Cultural Union sponsors first all-school party in two years

By David Melamed, political editor

Will all-school parties return to U-High, as social events have to return to the lives of the schools? The success of an all-school party Friday will give some indication.

Cultural Union has not sponsored an all-school party in two years. Student interest and lack of adequate funding led to the end of such events.

Friday's party, in the cafeteria, was sponsored by the American Legion in recognition of the boys' varsity basketball game against the West Suburban Westinghouse. The party will end at 9:30 p.m.

No admission will be charged for U-Highers, according to Cultural Union President Susan John. Each student may bring one guest, for 30 cents.

A party disc jockey, being arranged for by Guidance Counselor Emmett Griffin, will play records supplied by students. The Music Department is providing a stereo system for the records.

Students of the party will be well-attended by students. "We'll have enough people in school to announce the party," she said.

According to Cultural Union Secretary Joe Coon, the Cultural Union will cost approximately $250 each time it is held, to cover the disco fee, security and maintenance.

Several national magazines have reported that rock music and dances have returned to popularity in the 1970s, although schools were usually opposed to them in the 1960s.

Several teachers expressed concern at a faculty meeting about the lack of all-school parties at U-High in view of what was happening at other schools.

Several students of the all-school party was planned because "for the first time in several years, students really want to socialize during lunchtime, and we want to see all their friends in a relaxed atmosphere."

"The party won't necessarily be successful just because a lot of people attend it. U-Highers are uptight about socializing, and the bells ring every five minutes. In that case, the party would be a flop."

According to Cultural Union Vice President Kathy Griez, who is in charge of the budgetary and decision-making Committee for the party, "all the tables were set this morning. The chairs will be put in the middle, so both sexes will be forced to sit together. It's a drastic measure, but we think it will work."

Lights in the cafeteria will be taped with colored cellophane to give the atmosphere, according to Kathy. The Snack Bar will be open during the party and hot dogs will be served.

"Students should dress in
double life

By Charles Pekow

What it's like to be a parttime Hyde Parker

Can a person live in one community, attend school in another, and feel that he is a part of both places? Many U-Highers who live outside Hyde Park are comfortably a part of both the school community and their own neighborhoods. Some find their neighborhoods so close to Hyde Park that their social lives are intertwined.

Mike Adams, from South Suburban Harvey, said, "My life in Chicago pulls me out of my life in Harvey. I'm not really involved in school activities here."

Jim Bogle, from Beverly, a South Chicago community, said, "I feel like part of both the school and community and Hyde Park because it is so much better. The people don't hassle you here."

Linda Perkoff, who lives in Park Ridge, also proposed to the PreCollegiate Board of the University, which advises the President on operation of the Lab Schools, has proposed a preferred tuition rate for U-High next year. The rate increases $2,500 per student, from $2,600 to $5,100 for each student.

Final approval rests with University trustees, who will meet on the issue in April. Director of Administrative Services Donmyrson agrees with proposal, barring an unexpected change in the University or economy.

One High School teacher and one librarian have been cut for next year. Other High School teachers may be transferred to the Lower or Middle Schools to fill vacancies caused by cuts or resignations elsewhere.

Some students and teachers had discussed protesting the choice of the librarian to be cut, Ms. Mary Biblo (see editorial page 11, Feb. 11), but a meeting earlier in the year had made clear that the cuts were necessary.

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When the cost of living and taxes are higher than in the past, all faculty members will receive less spending power on their salaries next year than they do this year. U-High teachers have received a raise this year, but they have not yet seen the effects of the recent tax increase.

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LOLLING in U-High's halls after school, waiting for practices to start, members of the swim team were amusing themselves. They were discussing the sexual politics of the dressing room—snatching their towels as a way of scratching on a wall seriously. With philosophic objectivity. Well, mildly seriously, with a surprising amount of philosophic objectivity.

To U-Highers, exploring "deeper meaning," that is, driving basic and profound intellectual rationalizations for anything and everything, is an exciting and diverting game. It's fun, and anyone with a few months' exposure to the games we play starting to play with that they have developed an almost immediate rational explanation for nearly all their emotional fluctuations. As one U-Higher said when he was happy and carefree: "I might not be that happy anymore, but I can understand why." For many, the game seems to be too much. Others seem to take it too seriously. Actually, it probably isn't a game at all, and should be kept safely locked up in school—the way dangerous acids are—where it belongs.

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From College Counselor
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An ACCOLADE to Matt Freedman.

In the past issue of this newsletter, "U-High Has Old College Spirit" (issue of Nov. 19), we wrote that the cafeteria area by the Snack Bar had always seemed to take precedence over the care and cleanliness of the cafeteria area by the Snack Bar.

The top photo was taken around 4 p.m. after most students had left. Notice they seem to have left all their boxes, bags, wrappers and paper cups on the tables, chairs and floors. This isn't even as bad as the mess sometimes gets.

Photo by Richard Adams

The Midway's opinion

An alternative to 'college spirit'

U-High is in the middle of a financial crisis. The problem is simple: There isn't enough money to go around.

Inflation has brought rising costs and greater teacher salary expectations. And U-High is undergoing a money pinch of its own, having been unwilling to increase its share of U-High's financial burden, which now includes only maintenance of building and grounds. U-High's enrollment has gone lower and lower over the past few years. No one knows exactly why, but some guesses have been made: the tuition that has gone higher and higher, the opening of the new Kenwood High School which provides an acceptable educational alternative for many in the neighborhood, fewer new University families to send their children to the university itself, and more University families to live in the suburbs and have their children attend public schools there rather than the Lab Schools.

The lower enrollment has meant less tuition income for the school. Since the school has to meet the salary commitments to its teachers and other personnel, the school is always under financial pressure. Therefore, the school must find ways of conserving money and of raising as much as possible to replace it. It is in this atmosphere that the school is attempting to do everything possible to maintain the quality of life at the Lab Schools.

The school has taken some important steps to achieve its purpose, much less the students, which one might hope will later give themselves to an even larger society.

Every Monday, the students are asked to bring a portion of their lunch to school and leave it in the cafeteria. They are told that it is a way to conserve energy.

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Midway-Mailbox

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The most important games are North Shore and Morgan Park. We expect to beat Francis Parker, Kenwood and Harvard-St. George," said coach Patricia Seghers.

Indoor Track
All meets at University Fieldhouse, 45th St. and 35th Ave. unless otherwise noted.

Lake View and King, 8 p.m., Fri., Jan. 25.

Morgan Park, 8 p.m., Thu., Feb. 14.

North Park, 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 22.

Kenwood-Central Y-Metro, 5:45 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 7.

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U-High's a cool place to go to school" By Katy Halloway

If you've been thinking that U-High seems colder this quarter, you're right. According to Donald Conway, Director of Administrative Services Donald Conaway, remarked, "be advised that three things contributed to it: The University lost the power of one of its boilers that weekend, a cold snap and the lowered heat."

The University lost the power of one of its boilers that weekend, according to the Multiage Center in Tull Hall. U-High is heated by 110-degree steam heat from the University Plant Department. The heat is circulated by fans in the hot and cold air ducts of each room. At present each room should be circulating one-third outside air, Mr. Kasal said. Operation of the fans is timed by a clock to automatically turn on at 7 a.m. and shut down by 8 p.m. on weekdays, a change from a previous 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. schedule. "This," Mr. Kasal noted, "will control the amount of heat and electricity we use.

On weekends the fans run from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Conaway said that teachers who work after hours or on weekends can operate the fans by pushing the button on the thermostat in their classroom, a fact of which many teachers have been unaware.

As for the health aspect of a cooler school, Lab Schools Nurse Camille Daniels said, "You can't function in a room that is too hot or too cold. If it's too warm, you perspire. You might open the windows and a draft and cold air "blew in." For cold rooms, Ms. Daniels remarked that "You just have to wear your coats."

On exchange

Teacher discovers contrasts in Russia

By Matt Patinkin

Stricter attitude in school but less polite attitude in social activities is one contrast to American life. Russian Teacher Mary Hollebeck noted during her two month teaching experience in Kiev, Russia.

Ms. Hollebeck was one of five American teachers participating in an annual exchange program involving Russian and American teachers, sponsored and paid for by the American government through the American Field Service and the Soviet Ministry of Education. The program is designed to provide teachers and students interested in an insight into both countries.

After moving to New York City, and in Moscow, Ms. Hollebeck and two other Americans in the program flew to Kiev. They arrived on the Russian Airline Aeroflot and found the weather up to 70 degrees month warmer than they had expected or dreamed of.

The three Americans stayed in an old hotel that had been reconditioned after the War II. They bought at the large, new Perekop by the State of Foreign Languages, instructing English majors between 15 and 23 years old. Ms. Hollebeck taught classes with as few as eight students and gave lectures with up to 200 students. Because the students were already fluent in English, her lectures were mostly on American culture.

"I told the students about government, consumer protection, credit cards, advertisements, everything," Ms. Hollebeck said. "I also taught them slang. They were especially interested in slang terms for drugs such as "high."

The students, who take courses designed and regulated by the government, and studied throughout the country, had not experienced such first-hand knowledge of America before, and were eager to learn about it.

Ms. Hollebeck said that students had to clear many social and school activities with the dean, making a stricter attitude in school.

She found the Russian people less polite than in the custom in the United States. "They push in lines or call you stupid while you make a mistake," she said.

A play, a modern dance and a mime performance are being prepared by the Midway Staff Theatre (SET) members for presentation during Arts Week, Mar. 16.

According to Jessie Allen, who is directing the play, "To the Chicago Abyss," by Ray Bradbury, "it's about more people, a lot of more improvisation, and a movement, just for movement's sake" than last year's dance.

Students participating, in the play and dance are as follows:

PLAY-Philip Brook, Jim Kazi, Matt Robbins, Ann Richman, Gail Richman, Pauline Lukens, George Lukens, Martin and Laura Bedzna.

Dance-Cathy Kohrman, Gail Richman, Louise Kramer, Karen Lutterbeck, Lisa Martin and Laurie Weisblatt.

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