Theater will fall short of original plan

By James Marks, political editor

Student handbooks, which the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) was to have distributed at the start of the year but failed to produce, have been made the responsibility of Student Activities Director Donald Ashman.

EXPLAINING why SLCC did not distribute last year’s handbook, President Anne Williams-Ashman said a committee was formed last winter to revise and update the old handbook but did not accomplish much.

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Ms. Anna McPherson, guidance secretary, was hired to prepare a prospectus. The University was to be responsible for developing working plans and construction of the approved prospectus.

REMOLDING was planned in three stages. Mr. Ashman explained:

"The first phase was concerned with safety," he said. "The section which hasn’t been fully completed up to date is associated with making the theater more than an adequate facility, such as the gallery, curtains and lighting.

And the third stage, which will be deferred until the schools receive a gift that purpose involved sealing, sound and renovation of the record rooms."

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Student government officers elected Sept. 9 are as follows:

SLCC representatives: Senior, Dan Trosman; junior, John Ashman; sophomore, Carla Highower and Maria Rossago; freshmen, Tracy Dreweng; freshmen, Mark McDermott.

Winning class officers (positive school conditions, last spring): Vice president, Maria McPherson; treasurer, Vincent Webster; secretary, Kathy Williams.

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Outlook bright for great year

If these first few weeks of the fall quarter are a clue as to how the '77-'78 school year will go, U-High's outlook is brighter than it has been in several years.

For instance, faculty and teams have been working hard hours to achieve not only top ranks in the Independent School League, but also an unspoken enthusiasm. Supportive students and teachers can magnify that enthusiasm.

Cultural Union has organized a varied schedule of activities to follow last year's successful events, which dressed consistently large crowds. The Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), which dealt with a greater number of issues and projects last year, needs only to continue the pace this year. Headed by more serious and responsible leaders than last year, SLCC is now ready to work with the SLCC on clarifying and rewriting school rules.

As a result, the staff is thriving. They can be strengthened by students and teachers. Communication and trust between administrators, faculty and students continue to improve.

Of course, the school still has its problems. Many teachers fail to show up at faculty meetings and student social events, a long-term problem which needs attention, rather than subterfuge.

Equal consideration for boys' and girls' sports teams and teachers continues to improve.

Write a letter to the Midway

There's a bit of journalist in everyone, and the Midway welcomes and encourages letters from all U-High students, faculty and staff. Midway Mailbox provides a chance for you to speak out.

If your letter is not selected, keep your letter brief and please sign it. If you drop it off at the Publications Office (rooms 4 and 7) by the Friday after an issue appears, your letter will be considered for the following issue. Should your letter require existing for legal or other reasons we will contact you.

"THAT'S STRANGE. I SEE A SCHOOL BUILDING.
AND IT'S SMILING."

FIRST PERSON

The night the lights went out

Alex Garbers

Not everyone was out to vandalize. Some people guided cars and pedestrians through busy intersections, preventing total chaos and potential accidents. As the evening progressed, people came out to the streets to celebrate.

My parents and I decided to take the bus home. Cabs weren't in service so the bus was overload of passengers. As we waited at the bus, the police guard a Woolworth's store, where the front window had been smashed by looters. The alarm raing as pedestrians poured in. Two buses, filled to capacity, passed us by. We decided to walk home, 2 blocks (one mile) up Broadway.

"I glanced at my watch. It was 9:34."

OUR FIRST THOUGHT was that a fuse had been blown. Then it dawned on us that we were experiencing a blackout. I jumped to the window. Already people swarmed in the streets and candles flickered in some windows. Across the Hudson River I could see the lights of New Jersey. A transistor radio informed us that all of New York City had lost electrical power and no one could estimate when it would be restored.

After waiting an hour by candlelight for the electrical power to resume, my parents and I decided to take the bus home. 

CANDLELIGHT GUIDED us from room to room as we prepared for bed. In our area of Manhattan, the power would be restored for 12 hours. In other areas the blackout would last a full day.

"Where were you when the lights went out?" became a common phrase at New York's height. T-shirts as moments of their participation in the blackout of '77.

Says who?

What is the worst mistake a newcomer to U-High can make?

Joshua Gerick

In choosing your major, do what you feel will lead you to the best college decision.

Charlie Boothman

Senior student at U-High who has attended this school for 4 years, and is currently preparing for his senior year.

Carol Henry

Junior at U-High who has attended this school for 3 years, and is currently preparing for his junior year.

In OTHER WORDS

Common(s) man wins

By Paula Niedenthal

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Tennis team improving, girls feel

Tomorrow's match with Oak Park, 4 p.m., here, represents the toughest competition of the year for the girls' tennis team, feel the players and their new coach, Karen Lawler.

The Maroons are at the moment 1-4 but Doubles Player Kathy Daskal feels the team is playing better lately.

"We had a shaky start of the season because of lack of practice," she commented, "but the team is definitely improving steadily."

Also hampering the team's performance is the loss of last year's First Singles Player Jane Cooper, who had to drop out of the season with a knee injury. Another top player from last year, Leslie Wren, graduated.

So far the Maroons have had their problems:

PARKER, Sept. 15, here, 1-4 — The only match won from the Red Devils was by doubles, Raeder Fuller and Judy Solomon.

LATIN, Sept. 28, here, 3-1 — Third Singles Player Laura Locken was, as in the actual doubles match between U-High and North Shore.

North Shore Invitational, Sept. 29 — All three singles players won. Blandin, Green, and Goodman.

North Shore Invitational, Aug. 23 — First doubles team of Locken and Goodman provided the only match the Maroons won.

Meet here today

Runners undefeated

A meet today, 4 p.m., here, against one of the top teams in the state last year, De La Salle, has the undefeated cross country team looking to come out on top.

The team has scored victories in two huge invitational meets, Lake View and Dixon, and is entertaining thoughts of going downtown to the Illinois Class A finals.

Maroon David Goldberg pointed out that "Peter Lortie and Dick Vandervoort are two of the top Class A runners in the state, plus we have a great coach in Mr. Rano Frondi."

As for the frosh-soph squad, it competed in four meets, winning one, finishing fifth in another, ninth in another, and not competing with enough runners to score in places to another.

In their meets so far, the runners have had well:


All stories on this page by David Rothblatt, sports editor.

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Soccer stars face tough Huskies

Having played and beaten every team in the Independent School League (ISL) once, with a 4-0 record (+6) overall, the varsity soccer team starts the second half of its ISL season today with a game against tame North Shore, 4 p.m., here.

Tomorrow's game versus Oak Park's Huskies, however, is the one the Maroons are excited about.

"OUR TOUGHEST opponent overall is Oak Park," said Fullback Hosain Lipson. "It's always an exciting game and I think we can win it."

Assessing the Maroons' strengths and weaknesses, Lipson said, "We have a great forward line with Simon Gross and David Light but our main weaknesses are lack of depth at fullback and disorganization among halfbacks. We should win the ISL." A seventh consecutive ISL crown appears imminent for the frosh-soph soccer team, having racked up a 4-0 record against ISL teams while outscoring them 32-2.

"ACTUALLY, competition in the league hasn't changed a bit," observed Goalie Josh Mayers.

"It's against the big schools, like Oak Park, that we find out how good we are."

So far, both frosh-soph and varsity havesparkled (U-High score first, frosh-soph in parenthesis):

NORTH SHORE, Sept. 22, here, 0-1 (1-0) — Lake Forest, 2-0 (2-0).

LATIN, Oct. 17, here, 1-0 — Wilson Park, 3-0 (3-0).

PARKER, Oct. 1, here, 2-0 (1-0) — Chicago Latin, 4-0 (4-0).

PARKER, Sept. 15, here, 1-4 (0-4) — Lake Forest, 2-3 (2-2).

PARKER, Aug. 29, here, 1-0 (1-0) — Wilson Park, 3-0 (3-0).

LATIN, Sept. 15, here, 5-0 (5-0) — Wilson Park, 3-0 (3-0).

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For scholarships 24 make semifinals

Sixteen U-Highers, a record for the school and the largest number from any Chicago school this year, were named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program last month.

Eight semifinalists in the National Achievement program for black students were also named.

Both programs are sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Scholarships are funded by businesses, schools and foundations.

Junior and senior semifinalists in their senior year by scoring at the top on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

To qualify for finalist standing and become eligible for Merit and Achievement scholarships, semifinalists must have high academic standing, endorsements from their principal and high scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

College Counselor Betty Schneider attributes the large number of Merit semifinalists to a decline in national PSAT and SAT scores, not reflected at U-High where they generally have remained the same, and the academic quality of the senior class.

Ellis Reid, the first U-Higher in several years to be both a Merit and an Achievement semifinalist, said he was surprised "that more people don't make both lists," adding facetiously, "all you have to do is be black."

Other Merit and Achievement semifinalists are as follows:


ACHIEVEMENT - Lesley Williams, James Edwards, Charles Webb, Marcus Helman.

Twenty-six U-Highers received letters of commendation for high scores on the PSAT as follows:

MERIT - Monica Deutsch, Susan Williams, Amanda Caster, Leslie Shlaes, Stephen Srofford, Rohan de la Oxnard, Hugh Eight semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program last month.

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