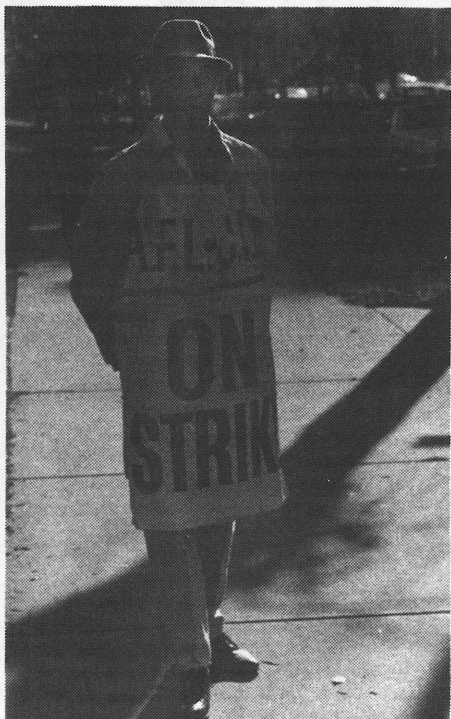


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Maintenance strike continues

SINCE UNIVERSITY MAINTENANCE staff members began their strike at the beginning of school, administrators such as Principal Karl Hertz have been cleaning the school while custodians and engineers such as Bill Johnson picket in the Kenwood Circle and elsewhere around school. The administrators, some teachers and some students have been doing their best to keep the school orderly by emptying wastebaskets and sweeping the cafeteria and halls when they can find time.

Mr. Hertz does not see the cleaning as a statement for or against the strikers, but a

way of keeping the school livable.

Maintenance worker demands include retention of overtime pay for Saturday work and a 30 per cent cost-of-living pay increase.

Although both the maintenance worker's union—Building Service Workers Local 321—and the Lab Schools teachers' Faculty Association are affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the engineers and custodians did not ask the teachers to honor their picket line, but did ask them to contribute money and join lines when they could. A few teachers have picketed with them.

Party Friday (maybe) opens social season

An all-school party with a disk jockey, planned for Friday, will kick off a yearlong series of parties, movies and other events planned by Cultural Union.

If the University maintenance staff strike continues through Friday, however, the party will be postponed, according to Cultural Union President Goddess Simmons.

The 1973-74 yearbook will be distributed at the party if it arrives by Friday (see story this page).

A new C.U. Feature Film Committee this year is replacing the former Feature Film Club.

The committee, according to Goddess, a member, selected six popular contemporary films which they rented from Universal 16, a film shop. Goddess wants to increase attendance with popular, modern films.

The features are "The Day of the Jackal," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Ssssss..." "American Graffiti," "The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid" and "Willie Dynamite."

Other events C.U. members planned in several preschool brainstorming sessions include a pep rally in which cheerleaders and members of a new pep squad will teach cheers to the crowd; the St. Nicholas Day stomp, a Christmas dance with lavish

decorations; the third annual George Washington Day cherry-pie eating contest; the Basketball Ball, a serious, miniature prom; a 1950s style Dance Marathon, in which contestants dance from 2:30 p.m. to midnight for prizes; and Casino Night, an evening of simulated gambling, which will take place if it is legally permissible.

C.U. also plans to bring professional artists to the school for special shows, according to Goddess.

Enrollment up by about 40

Enrollment here has increased this year by 43 students, from 417 to 460, with 150 freshmen, 135 sophomores, 92 juniors and 85 seniors. The figures are subject to change, Principal Karl Hertz said. The increase is the first in several years. Since 1967-68, when enrollment was 680, the figure had fallen steadily. Mr. Hertz attributed the increase to "a number of small factors" including a new publicity brochure describing the Lab Schools to prospective new students and their parents. He said that U-High's optimum enrollment would be 550-600 students, and he expects the school to attain that size within two or three years. At that point, Mr. Hertz explained, small classes would fill up and tuition revenue would better defray school costs.

As for student costs this year, a check by the Midway indicates it took around \$50 for the average U-Higher to purchase books and other school supplies needed this year.

Teachers start 5-class schedules

By Charles Pekow, political editor

Teachers at U-High returned to school this year to find they had been assigned five classes instead of the previous four.

The increased teaching load is one of the major items of dispute in contract talks between the University and the Faculty Association, the teachers' union which is Local 2063 of the American Federation of Teachers. Negotiations still have not been completed and teachers have started the year without a contract.

Last spring, for the first time in Lab Schools history, the faculty voted for collective bargaining, an arrangement under which representatives from the faculty and University negotiate an overall contract covering all teachers.

STARTING IN JULY, the Faculty Association's negotiating team, headed by Social Studies Teacher Philip Montag, negotiated with the University team, headed by Wesley Wildman, chief negotiator for the Chicago Board of Education in contract talks with the Chicago Teachers Union.

The University first mentioned the proposed teaching load increase at bargaining talks July 22. It does not affect the Physical Education Department, where the teaching and coaching load already equals or exceeds five classes.

On Aug. 29, the University brought up the proposal again and demanded a Union response within 48 hours. After polling as many faculty members as they could contact, Union representatives decided not to agree. With school opening in less than three weeks, administrators decided to go ahead with a class schedule based on five classes a teacher. Prepared too late to be mailed, student schedules were handed out the first day of school.

MANY TEACHERS told the Midway they thought the increase would seriously reduce the quality of the school.

"It minimizes the kind of teaching we are doing," Social Studies Department Chairperson Joel Surgal said. "It gives away time for seeing students, research and independent study. There is only a certain amount of spontaneity and creativity everyday. Energy and creativity are not going to be available as before."

Principal Karl Hertz does not think the increased teaching load will seriously affect the quality of education at the school.

He pointed out that public school teachers are expected to teach a minimum of 25 hours a week with 150 students. In private schools the time expectation is the same, but with about 125 students, Mr. Hertz said.

WITH FIVE CLASSES, U-High teachers will spend about 20 hours a week in class and are unlikely to have more than 100 students, he explained.

"There's still a large block of time for students to be seen and to see teachers,"

Mr. Hertz said. "Other fine prep schools are preparing students just as well with heavier teaching loads than our teachers. I am convinced that they will continue to do a fine job of educating students and preparing them for college," he added.

Mr. Hertz said that increasing what he called "teacher productivity" will help make the school economically viable and will bring closer to equity the amount of time teachers spend with students in the High School and the Lower and Middle Schools.

Other items still on the bargaining table include teachers' salaries. The Union originally proposed an 11½ per cent cost-of-living increase in salaries. On Sept. 8 the University proposed a 6½ per cent increase. At a Faculty Association-called teachers' meeting Sept. 9, Mr. Montag said Mr. Wildman told the Lab Schools administration was adamant on increasing the teaching loads, regardless of a final salary agreement, but that he was able to persuade the University on the salary increase in return for the increased teaching load.

THE UNIVERSITY also wanted to change the program through which Senior Teachers are named. During a teacher's fifth year at the Lab Schools, he or she becomes eligible to be considered for senior teacher status, which grants a three-year rolling contract.

Though senior teacher procedures probably will remain the same, Mr. Wildman said at a September negotiating session that he expected fewer senior teachers to be named in the future than in the past.

Following the faculty meeting on collective bargaining Sept. 9, 130 faculty members voted on a referendum Sept. 10 regarding the increased teaching load. Fifty-seven per cent voted support for efforts to retain teaching loads at last year's levels.

Only 29 per cent voted in favor of taking a strike vote. Forty-five per cent voted that they would be willing to engage in a slowdown, such as going to work but refusing to sponsor clubs or attend meetings.

AT A SEPT. 12 Faculty Association meeting, Math Teacher Shirley Holbrook, a faculty negotiator, told the faculty that the results of the referendum gave the Union bargainers little power. She told them they should expect to deal with the increased load when school starts.

The week before school opened, Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell filed three grievances with the National Labor Relations Board, which supervises collective bargaining negotiations. In two of them he charges the University with failing to negotiate in good faith. In the third grievance, he charges that the principle of teacher equity between schools is a false presentation of workload. (Also see editorial, page 4.)

Editor expects yearbook soon

The '73-'74 U-Highlights is expected to arrive from the printer within the next two weeks, according to '75 yearbook Editor-in-Chief Gregg Dworkin. The book will be distributed in the cafeteria the afternoon it arrives, from 3:30 p.m. to about 6. If it arrives between now and Friday, it will be distributed at the all-school party scheduled for Friday evening.

The yearbook was not ready for the usual Friday-before-school-opens party, according to Gregg, because the staff was smaller than usual and had to work longer to finish it. The 96-page book has color every other spread and is divided into two sections, the year and people.

To recruit staff members for the '75 yearbook, Gregg plans a seminar on yearbook production Sat., Oct. 19. Afterwards, students will apply for positions. Among the features of that book, 112 pages in size, will be larger student and faculty pictures, Gregg said.

The Snack Bar will offer the same fare as last year with the addition of a breakfast consisting of juice, sweet roll, and coffee or milk.

Students in general didn't react favorably to the food served during the first week of operation.

Mr. Morrison expects to hire students to work part time in the cafeteria and Snack Bar.

He does not expect prices at the Snack Bar to rise "dramatically." The price of Popsicles and Fudgesicles has tripled in cost since last year. Other prices have increased by lesser amounts. Milk will remain at 15 cents.



Photo by Gregg Dworkin

Three get Master Teacher honor

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS were named Master Teachers, then honored at a faculty party Fri., Sept. 13.

Accepting congratulations at the party, the teachers are, from left, Science Department Chairperson Ernest Poll, Journalism Instructor and Publications

Consultant Wayne Brasler and Foreign Language Department Chairperson Gregor Heggen.

The position is the highest a teacher can achieve. Teachers are awarded five-year rolling contracts as part of the honor and receive a medal.

Food service to improve, head says

Quality of food in U-High's new cafeteria service will improve following its difficult start, according to Ed Morrison, its manager.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese provides the service.

Because food delivery men would not cross picket lines of the striking University maintenance staff members, the amount and variety of food for the cafeteria and Snack Bar, which the Archdiocese also now operates, was limited as school opened.

The Archdiocese serves more than 150,000 students, mostly in parochial and private schools, daily. It does not charge

subscribing schools for the service and splits any profit from the total operation evenly among member schools.

Principal Karl Hertz contacted the Archdiocese at the suggestion of a parent. "They presented such a good deal that U-High signed the contract in the middle of August," he said.

According to Mr. Morrison, the cafeteria will serve a warmed-up lunch, prepared elsewhere by the Archdiocese and delivered to U-High. The lunch will sell for 55 cents or 65 cents, including milk.

Some days the meals are subsidized by the government; then they will sell for 55 cents.

Report hits paper censorship

By Charles Pekow,
political editor

Administrative censorship and

repression of the high school press is a major problem cited, and strongly criticized, in a study of high school journalism in America published this summer.

Quickies

Fall play tryouts in progress

Tryouts for this year's fall play are in progress every day this week after school in Belfield Theater.

The play, "The Importance of Being Ernest," a satire on society, offers roles for five boys and four girls. It was written by Oscar Wilde.

Teacher recuperating from surgery

Unified Arts Department Chairperson Robert Erickson is home recuperating from hip surgery last summer. He will return to school probably later this month.

Summer vacation was three days long for Science Department Chairperson Ernest Poll. He broke his ankle in Western Illinois, on his way to Colorado, by falling about 18 inches from the back of his trailer. Mr. Poll is back at school despite his doctor's request not to return so early.

Happy, sad news of the summer

The summer brought both happy and sad news to U-High.

On the happy side, Guidance Counselor Mary Lee Hoganson gave birth to her first child, Jonathan Russell, July 4. On the sad side, Margaret McCaul, '67 U-High graduate and daughter of Blaine Library Head Librarian Isabel McCaul was killed June 18 in a car crash in California. As a senior here, she was elected one of the five most popular girls in her class. Lloyd Fallers, husband of former Principal Margaret Fallers, died after a long illness July 4. He was 48. Mr. Fallers, the Albert Michelson Distinguished Service Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, authored several social studies-oriented books. He was with the University since 1960.

And back on the happy side again, after nine summers of attending the Bread Loaf School of English, the Summer English school division of Middlebury (Vt.) College, Dean of Students Stanrod Carmichael earned his Master's Degree in English Aug. 10.

In the Wind

- TODAY—Soccer, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here; Field hockey, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., there.
- FRI., OCT. 4—Field hockey, Latin, 4 p.m., here; All-school party, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria (cancelled if maintenance strike continuing).
- SAT., OCT. 5—Soccer, Illiana Christian, 10 p.m., there, Sports Committee bus leaves Kenwood Circle at time to be announced.
- MON., OCT. 7—Soccer, Oak Park, 4:30 p.m. there; Field hockey, Ferry Hall, 4 p.m., here; Student government elections.
- WED., OCT. 9—Soccer, North Shore, 4 p.m., here; Elections continue.
- THURS., OCT. 10—Field hockey, Morgan Park, 4 p.m., here.
- FRI., OCT. 11—Soccer, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there, Sports Committee bus leaves Kenwood Circle at time to be announced.
- MON., OCT. 14—Soccer, St. Joseph, 4 p.m., here.
- TUES., OCT. 15—Field hockey, Ferry Hall, 4 p.m., there.
- WED., OCT. 16—Soccer, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., there; Sports Committee bus leaves Kenwood Circle at time to be announced; Field hockey, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here.
- FRI., OCT. 18—Soccer, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., there; Field hockey, North Shore, 4 p.m., there.
- SAT., OCT. 19—Yearbook staff organizing seminar, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., U-High 6.
- SUN., OCT. 20—High School Open House, time to be announced.
- MON., OCT. 21—Soccer, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., there; Field hockey, Morgan Park, 4 p.m., here.
- TUES., OCT. 22—Midway out after school.

The study, published in a paperback report, "Captive Voices," was conducted by the Commission of Inquiry into High School Journalism convened by the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, and financed by church and foundation grants.

The Commission conducted public hearings and surveys to compile its report.

Other major problems the report cites include lack of minority participation partially because of journalism enrollment requirements; failure of journalism courses to be career oriented; and lack of support from professional media.

Journalism Instructor and Publications Consultant Wayne Brasler feels the journalism program at U-High measures up well to the standards of the report.

"Publications aren't censored but are adequately supervised," he said. "We don't place any limitations on who can enroll in journalism and we have minority participation, though I'd like more, and the quality of the publications themselves measures up to everything the commission cites as desirable."

Mr. Brasler said he was happy the issue of administrative censorship, which he feels is a "national scandal," was brought to the public by the commission but feels the report limits itself too much to cases of censorship and not enough to cases of uncensored but irresponsible student journalists.

Coincidentally concurrent with the publication of the report and its remarks about a lack of minority journalists, the Michele Clark Fellowship Program for minority graduate journalism students was ended at Columbia University in New York City for lack of funding.

Ms. Clark, a 1959 U-High graduate, was a CBS news correspondent who died in an airplane crash in December, 1972.

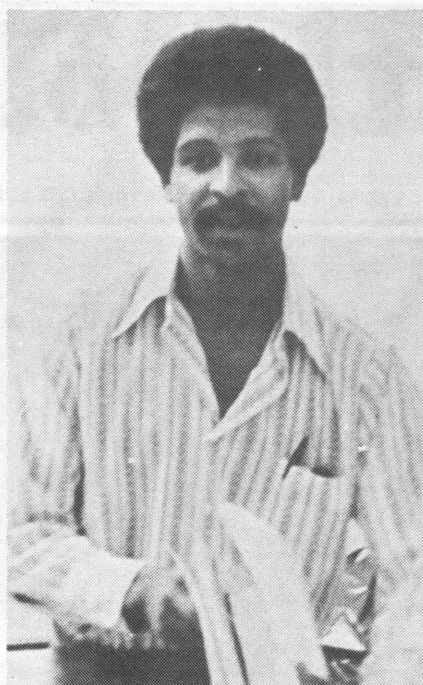


Photo by Gregg Dworkin

Grad returns

RON BARNES, Class of '66, returns to U-High as the only new faculty member this year, teaching Afro-American History. Mr. Barnes, elected one of the five most popular boys in his graduating class here, attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Ia., and now is enrolled in the University of Chicago's Law School.

Returning from one-year leaves-of-absence are Darlene McCampbell, English, and Nella Weiner, Crafts, who also is teaching the new "Women" course; Genevieve Baehr, phys ed, now teaching in the Lower and Middle Schools; and Sophie Ravin, English, who comes from the Middle School. Also from the Middle and Lower Schools are Patricia Hindman, math; Richard Boyajian, science; and Maryann Putnam, math.

Eight reach Merit semifinals

Eight seniors have qualified as semifinalists in the 1975 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Chris Hawthorne, Kwang Kim, Joan Meier, Elizabeth Meyer, Anne Nicholson, Judy Schlessinger, Josh Telser and Meg Wallace.

The semifinalists represent approximately 10 per cent of this year's senior class, as did last year's 12 from a class of nearly 120, according to Guidance Department Chairperson Karen Robb, senior counselor.

Semifinalists are the highest scorers in the state on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT).

To become finalists, the eight seniors must provide evidence of their academic achievements, receive an endorsement from the school, and score high on a second test, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Finalists are eligible for either single \$1,000 awards or renewable four-year scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,500 annually.

New course on 'Women' starts

"There is a need for a course on women. Women are a neglected subject in other areas. They seem to get dropped out of everything. In books people usually read about men," explained Crafts Teacher Nella Weiner, describing the new course "Women," which she is teaching.

The yearlong course deals with the roles of women in fields such as

history, anthropology, biology, literature, art and politics. The course meets twice a week during lunch for 1/2 credit. Although the course is open to all students, the 17 members who had signed up by the first week of school are female.

The course was planned by Ms. Weiner, Librarians Mary Biblo and Fylla Kildegaard, Math Teachers Shirley Holbrook and Hanna Goldschmidt, and 8th Grade Social

Studies Teacher Kathleen Smith.

Ms. Weiner said she is teaching the course because, "All over women tend to kind of get lost, like in books. We hear about the little women behind the great man. But we don't often hear about the women out front. We need to come out."

(Also see IHSA story page 3.)

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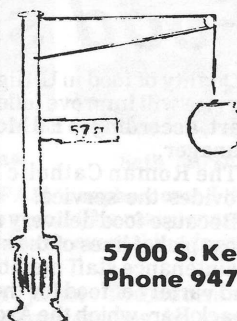
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Joe Maroon rides to challenge in mural

JOE MAROON faces the challenges of his ISL opponents in a new mural on the north

wall of the cafeteria, designed and painted by Steve Massaquoi, '74, and his brother, Hans, an 8th grader, before school started.

IHSA ruling bans sex bias

No prohibition against girls and boys participating with or against each other in any sport will be allowed in Illinois High School Association member schools under a new IHSA bylaw that went into effect July 1.

The change was made in response to a ruling by the judge of the circuit court of Champaign County that the IHSA's bylaws permitting sex discrimination were unconstitutional.

U-High is an IHSA member school, but members of the Physical Education Department contacted, including Department Chairman William Zarvis, haven't decided what they would do to abide by the new bylaw.

Revisions in the bylaws will also allow men to coach girl sports and vice-versa. The bylaws now prohibit special rules for girls' teams.

Coming Contests

SOCCER
Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Tues., Oct. 1, here.
Illiana Christian, 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 5, there.
Oak Park, 4:30 p.m., Mon., Oct. 7, there.
North Shore, 4 p.m., Wed., Oct. 9, here.
St. Michael's, 4 p.m., Fri., Oct. 11, there (varsity only).
St. Joseph, 4 p.m., Mon., Oct. 14, here.
Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Wed., Oct. 16, there.
Lake Forest, 4 p.m., Fri., Oct. 18, there.
St. Michael's, 4 p.m., Mon., Oct. 21, here.

FIELD HOCKEY
Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Tues., Oct. 1, there.
Latin, 4 p.m., Fri., Oct. 4, there.
Ferry Hall, 4 p.m., Mon., Oct. 7, here.
Morgan Park, 4 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 10, here.
Ferry Hall, 4 p.m., Tues., Oct. 15, there.
Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Wed., Oct. 16, here.
North Shore, 4 p.m., Fri., Oct. 18, there.
Morgan Park, 4 p.m., Mon., Oct. 21, there.

CROSS COUNTRY
Schedule to be announced.

Recent Results

U-High score first.
Fresh-soph scores in parenthesis.

SOCCER
North Shore, Sept. 20, there, 7-1 (6-0).
Latin, Sept. 25, here, 2-0.
Lake Forest, Sept. 27, here, 8-0 (3-0). Tom Wolf recovered from his broken collarbone in time to play in this game.

FIELD HOCKEY
North Shore, Sept. 24, here, 0-1 (0-1).

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Experienced teams start fall season

By Dave Sorter

"We're going to have a funky good time!" says Jim Williams, who seems to describe the feelings of varsity soccer players as they try to defend their Independent School League title.

The players hope that the experience gained by playing all spring and summer for the Hyde Park Soccer Club will guide them to an undefeated league season.

Coach Sandy Patlak was encouraged by the off-season play but was disappointed by a shortage of bodies caused by several reasons.

"We had the lowest turnout we ever had and we were greatly hurt by the losses of Tom Wolf and Dave Jackson," he said.

All-League Right Wing Tom was lost to the Maroons for the first three weeks of the season when he broke his collarbone while playing for the Hyde Park team the week before school started. Dave decided not to go out to concentrate on his guitar playing.

The players, however, didn't seem as disappointed at Patlak over the losses.

"I think we have a really good team and we work together well," Captain Jon Jacobs said. "I think we'll win the league and have a good chance to go downstate, but we still have to take it a game at a time."

Coach Patlak added, "We don't have enough people to scrimmage, but that doesn't mean we can't win! We have more goalies than ever and a good set of fullbacks. We're not going to lose."

Off-season experience should also help the frosh-soph as more than 35 people, many of them freshmen who played on the younger Hyde Park team, turned out to try and extend the Maroons' two-season, 20 game unbeaten streak.

"We have a lot of freshmen who played spring league and should help us out," Coach Larry McFarlane said. "The sophomore talent is slim, and we're weak at fullback. But as the team plays together more, we should get much stronger."

Newcomers also are expected to strengthen the varsity field hockey team, according to Coach Brenda Coffield. "We could be very strong," she said. "We have more skills than any other group before us. We have few seniors but a lot of good underclasspersons."

Frosh-Soph Coach Patricia Seghers said, "We have more knowledge because field hockey is offered in p.e. Our potential is good, but we have to get prepared because our opposition is strong."

For the first time since its revival, the cross country team will run in the state meet as well as six dual meets. "The guys ran all summer," Coach Ron Drozd said. "But we started later than most teams, so I doubt we'll be competitive until later."

New sport starts

Flickerball, a type of rugby, will be offered to 7th through 12th graders in intramurals after school in Sunny Gym. It also will be played in phys ed.

Progressive courses are now being offered by the Phys Ed Department to selected students who have experience and skill in specific sports. Areas in which they are being offered are boys' and girls' basketball, girls' volleyball, fencing and modern dance.



Photo by Paul Sagan

TRYING TO CATCH UP to a pass from Jon Wool, Varsity Soccer Forward Ernie Richter slides toward the ball, during last Tuesday's game against Latin. Left Wing Andy Getz moves in from the backfield. The Maroons won the game 2-0 on goals by Ernie and Andy.



Photo by Danny Schulman

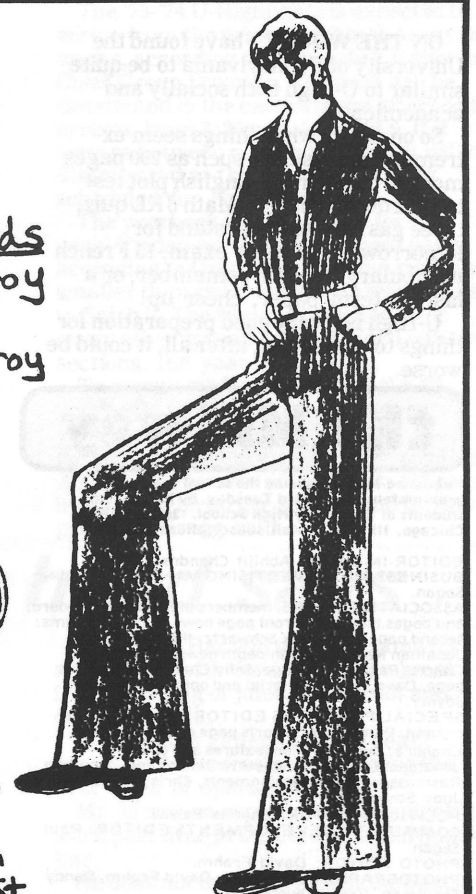
IN AN EFFORT to gain control of the ball, Varsity Field Hockey Players Lisa Biblo and Jess Berger battle two North Shore defenders during the Maroons' opening game last Tuesday, here. Karla Werninghaus and Pam Lortie follow the action. U-High lost the game 1-0 to a Raider team that Coach Brenda Coffield described as "very tough."

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U-Highers view Nixon resignation, pardon

By Jonathan Rasmussen,
public opinion editor

Apathy about the resignation and subsequent pardon of Former President Richard Nixon pervaded responses to a random Midway survey conducted the first week of the school. Most of the students who had strong opinions expressed relief at the resignation and outrage at the pardon. A solid majority also disliked Nixon's televised farewell speech to the nation.

"He didn't do anything to deserve

forgiveness," declared Lesley Williams, adding that "Nixon is a villain and a fool." In his resignation speech, she said, "he didn't admit anything even though the tapes showed he was guilty. I'm just glad it was a short speech because I was getting tired of his long ones."

John Nicholson complained that the pardon "smells of a deal." Wayne Braxton said, "I think President Ford lost about 101 per cent of whatever trust he had" by the act of clemency. Karen Charleston

dissented: "I think it was all right for him to do it," and Chris Hawthorne called it "damned premature."

"I felt sorry for Nixon during the resignation speech," commented John Rogers, "but they shouldn't have pardoned him. Now kids will grow up thinking that if you get to a position of power you can get away with anything."

Cathy Jones sympathized with Nixon but was glad to see him go, she said, pointing out that "they say he's on the verge of a

nervous breakdown." Mark Patterson agreed: "He went through a lot in office and since he resigned that was punishment enough."

Norman Stockwell was "shocked" at news of Ford's grant of clemency, but said, "I'm beginning to think it might have been best to pardon Nixon. A trial could take months and divide the country."

Mary Madden said that "since he's now a private citizen, he should be treated like one."

Letter from college

Settling in at Penn

Periodically throughout the year the Midway will publish letters from former U-Highers describing their experiences at the colleges they attend.

By Cheryl Green, U-High '74
Freshman at the University of
Pennsylvania at Philadelphia

College—simply defined by Webster's dictionary as "an independent institution of higher learning offering a course of general studies leading to a bachelor's degree"—is one of few things (in these days of inflation) from which one often gets more than he or she bargained for.

What is commonly referred to as "New Student Week" by most colleges and universities could perhaps be more accurately titled "New Student Disaster Week." During this week there are no classes held. The general idea being for the student to become acquainted with the campus and available university facilities. It is usually during this time that one finds every building except the ones you have classes in and confusion prevails.

IT IS ALSO during this time that you realize that no matter how much you teased your mother about her cooking or hollered at your younger brothers and sisters to get out of your room—anything seems better than dormitory food or the roommate who practices her birdcalls at the crack of dawn.

Another letdown of college or more specifically a blow to your ego is the realization of how unimportant you suddenly are.

After coming from a carefree senior year with such highlights as cheerleading, a 1st-place ISL basketball team, successful all-school parties (finally!), the Rites of May, senior prom and the freedom that only a diploma can give, it just isn't fair to have to own up to being "just a freshee" all over again.

BUT ONCE ONE gets over the initial shock of being thrown out of the upperclass in-crowd, college can be both an interesting and rewarding experience.

No more forged notes about your mysterious absences from class or sudden doctor appointments. In a lecture hall filled with 200 students, 199 isn't going to make the professor any difference. Learning becomes more than ever before the responsibility of the student, and the professors are quick to remind you of that point.

ON THE WHOLE I have found the University of Pennsylvania to be quite similar to U-High both socially and academically.

So on nights when things seem extremely impossible—such as 200 pages more to read for the English plot test tomorrow morning, a Math JKL quiz, three gas laws to understand for tomorrow's chemistry exam, 15 French vocabulary words to remember, or a history term paper, cheer up!

U-High is a very good preparation for things to come. And, after all, it could be worse.

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The Midway's opinion Is U-High losing reasons to exist?

In the administrative process of making the school more economical to operate, U-High may lose the special qualities that justify its existence.

Historically, the school has provided a specialized and enriched college preparatory program for Hyde Park families, particularly University families, and those from other areas who were interested.

Increased costs and lowered enrollment and income have led administrators to implement a series of program cutbacks and cost-cutting measures over the past five years.

Programs cut include the Audio-Visual Center, print shop and Belfield Bookstore, among others. The High School library has one fewer librarian this year than last year. The job of dean of students has been terminated, effective next year.

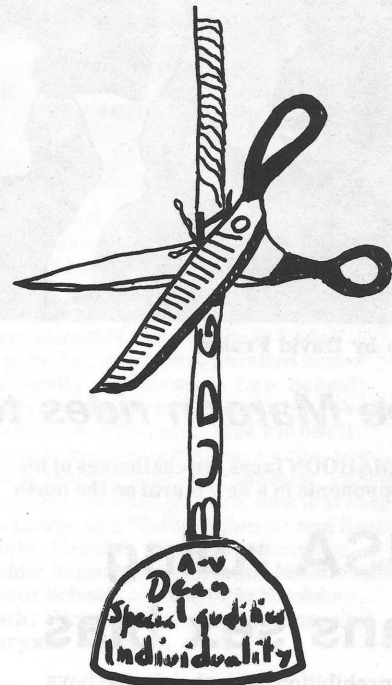
Over the collective bargaining table this summer, University negotiators proposed and later dropped a plan to give all teachers regular working hours, which is just as well because at most schools with regular teachers' hours teachers come and go exactly by the clock.

The University also proposed to change the teacher contract so fewer teachers obtain rolling contracts. These proposals, if implemented, would lower the quality of working conditions at U-High and might serve to turn away potential teachers.

For the first time in the experience of those now in the school, U-High teachers are teaching five classes instead of four. Increasing the teaching load will no doubt make the school more economical. But it will probably dilute the amount of energy a teacher can put into any given class or student. Students may find more difficulty seeing teachers, as teachers will have more students to see and less time to see them.

Principal Karl Hertz pointed out that the new teaching expectations here are still below both public and private school expectations elsewhere. But Mr. Hertz justifies cutbacks at U-High by comparing it to other schools, which seems to ignore U-High's individuality.

As a result of rising costs and lowered enrollment, administrators have found it necessary to continually raise tuition



and continually cut the very services for which students attend U-High. Now everyone concerned must ask how much longer the program of cutbacks and increased tuition can continue before the reason for U-High's existence in its present form must be questioned.

Reasons the Midway exists

This year's Midway will try to cover all the news—and though many people think of that as scheduled events, it means to us issues as well as those events.

We hope to continue the tradition set by Midway staffs before us of covering everything which is important at the school and bringing important issues and facts to the school's attention. We also want to contribute positively to the student's life here, getting to the gut, practical matters which affect him or her. The Midway has to be a complete newspaper in order to fulfill its purpose in the journalism curriculum, to

educate its staff and readers in the problems and uses of newspapers and other mass media.

Part of being a complete newspaper is providing a broad spectrum of viewpoints. To this end, we're instituting a "guest column" on the editorial page. We welcome readers to write columns on topics of their choice, not necessarily pertaining to anything covered in the Midway. We'd also like your letters. Bring both down to the Publications Office.

Some of this year's changes in the Midway are already obvious: wider columns, ragged type, a new name-

plate. These changes resulted from study in journalism class on research into typography and modern newspaper design. One change, however, was beyond our control. We cut two issues from this year's Midway because printer costs went up 20 per cent and funds appropriated by administrators did not keep up with the rising costs.

But, as the '71-'72 Midway staff wrote at the beginning of a series of reductions in the amount of issues which has continued to this day, maybe "what there is will make up for what there isn't."



Pam Joyner

A changed, and quiet, U-High

Looking around U-High this year immediately evokes, at least

for me, two emotions: a touch of sadness and some bitterness.

I can't believe how much U-High has changed over the past four years. Students

who graduated when I was a freshman would hardly recognize the place.

Not merely the faces have changed. But the whole feeling is different. Take the cafeteria. It used to be the prime temptation for not going to classes on time, if at all. At any given hour of the day you could always go down to the southeast end of the

cafeteria and find at least 30 people talking, playing cards or studying (if they had tremendous powers of concentration). It was a real diversion from the school routine and turned the whole syndrome of complaining about the school into a social event in itself.

Now the cafeteria is always empty, even at lunch. If you need quiet to study, the cafeteria beats the library by a longshot.

There seems to be an unspoken tension throughout the school. There have always been conflicts here—racial, student-administrative—but I've never (until recently) thought of U-High as a place where people couldn't confront each other directly.

Most students and teachers in past years have felt open with each other. A subject never arose that involved a number of students or teachers that was too sensitive to be discussed.

In the past there may have been a lot of screaming and yelling going on but at least you could get it out, over with and then move on to something else. Evasiveness and a brooding secretiveness have come to characterize the atmosphere here now.

You'd think that academic pressures provide most students with more than ample tensions. Perhaps this would become a much more pleasant place if people would stop shutting up.

PhotOpinions

What do you see as U-High's biggest asset and biggest problem as the year begins?



Shayle Shagam

SHAYLE SHAGAM, junior: You get a better education here compared to public schools. The worst thing is a total lack of organization right now.

KIMBERLY DAVIS, junior: I like being able to come and go as I want, on and off school grounds. I haven't run into any problems.



Kimberly Davis



Marybeth Fama

MARYBETH FAMA, sophomore: I think the classes are great. The maintenance workers strike keeps everything from getting done.

SETH MIRSKY, junior: The students have good attitudes about learning, but the atmosphere here might set us up badly for life in the real world.



Seth Mirsky