Debate to precede mock election, rally

Debate teams representing Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford will argue on behalf of each Presidential candidate after school today in the Assembly Room. The debate precedes an all-school mock Presidential and Illinois gubernatorial election sponsored by the Midway next week.

Dan Lashof and Ben Roberts will represent Carter. Mitchell Saywitz and Charles Bobrinskoy will represent Ford. Questions from the audience will follow the debate.

OINCIDING with the debate is the vote on paper ballots listing all official Presidential and Illinois gubernatorial candidates. It must be presented to election judges prior to voting, according to Midway Community Developments Editor Jen Simon, who is coordinating the project.

At an election day rally during the lunch period in the courtyard outside the cafeteria, Peter Fritzsche and Charles Bobrinskoy have agreed to speak, respectively representing Carter and Ford.

As the election nears, U-Highers interviewed expressed mixed views on the candidates.

Lisa Bibbo said she prefers Carter, explaining, "He's the least of the two candidates. He's more for the spirit of the country and he's more into getting things together in the country first and then dealing with the rest of the world."

Jonathan Silverman also said he supports Carter. "I think he'd be a good president. We need leadership and he just might be able to get people interested in government again."

JENNY Rudolph said of Carter, "I prefer him to Ford. He, at least from the last debate, seems to be more aware of what's going on. His response to Ford's misstatement on Eastern Europe was very aggressive, but in the right way."

Charles Bobrinskoy said he supports Ford. "I think Ford is the most honest President we've had in the past 20 years. I want him to be reelected because I trust his ability to make a good decision."

Jim Schwartz also said he supports Ford. "Sometimes I think he's a turkey because of his speech habit, but at least he speaks honestly. He cleaned up the country when the morale was down."

OTHERS SAID they were dissatisfied with both candidates.

"I think Ford thinks he's doing a good job," Ellen Miller said. "But he doesn't know what he's doing."

She felt Ford "knows the facts about what's happening. But he doesn't do anything except repeat them over and over again."

To cast real ballots

First-time voters value privilege

"Obeseing," "exciting," "a privilege," is how U-Highers 18 and older describe the prospect of voting in their first Presidential election.

Though some experts predict that 60 per cent of the nation's eligible voters will stay away from the polls, U-Highers interviewed look forward to taking their turn at the ballot box. All feel the weight of their new responsibility.

"I BELIEVE it's my chance to help shape the political system," said Willy Mackie. Jim Bell agreed, saying, "It is a very serious undertaking."

All disapproved of people abstaining from voting.

"It's a dreadful shame; there's a terrible feeling of apathy in this country," Jim said.

"It stinks," Jon Weinstein added.

THE U-HIGHERS blamed lack of trust in government for voter apathy.

"It's easy to just blame Watergate for lack of trust, but people have not seen any strong continued leadership," Jon said.

Greg Simmons felt it especially important that young people vote because "they should have a hand in choosing the future."

All said they would vote for Democratic Presidential Candidate Jimmy Carter, but most have reservations about him.

JON DESCRIBED his ballot for Carter as "a negative vote. Ford's administration has been very destructive in many ways. I believe Carter is intelligent, and he has taken some good positions on issues such as environmental and nuclear policy and gun control.

"But," he added, "I have reservations. This Carter is a slick operator."

Willy was the only person who said he felt good about the man he intends to vote for.

"I PLAN to vote for Carter because I believe he represents a chance for leadership this country has lacked," Willy explained.

Comparing this, his first national election as a voter, to others he remembered, Greg said, "Now you're on the inside of things; you're finally being recognized as a person."

Abortion:
Reactions vary on place in election

Abortion as a campaign issue and related church involvement in the election has U-Highers divided. Some questioned the constitutionality of abortion being a campaign issue.

Greta Mueller explained, "The issue of abortion has been decided by the Supreme Court twice. It's a judicial decision and has nothing to do with the executive branch of government."

Mitchell Saywitz had a different point on the constitutionality of the issue. "The separation between church and state should be clear by now. The government has no right to legislate moral issues, so it's absurd for it to be a campaign issue when, by the constitution, the government has no say."

Others felt it important for candidates to express their views on abortion.

David Shaw said, "I do feel abortion should be a campaign issue because it's been in the Supreme Court, and the judges are appointed by the President."

On the question of church involvement in the election, Ann Vikstrom said, "The church should play no part in political issues. I don't think anybody's religious beliefs should affect their political decisions."

Jim Bell observed, however, that "it's a democratic society and anybody can play a role in it."
By David Gottlieb

I was walking home for lunch the other day, having chosen to "So how is it being a senior?" he asked. Oh, Christ, here we go again, I thought. "No different than being anything else, just a little more lonely." I said.

"HOW'S BEING a junior?," I asked.

"Yeah," I rejoindered.

Although it seems to attack High Schoolers of all classes, the epidemic? never go away.

"Yeah," I answered.

Danny, who took up photography as a hobby four years ago, said he was not appalled. "The photograph was more an exercise in standing against a harsh winter sky highlight this picture of a garage at O'Hare International Airport taken by Danny Schulman.

Government merits student concern

Presidential elections are the culmination of electoral democracy in America. Yet interest in the upcoming election has plummeted. The droves of high school youth who worked on the '88 and '90 campaigns have dwindled to a very few in '84.

While the importance of voting for a candidate like Gerald Ford or Jimmy Carter seems questionable, abandoning the governing process in general is a profound mistake. Students can play an important role in changing the institutions of this country if they are willing to unite and struggle collectively.

HISTORICALLY, WHILE the Presidency has shifted between the major parties, American policy has remained consistent and often unrepresentative. This year's major candidates are no exception.

Both Ford and Carter's top priority is decreasing unemployment. Both promise to slow inflation. Since the defense budget is over $100 billion, the difference between Carter's promise of a $5 billion cut and Ford's 'no cut' position is barely perceptible. Do these promises deserve our faith?

Focusing on unemployment is illuminating. This year Sen. Charles Mathias Jr. (R.-Md.) said, "The parties have failed on the issue of jobs. For the 8 million Americans who are today unemployed, the promise of the Employment Act of 1946 is an illusion." Neither party in power since 1946 has constructed the full-employment economy that was promised.

A second example of unrepresentative policy is the Vietnam War. That war was begun by a Democratic President, John Kennedy, continued by his Democratic successor, Lyndon Johnson, and finally ended by a Republican, Richard Nixon. Over a period of 12 years these men all promised peace while practicing war.

The United States support both the parties' policies. The people aren't even national health insurance, gun control and control of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

VOTING ASIDE, the indifference solves nothing. The passion with which students denounced the Vietnam War and its end was, I believe, a false reaction. That antiwar movement forced the government to give the American people a voice. Success took 12 years of struggle to attain but it was more effective than voting during that time.

Students have also played progressive roles in the civil rights and feminist movements which resulted in greater political equality.

So while the outcome of the election may be meaningless, students can take an active progressive role in the governing process.

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Teams behind the scenes

Games are just part of the sports experience

By Greg Simmons

RETURNING to Sunny Gym from the 13-mile roundtrip run along the lakefront to McCormick Field on a sunny but windy Oct. 13, members of the cross country team show different signs of fatigue. Exhaustion causes a girl to lean against a tree, complaining of blisters. Other runners, breathing only slightly heavily, are impatient to get into the gym. Cross Country Director Durdun locks the doors and the runners mark their time and begin to report their times to him.

Gathering around Durdun, who is sitting on the north stairs, the runners enthusiasmatly report times of 1 hour, 27 minutes, to 1 hour, 35 minutes and 42 seconds.

"That was a good run," says an athlete in the Wright Durdun adds, "just think, six weeks ago that was too much to run. Now it's too trouble."

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"HEY! MINE'S BIGGER!" "Can you make a bubble in a bubble in a bubble?" shout members of the girls' field hockey team in an attempt to overcome the boredom of a bus ride to a North Shore game Oct. 8.

When the bus becomes trapped among hordes of saddlebag carrying fans on the Dan Ryan Expressway, the girls begin whistling at nearly truck drivers. Tiring of this game, a player suggests they should "moon" the drivers. The coaches riding at the front of the increasingly noisy bus reject this idea. "It probably wouldn't have thrilled the drivers anyway," a player remarks.

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"CHANGE THE SPEED. Change the speed. Faster. Move that ball!" Soccer Coach Sandy Pattich sits at his players, who resemble circus performers trying to balance soccer balls on their heads, at a recent practice. "I'm tired, let's rest," says one of the players as the exhausting drilling and heading drills go on and on. A group of four players attempt to keep the ball in the air by "heading" it, but they wind up spending most of their time chasing their opponents around the soccer field.

Switching from drill to drill, players run from one end of the field to the other, endlessly attempting to gain control of the elusive red and white ball.

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STEPPING onto the girls' tennis and field hockey bus, lit only by the reflection of a light from a nearby sign because the sun had set 45 minutes earlier, Girls' Tennis Coach Guy Arkin recounts to an onlooker what has just happened at a Burger King restaurant.

"The girls made me sing and then they sang," he says, adding, "I thought they were going to throw me over the counter."

The tennis and field hockey players return to the bus. All is forgiven and Arkin continues with a dance lesson begun earlier.

"Igoes like this: Heel, toe, heel toe, stop, point, turn, point," he says. Finally the bus becomes too crowded and it is time to start home.

BLEACHER BUM

By Greg Simmons

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Funny tragedies?

**U-Highers watch soaps, too, for mostly laughs**

By Cathy Crawford

Shocked at hearing people in school talk about soaps and how pregnant U-Highers finally got up nerve to ask them why they were saying such a thing about her, she found out they were talking about a soap opera character with the same first name as her's.

With a growing audience, soap operas have become the subject of numerous magazine articles, several new magazines and regular columns in daily newspapers. Most U-High soap operas fans watch them during school vacations. Favorites here include "One Life to Live" and "Ryan's Hope," and the soap opera satire "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman."

U-HIGH FANS feel soap operas are unrealistic and absurd. "I used to watch them just because they were fun to watch," said Peggy Mend. "They're stupid and dramatic, like making love to Sergeant Foley in a hospital bed while he was recovering from a heart attack."

IN THE WIND

**A real 'dress up' affair**

By Chris Scott

Draped from your closets yards of Zorro capes and Tinkerbell wings for Cultural Union's Halloween costume party 7:30 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria.

The party will include free soft drinks, a professional disc jockey, multi-colored decorations to set the mood and bobbing for apples, according to C.U. President Anna Fleming.

Partypoppers in costumes, Jana added, will be eligible for a raffle of a gift certificate to a record store. C.U. members plan to come to school Friday in costume to advertise the party.

Also this week, yearbook photos of seniors will be taken through Thursday by underclassmen Friday and faculty and staff next Monday. Check signs posted around school for times.

Coming events for the next three weeks:

**TODAY-TUESDAY** - Senior yearbook photos, Assembly Room.

**WED., OCT. 28** - Cross country, conference meet, 4 p.m., Lincoln Park

**THURS., OCT. 29** - Soccer, North Shore 4 p.m., there

**FRID., OCT. 30** - Underclass yearbook photos, Assembly Room.

**SAT., OCT. 31** - Cross country, state district, time and place to be announced.

**MON., NOV. 1** - Faculty and staff yearbook photos, Assembly Room.

**TUES., WED., NOV. 4 and FRID.** - SAT. NOV. 4 - Soccer, sectional, time and place to be announced.

**SAT. NOV. 6** - Cross country, state sectional, time and place to be announced.

**TUES., NOV. 9** - Junior and senior parents college planning meeting, 7 p.m., Lincoln Park

**FRID., NOV. 12** - Feature film, "Grease," 7:30 p.m., holiday show.

**SAT. NOV. 13** - Cross country, state district, Pearson Park, time to be announced.

**TUES. NOV. 16** - Midway out after school.

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