

The school and drug use cases

Should its concern extend off-campus?

Also see editorial page 2.

By Wendy Weinberg

Three weeks ago, University Police apprehended three U-Highers smoking marijuana during school hours, about a block from U-High but off-campus.

The officers brought the U-Highers to Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael, who advised them to tell their parents, which they did. The Committee on Discipline, to which drug cases go (see stories below) met and reviewed the case and decided that, because the incident took place off-campus, it should not handle the matter.

MR. CARMICHAEL, Principal Karl Hertz, school counselors, the students and their parents met in conferences to discuss the incident. Mr. Hertz placed a report in a confidential file in his office to be opened only in case of a second offense and to be destroyed upon the students' graduation.

Exactly what is the school's role in cases where students have broken laws off-campus?

According to Raymond Kuby of the University's Office of Legal Counsel, a private school such as U-High can decide whether or not it will have legal responsibility for and authority over students' off-campus during school hours. The school can also elect, as matter of policy, to take into consideration in school a student's actions outside school hours if they feel it might interfere with the educational process.

THE SCHOOL cannot knowingly permit any violation of the law on school grounds, he added. But the school is not required by law to act as an arm of the state and inform the police of law violations during school hours, he said.

The school can include federal, state and city laws as part of school rules—as U-High does—and handle such cases on that basis.

Mr. Hertz said he does not want the school to be legally involved with any cases taking place off-campus. Such cases, he believes, should be taken to the students' parents or the city police. Mr. Hertz added that he has "no interest in policing the community."

School laws include all laws

MR. HERTZ said he will encourage the school not to handle cases such as the most recent one. He added, however, that if a family came to him as principal for help in a "counseling-type situation," he would be willing to be involved, but only "in direct proportion to what the student wants us to be involved with."

Mr. Carmichael, feels, however that if a student's actions off campus affect the way he works at school, the school should deal with the situation.

If Chicago police catch a minor—a person under 17—with small quantities of marijuana and it is the minor's first offense, the police may take one of two courses, according to Assistant State's Attorney Robert Brown. They might bring the minor to the station, talk to him, call his parents and leave it at that or they may refer him to the Juvenile Court.

ANY CASE taken to the Juvenile Court is referred to a judge. The judge might have the minor attend the State's Attorney's Drug Abuse program. If the minor completes the 5 sessions and after 6 months has no further contact with the police, the case will be dropped, Mr. Brown said.

If he is involved in a second case, the judge may place the minor under supervision of the Juvenile Court or put him on probation. For any further offenses, the minor might be committed to the Department of Corrections.

MINORS are not given criminal records in Illinois, Mr. Brown said, and juvenile records are kept confidential.

If a person 17 years old or over is arrested for possession of marijuana, he qualifies as an adult. It is up to the courts to decide his sentence, according to Patrolman Edward Gable of the Narcotics Section of the Chicago Police Department. As an adult, a first-time offender would get a record and might be placed on probation. If arrested a second time, he might get a jail sentence, possibly 30-90 days.

All cases go to Committee on Discipline

By Janet Kauffman

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 school rules or which jeopardize the safety and welfare of others and merit expulsion or other administrative action."

The committee, begun in 1968 in response to a drug case, consists of the principal, dean of students, Guidance Department chairman, a faculty co-chairman and SLCC and Student Board presidents. Present members, corresponding to those positions, are Karl Hertz, Standrod Carmichael, Karen Robb, Dominic Piane, 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. Carmichael said. The committee then meets and makes its recommendations for possible punishment ranging from loss of school privileges to expulsion to Lab

Schools Director Philip Jackson.

The members of the original Discipline Committee decided not to write specific procedures concerning punishments, according to Ms. Robb, longest standing member of the committee.

Mr. Hertz agrees with the policy of handling each case individually and not putting offenses into categories. "If you put further rules and specific punishments in writing, you're going to have to live with them," he commented.

The school also has no policy in handling cases of U-Highers caught using drugs off-campus. Mr. Hertz said he plans a policy of not accepting responsibility for students caught in such situations. "I don't want to have students who have broken the rules outside of the school community turned over to us. I will, however, be very willing to work with the student's family and help them in any way I can," he said.

U-High also has no drug education program for students involved in drug cases. Mr. Hertz feels that the school should offer drug education to all students as an integral part of the school program. He has no plans, however, for any such course yet.

He feels that a possible alternative would be to have a student who has been caught using drugs spend a day with a drug officer or in a hospital drug ward. "This kind of exposure may have a positive affect on the student."

... which considers them case by case

By Richard Adams

The Committee on Discipline handles all cases individually, without guidelines on disciplinary action because circumstances are different for each case, according to Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael, one of its members.

When the committee was formed in 1968, the original members decided not to have written guidelines, according to Guidance Department chairman Karen Robb, a member of the committee almost since it was founded. "Firm rules that don't bend are just as unfair as no rules," she said. "If all you're doing is using some rule book which prescribes particular consequences for particular actions, then the same action may have minor or major importance if you take into account the many other circumstances that are unique to the case."

Principal Karl Hertz, chairman of this year's committee, said, "If you put further rules in writing you're going to have to stick with them." Student Board President Danny Kohrman, another member of the committee, said, "You can't educate students if you are forced by the rules to mete out the same punishment no matter what the circumstances are. The purpose is to find a solution, not a punishment."

"Cases are treated individually because individuals have different reasons for burning weed," Mr. Carmichael said. Ms. Robb added that the committee tries to examine circumstances that led to the infraction of rules.

In The Wind

TODAY—Soccer, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there; Field hockey, Ferry Hall, 4 p.m. there; Annual sale of costume-makings for Halloween, ScholarShip Shop, 1372 E. 53rd St.

THURS.-FRI., NOV. 1-2—Half-price sale, ScholarShip Shop, 1372 E. 53rd St.

FRI., NOV. 2—Soccer, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here.

MON., NOV. 5—Parents Association governing board meeting, 8 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. The three Lab Schools principals will speak. Parents are invited.

MON., NOV. 12—Senior class parents meeting, 8 p.m., Little Theater. University Dean Charles O'Connor will speak on post-high school plans for seniors.

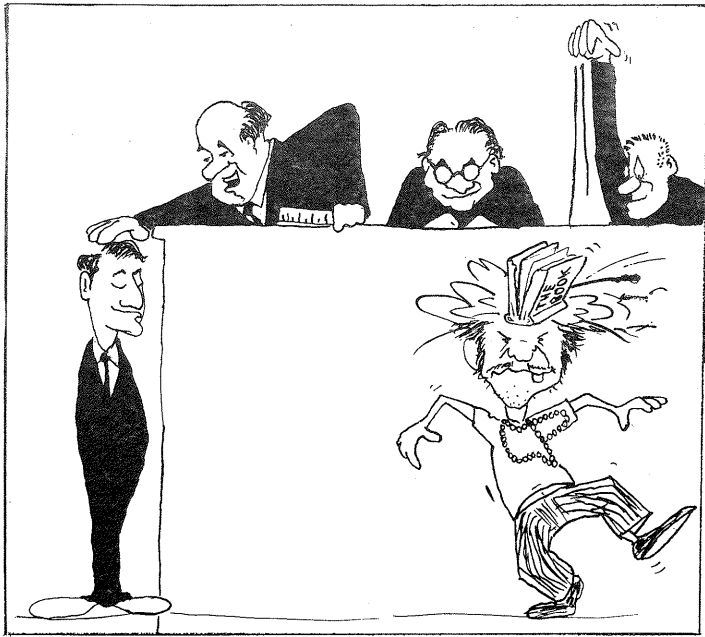
TUES., NOV. 13—Parents Association lecture, 8 p.m., Judd 126. Alicerose Barman will speak on young children and problems of separation.

WED., NOV. 14—Freshman class parents meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bruce and Judith Sagan, 4949 S. Woodlawn Ave. High School Principal Karl Hertz, Dean of Students Standrod Carmichael and Freshman Guidance Counselor Emmett Griffin will speak.

THURS., NOV. 15-SAT., NOV. 17—Fall play, "The Firebugs," 7:30 p.m., Belfield 138 (see story page 4).

FRI., NOV. 16—Boys' basketball, Illiana Christian, 4 p.m., there.

TUES., NOV. 20—Midway out after school.



Art by Matt Freedman

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 Standrod Carmichael. After conferences 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.

The Midway's opinion

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.

Mr. Carmichael also agrees with the 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 existed, eliminate individual treatment of cases. But they would help guarantee orderly and equal treatment of cases not dependent on whomever happens to be on the committee any one year.

Equal treatment, perhaps, would mean exclusion of academic and social standing in judgment of cases. Under the nation's 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 disclosure of what punishments have been meted out for what offenses make 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.)

The school needs to think through all these matters. As it stands now, whatever happens reflects the opinions of those on the Committee on Discipline, not their measurement of the offense against carefully prepared and established guidelines.

Phot O pinions

If you could do anything you wanted on Halloween, what would you do?



Gayle Hoard



Andy Meyer

GAYLE HOARD, senior: I'm going to take my sisters out trick or treating and dress up with another person as Siamese twins and enjoy once more the childhood fantasies of Halloween.

ANDY MEYER, freshman: I'd like to go to Michigan to see some fireworks.



Michael Kuby



Andrea Klaffer

MICHAEL KUBY, sophomore: I think I would enjoy scaring the trick or treaters who come to my house by surprising them when they come through the door.

ANDREA KLAFFER, senior: I'd like to see millions of kids out trick or treating like there used to be when I was a kid; not having to be afraid of being poisoned or something happening to them.

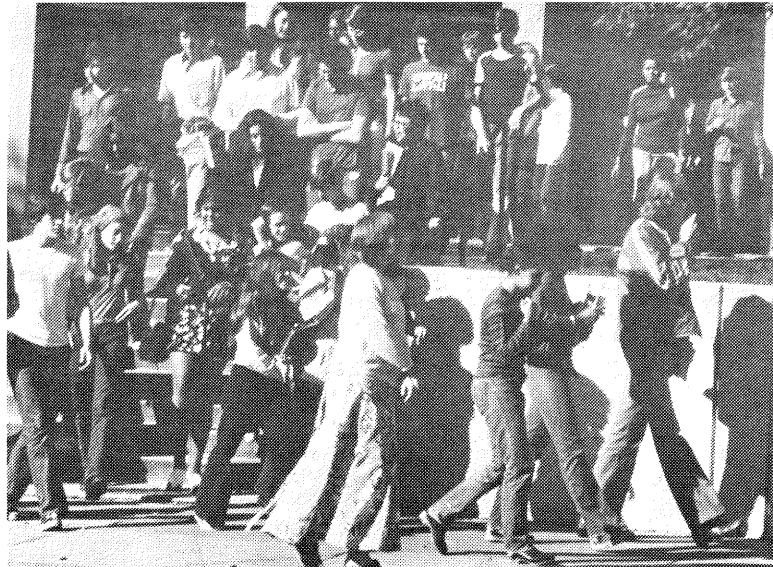


Photo by Johnny Raineri

Photo-editorial

FOR THE PAST DECADE, the Midway has been complaining that administrators and fire department officials did not schedule enough fire drills at U-High. In the first four weeks of school this year, however, they scheduled two drills and in both students and teachers responded quickly and seriously, clearing the school in under 2½ minutes. We can't complain this year.

10-second editorials

● A hot lunch program again in U-High's cafeteria? Perhaps, if students, parents and teachers volunteered in a cooperative venture to reopen the cafeteria. Besides providing a hot meal, such a program could unite the school community in a common effort (and the enjoyment of lunch together). And it would utilize now idle cafeteria equipment.

● Another unused space is U-High 102, formerly used by the Media Center. Perhaps it could be used as a meeting room or lounge. Any suggestions?

● It's too bad the senior camping

trip (last weekend at Camp Sheridan) wasn't under the sponsorship of the school this year, but it's to the credit of the senior class that they found chaperons and organized a trip. The school withdrew its support after student misconduct on past camping trips discouraged faculty members from chaperoning.

● Seniors aren't the only active class this fall. Hayrides, tobogganing and dinner-film parties are among the plans of other class officers. Now it's up to class members to make these plans reality.

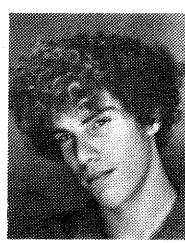
MATT FREEDMAN

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. A librarian turned a radio to a news station and many U-Highers gathered around it to confirm what they had heard.



Matt Freedman

The librarians couldn't keep the students quiet, so they let them mill about, laughing and shouting.

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

"Now if Israel could only take over the world, everything would be perfect," crowed one.

"Yep, that's great," agreed

another. "Now Nixon's really screwed."

A general feeling of camaraderie prevailed. Everyone basked in what he took as a personal triumph over the Republican party.

Instead of nodding knowingly and citing historical precedents, the U-Highers bellowed and belched and thumped each other on the back, enjoying the incident as 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 enthusiastic, merely bored.

It takes some event of great importance, great surprise or other extraordinary quality to momentarily jolt U-Highers into a spontaneous, unthinking reaction.

Such an event, evidently, was Agnew's resignation.

The jolt was, of course, only momentary.

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 rose garden, after all.

At any rate, the library was quiet again, with students doing math homework at desks or giggling in groups over nothing.

When students did discuss the matter they smiled and spoke of Calhoun's previous resignation and Colfax's problems as vice president.

Now when they were asked about Agnew their interest was in the deal he had been given: a \$10,000 fine for income tax evasion, the dropping of extortion and bribery charges.

"A vice president gets fined, anybody else goes to jail," they said. "That's American politics."

"A \$10,000 fine for extortion and bribery makes them the least risky crimes in the books."

They commented carelessly, bringing their concentration back to those things it is harder to be cynical about, like grades, teachers and each other.

U-High had come to accept Agnew's resignation as it does so many other events. With a shrug.

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Thoughts

A revolution runs out of gas

Editor's note: Alan Gottlieb spent 2 months this summer in Chile, as part of a teenage exchange program. He lived just outside Santiago during the upheavals which led to the overthrow of President Salvador Allende's government and the establishment of a military government.

WE DROVE through the dirty, torn-up streets of Santiago at 4:30 p.m. to a gas station. It sounds like a routine trip, a necessity that isn't even thought about here. But during Aug., 1973, in Chile, nothing that was usually routine was that way anymore.

We finally arrived within 3 blocks of the gas station, where the line of cars started. Two-hundred cars stretched out ahead of us, being serviced by one single attendant, manning one pump. Walking to the front of the line with my "brother," I noticed that ambulances and doctors' cars were given first priority. Everyone was out and walking around, talking in low, nervous voices about the



Alan Gottlieb

truckers' strike which had caused the gasoline shortage. No one was blaming the truckers; everyone was cursing Salvador Allende.

Several hours went by and we were about halfway through the line. We turned on the radio and heard a news flash about some women protesting in front of the national palace who were beaten by the police. My "father" started a string of harsh words that lasted about 5 minutes. "This country, it was beautiful and happy 3 years ago, a poor country, yes, but everyone had what they needed to survive. Today we have to make a 3-hour line for a kilo of bread! If the military would stop acting like a bunch of faggots and move, we..."

At 10:30 p.m., we reached the front of the line. A soldier who had been guarding the pumps to prevent robbery waved us away. There was no more gas.

—Alan Gottlieb, senior



ALAN GOTTLIEB took this photo of a soldier guarding the streets of Santiago this summer in Chile.

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Photo by David Cahnmann

DURING A REHEARSAL for the fall production "The Firebugs," Director Liucija Ambrosini demonstrates to Scott Wilkerson, left, and Kwang Kim ways to emphasize

their lines. Scott will portray one of the arsonists and Kwang, the businessman.

Thespians polish fall play

By Robin Williams,
arts editor

Only two weeks in a short five-week production schedule remains for the cast, crews and director of

Quickies 22 seniors get commendations

● **TWENTY-TWO SENIORS** have been commended in the National Merit and Achievement Scholarship programs on the basis of their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) scores. They are as follows:

MERIT—Jane Barrash, Cathy Boebel, Chipper Clanton, Andy Davis, Jim Ellis, Allen Grunes, Linda Halle, Jeff Johnston, Danny Kohrman, Steve Massaquoi, Joel Miller, Ann Morrison, Anne Moscona, Nathan Novick (left U-High), Sonia Ravin and Clay Skinner.

ACHIEVEMENT—Dwain Doty, Cheryl Green, Gayle Hoard, Audrey Mitchell, Mimi Poinsett and Robin Williams.

● **TWENTY-SEVEN U-Highers** signed up for the American Film Theater's 8-film series arranged by Cultural Union at a reduced rate at the Hyde Park Theatre.

● **FIFTEEN 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 25 members of Murray Hozinsky's Environmental Biology classes traveled to the Indiana site 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 Fallers during her 3 years as principal, the Upper School Council of the Parents Association has donated \$300 to the Women's Athletic Fund.

● **MATT GRODZINS** was erroneously referred to as Mark in the last issue. The Midway staff apologizes for the error.

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the fall play, "The Firebugs."

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thurs. Sat., Nov. 15-17 in Belfield Theater. Tickets will be available at the box office starting Nov. 7.

"The Firebugs," according to Drama Teacher and Director Liucija Ambrosini, is 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."

"The businessman thinks nothing will happen if he lets them stay while treating them nicely," Ms. Ambrosini continued. "He continuously avoids the problem... tries to talk away the situation till the very end."

Ms. Ambrosini said she chose the play "because it works well under the setup in Belfield Theater and I believe its message is important: If you don't speak up when things are wrong, who are you hurting?"

Kwang Kim portrays the businessman and Ann Morrison is his wife. The 2 firebugs are Jerry Robin and Scott Wilkerson. Suzanne Harrison is the couple's maid. A group of secondary characters including a fireman, a policeman and a doctor will speak in chorus periodically.

"In the last two weeks of rehearsals I really want to get into my part," Scott said. "You can memorize lines and where to stand, but you can't memorize the

character. I want to learn to just be the person I'm portraying."

Nine crews are putting the show together: Set, lights, makeup, costumes, properties, running, publicity, box office and sound. Scenes will take place in a living room, attic and streets outside.

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 initially 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 per cent of the votes in an earlier election Oct. 10. Cathy Kohrman was elected SLCC secretary in the earlier election.

A misleading paragraph in the Oct. 9 issue of the Midway reported that under the new constitution, approved by U-Highers Oct. 10, SLCC controls the policy decisions of every organization at U-High except the Midway and U-High Highlights.

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U-High opinions ... on Nixon, Agnew

By Vinit Bahl

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

That comment by Jenny Aliber 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 Sorter.

"If he were king he 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."

"The firing of Cox is the biggest show of guilt that any man could have," said Loren Taylor.

U-Highers also were asked about the Oct. 10 resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew.

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

According to SLCC President Gordon Gray, the old constitution also specified this rule.

Other students elected Oct. 10 and Oct. 17 are as follows:

SENIORS—SLCC representative, Jane Barrash; Cultural Union representatives, Gloria Preibis and Johanna Pyle; Student Board representatives, Cathy Altman and Andrea Klaffer.

JUNIORS—SLCC representative, David Offenkranz; Cultural Union representatives,

Byron McGee and Ernie Richter; Student Board representative, Karl Lautman.

SOPHOMORES—Vice president, Nancy Newman; secretary, Carolyn Gans; SLCC representative, Josh Freedman; Cultural Union representatives, Michael Kuby and Cheryl Cooke; Student Board representatives, Jess Berger and Jenny Aliber.

FRESHMEN—Vice president, Danny Schulman; treasurer, John Hill; SLCC representative, Fred Offenkranz; Cultural Union representative, Julie Keith; Student Board representatives, Marjorie Suhm and Sam Zellner.

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