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Carter won. Ford won. Neither won. Who cares who won? U-Highers reacted with a variety of observations to the televised Presidential debate Sept. 23. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the debate took place in the Walnut St. Theater in Philadelphia. Three other debates, one between vice presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Robert Dole, will take place in October.

"Carter won as far as manner over matter," said Maxine McKenzie. "His persuasiveness and speaking was better than Ford's. She added, "It was really more a question-answer setup than a debate."

Sebastian Rotella agreed Carter's manner surpassed Ford's. "In the beginning Carter seemed nervous and Ford seemed prepared and ready. After the question about the pardons of Nixon and the deserters, Ford seemed less sure and Carter seemed like he was coming out on top."

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Friendly waves

U-High's CB-ears

By Chris Scott

"Breaker, breaker one-nine, this is the Pasadena Prune KN7991, c'mon..."

"If you hear these tones emanating from your walkie-talkie, T.V. or A.M. radio, don't be alarmed. It doesn't mean residents of Pasadena, Ca., suddenly contracted diarrhea, but rather that John "Pasadena Prune" Simpson is on the air."

JOHN is one of a handful of U-Highers—David Naunton and John Hill, among others—employing a Citizen's Band (C.B.) radio for pleasure and informal conversation with truckers and some of the millions of Americans using these radios today.

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WITH A HUFF and puff, Mark Scheunemann presses himself to a 36th place out of 77 entrants in U-High's second and latest cross country meet a week after finishing third out of four teams in their first meet. The squad has seven more meets on schedule the next three weeks.

AFTER A FIRST MATCH loss to Oak Park 5-0, the tennis team defeated Latin 3-2, Lake Forest 5-0 and North Shore 5-0, then lost to Francis Parker 3-2. In the match with Latin (photo) First Singles Player Jackie Cook returns an opponent's volley. Upcoming opponents include Latin, Parker, Lake Forest and district and state tournaments.

BLEACHER BUM Tennis girls get a Guy

By Greg Simmons

Player: "I can't see the ball. My hair is in my eyes."

Coach: "And I forgot my bobby pins. How could I do such a thing?"

Dialog from a new women's hair spray commercial? No, it's a sample of the joking that I found going between the "girls" tennis team and their new coach, Guy Arkin. He replaces Brenda Cofield, who left U-High. He previously coached boys' baseball.

With 10 years of competitive tennis playing, and experience with coaching girls during clinics and summer courses, Arkin is finding the switch from baseball to tennis and boys to girls not difficult.

"It's the same as coaching boys," he managed to say between shouts of assistance to his players practicing on the courts south of Sunny Gym, adding, "The player-coach relationships are the same, whether it's girls or boys."

Arkin feels, however, that there are major differences in style of play. As he paced behind the courts, watching his players, he said, "Girls seldom go to the net, playing more baseline shots. They seem to be more content with placement of their shots rather than trying to kill the ball."

"Also, the girls don't have 'I know it all' attitudes that can be found in boys," he continued.

Then he ran off to supervise a serving drill, leaving me on my own to dodge the wildly flying tennis balls.

Parade to mark homecoming

A parade of bicycles decorated with streamers and balloons, and U-Highers dressed in costumes, are among Cultural Union's plans for soccer homecoming, Fri., Oct. 15, during halftime of the varsity game against St. Michael. David Banks will emcee and introduce the school mascots, Joe and Josie Maroon, respectively played by Jon Kellam and Maxine McKenzie. Refreshments will include pop.
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The decision to renovate came after last year's fall production was delayed for correction of fire hazards in the theater.

The consultant, from a Chicago-area firm, was first recommended to the school by Drama Teacher Luciamb Jacques.

Once the University has approved him and his prospectus, planning can proceed. The prospectus includes maximizing use of present theater space, increasing its flexibility and improving safety, according to Ms. Ambroini.

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Cherie McNeill figures the number of hours until graduation with a calculator from the bookstore.

WET AND COLD from the rain. Mona Sadow, who was one of 10 U-Highers who participated in foreign exchange programs in France last summer, seeks shelter on a mountain in the French Alps with two other U-Highers.

A summer abroad

"Of course they always ask you if you knew Al Capone," said Susan Marks.

She was talking about the people she encountered on her trip to France last summer.

Susan was one of 10 U-Highers who visited France on exchange programs in which the school participated with French families.

Eight of the 10 U-Highers were placed with French families by Relais Universitaires in Paris. Two other U-Highers lived with French families as part of the Experiment in International Living program.

The U-Highers were surprised most by the opinions French people had of ex-President Richard Nixon and by the amount of American media on television.

"They all thought Nixon was great," Susan said. "They were shocked that we knew so much about his private life and foreign policy." "

Jana Fleming commented, "I was surprised at how many French people have no public places like restaurants and opera houses. Sometimes menus would be partly in English.

The travelers agreed that French people tend to be "too emotional" and that American students had to work to be "as happy and wealthy as the people portrayed in the movie."