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Bob Greene talk raises controversy

By Robert Needelman

Crammed in the tiny back seat of Paul’s Volkswagen, Sun-Times Columnist Bob Greene talked about the hour he had just spent with U-Highers and the column he’ll be writing about the experience. Mr. Greene had spoken to the school in Mandel Hall as part of the James Landau Memorial Series. Jim Landau, a 1972 graduate who died in 1973, was editor-in-chief of the Sun-Times.

Most of Mr. Greene’s program was devoted to answering questions from the audience ranging from how he writes his column to journalism ethics to his “relationship with Mike Royko.”

As Paul drove him back to the Sun-Times building, Mr. Greene reflected that the U-Highers had “behaved like a Jane Austen novel.”

March of Dimes Life Sciences convention Apr. 8 at Northwestern University.

Debate ends

Both U-High debate squads failed to place among the top eight teams in the Illinois State Debate Championships Mar. 27–28 at Peoria, eliminating U-High from competition in tournament playoffs.

The debaters were Dan Lashof, Aaron Stern, Mitchell Saywitz and Josh Freedman.

Gottlieb edits paper

David Gottlieb has been named editor-in-chief of the Midway for the spring quarter. Other staff appointments are listed in this week’s masthead on page 6 of this issue.

Sorry ‘bout that

The Midway staff apologizes for the following errors in the Mar. 30 issue. In the interview with Science Teacher Murray Hozinsky, the printer dropped a line of type, changing a quote. It should have read: “Now, I’m not saying... limitation on experience, because a person can become obsessed with almost any kind of activity, say, t.v. or eating.”

The story on Bob Greene referred to a column he wrote about a woman who was seven months pregnant, a woman who was managed houses. The fresh-snap girls’ basketball player undated the photo on page 5 was Vicki Noddings.

The names of Carol Lehman, Lance Silver and Jeffrey Linder were, in some places, misplaced.

Bob Greene at Mandel Hall.

College audience. They asked good questions.”

Back at school, he was the subject of controversy. Many students and teachers were impressed with the honesty of his answers about his viewing his column basically as a job to be done and his not getting personally involved with his subjects.

Others felt his responses were shallow or callous.

Meanwhile, as Paul’s car neared the Loop, Bob Greene said that wearing a tie for his appearance “made it seem like I was working, but really, I was just having fun.”

Jones gets 2nd year

Principal Geoff Jones, hired on a one-year basis, has been rehired for the 1976-’77 school year by a committee formed by Director Neil Noddings to seek and review candidates recommended by Mr. Jones. He will be rehired after indirectly involving the faculty and finding almost unanimous support for such a decision.

There is further search for candidates from other schools.

The committee also felt it would not be desirable for the school again to undergo a change in principal the same time as a change in director.

Newcomers came to both positions this year and Ms. Noddings is leaving at the end of the year.

Pleased with the decision, Mr. Jones told the Midway, “I feel good about it.” Among his goals for the coming year are strengthening student government and “continuing a very social climate” in the school.

Council’s council

So student government personnel have problems with student government personnel from other schools, the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) is joining the Chicago District Association of Student Councils.

Search for director on

The search for a new Lab Schools director has reached the candidate interview level, in at least one case, the Midway has heard.

The PreCollegiate Board decided that its Director Search Committee would use applications received last year, when Director Neil Noddings was hired. She is leaving June 30.

Candidates will be interviewed by persons including administrators and teachers 142 of whom signed a petition to that effect on the University Provost campus for input into the choosing of a new director. The final decision was made by the University President.
by Maria Gomer

Topics ranging from student discipline dilemmas in teaching will be discussed by teachers during their regular in-service day. Students will not attend school.

"Freedom and Authority" is the theme which ties the widely varied subjects of the day's workshops.

The day was planned by the Curriculum Advisory Council, a committee formed by Lab Schools Director Neil Noddings to provide a forum for faculty and administrative concerns.

According to Lower School Teacher Janet Kohrin, chairperson of the committee, the day is intended to "provide the entire faculty, from Nursery School through High School with an opportunity to share ideas and examine those issues which interest them professionally."

Every Lab Schools teacher has chosen two of 13 available workshops to attend, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each workshop will be led by a teacher who volunteered to take one. So workshops are as follows:

- "How Well Does Johnny Really Write?" - "Bits and Pieces: How We Integrate Language Arts and Math?"
- "Is Anyone Who Decides?" - "Discipline and Self-Determination in the Classroom, Two Approaches?"
- "Record Keeping: Helpful or Harmful?"

Student evaluations of teachers this quarter, planned for May 24-28, will include arts and music teachers for the first time. Except for physical education, all subject areas now are covered by the evaluations.

In the program, administered by a student-initiated Council for Student Evaluation of Teachers, teachers who volunteer to take part distribute multiple choice questionnaires—different for each department—in their classes.

"Teachers get results for their own classes; results are also posted for others to see, but teachers may opt not to have their names identified.

Results of first quarter's evaluations are to be posted in English, Social Studies, Math, Foreign Language, Science, Fine Arts, Art, and Arthur Spink. Mr. Floyd Band, a U-High graduate who taught English at U-High, has volunteered to do so.

For three days earlier this month U-High volunteers were called to the faculty room to register for the next year's classes.

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Pitches
a baseball
plus: coach
By Pete Gutman

Minimization of mistakes and a positive attitude will prove crucial factors in deciding how well the baseball team does, according to Coach Guy Arkin.

The team, he added, will be bolstered by a strong pitching staff including starters Wayne Braxton, Johnny Rogers and Ralph Hruban.

"But our hitting is really hampered because we don't have a pitching machine to use for batting practice," Mr. Arkin said.

Johnny Rogers, pitcher and first baseman, feels Morgan Park and Francis Parker, both of which U-High has played once and will play once more, are the Maroons' toughest competition.

"Morgan Park hits very well, and Francis Parker has a very good pitcher, Richard Jackson, and is fundamentally sound," Johnny said.

Arkin believes basics provide key to strengths
By Isabel Bradburn

Baseball Coach Guy Arkin believes fundamental skills and knowledge give the team a strong and successful team.

"To have an excellent team in any sport requires both having the fundamental skills of the game and the intelligence to know when to use them," he said.

Arkin also thinks communication between players is of utmost importance. He listens to his players as equals, and maintains a "free relationship" with his players and students.

"I'm not strict in the sense of saying you have to do more and play third base," he said with a smile. "If a player isn't willing to work, I just don't want him on the team." Arkin added he hopes fans will turn out for home games even though the Maroons' home field is more than a mile from school, at 47th St. and Cornell Ave.

"When fans are there you have half the battle won," he said.

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**Quadmeet next up for track**
By Steve Sonnenfeld

Tomorrow’s four-team meet with Quigley South, Walter Latham and Illiana Christian should be one of the toughest this season for the outdoor track team. Coach Ron Drozd feels, “All three opponents have good runners,” he explained.

The Maroons, who finished the indoor track season with a 10-2 record, carry strong team morale and talent in the mile run and 440-yard dash as strong points as they go into the meet, Drozd added.

Seven people have joined the team so far and completed its indoor schedule.

“‘This will help us in the track events,” Drozd pointed out. “At outdoor meets there are five more events than indoor meets, so the more people we have, the better our chances of winning are.”

Drozd said he expects the mile run, which Richard Nayer, Peter Lortie and Dick Vandervoort will enter, and 440-yard dash, which Jimmy Bruce will run, to be the team’s strongest events.

All four runners have a good chance to qualify for the state high school track meet May 28 at Charleston, he feels.

All of U-High’s home track meets are being run at Slagg Field, 55th St. and Cottage Grove Ave.

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**Experience aids nettlers**

By Fred Offenkantz

With all the starters from last year’s state tennis team returning, this year’s squad should go undetected in the Independent School League for the second straight year according to Coach Larry McFarlane.

“Our guys all have one or two years of match experience, while most of the other league teams have lost their best players,” he explained.

All 21 team members began practicing immediately before spring vacation, although only the top three singles and four doubles players play regularly.

In the year’s first six matches, McFarlane has experimented with several arrangements of, usually, John Baca, Mercer Cook, Mark Engle, Jef Fish, Mark Hankins, Leon Lindo and Bobby Solomon.

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**Cold day, few fans, but game’s the thing**

By Fred Offenkantz

“Damn, it’s cold out here!” observes one of the spectators seated along the edge of a cement sidewalk in the playground between Suny Gym and the tennis courts. At 5 p.m. only a determined handful await the outcome of the tennis squad’s first match of the season. Half of those remaining are waiting for their teammates from Thornridge. “Thornridge has won the district championships the last two years,” U-High Coach Larry McFarlane explains.

U-High’s players, who have already lost two matches of the contest, must win the remaining three. “Brrrr!” mutters McFarlane, and he resumes pacing silently back and forth beside the courts. “When they’re playing, they’re on their own,” he says.

Behind doubles players Jef Fish and Mark Engle, someone calls “Go Jef, Jef ‘Stuha’” his chosen name.

On another court, as a Thornridge player readies to serve his opponent despite his team’s loss. Then Ken Newman’s game is unfinished but U-High’s players, who have already lost two matches of the year’s first six matches, McFarlane has experimented with several arrangements of, usually, John Baca, Mercer Cook, Mark Engle, Jef Fish, Mark Hankins, Leon Lindo and Bobby Solomon.

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**Soledancer**

The NEXT FRED ASTAIRE? Maybe not, but Evert Carstens who taught a modern jazz dance class offered last quarter.

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**In bandage**

“IT WAS a helluva way to get a helicopter,” Michael Shapiro quipped about his bicycle accident last week.

Cycling with the Bike Club during spring vacation, Michael took his eyes off the road while coasting down a hill and tumbled in a rocky ditch.

After ambulance at tendants treated him on the scene (photo), a helicopter flew Michael to a hospital where he was treated for a concussion, separated shoulder and cuts. He was able to come back to school on time.

**FROM THE REAR**

**Strange games at marathon**

By Mark Horning

sport page columnist

“Cmon Stuart step gunning,” yells Sophomore Coach Charlie Bobrinskoy to Stuart Fisch.

“Man, everybody else is,” Stuart yelled back.

Such exchanges typified play at the fourth annual basketball marathon April 9 in Sunny Gym.

The marathon was staged to raise money for varsity basketball team warmup uniforms. From 92 participation and 25 cent admission fees, more than $100 was raised.

The six games, played from 2:45 to 11 p.m. with a break from 5:30 to 7, would be described as “unusual.”

Among the semifinals, Junior Ken Newman’s game was unfinished but U-High’s players, who have already lost two matches of the year’s first six matches, McFarlane has experimented with several arrangements of, usually, John Baca, Mercer Cook, Mark Engle, Jef Fish, Mark Hankins, Leon Lindo and Bobby Solomon.

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**Cold day, few fans, but game’s the thing**

By Fred Offenkantz

“Damn, it’s cold out here!” observes one of the spectators seated along the edge of a cement sidewalk in the playground between Suny Gym and the tennis courts. At 5 p.m. only a determined handful await the outcome of the tennis squad’s first match of the season. Half of those remaining are waiting for their teammates from Thornridge. “Thornridge has won the district championships the last two years,” U-High Coach Larry McFarlane explains.

U-High’s players, who have already lost two matches of the contest, must win the remaining three. “Brrrr!” mutters McFarlane, and he resumes pacing silently back and forth beside the courts. “When they’re playing, they’re on their own,” he says.

Behind doubles players Jef Fish and Mark Engle, someone calls “Go Jef, Jef ‘Stuha’” his chosen name.

On another court, as a Thornridge player readies to serve his opponent despite his team’s loss. Then Ken Newman’s game is unfinished but U-High’s players, who have already lost two matches of the year’s first six matches, McFarlane has experimented with several arrangements of, usually, John Baca, Mercer Cook, Mark Engle, Jef Fish, Mark Hankins, Leon Lindo and Bobby Solomon.

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**Experience aids nettlers**

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With all the starters from last year’s state tennis team returning, this year’s squad should go undetected in the Independent School League for the second straight year according to Coach Larry McFarlane.

“Our guys all have one or two years of match experience, while most of the other league teams have lost their best players,” he explained.

All 21 team members began practicing immediately before spring vacation, although only the top three singles and four doubles players play regularly.

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PHOTOPINIONS

Readers tell Midway pluses and minuses

By Jonathan Rasmussen, public opinion editor

As Midway staff members try to fit too much news into too little space, dig for details and worry about balancing news and feature, they might be surprised to find some readers aren’t all that impressed with the results of their efforts.

"The stories about events in Hyde Park are the best," said Josh Lerner. "I feel that at least appropriate are features that don’t have anything to do with anything, like the one on ghosts."

Stephen Patterson said, "Overall, the quality of the writing is excellent." He called the paper "a pleasure to read." But, he said, "quotes and facts are consistently wrong."

Julie Paul said, "I feel I can’t think of what she liked best, but the paper’s worst point, U-Highers indicated that the staff still has a way to go before pleasing everyone."

Marc Weinstein said the paper’s best part is that it "gives students an extracurricular activity which is managed by students, not faculty."

Mike Foster said, "The main problem with the Midway is that it has little relevance, in my view, to the students."

"We tell you there’s too many of us. I tell you there’s too many of us," said Julie Paul, who continues to read the paper every day.

"I tell you there’s too many of us," she said, "because of the way the staff works, different points of view."

She asserted that "there’s nothing I dislike, although I disagree with some editors."

"It’s been about a year since the English Department instituted a policy which stipulated that a student’s final grade would be taken off a U-Higher’s grade for each unexcused absence. One-fourth a letter grade would be taken off for each tardy for the students’ work of the same quality."

Although little has been said about the policy since that time it still deserves reexamination. The Midway’s English teachers use special attendance rules, but even these rules have become less clear to students because they differ from teacher to teacher. The question that needs to be examined is: Should a student in one English class be graded ed solely on academic performance, while another student in an equivalent English class be graded on his or her attendance as well?

The inconsistency in English teachers’ rules could cause a variance in students’ grades based simply on attendance when the students’ work is of the same quality. Although English teachers’ expectations of their students understandably vary, the core reason for attendance seems to be the same for all English teachers.

If English teachers reexamined the policy, they might conclude, as many students have, that they need to devise a set policy for the whole department, strictly adhered to for all English classes.

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Saying tribute to a memory

By Mark Hornung (who recently received from a variety ofagra's) and Paul Sagan

A blanket of cigar and cigarette smoke covered Circus Maximus, the over­

sized nightclub at Caesar’s Palace hotel in Las Vegas. A famous performer was about to appear.

Those in the audience, nearly filling the huge room, had pulled themselves away from the casinos only because they wanted to say they had seen him more than they wanted to gamble.

And then the object of their attention came on stage: A short, pudgy, sunburnt, greying man who appeared to be drunk from the audience’s laughter. It was the same thing that the audience could laugh with him. For he had changed so much since the audience rose to star­

THE MIDWAY’S OPINION

U-High still needs a dean

Principal Geoff Jones’ reapportionment (story, page 2) is good news for U-High. Mr. Jones has done an excellent job this year in reestablishing communica­

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