New director sees need for 'warmth, caring' here

By David Gottlieb, political editor

Since becoming director of the Laboratory Schools July 1, Nel Noddings has concluded that "the schools are good academically, but more emphasis should be placed on personal and interpersonal values."

She hopes to effect the changes that will make the Lab Schools "a more warm and caring community."

THE LAB SCHOOLS' first woman director, Ms. Noddings is the mother of nine children, some natural and some adopted, and ranging in age from 9 to 23.

Two of her children, Vicky and Scott, are sophomores at U-High this year. Her husband, James, is facilities manager of the Univac Corporation in Elk Grove.

Ms. Noddings has taught math from the elementary through college graduate levels, most recently at Penn State University. She has a master's degree in math and a Ph.D. in the philosophy of education, which she obtained at Berkeley University.

Her first impression of the Schools is that the faculty is creative and energetic, that teachers are interested in learning as well as teaching and that some can be called "co-teachers of the students."

MS. NODDINGS has noted in the Schools, however, "a grimly serious attitude about school. I think some people look down their noses at school activities which seemly aren't that important but which add a lot to school life and life outside school, too, such as sports."

Ms. Noddings said she hopes that through the arts and physical education programs students may gain a more "lighthearted" approach to their school work.

SHE SAID she would also like to "reopen the lines of communication between faculty and administrators, between students and admin­istrators, between and everybody."

When Karl Hertz resigned from the position of principal in July Ms. Noddings decided to form a committee of faculty and Lab Schools parents to evaluate the admin­istrative structure of the Schools.

"The purpose of the committee will be to study what positions are needed, to suggest what positions can be best staffed by the faculty, and what functions are better served by someone else," she explained.

New principal hopes to revitalize activities

By Chris Scott, editor-in-chief

Geoff Jones wants to be personally involved with U-High and its students. Ms. Noddings said he didn't wish to speak to the Midway reporters.

Mr. Jones is U-High's new principal. He replaces Karl Hertz, who resigned because of the position of principal at Munster (Ind.) High, which has 2,000 students.

With inadequate time to conduct a search for a permanent principal before school began, Director Nel Noddings invited Mr. Jones, a doctoral candidate in educational administration at the University, to take the principalship for one year while a newly-formed com­mittee studied the Lab Schools' administrative needs before any permanent decisions about a principal were made.

Mr. Jones, married to his high school sweetheart, taught physics and health in his native Indiana, and, at Rich East High in Park Forest, Ill., was director of student affairs, an assistant principal.

One of Mr. Jones' primary goals for U-High is togetherness and an increase in student interest in school affairs.

"I WANT to see new innovations in extracurricular activities because I think it improves the closeness within the school more than in the past. We should try to bring the school together."

"Yearbook nears

The 1975 U-Highlights should be out by mid-May, according to Adviser Wayne Brasher, and will be handed out at the all-day senior banquet May 6. The 1976 yearbook staff will be formed at All-day senior meeting 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 4 in the cafeteria. Sign-up sheets will be posted around school. "A yearbook is a big project," Mr. Brasher said. "We need a lot of people to join the staff and help out."
Teachers start without contract

By David Gottlieb,
political editor

Teachers at U-High are beginning the 76-77 school year under the terms of last year’s contract, with negotiations for this year’s contract just beginning. The teachers are represented in contract negotiations with the University by the Faculty Association, Local 390 of the American Federation of Teachers. Although not all teachers are paying members of the union, it represents the entire faculty.

UNION LEADERS decided not to conduct bargaining during the summer, as originally planned, after what they felt were unsatisfactory preliminary negotiations last spring and because few faculty members would be available to give opinions about negotiations.

The Union proposed in bargaining last spring that the school’s personnel policy provide nonunion teachers with more security in employment. It also requested that “needed longevity” increases be made in the salary policies, along with a “substantial” increase in the salary schedule, according to a letter from the Association to teachers.

“We didn’t feel the Union brought anything of substance to the table,” said School Studies Teacher Earl Bell, a member of the faculty negotiating team.

“We OFFERED a bare bone contract of the kind to the University in the hope that it would provide incentive toward agreement, but such was not the case.”

The faculty’s request for changes in the personnel policy follow the dismissal of the grievance cases of four teachers, whose contracts were not renewed last year.

Each teacher’s grievance committee recommended the teacher be hired, with all four terminations based on their recommendations largely on the opinion that ad

Quickies

Enrollment rises

If you thought the halls looked more crowded today you were probably right. Enrollment has increased by 60 from about 465 students to about 525, according to Admissions Secretary Lorraine Kubluk. One of the reasons for the enrollment increase, she believes, is that classes are getting larger as those which were split in the creation of a separate 7th and 8th grade in 1971 are graduated.

For openers

Postponed from the Friday before school opened this year’s first party will take place Fri., Sept. 26.

‘65 class reunions

Members of the Class of ‘65 enjoyed dinner, then swimming, at a reunion Aug. 23 at the Lakeview Apartments on the North Side.

Summer trips take U-Highers to places near and far

Not all U-Highers spent their summer laying in the sun or watching television. Some biked, others visited European countries and one lived on a kibbutz, an Israeli communal settlement.

Seven German students visited Germany for eight weeks: Lisa Biblo, Robert Griem, Ann Laros, Marcy Street, Joan Mullin, Wayne Smith and Kathy Wallace. Foreign Language Department Chairperson Gregor Heggan, who arranged the trip, and German Teacher Christine Fenner accompanied the students.

While traveling through Germany the U-Highers lived in youth hostels, except for two- and-a-half-weeks when they lived with German families. Lisa said she liked Berlin the best because “it seemed like an international place where there were all kinds of people.”

Doug Coulter also lived with a family in Germany for two weeks. “I was a part of the Experiment in International Living.

Three French students — Jess Berger, Andrea Ravin and Betsy Tarlov — also participated in that program, living with families in France. Andrea, who lived outside Paris, said she could speak French fluently by the time she left. Jess, who lived in the south of France, felt that just meeting the French people and being with them was great. The four U-High Experiment in International Living participants split a $1,500 scholarship for their trips.

As part of a summer course offered through Hashbacher, a Jewish youth group, Andrea Nushbaum spent six-and-a-half weeks traveling in Israel. For two weeks she lived on a kibbutz. “My favorite place was Jerusalem,” Andrea said. “It’s sort of magic there; there are so many different kinds of people.”

Closer to home, Robert Needelman and Dan Lashof bicycled through Michigan to Wisconsin for 14 days, starting at Benton Harbor. Their biggest thrill, Robert said, was “crossing the Mackinac Bridge and seeing the great suspension bridge there.” The Mackinac is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world.

Seven U-High Cycle Club members cycled through Southern Wisconsin for three days. Julie Getzels, Stuart Field, Josh Freedman, John Nicholson, Mona Sadow, Paul Sagan and Karen Keistlatt were chauffeured by Matt Freedman, ’74.

Quickies

In The Wind

• FRID., SEPT. 15 — Soccer, North Shore, 4 p.m., here.
• WED., SEPT. 20 — Track, King, Hubbard and Kennedy, 4 p.m., here.
• MON, SEPT. 22 — Football, Splendora, 7 p.m., St. Lawrence Hall.
• TUES., SEPT. 23 — Soccer, St. Edward, 4 p.m., here.
• WED., SEPT. 24 — Football, La Salle, 7 p.m., Mt. Carmel, 4 p.m.
• THURS., SEPT. 25 — Track, King, 4 p.m., here.
• Mgrs., SEPT. 25 — Track, King, 4 p.m., here.
• Mgrs., SEPT. 25 — Track, King, 4 p.m., here.
• WED., SEPT. 26 — Track, King, 4 p.m., here.
• THURS., SEPT. 27 — Flag, Wright Junior College Invitational, 4 p.m., Riis Park, here.

Lunchline adds Pepsi

Pepsi and potato chips are among new items on the a la carte lunch line this year, according to Principal Gregor Jones. Cafeteria Manager Kenny Tularaksa has kept prices unchanged from last year, according to Mr. Jones, but reduced the number of cafeteria employees, so it is important for students to keep eating areas clean.

Mr. Jones said four students will be hired to work in the Snack Bar. Students also will be hired to work after school in the Snack Bar during the lunch period in the cafeteria in exchange for free lunches.

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By Paul Sagan, school begins last week, in team practices.

Although the U-High sports season doesn't begin until later this week, girls' tennis, field hockey, cross country, and varsity and fresh-soph soccer teams began preparing for their seasons last week.

COACHES are optimistic about their upcoming seasons although they last year's results are uncertain about the accuracy of their outlooks.

Girls' Tennis Coach Brenda Coffield said this year's team should improve on last year's losing record because four or five new players has seen at practices show promise.

Coffield also expects six players returning from last year's team to aid the squad with experience.

The field hockey team should improve on its fourth-place finish last year (fresh-soph placed second) because players "are coming in with more knowledge of the game this season," Coach Patricia Seghers said.

CROSS COUNTRY's only weakness lies in a "lack in numbers," according to Coach Ron Drozd.

He predicts the team will improve on its record last year because several of its best runners are returning and he expects "good new talent to come from the freshmen.

Topping last year's 17-1 record won't be easy for the varsity soccer team and neither school matching its undefeated season be easy for the fresh-soph.

VARSITY SOCCER Coach Sandy Patlak said this will be a "rebuilding year" for his team, so "It would be unfair to expect them to go as far as they did last year.

Electric field

No, that isn't a prison being built at the southeast end of Jackson field. The wire fence surrounding the boarded area guards what will be an underground Commonwealth Edison electrical energy distribution substation to serve the University area. The field over the substation will be covered over after its completion.

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PLAYERS PRACTICE BEFORE SCHOOL OPENS
Lise Bibbo, field hockey: Jim Williams, soccer: Janice Cook, tennis.

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Win, lose or draw, the teams hope to see a lot of fans turning out for their games this fall.

Sandy Patlak is sure the ISL's coaches will decide on converting soccer games with halves in their meeting today. But, he said, "I'm all for keeping playing quarters.

"Oh, no! Another 34 minutes of this!"

Katz likes half idea

As coach of the Juvenile (under 16) and Junior (under 19) teams of the Hyde Park Soccer Club, Hank Katz feels that dividing soccer games into quarters ruins their continuity and momentum, regardless of wind and sun factors.

"One team will have the wind against them half the game, regardless of which way the game is divided," he explained.

He also believes that the games aren't long enough. In amateur club soccer games, juniors play two 45-minute halves, as they do in college. Juveniles play two 45-minute halves.

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U-High begins the 1974-75 school year tackling some mortal wounds. The mood of the school, last year, was one of apathy. Apathy nearly killed U-High last year, or at least badly divided. The mood of the school, by last June, was pure frustration, fed by distrust between administrators, faculty and students. Much of the distrust resulted from incredulously poor administrative communication and decision making. We didn't know what decisions were being made or why, did not feel the truth was being told and felt we were powerless to affect the course of events. BUT NOW U-High has the opportunity for a new start. A new director and principal say they will try new ways to put the school back together. And there are many reasons why U-High deserves the effort. First, there are the student support of all school-party and athletic teams indicates U-High's dedication to school life and want to make it worthwhile and exciting. Despite suddenly finding their teams being relegated to fourth or fifth place, and despite keeping the quality of instruction high and did not lessen their commitment to excellence, or individual student welfare. U-High remains an excellent college preparatory school. But it is one with a badly broken spirit.

U-NIGHTS THE SCHOOL will require more than just wanting a new start, however. Everyone will have to work to improve the school.

Students and faculty must forget any preconceived notions they have about administrators, so that everyone has a chance to start fresh. Director Joe Novak and Principal Geoff Jones must be judged on their own merits.

People must communicate. The new administrators must announce and explain any decisions they make and listen to others' ideas.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS must put their best effort into the school despite the temptation to be cynical, as some of the old administrators (the school has been through three directors and five principals in the past 10 years). It is time for energetic enthusiasm, not putdowns, for joining committees and getting behind new projects, for becoming involved.

Paper can help unite school

The Midway staff plans to do its part in unifying U-High this year.

By reporting events and issues, providing editorial leadership and serving as a forum of opinion for students, faculty, administrators, parents and people in the community, the Midway can provide a unifying medium of communication.

Even through the worst times last year, people were reunited, running scared, from a crime wave, or from their own private terrors. Who doesn't want the community back? The Midway can be a unifying force.

We will try to make the paper's content even more lively and interesting by concentrating more stories on people in the news while covering the news itself. We will attempt to build a reputation of professionalism in both staff behavior and finished product. We will try to be accurate and fair in our reporting.

Reporters have been instructed to read back quotes, indirect quotes and paragraphs affecting the tone of quotes to sources before they appear in the paper.

As in previous years, however, reporters must decide whether to use sources, since doing so might violate the "right to confidentiality of other sources in the same story and indicates to people in a story that you may edit or change it according to your own desire."

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Midway we would like to hear them. Your opinions on any subject are welcome in either the form of letters to the editor or a guest column.

The glamour of power and "Jaws"

Jon Rasmussen

“Sights and Sounds,” the Midway’s new column on films, concerts, records, radio and TV shows and the arts in general, will be written by a different member of the staff each issue.

By Jon Rasmussen

Why the “Jaws” craze? A terrifying story about a shark has captured the public imagination, and gigantic numbers of people are buying tickets to the movie, copies of the book and “Jaws” paraphernalia.

Something about that story attracts the mind, and it is none of the human characters but the shark itself that seems to be the focal point of our attention.

Why? Perhaps because the shark is powerful and effective, unlike human beings. Nobody seems responsible for much anymore as back-passing reaches new heights. Everyone is retreating, running scared, from a recession, from a crime wave, or from their own private terrors. Who has the raw power to do anything he or she wants? A shark does.

Freedom is a luxury which can be taken away from us, by criminals who attack us on the street or by police who break into our homes using “no-knock” laws. Freedom must be protected; the surest way is with power. And there’s no disputing it, that shark has power.

But power is not just a means, it is an end in itself. Pure and unrestricted, as in the shark, is glamorous. The shark is a national hero for our times.