The school and drug use cases

Schools include all laws

By Janet Kaufman

U-High has no specific rules for dealing with cases of student drug use other than a statement in the Rules and Procedures pamphlet that "the use, possession or exchange of drugs or alcohol is forbidden.

All cases go to the Committee on Discipline which, according to its own written description, meets to consider cases that "seriously violate the school rules or which jeopardize the safety and welfare of others and might incur expulsion or offer administrative action."

The committee, which began in 1968 in response to a drug crisis, consists of the principal, dean of students, Guidance Department chairman, a faculty co-chairman and SLC and Student Board presidents. Present members, corresponding to those positions, are Karl Hertz, Standrod Carmichael, Karen Robb, Dominic Plane, Gordon Gray and Danny Kohrman.

According to Mr. Carmichael, usually it is teachers who bring cases of student drug use to his attention. "I talk to the student, clarify facts, advise the student of his rights and give him an opportunity to tell his parents," he said.

The committee interviews both the parents and the student. If he desires, the student may call witnesses. Mr. Robb, long a standing member of the committee, said, "It is his decision. The committee then meets and makes its recommendations for possible punishment ranging from loss of school privileges to expulsion to Lab School's Director Philip Jackson.

Mr. Hertz her policy is that the Discipline Committee did not write specific procedures concerning punishments, according to Mr. Robb, long a standing member of the committee. "These factors include past offenses, academic standing and attendance record."

One such punishment has been suspension, Ms. Robb said it can be "a sobering experience for students. It gives them a chance to think about what they're doing." As for alternatives to punishment, the committee encourages students to take advantage of opportunities which include drug education programs, Ms. Robb said, but can't force a student to attend.

In The Wind

TODAY—Soccer, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there; Field hockey, Ferry Hall, 4 p.m., there; Annual sale of costume and stunts, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there; Football at Lab, 6 p.m., there; 8th grade vs. Lab, 5:30 p.m., there; Annual sale, St. Michael's, 3 p.m., there; Free day, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there.

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The need for rules on drugs

Three weeks ago, University police caught three U-Highers smoking marijuana off-campus and brought them to Dean of Students Stendard Carmichael. After conversations between the students, their parents, administrators and counselors, Principal Karl Hertz placed sealed envelopes with descriptions of the incident in a confidential file in his office to be opened only in case of a second offense and to be destroyed when the students graduate.

This incident again raises a concern expressed over the years by students, teachers and parents about U-High’s lack of written guidelines concerning handling of marijuana or drug offenses. Such cases go to the Committee on Discipline, which declined to consider the latest case because it happened off-campus.

When the committee was formed in 1968 in response to a drug case, its members began handling each case individually without guidelines and subsequent committees have continued this course. Principal Karl Hertz agrees with this approach. “If you put these rules in writing,” he said, “you’re going to have to live with them.” He believes cases must be handled individually because of all offenses cannot be put in one category.

The committee is subject to the same absence of guidelines and said that cases are treated individually because “individuals have different reasons for smoking marijuana.” The Committee on Discipline takes into account such factors as social and academic standing, family circumstances and attendance record in considering cases, he said.

Individual treatment is an admirable ideal, but so is equal treatment under the law. Guidelines for treatment of drug cases at U-High would not, because they exist, eliminate individual treatment of cases. But they would help guarantee orderly and equal treatment of cases not dependent on whatever happens to be on the committee any one year.

Equal treatment, perhaps, would mean exclusion of academic and social standing as factors in handling of cases. Under the present judicial system, people ideally are judged on what they do, not who they are. And people know what the consequences of their actions are under the law. Thus they can take responsibility for their actions. At U-High absence of written guidelines combined with delayed discipline of what happened, what happened, makes it difficult for a student to take responsibility for his actions. (Another way the school could help students be responsible would be to provide drug education for drug offenders. Currently there is none.)

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Thoughts

A revolution runs out of gas

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A U-High goodbye to Spiro

IT WAS 6th period Wed., Oct. 10. Vice President Spiro Agnew had just resigned. Students spread rumors of the resignation throughout the school. Librarian turned on radio to news station and many U-Highers gathered around to confirm what they had heard.

The librarians couldn’t believe the students were so quiet, so they told them, laughing, and shouting:

Almost every U-Higher who came into the library broke upon what he heard from the news, refusing to take the situation seriously.

“I was 13 years old in 1969, but I was watching the news, refusing to take the situation seriously. I was 13 years old in 1969, but I was watching the news, refusing to take the situation seriously. ‘Now Nixon’s really ac-cused of Watergate.’ ‘A general feeling of camaraderie just vanished in what he took as a personal triumph over the Republican party.’ ‘Instead of dodging knowingly and citing historical precedents, the U-Highers bellowed and belched and stamped each other on the back, extolled the incitement, if one might enjoy a sports event.’

Those who were pressed for reasons for their happiness spoke of ‘judicial triumphs’ and an end to Nixon’s domination of the country. It’s not often that U-Highers act this way. Usually, I’ve found, they tend to accept everything that happens in the world with an attitude that is neither shocked nor uncommon, merely bored. It takes some event of great importance, great surprise or extra-ordinary quality to momentarily jolt U-Highers into a spontaneous, unthinking reaction. Such an event, evidently, was Spiro Agnew resigning. The joke was, of course, only temporary.

Back at school the next day, everyone seemed to have sobered up. They probably went home, listened to the news reports, thought through the situation and decided the world hadn’t become a U-High would not, because they existed, eliminate individual treatment of cases. But they would help guarantee orderly and equal treatment of cases not dependent on whatever happens to be on the committee any one year.

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U-High soccermen size up St. Mike's

By George Anders

Crammed into a bus meant to hold 32 people were 36 soccer players, two coaches, one manager and one midday reporter returned from Friday's soccer games against North Shore. Varsity had won an unexpectedly close game, 2-0, while fresh-soph won 5-0. The din of people talking or shouting about the games quieted only once, when the bus was traveling on the Edens Expressway, passing a soccer game at Niles High School.

At the hotel, the bus, Varsity Coach Sandy Patlak commented on the game's official.

"That ref used to coach for North Shore, and it slowed. Did you see that goal of Jeff's (Maroon forward Jeff Fish) that he called back? He said it was a dangerous kick. Heck, driving down this expressway's more dangerous than what Jeff did. At least we won't have that ref when we play St. Michael's.

Varsity players also looked ahead to today's game against St. Michael's. Both teams will enter the game, there, with 6 wins, 1 tie league records. The winner will take over first place in the Independent School League.

"St. Mike's has to be down after losing to a team as poor as Lake Forest," Halfback Andy Davis

Hockey girls face toughy

By Vinit Bahl

Today's varsity field hockey match against Ferry Hall should be "one of the toughest games all season," according to Coach Brenda Coffield.

The Maroons lost to Ferry Hall 1-2 earlier this season. Ms. Coffield

expects improved strategy to help U-High's chances in the rematch.

"We've been keeping the center forward, either Phyllis Uphaus or Nancy Denis, at the far end of the field so we can set up more fast breaks," she explained.

The varsity record now stands at 3 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties. Following today's game, both the junior varsity and varsity teams will serve refreshments to their opponents, as they have done all season.

The U-High girls say they feel the get-togethers are enjoyable, although several players doubt they improve team relations.

"One team usually sits on one side away from the other team," Meg Wallace noted.

"The winning side is friendly," added Paula Markovitz.

Stepping outside league play, the Maroons competed in a tournament Oct. 13 at North Shore. U-High lost 2-0 to University School of Wisconsin. Named tournament all-stars, Left Halfback Nancy Denis and Left Inner Paula Markovitz received bracelets for their performances.

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**U-High opinions... on Nixon, Agnew**

By Visit Bahl

"Anyone who goes around firing other people when they’re about to get him should get him himself."

This comment by Jerry Allner was one of several made by U-Highers questioned randomly following the Oct. 21 firing of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox by President Richard Nixon and the ensuing resignation of Attorney General Elliot Richardson and his deputy, William D. Ruckelshaus. The interviews were conducted before Mr. Nixon agreed to turn over the White House tapes to Judge John Sirica and before the renewed outbreak of the Middle East war.

All the U-Highers questioned felt that President Nixon should be removed from office. "Yes, he should be removed because when he first told the public he wanted to hire a special prosecutor, he and Richardson agreed that the special prosecutor would be independent in his work to gather evidence in the Watergate affair," said David Sorensen.

"If the President would have the power to do this, but he is not a king, he is the President," said Byron McGee. "He has forgotten that the basic facts must get out to the people. He won’t let them, man. He must feel guilty."

"I think he should be impeached in any case whether he had fired Cox or Ruckelshaus or not," Marcus Deranian commented. "This latest string of fiascos is just the breaking point in a long line of atrocities of which Nixon is the center."

\[DURING A REHEARSAL for the fall production "The Firebugs," Director Lucja Ambrosini, a "modern play, an absurd theater contemporary." Written by Swiss playwright Max Frisch in 1958, it involves "a German businessman and his wife facing dangerous odds. Their town has been plagued by firebugs, or arsonists, and one day the firebugs appear in the very home and business of the couple."

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\[Quickies\]

22 seniors get commendations

**TWENTY TWO** U-Highers have been commended in the National Marit and Achievement Scholarship programs on the basis of their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. They are as follows:

- **ARTS EDITOR**
  - Becky Baldwin, Cathy Kohrman

- **CITIZEN CHAMPIONS**
  - Cheryl Clark, Andy Davis, Jim Eldred, Allen Gruzes, William Gruzes, David Halpern, David Malamed, Michael Novick, John Prudden, Nancy Reed, Paul Roth, Steve Saxman, Don Seaman, Mark Silverman, Walt Wartman

- **COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**
  - Bobby Bohn, John Dominy, Jerry Kohrman, Dan Licka, Ted Press, Bob Wachtel

- **CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL (CSC)**
  - Scott Kasner, Michael Novick

- **ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY classes**
  - Members of his class were among the 300 people who traveled to the Hyde Park Theater. **TWENTY-SEVEN** U-Highers taped the "Kennedy at Night" show Mon., Oct. 22, at WLS-TV, talking with Columnist Ann Landers. A feature on the show will appear next issue.

- **COWLES BOG? Around** 21 members of Murray Harinsky’s Environmental Biology classes traveled to Indiana this week Thursday to examine ecological succession there (phrases through which an area has gone). In another field trip, Social Studies Teacher Joel Surgal took about 20 members of his Urban Studies Course and several of Rex Martin’s English IV students on an all-day industrial tour of Chicago Oct. 1. Points of interest included the Port of Chicago, Navy Pier and the Stock Yards. Mr. Martin’s students went to gain insight into the city, theme of their course.

- **IN APPRECIATION** of the leadership shown by Margaret Falters during her 3 years as principal, the Upper School Council of the Parents Association has donated $100 to the Women’s Athletic Fund.

- **MATT GRODZINS** was arrested for vandalism. Mr. Martin said. As Mark in the last issue pointed out, the English staff apologizes for the error.

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- **U-Highers polish fall play**

  By Robin Williams

  The fall play, “The Firebugs,” is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sat., Nov. 15-17 in Belfield Theater. Tickets will be available at the box office starting Nov. 7.

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- **Freshmen admit ballot theft**

  By David Malamed, political editor

  Several freshmen have admitted to the Midway that they stole ballots during Oct. 17 class office elections, so they could have additional chances to vote. None of those involved was a candidate.

  According to Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) Vice President Matt Patinkin, who was in charge of running the elections, "there were several ballots unaccounted for, but they were not initialled by election judges and, therefore, not counted."

  Susan John was elected Cultural Union president in a runoff election with Dwain Doty when neither received more than 50 percent of the votes in an earlier election Oct. 9 issue of the Midway reported that under the new constitution, approved by U-Highers Oct. 9, only 10 students are elected Oct. 10 resignation of Vice President Sparc Agnew.

  "It’s great, at last we’re getting to the bottom of political corruption," Tracey Everett commented.

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