Government efforts hit snags

Confusion surrounds first party, elections

By Charles Pekow, political editor

Cultural Union officers cannot announce further parties until they have completed plans for their. Dean of Students Ramon Carmichael has decreed following confusion surrounding the year's all-school party.

Also running into beginning of the year problems, the Student Legislative Council (SLCC) Election Committee declared invalid Oct. 7 elections for class representatives because it had presented voters with names in wrong columns and failed to keep polls open the hours promised.

Confusion over the party plans centered around guests. Planning for the party, first scheduled for Fri., Sept. 27, and then Fri., Oct. 4, but postponed because of the University maintenance strike.

Mr. Carmichael told that he decided Oct. 4 not to permit guests to the party because he anticipated a crowd as a result of yearbooks being distributed then. Between Oct. 4 and 11 confusion surrounded the matter of whether yearbooks would or would not be given out at the party. As Mr. Carmichael and C. U. members made various decisions and made announcements accordingly. As it turned out, the yearbooks did not arrive in time for the party.

Mr. Carmichael told the Midway that Goddess agreed with him Oct. 4 not to permit guests. Goddess told the Midway, however, that she never agreed with Mr. Carmichael's decision. Requestioned about the matter, both reasserted their recollections. Other C. U. members said they opposed the plan to exclude guests.

Two days before the party, Guidance Counselor Emmet Griffin, who had heard of the controversy concerning guests, arranged a compromise with Mr. Carmichael allowing 30 guests. Mr. Griffin told the Midway that he thought students would not want a party without guests since many students have friends outside the school.

Despite the problems surrounding the party, it was generally considered a success (see photo feature this page).

SLCC reconducted the voided representative elections Oct. 9, with elections for freshmen class representatives and runoffs for junior class secretary and treasurer already scheduled for that day.

After the election, Josh Lerner, a candidate for junior class secretary, complained that his name was left off the ballot. Although Josh said that he filed his petition properly, SLC Vice President Shari Runner, election committee chairperson, said she never saw it, and therefore did not put it on the ballot.

The Election Committee decided to give the candidate the benefit of the doubt and held the election last Wednesday. "My attempt was to delegate responsibility," said President Robert Needles said. "The responsibility was not taken."

Elected to class offices in elections last week were the following:

• SENIORS—Secretary, Cheryl Coxe; Treasurer, Chen Jocke.

• JUNIORS—President, Jack Brody; Vice president, J. Craig; Secretary, Linda Sallot; Treasurer, Mimi Guttman; Hospitality, Joyce Chapman; Nominations, Karl Hertz.

• SOPHOMORES—President, Lucy Schermer; Vice President, Shan Grills; Secretary, Patricia Cooper; Treasurer, Howard Robinson; Hospitality, Patponge; Nominations, David Frahm.

• FRESHMEN—President, Merci Cook; Vice President, Tracy Everett; Secretary, Emily Cronin; Treasurer, Janie Perkins; Hospitality, Michael Carter; Nominations, Judy Selman.

Credited for a University maintenance strike photo taken by David Frahm.
On contracts: Negotiations go on

By Charles Pekow, Assistant editor

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To become a finalist, Byron must provide evidence of his academic achievements, receive an endorsement from the school, and score high on the Scholastic Achievement Test. Finalists become eligible for either one-time scholarships of $1,000, or renewable four-year scholarships ranging from $100 to $1,500 annually. About 40 of the semifinalists will receive scholarships, according to College Counselor Betty Schneider.

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Fast runners go to districts
By Chris Scott

Junior Richard Nayer and fast freshman runners will lead the combined frosh-soph and varsity cross country teams to a strong showing in the state district meet today at Lyons Township's North High School in LaGrange, predicts Coach Ronald Drozd.

"I feel that we have the strongest cross country team in the state," said Drozd. He is looking to Richard, the Maroons' top runner, for a win in the district event, the 3-mile run.

"Richard's best time this year has been 15:34, he ran a 3:37 1-mile, and if he can run it in 14:40 I feel he can win it," said Drozd. If Richard doesn't win, "I think in the top 10 he will advance to the sectionals. According to the meet as a whole is about average compared to the public school teams the Maroons will face in the district meet."

Three freshmen runners compose a strong part of the team, according to Mr. Drozd.

"Three freshmen—Jacob Cohn, Peter Lavie, and Dirk Vandevert—are really doing well in the meet," said Drozd. "Currently, they are my second, third, and fourth runner on the combined teams."

Homecoming game

Hockey teams ready for Latin
By Judy Schlesinger

With an alert offense and hopefully more aggressive forward line, the varsity Field hockey team will battle an able Latin squad Thursday in U-High's homecoming game. It is the first in a busy week for the Maroons. Whether the homecoming has taken place at a field hockey, rather than a football, game.

"We have a good chance of beating Latin," said varsity coach Brenda Coffield. "We played them once on our home ground and won, but we beat them again."

In early last week, the varsity had a record of 2-2, having defeated Latin and Forest Park and North Shore. Six games remained and chances for the league championship depended greatly on the final record of Morgan Park and North Shore, Ms. Coffield said.

This year's team generally is stronger than last year's 3-5 win, a loss to the squad, according to Ms. Coffield. Individual skills are much better and overall play has improved, she explained.

Soccer men ready for Latin

Facing the toughest part of their schedule in the next week, players on U-High's 10-v-10 varsity soccer team feel they have to play up to their potential in order to win, and are confident they can. Saturday night the Maroons play at Maine East and Monday they open the sectional of the state tournament at Morton West against St. Rita.

Coach Sandy Palicka says 5-4 Maine East will be "the toughest, best-conditioned team we'll play. We'll really have to keep coming to win." But, he added, "We have the potential to make it a fairly even match."

Fullback Michael Gross thinks the Maroons can win, but said, "We have to play this week in practice. If we can come together as a team and get along well, but if we play like we have been we have no chance."

Forward Jon Wool, co-captain, added, "Maine and the subsectionals are going to be tough, but we can beat anybody if we can play well, but our competition has been poor lately so we've naturally been playing down."

In their first game in the subsectionals the Maroons, seeded 4th in the tournament, face 5th-seeded St. Rita, a Catholic League team whose record is 4-5. If U-High does best St. Rita, the Maroons will play Morton East, seeded first in the subsectional and rated second in the state by the Chicago Tribune.

Morton East's main scoring threat is Junior Inside Forward Merrill Renee, who was chosen all-state in his sophomore year. But, Coach Jenkins, who has seen him play, said, "He's good, but one man was 1-1 for the whole team. I think we'll beat Morton East and win the subsectional, and we have a good chance to go downward.

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The Midway's opinion

Good intentions aren't enough

Cultural Union officers last month announced a schedule of summer activities and imaginative events they had planned for the year. For their initiative and the time spent in developing these plans they deserve commendation. However, planning is one thing and making these plans reality is another. It seems as though C.U. and the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), are already running into difficulty delivering what they've planned.

This year's first school party may have been marred by, but was preceded by confusion. Faculty communication between the Dean of Students, Stan C. Carmichael and C.U. produced an attitude over the following main issues: Would there be guests at the party; if yes, who would they be, and were yearbooks to be handed out at the party?

According to C.U. President, Goddess Simmons, C.U. had made decisions on all these issues by Fri., Oct. 4, and she had informed Mr. Carmichael of them. Guests would be allowed, one for each, U-Higher, and yearbooks would be handed out if they arrived.

Goddess said she was surprised to find in the Daily Bulletin of Mon., Oct. 7, a notice by Mr. Carmichael that guests would not be allowed at the party. Goddess feels Mr. Carmichael ignored C.U. in decision to have guests. But Mr. Carmichael says Goddess had agreed with him that there would be no guests.

There would have been no problem if the yearbook would be handheld out, with directions to all entering U-High, but no one giving the yearbook staff or admirers instructions on what to do or not to do. (But, to its credit, C.U. did get itself together in staging a yearbook party on a few hours' notice.)

The party is not the only area in which student government plans have not materialized. SLEC's elections also were surrounded with confusion. SLEC-President Robert Neidman told the Midway at the time of his election last year that he would give special consideration to rectifying election irregularities which had been criticized by candidates and students.

No change has occurred. Instead, numerous irregularities again have occurred—polls not being open long enough, conflicting information, faulty communication between the two parties—and now the Midway will track the events of the election to see if there are any misunderstandings.

And Marsha Rummel said war resisters should get amnesty but not be protected from the law.

Many of us are so preoccupied with the places we aren't or would like to be, that we fail to see the places we are, and the people we have.