A new principal for a new year at U-High

Karl Hertz—his past and his hopes for the future

By Katy Holloway

"I want to create a feeling that people can come to my office and talk when they feel like it—he free to comment." U-High's new principal, Mr. Karl Hertz, leaned back in his office chair and talked about his plans for the school year.

One of his hopes is to talk with students, parents and teachers "to find out what people's expectations are out of Lab School."

"My job," he explained, "is to help these expectations to mesh." Mr. Hertz comes to U-High from Brebeuf, a Jesuit school for boys in Indianapolis, where he taught 10 years, serving the last three as principal.

Now he, his wife Carol, newly-appointed chairman of the English Department at Unity High School, and their three children, Sarah, 8, Mike, 13, and Karen, 14, have become Chicagoans and moved into an apartment a block from U-High at 5715 Kenwood Ave.

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Aim for efficiency, too

Gov't heads to seek school unity

By David Melamed, political editor

Greater efficiency in handling student government matters, and a rekindling of student unity within the school are objectives of this year's Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), Student Board and Cultural Union presidents.

The officials intend to organize student government meetings after election of SLCC, Student Board and Cultural Union representatives Wed., Oct. 10. Freshman officers and a permanent Cultural Union president to replace Pam Joyner, who resigned, will also be elected.

Susan John, former SLCC secretary, was appointed by SLCC President Gordon Gray and Dean of Students Stansard Carmichael as Pam's replacement until the election. She hasn't decided whether she will run for the job.

Immediately after the elections, SLCC will begin to focus on student government matters, according to Gordon.

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Who’ll make the year? You will

This is your school. Between now and the end of school in June, most of you will spend at least five hours a day, five days a week here, and many of you will spend much more time here. That’s a lot of time out of anybody’s life, so it should be enjoyable time.

U-High isn’t perfect and complaints about it are perennial. One greater problem exists, however. If solved, it would provide the solution to all the rest. That problem is apathy.

If there’s something in U-High that you don’t like, don’t suffer with the problem. Try to solve it.

Social life doesn’t have to be dead at U-High. Contrary to popular rumor, U-Highers are interested in the opposite sex. You’d never know it, though, from the boys-only and girls-only lunch tables. Or the lack of dating, or the failure of school parties. Black-white communication would get a boost simply by designating segregated lunch tables.

You can change student government by running for an office or complaining vocally to or about the officers.
**Practice (and ‘little tricks’) make it happen**

By Abhijit Chandra

Tom Wolf must feel like an Itchy sportswriter, following U-High's opponents. He’s the fast little right winger who is a sophomore who played with last year's varsity, but not always there, itching and percolating. And when you hear something so small could sting so bad.

Hank Katz, Tom's coach on the all-U-High Hyde Park Soccer Team, says Tom played "high quality varsity ball" last year as a sophomore.

But Tom's ability didn't come quickly. It took work.

During the summer, he played 3 games a week with University graduate students. He says he learned the most from "a guy from Ghana. He played soccer since he was 2, and he had better coaching than I had. He taught me to keep the ball on the ground, and gave me some new opinions on things, which helped."

"If you're sheltered, you don't learn. You'll just be doing what somebody tells you to do. When you hear different opinions, you can think for yourself."

WOLF PLAYS with great spontaneity and quickness. He considers it a "natural thing," though not quite instinctive.

"You play your moves in a split second. You might decide you're gonna put it through his legs, but then you can't."

A lot of dull, grinding work goes into the polished spontaneity you see on the field, though, says Wolf. "During the summer I'd just go out and kick against a wall, just trying to learn how to kick with my toe down."

"Of course, I got sick of it. Everybody likes to lie back and think about how great they'd like to be. But if you get your mind to it, you'll do it." Wold is one player who consistently does it. Why?

"You've got to keep your mind off yourself, your thoughts, and keep it on the game—it's always there."

"So why is the game "always there" with Tom? "I don't play to show off," he says. "It's more of an inner thing. If I played to show off, I wouldn't play at Stagg Field, where nobody comes to watch."

"With soccer you don't have to be a giant, and it's just fun locking the ball."

You know he does that well—"This guy asked me to play in a pro soccer league, on the lowest, amateur rung. The chances of getting to the highest, pro level were slight, and I didn't want to be pro, so I didn't join."

Tom is riding his bike home, along the Midway bike path, and keep it on the game.

The toe is down.

**Here they go again...**

With games Friday and next Tuesday, respectively, U-High's soccer and field hockey teams open the fall sports season.

Varsity soccer coach Sandy Patlak says he is "very happy" with this year's team on the basis of preseason practice. "They played a lot of outside ball this year, which makes it easier for me," he said. "I won't have to spend so much time on basics this year."

"The team is learning the moves of the people I'm playing with, people who've never played before and all."

"Making a team is knowing each other," he says, and "I think when the real practice starts I'll be more of a team player, playing with people I know, people I played with on the Hyde Park Club."

"Perhaps Tom's single most distinguishing factor is his short, 5 foot, 2 inch height."

"Although Tom says his shortness doesn't make any difference in his attitude, he says his height does force him to be...the other guy has such a longer reach. You can't make mistakes and you've gotta learn little tricks like shoving the other guy when you're going up for a head."

Tom Wolf flies after heading the ball in Coach Sandy Patlak's bumpy head-and-shoulders drill.

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On the road

Bikers find adventure

By Vinny Bahl

An uninhibited biker, a late starter, wild dogs and charging horses were among the misadventures experienced by U-Highers on separate bike trips this summer.

David Melamed and ’72 graduate Dan Kajaks journeyed 500 miles on a 14-day trip through Illinois and Wisconsin up to the shores of Lake Superior.

DAVID MADE the trip because “I enjoy camping and bicycling and the freedom and the freedom of both.”

And David and Dan slept in national parks during the trip, but had to spend one night on private property.

The last town they had crossed was 24 miles back, and in front of them lay empty farmland and an approaching thunderstorm.

THEY ERECTED their tents in a cluster of trees for protection and soon were fast asleep.

“We woke up the next morning starting into a shotgun barrel,” David said. The farmer was not amused with the trespassers he had caught on his property.

David and Dan were attacked by wild dogs on several occasions. The problem “got so serious that we had to shift our plans, and sprayed the dogs in their eyes. That’s the only way to stop them,” David said.

DAVID WAS left black and blue from one of his adventures.

Riding alone in the hills of Wisconsin, David and Dan rode up a hill away from the road. After reaching the top, David found the back tire had broken, but thought his front brake would be enough to stop his bike when he reached the bottom.

The rear of the way down the hill, David noticed his front brake was not working and his speed was rapidly increasing. “When I passed up my friend,” he said, “I knew I was in trouble.”

TO ADD to the problem, a lake made the bottom of the hill was waiting to engulf him. At the foot of the hill ran two roads, one a dirt road and the other a narrow road. David chose the narrow road because it was the softer of the two.

“When I reached the bottom I made a quick turn and swerved in the dirt road, landing head first,” he recalled.

Back in the city, Dean does too

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U-Highers who were unable to attend the yearbook party Friday evening may pick up their ’75-U-Highlights in the journalism office, U-High 5, any day after school. An estimated 300 U-Highers attended the party in the cafeteria. I.D. cards were distributed. Cultural Union Weld also provided free soft drinks and snacks. At a meeting before the party, the new students met ad­ministrators and faculty members and were encouraged to be part of the party and introduced to other U-Highers.

STUDENTS INTERESTED in joining the yearbook staff can get background they need and become eligible for positions at required workshops beginning next week every day during lunch in the Publications Office. Experienced photographers who wish to join the Midway and U-Highlights staff should also attend the workshop.

Special workshops for photographers will be held. All students on the yearbook and photography staffs will receive ¼ credit.

AFTER FRIDAY, U-Highers who want to make purchases from the University Bookstore will have to go to the main branch on 59th and Ellis Ave. To provide students easier access to school supplies, the Bellfield Branch book store was reopened Sept. 10-21. •

ENTERING FRESHMEN, 132 of them, will make up almost ¼ of U-High’s student population of 425 this year. By class, first year is 39, sophomores 98, and seniors, 111. The figure is three short of last year’s total of 428.

RICK HORNUNG, ’72, has won $50 for his entry in a Shakespearean writing contest at Exeter Academy, a college prep school he attended last year. His critical essay, based on the theme, “In gratitude to Shakespeare’s plays,” will appear in the annual faculty address, urged a greater spirit of idea sharing and mutual interest among faculty members.

The ILP proposal for this year had been accepted by the Advisory Committee of the Illinois Gifted Children’s Program. The legislature blindly cut items from the education funding bill, Mr. Bernstein said.

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