

Student gov't presidents map programs for year

By David Gottlieb,
political editor

Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) President Carol Newcomb said she hopes to form a committee to discuss curriculum changes with faculty and administrators, but will need a "guarantee of student support."

Carol and the other student government presidents, Betsy Tarlov, Cultural Union (C.U.), and Jenny Aliber, Student Board, have plans which include working for added variety in cafeteria parties and a more relaxed atmosphere at Student Board meetings.

CAROL SAID she would "really like to get involved in curriculum. I'd like to form a

committee of students to create and discuss ideas with faculty and administrators, but the key to the idea is the support of student interest."

Asked how she would verify student interest, she said, "I think a survey, if it got a large response, could be substantial proof that students were interested, but I haven't really thought about it."

Betsy said she would like to "add a little variety" to the dance parties in the cafeteria.

"I THINK the dance contest (at a party last year) was a good try to add variety to the parties," she said, "but it took away from a lot of people's time dancing."

Betsy also said that a new committee of C.U. members will organize student-performed concerts during lunchtime.

Betsy stressed the need for "student input," but added, "I haven't had any ideas" about organizing student interest or something new for parties. "I've waited to bring it up at our first meetings."

AS FOR creating a more relaxed atmosphere at Student Board meetings, Jenny warned, "that doesn't mean it will be a circus."

Jenny feels that student interest is needed in order for the Board to "run smoothly."

She believes, however, that "there's nothing you can do to raise interest in Student Board. You can't make kids run. Student Board is just not that attractive to most kids."

Results from the Oct. 2 elections for SLCC, C.U. and Student Board representatives, and freshman class officers and sophomore vice president follow:

SLCC — Freshman representative: Benjamin Suhm; sophomore representative: Kevann Cooke; junior representative: Peter Fritzsche; senior representative: Seth Mirsky.

CULTURAL UNION — Freshman representatives: Carmen Baptiste, Suzanne Lewis; sophomore representatives: Susan Fletcher, Jane Tarlov; junior representatives: runoff for one position between Mercer Cook, Nancy Love and Lisa Yufit, with Jana Fleming winning other position; senior representatives: Gene Dibble, Cheryl Cooke.

STUDENT BOARD — Freshman representatives: Dean Resnekov, Suzanne Tarlov; sophomore representatives: Michael Claffey, Susan Hack; junior representatives: Jann Avant, Lisa Biblo; senior representatives: David Cahnmann, John Baca.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS — President, Jessica DeGroot; vice president, Sarah Rosett; treasurer, Alice Lyon; secretary, Randee Kallish.

SOPHOMORE VICE PRESIDENT — Kathy Stell.

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Photo by David Cahnmann

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTS

From left: Jenny Aliber, Student Board; Betsy Tarlov, Cultural Union; and Carol Newcomb, Student Legislative Coordinating Council.

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Librarians feel book loss not worth investigation

By Paul Sagan

At least 600 books have been lost from the library in the past five years, the Midway has learned, however, librarians say they have no plans to investigate the matter.

By comparing two audits of the literature section, the Midway has documented a loss of about 600 books over a five-year period.

No figures on how many books have been removed from other sections exist, but in any case 120 or so books have definitely been taken yearly.

Those figures were enough to make Principal Geoff Jones decide the matter is worth looking into.

Mr. Jones said he "wants to see how the librarians perceive the situation and then see what should be done from there."

Head Librarian Blanche Janecek said she does not plan to investigate the matter.

"I refuse," she said, "to be subjected to counting books. The only way I would count is if the administrators asked me to."

She feels that it is not important to the running of the library to have an exact book count.

"I don't want to waste my time counting books. I wouldn't do the work," she added. Ms. Janecek did, however, say that if any other librarians want to do a complete book

count they may in their spare time.

None have volunteered, and all say they don't have the time to do a count.

Teachers, as well as students, are guilty of removing books, the librarians said.

Many people do not mean to take books, they explained. But since removing a book without checking it out is so easy, because no one checks people as they leave to see if their books are checked out, and teachers may keep books as long as they wish, people remove books and forget to return them.

Because a book count is not kept, no one knows how many books are missing, or if the amount is large enough to warrant a change in library procedures.

Several methods of improving security in the library have been mentioned by Mr. Jones and several librarians, including Ms. Janecek.

But Ms. Janecek is not in favor of any. And other librarians questioned said they hope the system does not have to be changed, because it would disrupt the library's good working atmosphere.

Mr. Jones said, "The figures (on losses) do bear looking into, but I think we have to keep in mind the educational, as well as economic, aspects of running the library."

"I plan to discuss with the librarians the whole issue, but I want to listen to them also. I want to keep in mind that they are excellent librarians who have built an excellent library."

See editorial page 4.



Ms. Janecek

Master teacher masters rapids, too

By Loren Taylor

Ellen Thomas, U-High's newest Master Teacher, is also a master canoeist and rapids shooter.

Ms. Thomas, who received the faculty's highest honor during Planning Week, is U-High's reading consultant and reading teacher. As consultant, she aids teachers to improve the reading skills of large groups of students through methods such as a booklet for journalism classes designed to help them read a difficult text and master their study skills in general.

"Right now, I'm helping freshman English teachers improve their students' vocabularies," Ms. Thomas said.

Ms. Thomas also works one-to-one with students. Some are referred to her by teachers, some by counselors and some go on their own.

She is the author of an award-winning source book on improving reading skills.

When Ms. Thomas is not working on reading projects she likes to go rafting and canoeing. This summer she rafted the Wolf River in Wisconsin. "Rapids are measured in magnitudes of one to 10, and the Wolf River measures five in some parts, so it's pretty wild," Ms. Thomas said. She added, "Shooting rapids is a refreshing change of pace from books and libraries."



Ms. Thomas

Merit, Achievement

13 make semifinals

By Jon Rasmussen

"I think it's an honor, but it doesn't mean that we Merit semifinalists are better than anyone else," said Andrea Ravin, one of the seven U-Highers and one former U-Higher named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists this year.

The other U-Highers are Erin Bell, Dan Cohn, Bob McPherson, Seth Mirsky, John Nicholson and Kathy Wallace. The ex-U-Higher is Phil Helzer, now at Metro High School.

Five U-Highers have been named semifinalists in the National Achievements Scholarship program for blacks: Marcus Deranian, Suzanne Harrison, Gwen Harrison, Betty Jane Greer and Kim Davis.

Both programs are administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Merit Scholarships are available to both whites and blacks; Achievement Scholarships are available to blacks only. Semifinalists are chosen on the basis of scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT).

Scores on a second test, the Scholastic Aptitude test (SAT), will be used in addition to academic records to determine finalists, who will compete for scholarships. To become a finalist, a student also needs a recommendation from the school. The procedure is the same for Merit and Achievement semifinalists.



Photo by David Cahnmann

Runners go to invitational today

PREPARING for today's Wright Junior College invitational track meet in Riis Park, members of U-High's cross country team run across Jackman Field. The runners, from left, are Dan Beckman, Dirk Vandervoort,

Richard Nayer, Peter Lortie and Jimmy Bruce. Coach Ron Drozd hopes to run both varsity and frosh-soph squads at the invitational if he can come up the five-man minimum for each.

Former Midway columnist becomes newsstand star

Each year the Midway observes National Newspaper Week, this week, with a special feature. This year the Midway salutes its 1968 columnist and U-High graduate, Newsstand Entrepreneur Bob Katzman.

By Chris Scott, editor-in-chief

"Little things," as he describes it, occurred in newspaper and periodical dealer Bob Katzman's life while he tried to open his first newsstand with a friend from Bowen High in the summer of '66.

"Things like the doors torn off, or the entire newsstand being removed in the middle of the night," he recalls.

But now, at 25, Mr. Katzman doesn't have to worry about those "little" annoyances (probably, he believes, caused by jealousy from already-settled news dealers) because now he owns all the newsstands in Hyde Park, all of which boast the largest selection of newspapers and periodicals.

A short man with a beard and moustache and four sets of 20 keys each dangling from his belt, Mr. Katzman looks like the type of salesman who relates to the young and old in his work.

"I started the stand as sort of a hobby," Mr. Katzman said, "working after school and on weekends."

Eventually he began to expand, though his stand burned down twice. He designed the present brick newsstand (both his previous wood and his present one are the largest newsstands ever, according to him), which

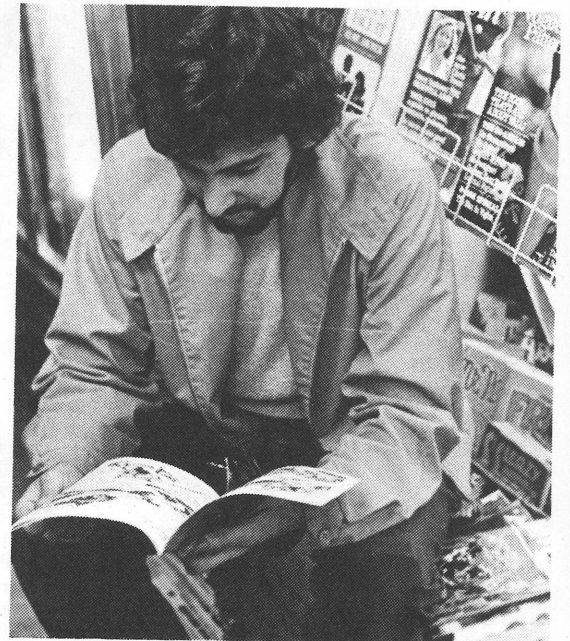


Photo by Paul Sagan

BOB KATZMAN,
NEWS DEALER EXTRAORDINAIRE
It started as a hobby.

sells 1,514 different periodicals and newspapers. He also owns three other stands and soon will open another for weekends only at 57th and Kenwood.

Its name? "Bob's Last Stand."

Consultants eye maintenance

Representatives of an independent consulting firm from Atlanta are on the University campus inspecting and evaluating its janitorial process before giving recommendations on how to solve the U. of C.'s maintenance problems, including those at U-High.

The maintenance problems—dirty air vents, dusty window sills, empty soap dispensers in washrooms, dirty halls, bugs and messy conditions in the cafeteria—fall mostly in the category of irritants rather than actual problems, in the opinion of Principal Geoff Jones. He added that bugs probably were the biggest problem.

Some solutions to the maintenance problem are already under consideration. One would be to hire more custodians, according to Associate Director Donald Conway. Another solution would be for the University to let the Lab Schools hire outside firms to do the

janitorial work, Mr. Conway added.

Exterminators sprayed the basement for cockroaches four weeks ago. A second spraying to kill the eggs had been requested. Sunny Gym and the locker rooms also will be sprayed.

See editorial page 4.

Bell advises again

Debate makes return

Thanks to Principal Geoff Jones and Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell, U-High will have a debate team for the first time since 1972. When Mr. Jones found there was no debate team, he contacted Mr. Bell, and they took the necessary steps to form the team, including replacing part of Mr. Bell's class load with debate responsibilities.

Each year, one topic is picked for high school and one for college debate teams by the American Speech Association. School teams research both sides of the issue and take their arguments to various tournaments. A debate team consists of two two-man squads, one arguing each side of the topic. U-High will have both varsity and frosh-soph teams, Mr. Bell said. The teams' first tournament is Oct. 31.

More travelers

The Midway has learned of the following summer travelers since publishing its feature story last issue: Russian Teacher Mary Hollenbeck and '75 graduates Jan Finzelber and Andrea Berry traveled to the Soviet Union and England; Mike Trosmann, Robert Rowley, Steve Burrington, Tony Kellam, Keith Getz, Paul Dembowsky, Doug Kaplan and Carmen Baptiste went canoeing in Canada; Evan Canter lived on a kibbutz in Israel; and Biology Teacher Richard Boyajian traveled in Canada.

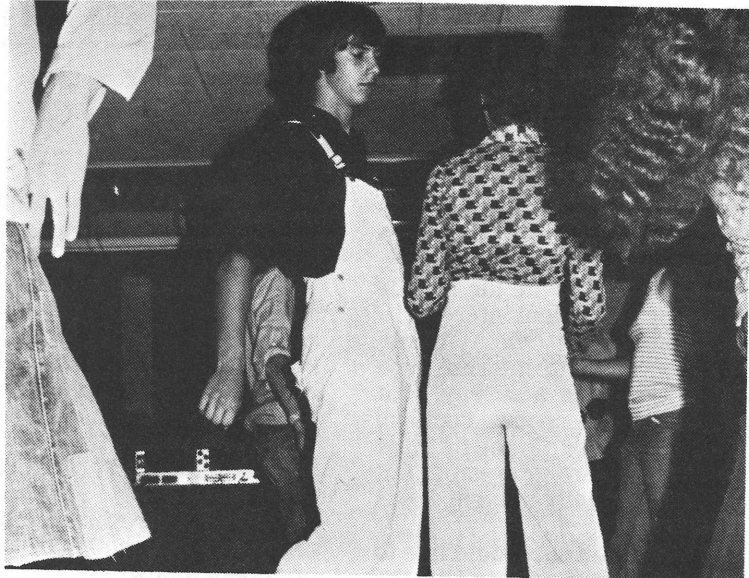


Photo by Jim Marks

Happy new year!

CULTURAL UNION'S start-of-the year party Sept. 26 drew more than 300 U-Highers and guests to the cafeteria for dancing to music provided by a disc jockey. Bumping away in the photo are Mike Hertz, former U-Higher now at Munster High, and Judy Solomon.

Quickies

"The Enchanted" by Jean Giraudoux was announced as the fall production at a theater paint party Sept. 23. About 25 students enjoyed refreshments while painting backstage rooms below the theater. The play will be presented Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 20-22. The Midway will preview the production in its Nov. 18 issue.

Parents to visit

Parents will follow their children's class schedules at Open House, 2-4:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 19. Vocal classes will give a recital, tentatively at 1:30 p.m.

Setting it right

In the Midway's first issue, Esslingen, Germany, came out Esslinger; and Nel Noddings was reported as having taught math at Penn State when it was philosophy of education she taught (she taught math at Rutgers). Andrea Ravin says she was not able to speak French fluently by the time she left France, as the Midway reported, but "could manage the language."

In The Wind

- TUES., OCT. 7 — Field hockey, North Shore, 4 p.m., there; Cross country, Wright Junior College Invitational, 4 p.m., Riis Park; Soccer, North

Shore, 4 p.m., there; Girls' tennis, North Shore, 4 p.m., here.

- THURS., OCT. 9 — Soccer, Oak Park, 4 p.m., here.

- FRI., OCT. 10 — Field hockey, North Shore, 4 p.m., here; Girls' tennis, North Shore, 4 p.m., there.

- SUN., OCT. 12 — Parent's Association Musical Fashion Show, 3 p.m., Assembly Room.

- MON., OCT. 13 — Field hockey, Homewood-Flossmoor, 4:30 p.m., here.

- TUES., OCT. 14 — Field hockey, Morgan Park, 4 p.m., here; Cross country, Quigley North, St. Ignatius, St. Benedict, 4 p.m. at Lincoln Park; Soccer, St. Michael's, 4 p.m., here.

- FRI., OCT. 17 — Field hockey, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here; Soccer, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., there; Girls' tennis, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., there.

- SAT., OCT. 18 — Cross Country, state districts (time and place to be announced).

- SUN., OCT. 19 — Open House, 2-4:30 p.m.

- MON., OCT. 20 — Cross country, St. Patrick's Frosh-Soph Invitational, 4 p.m., Riis Park.

- TUES., OCT. 21 — Field hockey, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here; Girls' tennis, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here; Soccer, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here.

- WED., OCT. 22 — Cross country, South Central Prep League Champs vs. ISL Champs, 4 p.m., Grant Park.

- THURS., OCT. 23 — Field hockey, Latin, 4 p.m., here; Girls' tennis, Latin, 4 p.m., here.

- FRI., OCT. 24 — Field hockey, Morgan Park, 4:15 p.m., there; Soccer, Latin, 4 p.m., there; Feature film, "Cat Ballou", 7:30 p.m., Judd 126.

- SAT., OCT. 25 — Cross country, state sectionals, time and place to be announced; Soccer, Holy Trinity, 10 a.m., here.

- TUES., OCT. 28 — Midway out after school; Cross country, Mt. Carmel, 4 p.m., Jackson Park.

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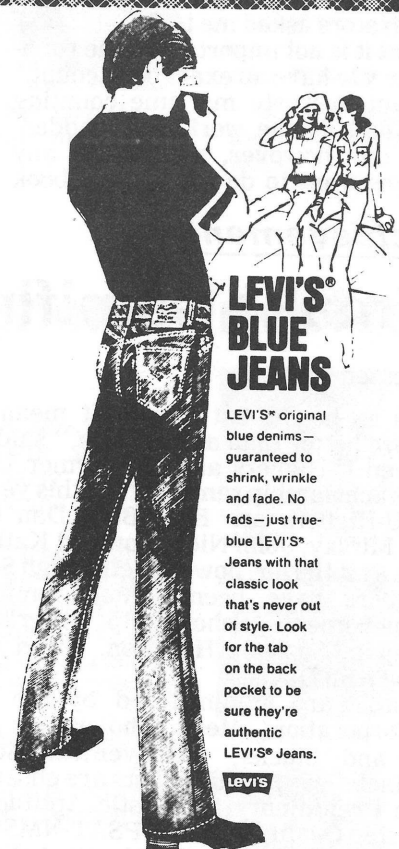
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Varsity sophomores unsure but eager

By Mark Hornung, sports editor

Fear, anxiety, lack of confidence and optimism have been expressed by 11 fall varsity athletes who all have one thing in common: they are sophomores.

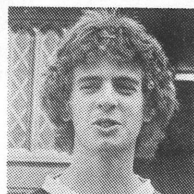
Soccer forwards Ric Cohen and Ricky Johnson have been key figures in goal production for this year's varsity soccer team.

Despite scoring goals Ric remains skeptical about his play.

"Scoring goals does not necessarily make a player good; controlling the wing, and making the good crosses with consistency, are essential before I will be able to think of myself as a good varsity player."

Ricky still believes he plays varsity because he's a leftfooter, not because of his ability.

"Proving to myself and others that I have ability puts a lot of pressure on me to perform well all the time, which is sometimes hard to do," he said.



Ric Cohen



Ricky Johnson



Dirk Vandervoort



Peter Lortie



Judy Solomon



Kevann Cooke

Cross Country Runners Dirk Vandervoort and Peter Lortie, however, feel differently than the two soccer players.

"I never feel pressured," said Dirk. "I have confidence in myself because I train and condition more on my own than with the team."

Peter doesn't feel pressure, either. "I always run against myself in order to improve my own times, therefore, the pressure is minimal," he explained.

Girls' tennis team players Michelle Collins, Kevann Cooke and Janice Cook don't feel much pressure either.

"Competing on the varsity is not that big of a thing," said Michelle. "I feel just as much pressure when I'm playing against Kevann." Janice and Kevann agreed with her.

Judy Solomon, however, is relaxed about playing because she knows that there are other sophomores playing.

"I would feel pressured if there were no other sophomores on the team," she explained.

Ellen Markovitz is one of three varsity sophomore field hockey players. Anne DeMelogue and Debbie Lutterbeck are the other two.

"Anne and I never feel pressured. That's just the way we are," said Debbie.

Ellen does not feel she is the best player on the team but does feel that if she or the coach "wouldn't have confidence in me, I wouldn't be playing in the first place."

She also feels that, as a sophomore, she doesn't play with more pressure than other team members. "When the team has to get going, everybody has to start moving," she explained.



Janice Cook



Michelle Collins



Anne DeMelogue



Debbie Lutterbeck



Ellen Markovitz



Paul Sagan

Coming Contests

SOCCER

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CROSS COUNTRY

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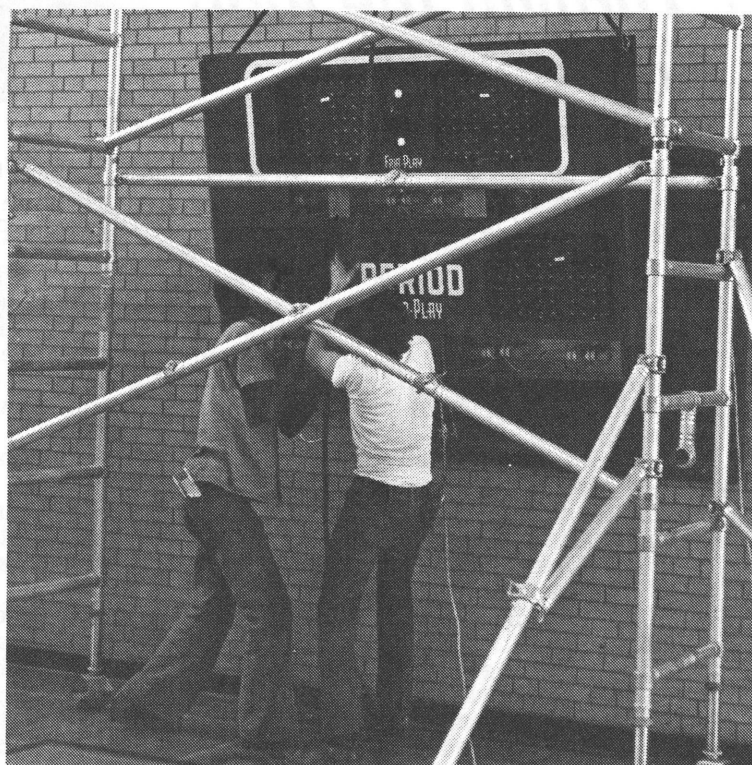


Photo by David Cahnmann

AT 5 P.M., Fri., Sept. 26, workers elevated the new scoreboard to the southeast corner of the basketball court in Sunny Gym. In addition to the \$150 raised at last year's basketball marathon to pay for the scoreboard, Willeen Williams, mother of Jim, raised \$1,450 by calling U-High parents at the request of Varsity Basketball Coach Sandy Patlak.

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Winning ISN'T name of game

By Paul Sagan, Sports page columnist

Because many starters have graduated, the varsity soccer team may not do as well this year as it did last. But many players say that, win or lose, they will receive the same benefits others players have in the past.

Last year the U-High team won the Independent School League championship and went undefeated until the finals of the state sectionals. The loss of seven starters, including five all-leaguers who graduated, has hurt this year's team's chances of repeating that performance.

The most important benefit anyone receives from playing on a team is dedicating oneself to working for excellence. Also, being on a team gives a person a responsibility to others, namely his teammates and school.

Many players on the team this year have said they are gaining these benefits. Everyone should keep these benefits in mind when it comes to supporting the team this season.

The players will receive the benefits regardless of fan support, but a little extra encouragement for this year's talent might make up for the talent that graduated.

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Recent Results

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North Shore, Sept. 19, here, 8-0 (8-0).
St. Michael, Sept. 23, there, 3-0.
Lake Forest, Sept. 26, here, 11-0 (8-0).
Francis Parker, Sept. 30, here, 2-0 (5-2).

CROSS COUNTRY (low scores win).
De La Salle, Mt. Carmel, Sept. 23, at Mt. Carmel, 31-28, 26-31.
King, Kennedy, Hubbard, Oct. 1, here, U-High didn't have enough runners to score points.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Lake Forest, Sept. 26, there, 3-2.
Francis Parker, Sept. 30, there, 2-3.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lake Forest, Sept. 26, there, 1-0, forfeit.
Francis Parker, Sept. 30, there, 0-1 (2-0).

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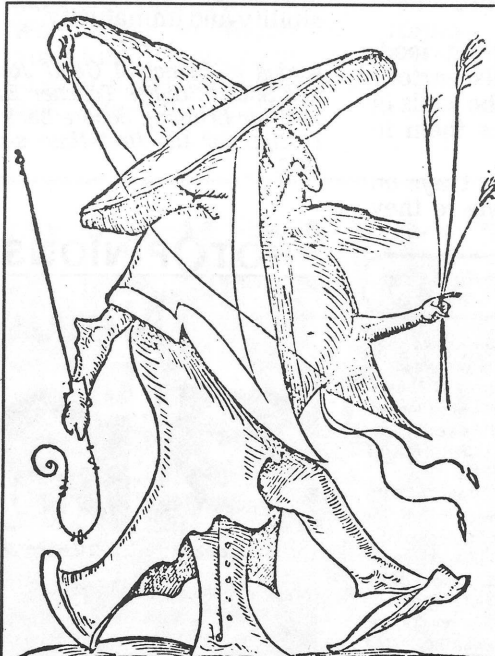
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Book loss merits librarian interest

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Librarians say books are removed by students and teachers. In most cases, according to the librarians, people do not intend to steal books, but they remove them without checking the books out and later forget to return them. And, in the case of teachers, who don't have a time limit on having books, they "lose" them.

Perhaps not enough books have been removed from the library to warrant a change in procedures, but the available figures were enough to make Principal Geoff Jones decide to look into the matter.

Head Librarian Blanche Janeczek, on the other hand, said she does not plan to institute a book count to find how many books are missing. And she does not plan to look into the matter further.

Before many more books disappear, the librarians should take it upon themselves to examine the matter closely. And Mr. Jones should, as he said he will, assist them in any way possible.

Cheers for Drama Teacher Liucija Ambrosini and the U-Highers and other faculty members who succeeded in producing a successful May Festival last year despite poor weather. Ms. Ambrosini figures the Festival earned about \$1,500 for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund

Gov't merits support

Student government will need "a guarantee of student support" to effectively pursue its goals this year, according to Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) President Carol Newcomb.

She is right. Student support is needed to create and discuss ideas for new and different activities in the school. It is also needed to work for acceptance of ideas by the rest of the school community.

U-Highers make student government what it is: Effective or ineffective. It is the responsibility of students to create these ideas, because they are student government.

Carol said she would like to diversify U-High's course offerings, and hopes to form a committee of students to work with administrators and faculty on the matter. Other government heads also need full support of the student body to supply ideas and the power to enact them if student government is to be a decisive factor in reuniting U-High.

Has anyone noticed the Sun-Times' new feature "PhotOpinion"? It looks just like that little feature the Midway has run since 1971. The big "O" and everything! Gosh, we're flattered!

Keeping U-High clean

A consulting firm is studying the University's maintenance problems to suggest ways they might be solved.

In the meantime, U-Highers can do their part in helping to make the school less grungy, especially in the cafeteria.

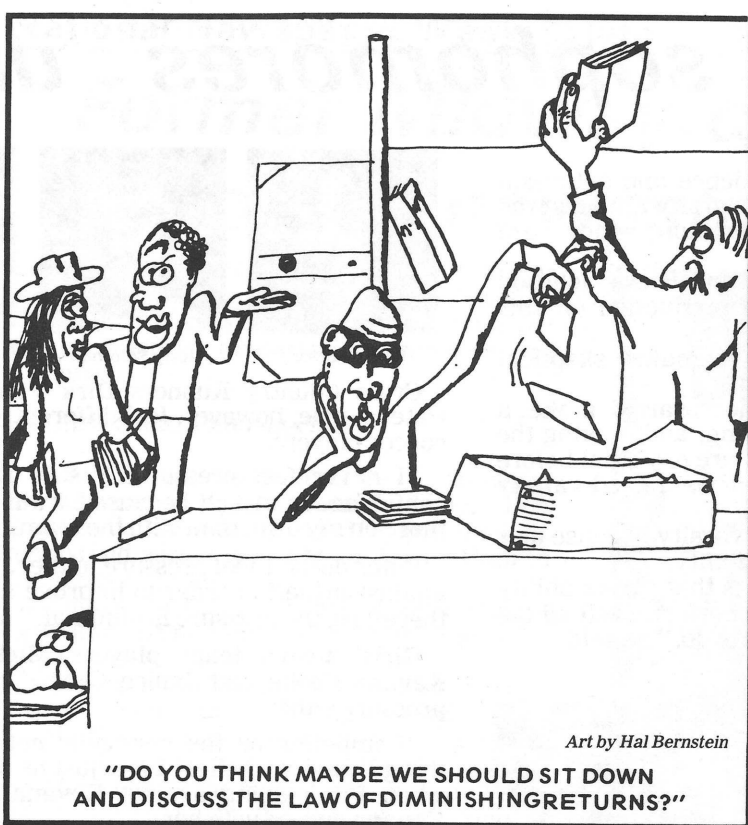
Instead of throwing food, lunch bags and milk cartons on the floor and at the walls in the cafeteria, throw them in the garbage can.

Instead of leaving trays on tables, put them where they belong.

Instead of just walking away from someone else's mess, pick it up.

It's the difference between a clean cafeteria and a dirty cafeteria, the difference between a liveable school and a unliveable one, and the difference between responsibility and immaturity.

Kudos to Principal Geoff Jones and Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell for bringing debate back to U-High for the first time since 1972.



Art by Hal Bernstein

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Turning the loop upside down

By Paul Sagan

"Please check your safety harness, thank you," the operator's ominous voice decrees.

Seated in the "Chicago Loop" roller coaster in Old Chicago, a new indoor amusement park and shopping center in Bolingbrook, fear of whether the ride will end safely steadily increases. Rolling slowly forward at first, then rising at about a 45-degree angle to a height of nearly 100 feet, the cars suddenly head down, down, faster and faster, around and around. Death seems to loom around the next bend. "Thank you for riding the Old Chicago Loop, come again," the voice says in a tape-recording tone.

Of course, when it's all over you realize how much fun it is to be scared to death and want to ride again.

More than 20 rides and a 200-plus store shopping center highlight Old Chicago, a more than \$40 million building that on the inside appears plasticized and shallow and on the outside resembles an overgrown Muslim temple.

Admission ranges from \$3.75 to \$5, depending on the time of day, for unlimited rides. Individual tickets can be purchased, but they aren't a good buy. Park hours vary, so call 759-1895 before going for information.

Old Chicago is a long ride from Hyde Park (about 45 minutes on Rt. 55, the Stevenson Expressway) and admission isn't cheap, but it's unique and definitely worthwhile.

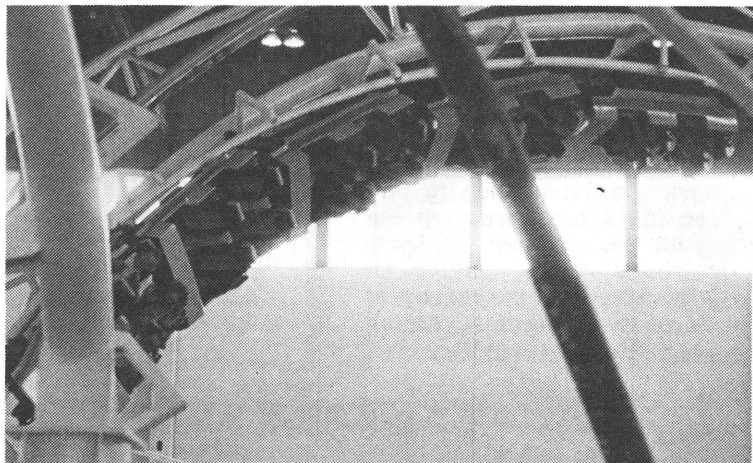


Photo by Paul Sagan

NO, THE PICTURE isn't upside down. The roller coaster is! It's the "Chicago Loop" at Old Chicago, a new amusement park and shopping center in Bolingbrook.

BSA can still work

By Loren Taylor,
Opinion page columnist

The Black Students Association (BSA) has been a subject of controversy among black and white U-Highers since its inception in 1968. Last year, poor leadership and lack of interest led to the folding of BSA early in the first quarter.

Through my experience with BSA, I have seen that some whites at U-High feel that anything pro-black is anti-white. White kids have asked me, "Why do you guys need BSA?"

THEY ALSO feel that integration means assimilation (assimilation: to make alike in culture and viewpoint). The founders of BSA tried to break away from this type of thinking.

Loren
Taylor



BSA is being re-formed this year, but some people ask, "Is it really needed?" Yes.

U-High has finally achieved the racial harmony it has long sought. However, in the drive for racial harmony some black students have fallen victim to the assimilation process.

MOST BLACK students do not try to act white, but have lost their sense of black identity. They don't feel part of the black community, don't feel any need to help it.

BSA can help black students regain their identity and install unity and self-pride among black students.

There are problems both in the community and in the school which BSA can deal with.

A FEW students have told me, "If we need a BSA, it would work." Black students cannot treat BSA as a "thing" which will magically emerge as a thriving organization.

BSA can work, but it needs the black student to make it work.

PHOTOPIINIONS

New teachers like U-Highers' involvement

By Peter Lortie

After three weeks here, U-High's nine new teachers and two new guidance counselors say they are enthusiastic about the school's students and faculty. They particularly like the students' interest and involvement in learning and the feeling of freedom they sense here.

The new teachers are Richard Walsh, music; Paul Collard, who is from England but has been in the U.S. for some time, physics; Yvette Matuszak and Guy Arkin, phys ed; Jo Hillocks, formerly a substitute, Spanish; Carol Moseley, English; Donald Jacques, Latin; Giovinella Gonthier, who is from the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean, social studies; and Randy Fowler, French.

Carl Hyman, Middle School drama teacher, will be teaching "Understanding the Arts" in the High School.

The guidance counselors are Ursula Roberts, who is returning after several years' absence, and now is also coordinating extracurricular activities, and Jewel Willis.

Ms. Moseley was one of those who noted the feeling of freedom in the school. "The atmosphere is like I've never seen before," said Ms. Matuszak. Mr. Jacques and Ms. Willis find U-High exciting and warm.



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