Joel Surgal talks about drugs "as the subject comes up in his course." He continues, "No course dealing exclusively with drug issues is yet established in the curriculum."

Lack of financial support is the main reason, according to Science Teacher Murray Hozinsky, who sponsored informal discussion sessions on drugs among students here.

"Maybe if there were more funds to pay teachers, even for part-time things like I had, it might be easier to have a course," he said. But Mr. Faller believes that a formal course would not be practical because of conflicting philosophies among educators about what should be included in such courses and how it should be presented.

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Focus on drugs

"If you're in the mood for a new set of salmon, here's your chance! A large Carolla, 1323 S. University Ave., is for the taking. If you're in the market for a new camera, take a look at Camera's as they carry a wide range of modern and cons of every model. It's kind of the trendsetter for people who are looking for a good film."

School loses book store

U-Highers no longer will have the convenience of buying textbooks and school supplies at the bookstore at Bellfied Hall.

The store, officially the Education Branch of the University Bookstores, was closed Friday.

According to Mr. Harlan Davidson, general manager of the University Bookstores, the branch lost business when graduate students began using campus post office bookstores, 750 South Ellis Ave.

Another factor in the decision to close the branch is the upcoming retirement of Miss Evelyn Clute, its clerk (see "Columny," page 2). Mr. Davidson said that a section will be reserved in the main bookstores, open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., for Lab Schools textbooks and gym clothes. During the first two weeks of school, beginning next year, gym clothes, notebooks, pencils and paper will be sold in room 206 of Sunny Gym as a convenience to Lab Schools students.

Fall production goes to winter

Because of the amount of vacation time involved in setting up a theater for a fall quarter production, senior Tracey Everett said, "We have not been able to do a show this year."

Another reason for the change, he said, is that he is directing a fall quarter production and paper will be sold in room 206 of Sunny Gym as a convenience to Lab Schools students.