WHILE QUIET FIRE band member Marc and Kevin Lewis practice during lunch period.

story by Isabel Bradburn, photos by Paul Sagan

UP BY the first floor stairway Jann Avant, left, and Tracey Travis talk during lunch period.

surrounded by angular pipes, engineers Cornelius Gerritsen, left, and John Frecke hose down screens of the pool maintenance system in the basement of sunny Gym. Earlier that morning Mr. Frecke had opened the water valve, gradually introducing 2,000 gallons of fresh water to the pool.

RAGGEDY ANNE Williams-Ashman smiles at her 6th grade friends.

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A positive attitude, notable for its absence in recent years, is apparent at U-High this year in the unity and activity of student organizations. Administrators have made efforts to involve themselves in faculty and student activities.

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The Midway editorial was the SLCC should consult its peers more often, to determine student opinion. SLCC is a student newspaper, not an institutional newsletter, and as such it tries to solicit student participation in its mission. The Midway is an opinion paper; it is a way of determining opinion. By soliciting student opinion, there are two things to consider: First, an all-school vote as suggested by the Midway would be impractical in determining opinion on most issues. That is, due to the function of representative organization. Meetings are open and students are welcome to participate and come and voice opinions. Second, a referendum planned for later this year regarding important legal issues, faculty and students will include a general discussion, and rules that regulate the allocation of Student Activity Funds.

Coach knocks track story

From Track Coach Ron Drozd:

I was really disappointed with the coverage the cross country team received in the latest issue. We will not be heard of again until next September, and after the very successful season we just completed. I believe the Midway deserved more. I was amazed at the fact that Marty Billingssly ran in three girls' races and in all of them set new school records while winning easily. Peter Lortie and Dirk Vandenbrouck were the best in their class place in certain meets, are among the top 10 runners in Chicago. I can help but believe that coverage of athletes from a "major" sport should have achieved these distinctions much more attention would have been paid them. A minimum of a picture would have been accorded them—and probably more than one.

Edward B. Hill

THE MIDWAY'S OPINION

U-High's brighter mood

Good counselors can help students deal with feelings and situations in positive and constructive ways; it is clear that at least one counselor who could be described as helpful and trustworthy.

Perhaps you would consider the guidance given by someone with a more balanced view of life and times. The Midway

Good work is often taken for granted and not considered. Students who are critical of a department or who do not like themselves to be refuted tend to demoralize both the help and those who would be helped.

Editor's Note: The feature referred to investigated teenage drinkers. It was written by the Guidance Department. It respected labels relating to the subject. This is not an article, according to the Guidance Department, on "Christian, love, come to a guidance with drinking problem, and the opinions of student and the counselor as to why. The Midway made no editorial comment. The word "like" indicates contrary to exception, not editorial agreement.

The Midway deleted its entire front page this week in Reference Department.

Because...
Two neighborhoods plan to survive
By Jon Simon, Community Developments editor

Twenty-five years ago, 55th St. in Hyde Park teemed with little shops selling everything from buttons to Japanese groceries, restaurants, theaters and bars—some just for drinking, some presenting jazz and drama.

Today 55th St. in Hyde Park is a wide boulevard dominated by the giant twin towers of the University Apartments, neat rows of townhouses and a shopping center near its east end.

TWIN TOWERS of the University Apartments, built as part of Hyde Park's urban renewal, dominate a traffic island in a redesigned Hyde Park.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago expensive shops and restaurants lined 71st St., South Shore's major commercial center. But, beginning in the 1960s, the businesses followed their wealthy customers out of the neighborhood. This is 71st St. today (top left photo).

AN OLDER apartment building (top right), located on South Shore Dr., South Shore Villa was remodeled in 1975 through the planning of the South Shore Bank and a real estate firm.

TWO HOUSES (bottom photos) less than a block away from each other on Cregier Ave. in South Shore reflect the widely varying housing standards in the neighborhood. One is a well-kept mansion, the other a shuttered wreck.

Hyde Park and South Shore...two pasts, what future?

buildings but a goodly number of old structures, with the capacity to renew them. It's a rare area of Hyde Park you won't find some kind of community action going on. These are signs of health.

But it is important for Hyde Park, according to Alderman Ross Lathrop, the community newspaper, that renewal also take place in the highly black, mostly poor neighborhood of South Shore.

"IT'S CLEARLY IMPORTANT to be concerned, because obviously neighborhoods tend to overlap," he explained. "We ought to try to affect what happens there as best we can."

Before renewal, much of Hyde Park's business community was along 55th and 56th streets. Mr. Sagan said. Renewal replaced portions of these strips with shopping centers. At present, despite some loss of firms, Hyde Park's business community is "healthy and thriving," according to Mr. Sagan.

"We have lost certain kinds of business, for which we are sorry," he said. "We have gained others for which we are delighted. The end result is that we have to some extent less business than before."

In the opinion of Ald. Lathrop, any postrenovation decline has stopped. "It has been turned around," he said. "There is a healthier business community than at any time since the renewal. The trend is there to upgrade what we now have. Rarely a week goes by without an inquiry from some business interested in Hyde Park. We have again become an attractive place to entrepreneurs."

In 1960, SOUTH SHORE, the neighborhood from 67th St. to 69th St. and Stony Island Ave. to the lake, was 90 per cent white, an upper-middle-class area.

The old population moved out and blacks moved in, leaving the neighborhood 76 per cent black in 1970, according to Jim Bringley of the South Shore Bank Redevelopment Center, which helps plan and arrange finance for neighborhood improvements.

Business groups and community organizations, with government help, are undertaking renewal in South Shore aimed at keeping the neighborhood middle class.

RENEWAL IN SOUTH SHORE is crucial at this point, according to Ald. Lathrop.

"Renewal in South Shore will either start to pay off now or it's faced with a 10-year cycle of destruction," he explained. "It's a time bomb, a race we better pull off, or it will blow up on us."

Mr. Bringley feels renewal will work in time.

"There is a lot of effort and thinking going on about South Shore, and it began before South Shore declined. You can't define South Shore now as a deteriorated community, it's not burned out or abandoned," he said. "It can't even be defined as teetering, though if it was neglected it might go that way."

"But the process of institutions such as the bank and other community groups are starting early enough that preventative action can be taken."

A MAJOR ROLE in South Shore redevelopment will be played by private institutions like the South Shore Bank, according to Mr. Bringley.

"The key to effective innercity renewal is increased involvement of business," he explained. "Their capital and talent are necessary in the renewal and revitalization of neighborhoods. It's a recognition that dependence on government has been demonstrated to be as much of a community ill as a help."

Private institutions can pull together the loose ends left by the government and community groups, according to Mr. Bringley.

"The bank and other private institutions have the motivation of the community groups," he said, "plus the money of the government, and the discipline of profit. This might be an ideal instrument of renewal."

SURVIVAL OF BOTH Hyde Park and South Shore is important to the future of the Lab Schools, according to Director R. Bruce McPherson.

The demise of South Shore, he said, "would create some very real problems. Not only a question of numbers, but we've always had very few problems."
Lab Schools might get shot at flu vaccine

By James Marks

A swine flu inoculation program which would include Lab Schools students is being planned by the University, according to Principal Geoff Jones, although no specific announcement has been made.

Because of possible adverse side effects for young persons, people under 18 years of age were not included in a University-sponsored swine flu vaccination program Nov. 11-13 for employees, students and members of their families.

Still, vaccines for the under-18-year age group and the Board of Health is now working on distributing the innoculations to schools, according to Hypertension Technician Phil Vaccherella, who spoke to the Midway on behalf of the Chicago Board of Health.

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Calculators a problem?

By Paula Niedenthal

Pocket calculators are not replacing student brains at U-High as a source of answers, according to math teachers. Students who use calculators are not becoming dependent on them, they feel.

Because the calculators have become less expensive in the past few years, more students own them. Math teachers estimate about 15 percent of their students own calculators and more than 50 percent have obtained them at home.

All teachers do not permit use of calculators on tests but do permit their use in homework and classroom. Though they use the same policy, each teacher arrived at it independently.

According to Math Teacher Ralph Bargen, math classes are not based on learning the simple calculations which most pocket calculators perform, so they are useful for that function. But, he added, calculators are not useful if students use them for more sophisticated operations being taught in class, of which some calculators are capable, instead of figuring them for themselves.

"I've found most students prepare themselves because they can't use calculators on tests," Math Teacher Patricia Hindman said.

Calculators aren't permitted for tests, Mr. Bargen said, because not all students own them or have the same background in using them. Also, he added, different calculators perform different functions.

Some Lower and Middle School math teachers have expressed the fear that students may come to depend on calculators instead of learning basic skills, according to Ms. Hindman. "But I have seen no evidence of this in either my 7th grade or High School classes," she said.

New classes going well

Students in two new courses are enjoying them, according to the teachers. The courses are Public Speaking, taught by Debra Sauer, and Introduction to Business, taught by Faynelle Haehn.

Public Speaking involves students in writing and giving speeches, Ms. Sauer said. "The kids are enjoying the class because they get involved both by doing speeches and being an audience.

In the business course, students study areas including job applications and office management.

Students use a text but also look at the business pages of daily newspapers. "They are developing a vocabulary of words used in the business world," Ms. Haehn said.

German students to present play

German Club members will present "The Pied Piper of Hamlin" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade German classes in the lower school tomorrow. High School students may attend the performances, 11:45 a.m., 12:30-12:45, 1-2 p.m., and 1-2:10 p.m. in Blaine 214.

Last week retired Science Teacher Anne Davies portrayed "Nikolaus" (Santa Claus) for the 3rd- and 4th-graders.

About 23 French Club members attended a dinner at Mary Madden's home Nov. 14. Cheese fondue, crepes and Coq au vin were among the dishes they prepared and enjoyed. German Club members also are planning a dinner.

FOODS CLASS STUDENTS this quarter have their musical variations on the theme "main courses." Selecting dishes they want to prepare from cookbooks, the students, working in teams, get approval from their teacher, Dorothy Szymkowicz, and go to work.

SAMPLING turkey soup they've made from Thanksgiving dinner leftovers (photos from left) Dana Grossenbacher and David Haselkorn plot their next dish as John Bobbinsky enjoys their handiwork. "For more on that Thanksgiving dinner see separate photo below.

AT CERTIFIED FOODS on 57th St. Ms. Szymkowicz shops each weekday morning for what the classes need. Here, Pete the Butcher shows her a ham.

BUT IT'S NOT HAM! David and David are into next. It's another soup - this time vegetable, with croustons.

U-Highers receive scholarship honors

Chosen on the basis of their scores on the American College Test and recommendations from the school, seven U-Highers have been named Illinois State Scholars.

Winners in the program, sponsored by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, receive certificates.

State scholars are: Gordon Net, Janice Anderson, Jan Simon, Solarh Bahatsh, Betsy Schwartz, Daniel Cohen, and Robert Needlman.

Twenty-six U-Highers were commended in the National Merit and Achievement scholarship programs because of their high Preliminary Scholastic Achievement scores, although the scores were not high enough to qualify the students for semifinalist standing.

They also will receive certificates.

U-Highers were commended as follows:


ACHIEVEMENT (for outstanding black students) - Kamal Hughes, Lisa Bihl, Pat Scott, Michael King, Chris Scott, Nancy Love and Glenda Gardner.

Students learn how to learn

For the first time in four years, students taking Physics or Environmental Physical Science are studying both scientific knowledge and how it is acquired.

According to Physics Teacher Paul Collard, this investigative approach was developed by 14 years ago by retired Science Teacher Bryan Swan.

"The emphasis is on the way in which knowledge is expanded and the way in which it constantly changes, and not on simply passing knowledge from teacher to student," Mr. Collard said.

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U-HIGH MIDWEEK TUES., DEC. 14, 1976
there lived a girl named Lucy Kaplansky. Most of the time she was very happy, existing from day to day with no major worries. Suddenly, however, one winter Lucy became very sad when she discovered she needed to buy holiday gifts for her friends and relatives but did not know where to find any good presents.

Then, Lucy discovered Hyde Park's unusual and imaginative shops. Around every corner she found a large variety of the greatest gifts at the lowest prices. Follow Lucy on an amazing journey to Hyde Park's best shops, in which she solved her troubles by finding gifts for her friends and relatives — you might even see something you would like to buy as a gift.

First Lucy visited Cohn and Stern, where she found beautiful matching knit scarves and caps. She decided that an orange and black pair, which she's wearing, would make an ideal gift for one of her brothers.

At the Shoe Corral, Lucy selected this pair of high-topped lace-up boots in a light-colored leather as a possible gift. The choice, however, of which pair to choose was difficult, as there are so many stylish varieties to pick from.

As a gift for out cameras, Manager Jim noted Abie's auto cam, noted out photo-finishing.
erself, Lucy checked Able Camera. Store assistant demonstrated Canon AE-1 for Lucy. She also priced, high-quality Canon AE-1 for Lucy. She also priced, high-quality Canon AE-1 for Lucy.

For her friends who have everything and do not know what to do with it, Lucy picked out "Our Hyde Park," a new guidebook about the neighborhood. The book contains, among other features, reviews of local restaurants and a photo essay on Hyde Park.

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Book Center offers hundreds of books on dozens of topics. After spending a great deal of time trying to decide what to buy for a friend, Lucy took advice from Owner Jack Mosoff and selected a gift certificate.

BOOK CENTER
5211 S. Harper Ave.


THE HYDE PARK HERALD
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At Scholarship Shop, Lucy selected a bright red sweater priced under $1 as a gift for a friend. The Shop sells high-quality used merchandise at incredibly low prices, and, as Lucy found out, anything in the store could make an ideal present.

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...and she lived happily ever after
Faculty okays contract; opinions on union vary

By Aaron Stern, political reporter

A 4-5% per cent salary increase was gained by Lab School faculty members during the 1976-77 contract they ratified by a 113-19 vote Nov. 29-30.

The contract is the third negotiated by the faculty union, local 9055 of the American Federation of Teachers.

As part of a program being instituted throughout the University, faculty members also will be getting a wider choice of life insurance, disability and health care plans offered by the University.

Behind the news

UNION LEADERS generally received satisfaction with the new contract.

"This year's salary increase was competitive with those of nearby schools in town, though faculty salaries here have been among the lowest in the country," said buying power over the past two years," said John Wilson, St. Augustine's School's Lower School and Union board member.

That the Union's bargaining team achieved a 1 per cent salary increase for the University team's salary offer was considered a victory for the Union since this is the first time the University has upped its offer and Wilson continued.

The contract was formed in June, 1966, but did not begin collecting money until the following year and the University finally voted for it in 1974.

By eliminating collective bargaining, the faculty was required to work with committees advisory to the director of the Lab School.

According to Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell, the new system "virtually operates as though it's a collective system, because it operates as though it's a collective bargaining system."

Some teachers believe the faculty's position was better before collective bargaining.

School may offer special curriculum

By David Quigley

A proposal that U-High offer courses from an international-standardized high school curriculum has been made to the faculty Curriculum Committee by Lab School Director R. Bruce McPherson.

In Foreign Language Department Chairperson Gregor Heggen attended a seminar in Racine, Wis., sponsored by representatives of the international Baccalaureate program which sponsors the curriculum.

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Interested faculty members will meet on the proposal in the near future and then report to the Curriculum Committee according to Mr. Heggen.

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Music teachers planning new curriculum

By Cherie McNeill

Providing students with more course choices, both introductory and advanced, is a goal of the Music Department's proposed new curriculum.

The department is discussing its ideas and plans for new credit requirements with Principal Gordon.

The present curriculum consists of Understanding the Arts, a course in appreciation of music, film and opera; Music I and II, which include study in music theory, conducting and other related topics; Instrumental Music classes; and vocal classes.

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The Department is considering giving credit for participation in the string, choir, orchestra, band and ensembles—would remain the same.

The new curriculum would open for participation in each course drew on information provided by previous ones, making the student's development continuous from kindergarten to 12th grade, another department goal.

In order to make a review at the beginning of the year, Rogers added, so transfer students wouldn't have comparable music training could take an Placement tests for transfer students, the High School are being planned.

Under the tentative proposal credit.

Onyx to appear as part of Midway next quarter

Because not enough student contributions are available to fill a magazine, the literary magazine of the Black Students Association (BSA) will appear as pages in the Midway next quarter.

BSA is purchasing two pages in the Mar. 15 issue at the regular advertising price to be used for Onyx according to Onyx Editor-in-Chief Chris Nelson, BSA members will have editorial control over what is printed and prepare them for publication, but the Midway's editors will make the final cut for any legal problems, because the Midway is responsible for anything it prints.

All U-Highers are invited to submit stories, poems, art work and photos for the publication, Chris said.

Among other BSA person led in high school memories from hundreds of people—rock musicians, politicians, car salesmen, celebrities—in "Is There Life After High School?"

Her enthusiastic "let's not make this more serious than it is" narrative presents an amazing array of sweaty palm, palpitating heart and frustrated fantasy confessions, and a thesis: high school "lives go on to average success, while "outies" go on to interesting lives. "Teenagers," according to Keys, are the popular crowd—cheerleaders, jocks and class president. "Outies" are the grinds salesmen, celebrities-in "Is There Life After High School?"

Last year, I took the yearlong course to "improve writing skills," which really was a literature course just like all the other junior and senior classes. The basic freshman English course in many colleges, including Purdue, are in composition.

In such courses, students are taught to write, clearly and persuasively, papers based on personal experiences. It is assumed that students have some background in writing in high school, including knowledge of grammar and punctuation. Leveling high school courses, too much emphasis places too much stress on the student and offers virtually nothing but literature courses, I have been having a few problems in my college English course.

U-High should continue to require some literature, but it should also offer and require some composition, along with grammar, etc., if it is to adequately prepare its students for college. U-High is a good college-preparatory school, but it didn't seem to prepare me well enough for my college English course.

Editor's note. According to English Department Chairperson Donald McCamn, the writing course in involves conferences with the teacher; weekly writing assignments; writing workshops and, added, not needed by the junior or senior year; and different types of writing, such as shows and interviews and personal essays.

She added that close reading of literature is one of the goals in all English courses and regrets that not everyone was helped by the class.

Magazine prints cartoon

A cartoon by Midway and U-Highlights Cartoonist Jan Novak is on display in the Alumni Magazine. The drawing depicts the plight of a fisherman with a fishing pole on his line, followed by another fish holding on to the first fish with its mouth, and another fish, which is being speared by a spare fishermen.

Jan said she submitted the cartoon for the experience and the money, $15. "I was considering becoming a professional cartoonist," she explained, "but dropped the idea when I found out that a cartoonist usually gets no more than $20 for a cartoon." "I always tell people that I "didn't mind" receiving the $15 for the cartoon, and he plans to submit more drawings to magazines.

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Ms. Weimer tries to arrange such displays every quarter to show what these classes have accomplished and the wide variety of work they produce.

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HIGH IN the air, (photos from left) Maroon Ellen Markovitz executes a powerful spike in U-High's easy 20-2, 20-5 volleyball victory over Harvard-St. George, Nov. 20.


Teamwork keys volley wins

By Mark Patterson

Completing the first half of its schedule with a game today against North Shore, here, 4 p.m., the volleyball team will resume play Tues., Jan. 4, with a game against Francis Parker, here.

The first half opened away in mid-November, with the Maroons scoring one-sided victories over Harvard and Lake Forest. Then they defeated Latin 20-3 in their home opener, Nov. 24, raising the record to 3-0. They moved to 4-0 with an easy 20-2, 20-5 victory over Harvard, Nov. 30, here. Finally, the Maroons suffered their first loss, at Oak Park, 20-3 and 20-16, Dec. 1.

Then, their record moved to 4-2 as they lost to Morgan Park Academy 20-17, 20-13, here, Dec. 3. Again getting on the winning track, the Maroons beat a Lake Forest Academy team which included three boys, 20-13, 20-10, with the Maroons coming from behind in both games.

According to Maroon Ellyn Pollack, the team's main strength lies in its closeness. "We all work together," she explained. "Everyone has confidence in each other."

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Swim starts 3-0

By Geoff Schimberg

A victory at Lake Forest Dec. 7 marked the third win in a row for the undefeated swim team. The victory, 105-63, came after a 49-29 win over Quigley North Dec. 3 and a 42-41 victory over Mt. Carmel Dec. 1.

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According to team members, the frosh-soph squad is strong, especially the freshmen.

With the exception of a meet with Quigley South, the swimmers expect to win the remainder of their regular season meets, despite tough away confrontations today and tomorrow with, respectively, Bogus and Kenwood.

Despite losses

Cager hopes high for title

By David Rothblatt

Facing what is shaping up to as an uphill season, varsity basketball players feel that they will still win the Independent School League (ISL) title.

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By Deb Arzad

A mediocre facility in which to practice, and sophomore juniors lost to drivers' education (which meets after school, when practices and meets take place), will hurt the indoor track team's performance according to Coach Ron Dru.

Because the University Field House, where the team previously practiced and held meets, is undergoing renovation, team members are working out at Stagg Field, outdoors.

"We have to be imaginative and adapt ourselves to the weather and facilities available," Mr. Dru commented.

Outdoor practices will hurt sprinters, broad and high jumpers, hurdlers, pole vaulters and shot putters the most, Dru added.

These events are harder to practice on icy ground because "a snowboard grip is essential in them," Dru explained.

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Friday results

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"The team which wins two out of three matches is the victor.")

In past games, the frosh-soph Maroons defeated Lake Forest, a team with three boys, 15-9, 15-10, 15-2 and won 15-10, 15-8. In the first of two straight victories they defeated Morgan Park Academy 15-9, 15-9 and Lake Forest 15-7, 16-14, 15-10, winning the first match, losing the second and winning the third.

Most players felt that with more experience gained as the season progresses, the Maroons will be in strong contention for the Independent School League championship.

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**Practice means a lot of hard work in track**

By Isabel Bradburn

Round and round the track they run, shedding their harrows, caps and sweatsuits to combat the blisterly cold. Now running, now pausing, track team members circle Slagg Field’s 440-yard track a total of 12 times.

It’s just part of the training process for the Maroons, running outside this year because of construction on the University Field House, where they normally work out.

Team members begin seasons with such practices to build endurance, according to Coach Ron Droot. Their muscles constantly demand blood while running, which strengthens their hearts, increasing their oxygen intake, he explained.

Practicing forcefully, three longdistance runners slog through Jackson Park on their seven-mile trek from school to the South Shore Country Club and back.

Milers and two-mile runners work mainly on endurance, usually running between seven and 10 miles a day, Droot said. They do sprint some 20-yard dashes to improve muscle metabolism, he continued.

Short distance runners sprint 200-yard dashes for the same purpose. The sprints also accentuate short distance runners to running without much oxygen.

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**BLEACHER BUM**

**Holiday plans all wet**

By Greg Silmen, sports editor

As vacation begins Thursday, many U-Highers will embark on trips west to ski or to Florida to sunbathe, while others will remain home getting well-needed rest.

**To show stunts**

**Phys ed using films**

By Mary Johnston

Slow motion stunt films being used as a teaching aid in volleyball, swimming and gymnastics this year,

The Phys Ed Department has bought a projector to show the films, purchased by librarians. The films visualize one perfected stunt repeatedly in slow motion in the three sports.

Boy vacations will return to the phys ed program next quarter after a two-year absence. Sandy Fackik will teach the unit in Ida Noyes Hall.

Girls bowling has been offered; Phys Ed Chairperson Dan Stone commented, “The body can get used to running with oxygen debt for a certain length of time,” Droot explained. “That’s what the purpose of training is — to get your body running to its limits without oxygen — as quickly as possible.

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**Fan buses to continue**

Despite cancellation of two of four buses because not enough fans registered, Cultural Union will continue offering buses to away-sports events, according to President Jana Fleming.

One reason U-Highers don’t ride the buses more, Jana said, is that “students have more access to cars, because parents are more liberally lending them, and we can go out with them afterwards.” A drawback to traveling by bus.

**Intramurals to offer fencing next quarter**

By David Quigley

Fencing will be offered next quarter as part of Intramurals, according to Phys Ed Teacher William Zarvis, Intramural coordinator with Phys Ed Teacher Genevieve Wantz.

Basketball, swimming, gymnastics and ping pong also will be offered.

Activities will be open to all 7th- through 12th-graders except fencing, which will be open only to people who have taken fencing in phys ed, Mr. Zarvis said.

No contact sports such as ping pong are coed, but contact sports, such as basketball, are played by boys and girls separately.

A basketball game in which an U-Higher player has drawn the greatest High School attendance so far, Mr. Zarvis said.

Intramural Gymnast Jeff Sachs said he believes High School turnout is low because U-Highers who want to participate in athletics join interscholastic teams, not intramurals.

**Chess Club plans winter matches**

Matches with other Chicago area schools are planned for winter quarter, according to Chess Club President Aaron Stern.

Members may also participate in a Christmas tournament downtown sponsored by the Chicago Chess Club.

Competing in tournaments, according to member Dan Stane, is the best way to become a good chess player because of exposure to different styles of play. All Chess Club members have had tournament experience.

The U-Highers host team from Chicago Vocational School Nov. 24 here.

**Photo by Paul Sagan**
Cultural Union plans Dress-Up Week in Jan.

By Paul Sagan, editor-in-chief

Dress-Up Week is an annual event where students from different schools come together to compete in a variety of activities and dress up in unique and imaginative costumes. This year, the Cultural Union has decided to host Dress-Up Week on January 10-14.

Final plans are being drafted, C.U. President Jana Fleming said, but present plans are for seniors to dress up as babies Monday, juniors as farmers Tuesday, sophomores to wear clothes backwards Wednesday, and freshmen to wear pajamas and other nightwear Friday.

In other student government developments:

The major decision presently under consideration by the committee concerns whether evaluations will be published and if they will include teacher names, said. "It will be a fun activity for the whole school to dress up looking silly."

Committee members are also considering having evaluations done for Phys Ed classes (they were last year) and developing new methods for students to fill out evaluations, such as in-class assessment.

The committee also plans to have a regular meeting with members of the Guidance Department. They hope to discuss the concerns, however, no such meetings have occurred so far.

The committee's membership also has been revised. Members now, in addition to C.U. President Robert Neff, include Bob Frohman, Kathy Hakim, Mary Johnston, Peggy Mead, Sarah Rosett, and Marjorie Suhm. Math Teacher Hannah Goldschmidt is adviser.

The book will emphasize the student experience, and have met almost every Saturday and after school, Mark said. Twelve photographers have been chosen for the book, with about 200 of them selected so far for publication, he said.

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U-High gets holiday spirit

With one more day of school before Christmas vacation, U-Highers are getting into the holiday spirit.

Gazing into the decorated window of Herman’s Sporting Goods Store at Lake and Wasbush in the Loop (left photo) Hans Massauqeey eyes a pair of ski boots, a possible gift for someone else or to himself. With its gaily decorated stores and store windows, the Loop is crammed with shoppers daily.

Lighting the eight candles of a Menorah to celebrate Hanuka, Sarah Rosett observes the Jewish “Festival of Lights.” The candles symbolize the eight days a small amount of oil miraculously burned in a temple the Jews were restoring after it had been defiled by the Romans. The eight days of Hanuka fall near Christmas and like it are a time of gift-giving, but otherwise the holidays are unrelated.

Yearbook receives top honors

Top national and state honors have been announced in recent weeks for the 1975-76 U-Highlights.

The National Scholastic Press Association, with headquarters at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, gave the yearbook its highest rating, All American. It is the first time since 1972 a U-High book has won the rating.

To receive the honor, the book had to earn at least 6,000 points and five of four of five Marks of Distinction. It earned 7,065 points and Marks in copy, design, photography, concept, but not photography.

Judges praised the book’s in-depth coverage which, they said, "makes U-High a book that you can learn from other yearbooks."

About 400 yearbooks of 50 judged by U-Highlights. The book had to earn at least 820 of 1,000 possible scorebook points (got 900), then be selected by judges for special excellence.

The Midway also received an All-American rating, its second consecutive in twice-yearly judging, for issues published January-June last year.

To earn the top rating, the paper needed 3,800 scorebook points, plus four of five Marks of Distinction. It earned 4,055 points and all five Marks, in Coverage and Content; Writing and Editing; Editorial and Opinion Features; Physical Appearance; and Visual Communication.

The book will be a calendar of the year and more a picture of the total school experience, added.

The 17-member editorial staff started work in early October and has been meeting almost every Saturday and after school. The group has had an estimated 500 photos for the book, with about 200 of them selected so far for publication, he said.

Newcomers to the staff learned what they needed to know as it came up, Mark said, with Publications Adviser Wayne Brasier giving a workshop at the start of every Saturday session. "But everyone on the staff had to get used to the new approach to copy," Mark said. "It required more imagination. One person wrote his copy eight times before it was finished."

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