School to get bookstore next year

Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson.

The book store is one of several improvements in school facilities planned for this summer.

Others include renovation of Belfield theater, which has been awaiting final decisions。

School to start, end later next year

School next year will start one week later, on Monday, Sept. 19, and end one week later, on June 13, according to the calendar announced by Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson.

Mr. McPherson planned the calendar after consulting with the PreCollege Board, teachers, parents and representatives of the Faculty Association.

For the convenience of families associated with the University, he explained, "we scheduled the beginning of school only one week before the University fall quarter begins, rather than two weeks, as was the case this year."

The school year was extended in June to keep the number of school days the same, Mr. McPherson said. In-Service Days for teachers were dropped from the schedule for the same reason, although school may be dismissed a half-day for such programs occasionally, he added.

The calendar, besides the already-mentioned dates, is as follows:

- Thanksgiving recess: Thurs., Nov. 24-28
- Christmas recess: Sat., Dec. 25-31; Mon., Jan. 1; Winter Holiday, Fri., Feb. 19-20, Mon., Feb. 23; Spring recess: Sat., Mar. 18-20; Mon., Mar. 21, 24, 26; Memorial day holiday: Mon., May 30
- Graduation: Thurs., June 16

Teacher Alan Haskell will be responsible for the bookstore, the exact location of which has not been determined, Mr. McPherson said.

Final decisions on the theater have awaited completion and discussion of recommendations by a theater consultant. Improvements will be made to supply the kind of facilities a good drama program needs, Mr. McPherson said.

For graduation night, Cultural Union has tentatively scheduled an all-schoold party 7:30-11 p.m. Disc jockeys will provide music and 8th-graders will be invited.

In addition, the senior picnic and the prom will take place in Ida Noyes Hall.

By Geoff Schimberg

Graduation, preceded by a senior picnic and followed by an all-school party and the senior prom, will highlight the end of the school year.

One hundred nineteen seniors are expected to be graduated at commencement 2 p.m., next Thursday, June 9, at Rockefeller Chapel, 56th St. and Woodlawn Ave.

Tickets must be presented at the door; each senior got seven tickets.

CHosen by a senior class graduation committee by audition, Senior Class President Robert Needlman and Paula Noble will speak. Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson was chosen as guest speaker.

Evan Canter will sing "It's Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday" accompanied by Marc Weinstein on piano.

Jim Tuedt, University organist under study, will play the processional and recessional music.

Principal Geoff Jones will present the class to Mr. McPherson, then Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell will present diplomas, assisted by Mr. McPherson, Mr. Jones and Ruby Bowen, principal's secretary.

Robert will present the class gift and honorary diplomas.

After the ceremony, a reception for the graduates, their relatives and friends will take place in Ida Noyes Hall.

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Secretary joins ranks of grads

Seniors aren't the only Lab Schools people graduating this spring. Bruce Marsalis, secretary to College Counselor Betty Schneider, received a Bachelor of Science degree May 10 from Roosevelt University, where she attended night school for one year after completing her employment as a social worker.

"It took up all of my time because I have three kids to take care of as well," Mr. Marsalis said. "But I'm tired of being a secretary."
Final thoughts on a final year

By David Gottlieb, opinion page columnist

I looked over my journal of the past year before

We seem to soak up

U-High was my life. It will continue to be, to a cer-

And only now, until May Project began, I would wake up in the morning, look out the window, and there would be school (that's still true, of course); I would play soccer or just walk around with

But our roots are nowhere

Are these lines, I wrote this during an English class some time ago.

Before going to sleep, though, I would write in my journal, which I tried to keep from becoming simply a series of accounts of the day's events. I was not always successful; after all, my days were all very much alike, and my thoughts were by that time routed to either the dismal worries of my own little workaday world or to sleep.

A week at camp

By Isabel Bradburn

"Fried ham, fried ham, cheese and bologna." "The 6th graders around the campfire sang their newly-learned song with gusto. Overhead, stars became visible as the sky blackened. It was Tus., May 10, the second evening of the annual weeklong Middle School 6th-grade trip to Camp MacLean in Burlington, Wi.

I too sat around the fire, one of ten junior counselors (J.C.s) on the trip. Five years ago, I had been a Camp MacLeander and had vowed to return as a J.C., although it was difficult to conceive of myself as that old. Now I was just that—A.J.C., surrounded by a throng of 6th graders.

Though the days seemed long, the week whizzed by. I was ferried about in canoes by campers, played an organ in a Burlington church, and cotaught an English class. I also helped my team lose Capture The Flag by organizing several un-

It was somewhat disconcerting that some were bigger than I, and had vocabularies to match. Not unexpectedly, most of them complained with relish about the iron water, beds and walking.

I want to compliment the Midway on its story con-

Overhead, several remarked indignantly, "Isabel, we're

Student evaluations of teachers

PHOTOOPINIONS

Sizing up the year

By Cathy Crawford, public opinion editor

"Boring," "smooth," "basically good," were among the ways U-Highers described the '77-'78 school year, as interviewed by the Midway.

Carolyn Epps said, "It was very boring. I was in a senior slump. I thought senior year was supposed to be really hip, but it was just what I expected and I sort of muddled through it.

Alex Rudolph said he believed "there has been an improvement as far as participation by students in events like sports. But there are still quite a few students not willing to involve them-

It was my first year in high school and I mainly liked the idea of Student Legislative Coordinating Council, being able to voice my opinions. But the attitudes of kids and teachers need improvement. They should have more respect for each other.

Thank you!

The Midway staff thanks administrators, faculty members and students, who gave much time this year to interviews and photographs. Thanks also to the Parents' Association, for their patience and con-

Lastly and mostly thanks to our advisor, Wayne Brasher, for his guidance, advice and typing.

PhoTo: Jim Reganato
"I call it 'Passers-by' since it looks like the statue and the lady are walking in opposite directions."

By Adam Stephanides, senior

Directions: The following test contains 11 questions divided into four categories. Answer them in as much detail as possible. You do not have to answer all the questions, but if you don't want to think, you may use a separate sheet of paper, but do not write on it. When you are finished, fold your answer sheet into a paper airplane and throw it into the wastebasket. There will be a penalty for incorrect answers. Then swallow your answer sheet and proceed immediately to jail or Buenos Aires, whichever comes first.

A. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
1. Justify your existence.

B. LITERATURE
1. Who is Cyril Martinozzi? Why have his works been neglected? Come to think of it, why shouldn't they be neglected?
2. "Old Gretchen has gone to store for some changes, Sing hey, sing be, and your mother wears army boots." Explain.
3. You are walking down a dark alley at night. Somewhere lags you on the shoulder. It is Edgar Allan Poe. Why do you?

C. PHYSICS
1. If an electron travels with speed 180km/sec through a magnetic field of strength 500 gauss, and it is accelerated by an unknown force at the constant rate of 10 km/sec/sec, how old am I? (Be sure to take relativistic effects into account).
2. A 1 kg weight and a 2 kg weight are dropped from a tower of unknown height. The 1 kg weight strikes the ground after 1 minute. The 2 kg weight strikes a passerby, who sees for $100,000 but settles out of court for $100,000. Calculate from this the curvature of the earth.
3. If all the world was paper, and all the sea was ink, and all the trees were bread and cheese, what should we do for drink?

D. SOCIAL SCIENCES
1. How high will the Dow Jones Average be at the end of Dec. 31, 1977? (Tell me quickly, because I just bought $50,000 worth of National Semiconducting.)
2. Who was buried in Grant's tomb? (There may be a catch to this.)
3. Some people feel that tests like these serve no useful purpose. What do you think about Japanese philosophy of art (be specific)?
4. Who is Cyril Martinsecker? Why do you?

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May Projects coming to end for (') 77

SEVERAL U-HIGHERS will be farther from home than usual during vacation this summer. Sixteen U-Highers and French Teachers Robert Fowler and Claire Teachers will work with families in Limoges, France, for four weeks. Then travel to Paris and surrounding areas for one week. The trip, which will include visits to students from other schools, is sponsored by Interplay '77 France, a cultural and educational service. As part of the American Institute for Foreign Studies, Elaine Saltzlin will study art and theater at London University. After that she will go to Israel to visit relatives. Amy Stiles, who lives with a German family for about a month and travel to Switzerland, will be in London in any part of a program sponsored by the Exchange in International Living. To help pay for part of her trip, Amy received a £100 travel grant awarded for living abroad, sponsored by the Experiment. While in Scotland this summer, Ellen Morrison and her family intend to travel mostly in the north and visit Loch Ness.

FOUR COURSES remain open in the summer school program June 20-July 21, according to Lower School Science Teacher John Simpson. The courses include Physical Science and Sophomore Biology are filled. Tuition for each, including Tuition, is $150. U-Highers can register in Blaine 23, Environmental Science, French I and Sophomore Science.

WITH ALL WORK so far in by deadline and those fourths of the book completed, the 1976-77 U-Highlights should be in the hands of printer, according to Editor-in-Chief Mark Hapke. The yearbooks will be handed out at a party June 27. Seniors will be sent forms enabling them to request their book be mailed free.

All the news we could fit into the space we had left

Skater's waltz? THERE'S A new sound around school these days. The Music Department has received an electronic organ acquired from Shirley Barnes, a Lower School parent. Here, Music Teacher Richard Walsh practices on the instrument in U-High II, where it is kept.

Don't come shoeless, because, sorry, we don't carry shoes, but we do have just about everything else. Fix yourself up with pants, skirts and tops, one with Nicky, a hat, jewelry and a purse. All to match your shoes.

SUSAN GALE

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IN HARPER COURT

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Spring has sprung and summer's on the way. Come to the Mellow Yellow and have a cool, refreshing Praline et Top topped with Swiss chocolate sauce, whipped cream and almond slivers) to usher in the warm weather.

MELLOW YELLOW

RESTAURANT

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MAY PROJECTS end this week for 77 seniors. To pursue a month-long project independent of a faculty sponsor, a community service or a job, each senior needed a faculty sponsor, approval from a faculty committee and permission from teachers to miss or make up classwork.

DENISE BERRY (photos from left) studied performing arts, including dance and mime. She performed a mime routine at an arts fair sponsored by the University Saturday, acted in and designed makeup for the May Festival play and directed a mime troupe which performed at the festival. Here Denise watches her troupe rehearse.

JOHN SIMPSON conducted experiments at the Enrico Fermi institute, 5380 S. Ellis Ave., testing the efficiency of parabolic solar energy collectors. Here he takes readings from a collector on the institute roof.

MARYBETH FAMA worked with ceramics and glazes as an apprentice to Dorothy Horton, a Hyde Park potter. Here Marybeth sculpts a Bangladeshi farmer working a field.

Looking for a new way to meet again

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By Geoff Schimberg

Boys who were considered the toughest by their classmates when they were in the Lower School are now the most popular in U-High, according to a survey conducted by a University of Chicago student.

The study, started by former University graduate student Donald Ornitz, was continued this year by U-High senior Warren Weisfeld, a Ph.D. candidate on the University's Committee for Human Development. Freshmen, sophomores and seniors took part in the study, which has been conducted sporadically over nearly a decade, in March. Students taking the test were given a list containing names of some of the boys in their school, and filled them comparatively on such matters as physical appearance, intelligence, athletic ability and aggressiveness.

Of the boys in the list, some had been on it previously while others were randomly chosen this year, Mr. Weisfeld explained. All students on the list had approval from their parents to participate.

Mr. Weisfeld has concluded from the results of the survey that "early interactions carry implications for high school." According to the survey, physical appearance are a better barometer than intelligence in measuring a boy's popularity.

"This was more true with the freshmen than the seniors," he said. "I think the survey (taking the survey) didn't judge the boys by intelligence at all.

65 of 119 seniors staying in Midwest

By David Rothblatt

More than half of this year's graduating seniors have listed 65 of 119 — plan to attend college in the Midwest. Twenty-six stay in Chicago.

Graduating seniors plan to attend schools as follows, with the list subject to change.

 name is .

Cancer program awaiting funds

Within the next few weeks Science Teacher Murray Horowitz will announce from the federal government one of the largest grants of his cancer education program.

The program involves designing and providing new methods of teaching high schoolers about cancer through activities, experiments and field trips to cancer centers.

If approved, the project, for which Mr. Hozinsky has applied for funding since last fall, would take place in the classrooms and in Chicago area high schools.

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Six to leave

By Mary Johnston

Because "birthdays have added up, as Reading Consultant Ellen Thomas has put it, she and Sunny Gym Equipment Man Darrin Gant are retiring.

U-Highers, however, may see Ms. Thomas at Regenstein Library. "It will be my second book on weekdays," she said. "I'll be writing my second book, 'Aids to Better Reading.'"

"On weekends," the expert canoeist added, "I'll be voyaging down Illinois rivers."

Ms. Thomas came to U-High 17 years ago. Before that she taught in a high school on the Panama Canal in Central America and headed a reading clinic at St. Petersburg High School in Florida.

Mr. Gant plans to fix up his house and work in his garden after he retires. "I enjoy doing this because it is a rest from scheduled work," he said. He and his wife also plan to head South for a vacation.

Mr. Gant came to U-High in 1969 after being a self-employed salesperson in cosmetics, costumes and jewelry. "At first I planned to stay for two years," he said, "but I have enjoyed the people here and hope stayed till now.

Four teachers also are leaving. They and their plans are as follows:

Phy Ed Teacher Denise Szinai will be at Mother of God girls' high school in River Grove.

Physics Teacher Paul Collard plans to end his three-year teaching career (two at U-High) and start an electronics business building computer parts with five other people.

Middle and High School Teacher Ann Berrett Martin is looking for parttime work in education.

Public Speaking and Middle School Drama Teacher Debra Sauer will be at Evanston Township High School and take classes at Chicago Base Professional Acting School next year.

The BOOKSTORE

Now? What for?

It's a hot summer day. Everyone's either acting lazy or studying for finals. "Where ya goin?"

Eddie asks Andy. "To the Bookstore," Andy replies.

"THE BOOKSTORE? Now? What for?" says Eddie. "Well, I'm gonna buy an Instamatic and some film for my trip this summer, and I need some new swimsuits, get somethin' to eat while I'm there. Wanna come?"
She came back

"THE STUDENTS have become less political and seem to enjoy themselves more academically and socially since I was here," says Shani Kerman, "I finally graduated who returned last quarter to sponsor the Arts, Sources of Ideas and Photography classes. To introduce herself to U-Highers, Mrs. Kerman exhibited 70 of her creations—jewelry, ceramics, graphics, poetic notes, sculptural weaving and the wooden bowl she's holding here—in first floor and literary showcases. A student at Columbia College, Ms. Kerman is majoring in art and graphics. Her plans include possibly getting a Master's Degree in Art Therapy and Art Education; teaching and continuing to exhibit her art work in galleries and sell it.

Ruling on 1974 firings due today

By Aaron Stern, reporter

The Cook County Circuit Court is scheduled today to hand down its decision on whether it has jurisdiction to review the 1974 firings of four Lab Schools teachers.

University attorneys contend that if, matter was closed after the teachers chose not to file a complaint within the University's grievance procedure and the appeals were rejected, according to Social Studies Teacher Philip Montag, who has been working on the case with the teachers on behalf of the Faculty Association. It has provided funds to pay the teachers' legal expenses through the Illinois Federation of Teachers Defense Fund.

The Association and the teachers' lawyers Richard Kimmei, Larry Butcher and Evelyn Rosser—-are not sure they will appeal if the University's objection is upheld, Mr. Montag said. The University, however, will probably appeal if its objection is overruled, he added.

If the court agrees to consider the case, it will proceed to examine arguments concerning alleged violations of the teachers' personnel policy at the time they were fired.

Drinking story arouses wide reaction

By Chris Scott

Police and bartenders have been checking age identification (i.d.) cards frequently in local bars and U-Highers have been patronizing the tavern less as the result of an article in the Apr. 19 Midway.

The story reported that U-Highers under the legal age limits were being served regularly in area bars. The Maroon in a story about the matter was closed after the teachers chose not to file a complaint within the University's grievance procedure and the appeals were rejected.

For several weeks after the story appeared, Chicago policemen asked Lower and Middle School students waiting for campus buses on 59th St. for copies of the paper. After policemen visited their establishments several times, owners of some bars hired extra people to check i.d.s of suspiciously young-looking patrons.

Twenty-first District Commander George McMahon said the Midway's story "had nothing to do with our checks." According to U-Highers who had regularly patronized the bars, however, the story had a profound effect. "We used to never get carded (asked for proof of age) before, but they just started to do it.

"It taught me a lot about the Egyptians. Carter wishes to change America's martial law within the United States."

"I expected more. I thought it was a good idea to begin with, but we didn't find out much." - Celia Mambry, senior

"It's a waste of time. Nixon's told enough lies and he doesn't need to tell any more." - Pryor Turner, junior

"They're the work of a desperate man. Carter wishes to change America's energy problem, he should declare martial law within the United States." - Joe Polmmei, freshman

"It taught me a lot about the Egyptians. I had no idea they were so advanced." - Karl Weaver, sophomore

"Seems to me like it's turned into a more commercial than a cultural thing for the city of Chicago. I mean, you look around and all over you see billboards advertising the King Tut exhibit."

"It taught me a lot about the Egyptians. I had no idea they were so advanced." - Marc Weinstein, senior

"I thought it was excessive except for the end where they try and sell you garbage about the exhibit." - David Naunton, junior

That may be about all you have planned after June 10. What do you do when the summer doldrums start getting to you? Try a game, or a puzzle from Toys, Et Cetera. There's a superb selection at sensible prices. So drop on by. You need something to keep your mind in shape over summer vacation.
Meals n medals tomorrow

The 62nd Monial medal, given by the Phys Ed Department to the senior boy rated highest in athletic ability, citizenship and scholarship, will be awarded at the 20th annual Athletic Awards Dinner, 6-8 p.m. tomorrow at McGregor House, 5751 S. Woodlawn Ave.

The medal, given since 1916, was named in 1899 for Dr. William Monial, athletic director and school physician here 1911-1932.

Also to be presented are the Paul Egan award, to the senior rated outstanding in track, and the Roberts-Black trophy, to the person rated outstanding in track among all classes. Letters will be presented to all team members and cheerleaders.

Following a buffet dinner featuring chicken and spaghetti, Phys Ed Teacher Gay Arkin will speak for coaches, Dr. Laurence Hill, father of U-Highers John, Mary and David, for parents; and Brad Parsons for students. Registrations for the dinner, sponsored by parents, are now available.

A mother-daughter softball game preceded the buffet dinner in the cafeteria and presentation of embroidered patches for girl athletes last Wednesday.

It's almost here!

June 9th is up and coming and either you're graduating or you know someone who is. So throw a party! And while you're at it, be original! Plan the party at the Mellow Yellow. To make it easier for you, we'll even help you. Call 667-2000.

MELLOW YELLOW

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By Pete Gutman, sports editor

The Maroons' spring sports teams have been working hard to prepare for the coming season. With the end of the school year, many athletes are looking forward to a new season of competitive sport.

The track team has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming season. They have been practicing their techniques and working on their fitness levels. The team has had many successful meets so far this season, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the upcoming season.

The baseball team has been preparing for their season as well. They have been working on their hitting and pitching skills, and have been practicing their defensive plays. The team has had some successful games so far this season, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the upcoming season.

The softball team has been working hard to prepare for the coming season. They have been practicing their hitting and pitching skills, and have been working on their defensive plays. The team has had some successful games so far this season, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the upcoming season.

In addition to the spring sports teams, the swim team has also been working hard to prepare for their season. They have been practicing their strokes and working on their fitness levels. The team has had many successful meets so far this season, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the upcoming season.

The golf team has also been preparing for their season. They have been practicing their swings and working on their fitness levels. The team has had some successful games so far this season, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the upcoming season.

Overall, the spring sports teams are looking forward to a successful season. They have been working hard to prepare for the coming season, and they are excited to see what the season holds for them. As always, they are grateful for the support of their fans and community, and they look forward to sharing their success with everyone.

Bleacher Bum

Highs, lows marked year

By Greg Simmons, sports editor

Because this is the last issue of the year, I feel it's a good time to reflect on the year. Sports have been exciting, and the games have been entertaining. It has been a year that has had its share of highs and lows.

It started with the girls' basketball game on January 1st. The team was out in full force, and they defeated their opponents by a score of 84-40. The girls played well and were able to secure their victory. They were all smiles as they left the court.

As the season went on, the team continued to play well. They won several games in a row, and the team was feeling confident. However, as the season went on, the team started to struggle. They lost several games in a row, and the team was feeling down.

The team's low point came on March 15th. They played a game against their rival, the Heights, and they were defeated by a score of 72-68. The team was disappointed and felt like they had let their fans down.

But the team didn't give up. They continued to work hard and practice, and they were able to turn things around. They won several games in a row, and the team was able to win the state championship.

The team was elated and felt like they had achieved something special. They were able to bring home the state championship trophy, and the team was able to celebrate their success with their fans.

Overall, it has been a year full of highs and lows. The sports teams have worked hard and have achieved some great successes. It has been a year that has left its mark on the school.

Sports personalities of the year, Gene Fama style

The Best of the Best

The following players have been named as the best of the best in their respective sports. They have been the heart and soul of their teams and have been the driving force behind their success.

First Singles Player Leo Lando qualified for the state meet last Friday and Saturday at Arlington Heights. Results of other recent meets follow, U-High score first:

Galphin North, May 10, there, 4-6; Thorsmen, May 17, there, 5-2; Morgan Park, there, 4-6.

With a 7-6 (7-5 overall) scorecard, the baseball team finished with its best record in four years for 3rd place in the ISL.

"It was a good team to coach," said Coach Tom Tourlas. "The kids were cooperative and we enjoyed the season."

Ralph Hruban's pitching and the team's enthusiasm provided particular strengths, Tourlas felt.

Recent scores follow:

Lake Forest, May 10, there, 6-4; Lake Forest, May 13, here, 10-1; Quigley North, May 15, there, 5-4; Morgan Park, May 18, here, 6-0.

FINISHING with a 3-1 record, the team tied Latin and Lake Forest for 1st place in the ISL.

Please see the season with the season. The one tennis loss came to Francis Parker. Highlights of the baseball season included two victories over No. 1, and one over Morgan Park Academy, which took 2nd this year. That and about wraps up another chapter of sports, U-High style.
Crowds jam weather-graced May Festival

What play audiences didn’t see

By David Gottlieb

It is Friday, May 20, 6:15 p.m. Noise of the May Festival flows through the cafeteria doors inside, Drama Teacher Lucija Ambrosini, affectionately referred to as "Mrs. A." delivers notes of criticism to the cast of the festival play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner.

"The opening was very scattered," she says of the previous night’s performance, and when Kirsten missed the entrance the audience knew it and it pulled them into looking for mistakes. For the next five, six, 10 beats, the audience was just looking for mistakes.

IT IS ONLY the beginning of a long evening for the cast. It wouldn’t end until about 1 a.m.

When Ms. Ambrosini finishes giving her notes in the partitioned "makeup room" the cast sets about preparing for the show.

"Pretty soon it’s gonna be total silence," warns Judy Solomon. She is almost unrecognizable as an old doctor, with her wig, red lipstick and wrinkle lines.

After about half an hour of frantic yet silent activity, Mrs. A. assembles the cast again. Outside, the audience is waiting for the bleacher area to open.

"OKAY, THEY’VE been lined up out there for 30 minutes already," she says, and proceeds to give encouragement and instructions. After directing relaxation exercises for the cast — some in full makeup, most still undergoing the transition from 1977 to 1939 — she calls them together once more. Arms entwined, the group listens intently to her final whispers of encouragement.

Outside, it is becoming dark; the bleachers are filling with restless people.

David Sinaiko, already transformed into Prof. Metz, murmurs his lines to a wall. Other cast members hug each other, scream for makeup brushes or adjust their costumes.

Jorge Hinojosa comes in, his face still painted from the court show. Now every inch the stage manager, he calls, "Everybody shut up. Ten minutes, okay? Places in five minutes, okay!" It is 8:30.

JON SIMON, who plays the lead role, paces through the cafeteria like the production manager of a busy factory, above the chaos of the moment.

The pre-show music dims and the audience cheers in anticipation.

"OKAY, THEY’VE been every inch the stage manager," he calls, "Everybody shut up. Ten minutes, okay? Places in five minutes, okay!" It is 8:30.

Once that ends, the actors descend from the stage, hugging and congratulating each other. It seems like a reunion of old friends, brought together again after many weeks of hard work.

WARM AND RAINLESS weather drew record crowds to this year’s May Festival, May 19-21. According to Student Coordinator Mitchell Saywitz, an estimated 3,600 people thronged the streets of the courtyard, transformed into small town Ohio in 1939, setting of the Festival play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner.

For those who came with empty stomachs, there was plenty to fill them with — tacos, bratwurst, falafel, taffy apples, popcorn, crepes and cake — though some booths sold out Friday night.

An evening long court show included musical, gymnastic, mime and dance performances, including the traditional May Pole dance. The Film Club showed silent films in Blaine Hall.

The play attracted so many people that the audience outnumbered the available bleacher seats. Undaunted, many people stood through the entire 2 hour, 45 minute production.

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