By Mark Hornung, editor-in-chief

Towering Christmas trees and holiday lights illuminate dozens of Chicago’s shopping districts and centers. But, though the city’s seven million residents claim the same mainstream as an American, their Christmases will be distinctly different, depending on who they are and where they live.

A bright glare bounces off tall fagades on West Division Street in the Cabrini Green Housing Project. In front of a 20-story cream-colored building, two boys, about 8 years old, engage in a playful snowball fight.

Across the street, 12 men who look to be in their 20’s, draped in fake leather coats, line up outside a liquor store.

A CTA BUS motors west down Division Street and the two boys stop fighting. They begin packing snowballs, then watch the bus come down the street. “Now,” one yells. They run to the curb and unroll the snowballs against the side window of the bus.

The boys break into a fit of laughter. The adults in front of the bus break into applause.

About two miles west on Division Street, in the lower-class Puerto Rican neighborhood known as Humboldt Park, a bag-and-a-half store fronts and “for sale” signs outnumber home signs.

DESERTED side streets appear icy and unlit. Spray-painted graffiti of local gangs decorate dullish grey and red colored building walls.

A Hispanic woman of about 30, dressed in green polyester slacks, leads her two and a half sized daughter into a corner grocery store for their weekly purchase. Before entering the store, she points to Division Street and says, “Jericho, do you want to go to the movies?”

As you can see, we don’t have too much to celebrate about.

On 59th Street, just west of Washington, the 8th grade hall of Grenshaw Jr. High, a radio blares “Boogie Nights” in a L. Station. The radio sits on the students’ wooden floor next to a hunch, greying black man. His brown eyes have rips in the knees and his flimsy, grey overcoat has tears in the elbow.

“When I was a little boy we had the ‘Christmas’,” he says. “My mother was a maid at two rich homes. I tell you, she

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I see,” she says. “It’s just like, you know, a man feels good when he’s got all them blood relations with him.”

At a department store on East 79th Street, a line of jumping, smiling children wait to sit on the lap of a gentle-looking Santa Claus.

A FIVE YEAR-OLD girl wearing a red-checked jumper, red tights and red boots tells the Santa what she wants for Christmas.

“I want two new brown dresses, a new doll house, a new book, a new stuffed animal,” she says. “And to love me,” she says.

The Santa looks at the little girl’s deep, brown eyes and responds, “I would want everything once, and I would want that enough I’m sure.”

“The child kisses the Santa on the cheek and jumps down off his lap. “Merry Christmas,” she says.

DOWNTOWN, thousands of pedestrians hurry in and out of the corridors of Marshall Field’s. Children and adults stop and stare into bright display windows.

“Oooh, mommy, look,” a stunned child says as she peers towards a display window in Marshall Field’s. Her mother, with bundles of packages and shopping bags in both arms, looks down at her daughter.

“I see,” she says. “Christmas is a beautiful holiday, isn’t it?”

Staff cuts to parallel enrollment drop

By Mark Hornung, editor-in-chief

Eleven Lab Schools teachers will lose their jobs this year because of renewal of their contracts, when they expire, cannot be guaranteed.

Because of declining enrollment, administrators may reduce the number of staff and restructure curriculum.

Enrollment in the Schools has declined from 1,611 last year to 1,360 this year. Administrators project it will decline further to 1,415 in 1981.

MORE THAN 90 per cent of the enrollment drop is presently in the lower grades, and the affected teachers are in the Lower and Middle Schools.

High School enrollment is projected to remain close to its present 396 for three years, according to Principals McPherson and Jones. Then smaller classes from lower grades will begin to move into the school.

Nine of the teachers being notified are Senior Teachers, on three-year rolling contracts. The other two are teachers on one-year contracts. In their third year at the Lab Schools and eligible to be considered for the rank of Senior Teacher next year, senior teachers can notify if they wish to remain in their present position or opt for an alternate start.

LAB SCHOOLS Director R. Grace McPherson gives five reasons for the decline in enrollment:

-COST — With tuition ranging from $3,260 to $5,320 in the Nursery School, an increasing number of class families cannot afford to send their children to the Lab Schools.

-UNIVERSITY AND LAB SCHOOLS FAMILY GETTING OLDER — As a result, many of them no longer have children to send.

-DECLINE IN THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL BIRTH RATE — Like other schools in the state, the Lab Schools are finding fewer students to choose from.

IF THE TRENDS of declining enrollment is to be halted, Mr. McPherson said, hope lies in a schoolwide recruitment plan.

Such a plan could include recruitment in metropolitan area grammar schools and a program of publicity about the Lab Schools and the accomplishments of its students.

“So far our number one problem has been that there has been no one to take charge of such a program,” Mr. McPherson said. He plans by the end of the year to appoint such a person.

THOUGH SUCH a program might slow an enrollment decline, Mr. Jones said, administrators are planning curriculum and teaching staff size with continued enrollment decline in mind.

One curriculum area receiving close attention will be foreign languages.

While both Mr. McPherson and Mr. Jones say it is too early to say if curriculum restructuring will occur, they do agree that foreign languages are always among the most vulnerable of school courses because they are susceptible to national trends.

Several foreign language teachers told the Monitor they fear German and Latin might be cut altogether from the program because enrollment in those classes has dwindled.

In response, Mr. Jones said that administrators are committed to “restructure the ways in which our languages are offered before eliminating them.”

Grads get party bids

Members of the class of 1977 have been invited to this Friday’s Christmas homecoming dance, according to Cultural Union (C.U.) President Geoff Schamb.

C.U. and the Black Students Association (BSA) have invited the seniors to attend the party, 7:30-11 p.m. in 1216, University of Chicago Commons.

A band probably will provide music for the dance, Guentz said. Otherwise a disc jockey will play records.

Free refreshments will be provided and prizes awarded.

At a pizza party Dec. 5, the junior class got a head start on holiday celebrating.
AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

Says who?

How old were you when you first learned the truth about Santa Claus and what was your reaction?

For the past nine years, the May Festival has provided the school with an ambitious project involving the community and the school.

The three-night festival, which consists of food, games and booths, student talent performances and a major drama production, involves students, teachers and parents in planning and producing a major cross-curricular and cross-event activity.

The Festival involves the community also. Last year more than 3,000 people attended. And it benefits a worthy cause, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Last year the fund received about $4,000 in profits from food and ticket sales and patrons’ donations.

Although the festival has become a popular school and community tradition, and draws thousands of people, many students, teachers and administrators have become disillusioned with it. A student committee organized by Student Activities Director Donald Jacobson has been discussing possible changes or alternatives for the festival.

The major problem in recent years has been the decreasing number of students and teachers willing to plan, construct and clean up the festival.

The result is a major burden on the few people who do make themselves available.

The Festival’s setting, the courtyard between U-High and Blaine Hall, also has been the subject of complaint. The outdoor stage, bleachers, booths and construction equipment obstruct the area traveled by Lower and Middle School students. Administrators have ruled out the area as a location for future festivals.

Both Director R. Bruce McPherson and Principal Geoff Jones have suggested Scammons Garden as a possible alternative. But Drama Teacher Julia Accbruni told the Midway that a festival in Scammons would pose several problems for an outdoor play. “We would need a place for the stage and lights, electricity and something would have to be done about sound and security,” she explained.

Mr. Jones feels such problems can be solved.

Will there be a festival? One fact is certain. There won’t be a successful festival if people are satisfied merely with finding an adequate new location or discussing the Festival problem.

Administrators must see firm commitment from a large number of faculty members, students and parents to give major importance to planning, producing and cleaning up the festival.

There’s no question that the festival is a popular event and a valuable school and community effort. The question is whether or not there is enough support to keep a good thing going.

To study without, you know, isn’t ‘typ.

A game went and went to buy food from a deli, ‘Till the door was swung, like a bowl full of jelly. Enough to make him think, ‘I’m his. And his. And his. And his.

The butt of a cigarette each hung on his lip

A correction and apology

The Midway staff wishes to correct, and apologize for, errors in an article on student behavior on the front page of the Nov. 22 issue.

The staff has learned that one incident reported, in which a student placed urine in the coin return of a telephone, took place in a previous year. The story implied the incident took place this year. Another incident reported, of a student climbing up a tree and shaking the limb he was sitting on, omitted the fact that the student was trying to get two soccer balls out of the tree.

“I deeply regret the story was misleading,” said Editor-in-Chief Mark Hornung. “It was a case of an inexperienced reporter and a page editor not doing their jobs properly. In no way does this reflect the usual work of the staff, but we are nonetheless embarrassed.”

Lack of story makes coach doggone angry

From Frosh-Soph Soccer Coach

Larry McFarlane:

I am writing to inform you of an obvious oversight on your part. In the issue of the Midway dated Nov. 22, 1977, all sports teams received coverage except soccer.

Why was this?

Granted the 1977 frosh-soph soccer team did not play in post-season tournament, not to go to the state finals, however, the 43 young men who comprised it worked extremely hard to represent their school.

Your research shows that it was the only team to win 13 games and go totally undefeated in soccer history!

In an overzeal 8 page issue surely these young men deserve as much coverage as Mr. Goodhair or Daisy the wogder dog.

The frosh-soph soccer field made it, why not the team?

In all fairness, mention was made in the 16 second editorial column to all the fine young men and women who represent the athletic teams. The frosh-soph teams are the varsity teams of the future.

Is this fine publication going to the dogs?

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Students, teachers feel Unified Arts program offers variety, specialization, personal touch

By Jessica DeGroot

As the North Central Association (NCA), a school accrediting organization, evaluated U-High.

In the Unified Arts Department, the NCA evaluators concluded that while the teachers were "extremely well-qualified" and had "established marvelous rapport with their students," they were "working under poor physical conditions."

This year, the NCA evaluators will be conducting a new evaluation of the school. Where does the Unified Arts Department stand now?

The Department's 10 teachers generally feel it remains the same, except for a few physical improvements. Typing classes were moved from Belled Hall to a larger room in U-High, with the vacant room as part of a centralized crafts facility. The theater is being remodeled and the home economics room got a lowered ceiling.

The 31 courses presently offered, which include some started since the NCA's last evaluation, range from lack of information about vocal classes to purchasing a big enough variety of film stock. The Home Economics Department Chairperson Robert Rogers, "As a result of a restricted budget, we are unable to purchase a big enough variety of film stock, nowhere near the $50 to $100 necessary to roll a single reel."

Just because you're not going on in music careers, according to College Counselor Betty Gerow, "They think they have to be musical."

"A serious and exciting arts program is offered here," said Susan Marks, "and those who take advantage of it benefit, since they most likely won't get an opportunity later."

Linda Kimball said, "The teachers look from the student's viewpoint and listen to their individual feelings."

Some teachers, however, do wonder just how seriously the program is taken.

Understanding the Arts

The Arts Teacher Dominic Piane senses that "students enjoy the arts but don't want to work too hard."

"I sometimes think the arts are an elective afterthought in the school's mind," he said, "but I can't think of where else to put the money."

Some Unified Arts teachers have said that art requirements at neighboring Kenwood Academy (formerly High School) are higher than at U-High. Checks by the Midway, however, show requirements to be about the same at both schools, with art and music required for about a year each.

At Kenwood, the art credit must be taken in either an art survey course, which gives a general look into arts such as two- and three-dimensional design, printmaking, crafts, painting and drawing, or a new photography class.

Kenwood students can continue their arts studies after studio classes which include drawing, painting, color photography, theater, sculpture and commercial arts.

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"I hope there is no question."

MUSIC: Variety of courses, variety of students

By Matt Gerow

The program offers seven courses covering areas of music appreciation, understanding the Arts, to courses designed for students with specific talents, such as vocal classes.

Two new courses are in recent years enrollment in music classes has risen. So has participation in groups such as the band and orchestra.

Band Sponsor Dominic Piane feels the growth of the band has resulted from improvement of the instrumental program in the lower grades, with involved students continuing with music in the high school.

Choir Instructor Richard Walsh feels more students have joined that group because of the variety of music sang and performance possibilities.

One area in which enrollment is likely to increase is vocal classes. Vocal Teacher Gisela Goettling believes the drop in vocal has resulted from lack of information about her courses.

"People just don't know that's going on in the classes," she said. "They think they have to be excellent singers to do well in them."

Few U-Highers are planning to go on in music careers. Only two of last year's seniors planned to major in music when they graduated, according to College Counselor Betty Schneider.

Music teachers say they could provide a better program with a higher budget. Said Music Department Chairperson Anne Rogers, "As a result of a restricted budget, we are unable to purchase a big enough variety of music. We are also restricted in repairing equipment."

No filmmaking course in sight here

By Matt Biggins

According to the Unified Arts Department Chairperson Robert Erickson, U-High doesn't offer a filmmaking class because "the photography classes operate on a tight budget, something like $5 per student per quarter, barely enough to film and develop one roll of 35mm film, nowhere near the $70 or $100 necessary to make a complete film."

"A beginning film class could be started without a prerequisite of at least one year of photography."

Adam, whose latest film portrayed the typical glow of a police reporter and was scheduled to be shown on a local television station, strongly wants a filmmaking course at U-High.

"Not a filmmaking class," he said. "At least have a film appreciation class which could give a basis in making the different ways that books are discussed in English classes."

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ON ICE:
Hockey Club out at school, but U-Highers still in the game
By Joe Williams

"The speed, the body contact, the intensity of the slapshot crashing into the net for the winning goal,"
That's why Doug Kaplan, one of about 30 U-Highers who play ice hockey, says he likes the game.

Though the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) refused to allocate Student Activities Funds for an ice hockey club, about 10 U-Highers plan to play on their own. SLCC refused the funds after Principal Geoff Jones said the school could not assume responsibility for player safety.

AMONG THE hockey enthusiasts are Hosain Lipson, Steve Stephance, Christian Kirsten, David Trosman and Joe Quinn. All of them learned to skate on the Midway. I had been hockey-minded, I tried," said Hosain, "and decided I wanted to learn to skate. So I went to the Midway.

Froze for skating after Christmas vacation, the Midway is a popular spot for U-Highers to play. "That's where I started playing," Hosain continued. "It was so close and games were easy to get started.

Another popular spot is Lake Meadows Rink. "By the time we started playing," Hosain pointed out. "There were the best games. We were only 12 and no we could get as rowdy as we wanted without hurting each other. I also learned how to skate by playing. Skating is by far the most important skill in the U-High game. At first interests people in hockey, the speed of hockey. At least that's what I got from it for me. It's a skill you have to master before you play good hockey.

But there's more to hockey than skating, as Hosain pointed out.

"YOU ALSO HAVE to know how to stickhandle, check and shoot, and the best way to learn is to play. Playing with friends is the best way to learn because you can freelance without worrying about anyone trying to injure you. You don't want to be the one that's equipment if you're not in a league.

The only U-Higher in a league, David, discussed the importance of the equipment, which includes a helmet, mouthguard, shoulder and elbow pads, pants with hip guard, shin guards and other protective measures, plus skates.

"Equipment is necessary because of the ferocity with which hockey is played," he explained. "I spent $150 on mine but you can spend up to $800 if you want the best. I play in a league at Lake Meadows and they let me get rowdy. I find hockey to be a good outlet for frustrations. Sure it's violent, but that's what makes it hockey.

ON THE PROFESSIONAL level, the National Hockey League has ruled that excessively violent acts are not an acceptable part of the game. It has levied fines of thousands of dollars to players who fight.

"I think it's ridiculous that these players are being penalized for an act that is part of the game," Joe said. "Beating up on somebody or getting beat up makes hockey what it is. When I play I make it a point to get into at least one rowdy battle."

But, Doug pointed out, there are consequences for being rowdy. "It's hip to throw an excellent body check into someone and send them sprawling," he said, gleaming. "but it's no fun getting decked."

BECAUSE OF the large interest in ice hockey here, Christian is organizing a team without school funding. "Most players have all the equipment needed, it's a question of transportation and rink time," he said. With a look of anger, he continued, "past teams have gotten up to $200."

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Volleyballers face toughest foe again

By Laura Mariner

For the second time in four days, the league-leading varsity volleyball Maroons are playing the team they've considered their toughest opponent, the Warriorettes of Morgan Park Academy.

The girls from the southwest gave the Maroons their only ISL losses last year, and they'll be in 2nd place the second season in a row. If the Maroons can beat Morgan Park today they'll have the league championship. If they lose, the two teams will be tied for top spot. The Maroons' final game comes tomorrow at Lake Forest.

THE MAROONS won their first confrontation with the Warriorettes Saturday at Morgan Park, 30-4, 30-11.

"We played really well," said Lynn Samamoto, "because everyone on the team was very aware of each other's playing, people were hustling, getting very hard balls, and we used a lot of strategy!"

Added Sally Neacom, "They weren't as tough as we'd expected them to be."

Today's game, here, begins 4 p.m. "Our chemistry is excellent," pointed out Coach Patricia Seghers. "We have home court advantage and everyone's in our favor."

We're going in with a great team and one win.

IN DISTRICT PLAY Nov. 30 at St. Benedict, the Maroons were defeated in the first round, losing 6-9, 19-20 to Luther South.

"Although the two teams had about the same skill," said Sheila Iggo, "Luther North simply didn't make as many mistakes as we did, and after the first game we just couldn't pull ourselves back."

The girls have done better in regular season play, winning every game so far. Beside their victory at Morgan Park Saturday, and games previously reported in the Midway, they have beaten Francis Parker, Nov. 20, there, 30-17, 30-14; Lake Forest, Dec. 2, here, 30-4, 30-13; Latin, Dec. 5, there, 30-10, 17-30, 29-7; North Shore, Dec. 6, here, 20-24, 20-20; and Latin again, Dec. 9, there, 26-3, 20-16.

THE FRESH-SOPH TEAM also is undefeated, since the last game of the Midway beating Parker 15-4, 10-15, 17-15, 15-2, 15-3.

The squad also considered Morgan Park its biggest challenge but beat the Warriorettes 15-4, 17-15.

Seventeen of the 21 Maroon players are newcomers to the team but, said Cocopah Alex Garbers, "we've got an enthusiastic team and since the beginning of the season we've gained both talent and confidence in our game play."

Added Helen Strauss, the other co-captain, "I think we'll beat Morgan Park, judging by the way they played Saturday. Today's game may be tougher because they know what to expect and they'll have psyched themselves up."

But they'll practice.

A FAST BREAK offense enable U-High's frosh-soph cagers to gain their first victory of the season, 66-60, over Park St. George Dec. 6. Starting Guard Avery Berger triggers a fourth-quarter break.

Cagers face month layoff

By Jeff Himmelsperger

Nearly a month off the court for games, but not for practice, lies ahead for the varsity and frosh-soph basketball teams after today's matches against the Warriorettes.

The Maroons don't play again until Jan. 16, when they travel to Francis Parker. Then, Fri., Jan. 19, they'll face Morgan Park Academy here.

It will be the first time this season that the Maroons face these three tough opponents. The Maroons so far have played six games and will play 12 more.

VARSITY COACH Sandy Patlak views the fluctuating trio of matches as "tough as it gets."

"There won't be an easy game this season."

VARSITY Coach Guy Arkin also predicts the matches will prove tough but feels his team will not be overwhelmed.

Both varsity and frosh-soph players are confident about the season. "We'll either win 1st or 2nd place in the league," said Varsity Forward Leo Linda. Even more confident, Varsity Forward Kevin Lewis predicted, "the team will go downhill because the players work well as a unit."

Frosh-soph guard John Niekroth before the Maroons lost a game to Lake Forest. He feels the team boasts excellent outside shooting.

THE COACHES do not express as much confidence as the players. "The team is dedicated, has high morale and strong leadership in Cocopahs Eric Ruby and Chuck Welch," Mr. Patlak said of the varsity squad. "However, it isn't going to be one of my greater teams."

Mr. Arkin isn't sure of the season's outcome. "It could go either way," he said. "The team's strengths tie it in good shooting, fast ball movement and knowledge of the game."

After six games, the varsity has posted a 2-1 league record (3-3 overall) and the frosh-soph a 2-1 league record (12-4 overall). Game scores, U-High first, frosh-soph in parenthesis, are as follows:

Backed up by Bernita Thigpen, right, Sheila Iggo performs a skillful bump pass in a Maroon-won volleyball game against North Shore Dec. 6. Photo by Dick Tanderockett.

Few U-Highers joining intramurals

"Few U-Highers have been going for intramurals this quarter," according to Phys Ed Teacher William Zervis, who is in charge of the program. "Only five or six High school students show up per day."

Intramurals for Middle and High School students are offered after school until 4 p.m. as follows: Monday, swimming and ping pong; Wednesday, gymnastics and ping pong; and occasionally, Tuesday and Friday, basketball and ping pong.

Mr. Zarvis feels the reason so few U-Highers are turning out for intramurals is, "no many are out for the school teams."
U-High, Parker exchanges set

By James Marks, political editor

For the second year, U-Highers and students from Francis Parker High School on the north side will visit each other's schools in an exchange program. The U-Highers will go to Parker Fri., Jan. 13. Parker students will visit here a week later. Coordinator for the exchange at U-High is Geoff Schlegel, president of the sponsoring Cultural Union (C.U.). Last year the school transported students visiting Parker by chartered bus. This year, Geoff said, the U-Highers will get to Parker on their own because of the expense of a bus.

IN OTHER Cultural Union business, only five clubs were represented at an activities meeting called by Geoff for Nov. 21. At the meeting Geoff presented plans to assign each club in the school a bulletin board for announcements and discussion coordination of club events to avoid conflicts of dates with other club or C.U. events.

"I'm not sure if the poor attendance was due to lack of interest or insufficient publicity," Geoff said. He plans to reschedule the meeting.

In other student government developments, the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) decided at a meeting Nov. 14 to send three representatives to meetings of committees discussing plans for Arts Week and the May Festival (see editorial page 2).

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Debaters to host tourney

By Jeff Blumoebl

For the second year in a row, U-High debaters will host a national tournament at school Dec. 27-29. Invited by Debate Coach Earl Bell, about 100 varsity teams (200 debaters) from 40 high schools will compete, according to Mr. Bell.

TRADITIONALLY, the host team does not participate in its own tournament. Eight U-High novice teams, however, will debate participating varsity teams, according to Mr. Bell.

As hosts, the U-High debaters will pair teams, evaluate results and supervise the tournament, he said.

Teams from outside the Chicago area will be housed with U-High families or stay in hotels or motels, according to Mr. Bell.

DEBATING in Battlefield, U-High and Judd halls, the teams will argue this year's high school debate topic chosen by the American Speech Association.

"However," said Varsity Debater Tim Bell, "five experts on medical care from the University of Chicago will judge the final round.

Results of previously unreported tournaments are as follows:

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A retiree's ongoing careers

By Mary Johnston

"I have a certain characteristic that is best described in one word," Retired Science Teacher Bryan Swan quipped recently. "I'm a ham, an exhibitionist."

Mr. Swan, a broad-shouldered man whose 6-foot frame is capped by snowy white hair, is 70 years old. He taught science at Lab Schools, mostly U-High classes, from 1944 to 1972. He and his wife Virginia are the parents of three sons, all U-High graduates, and recently became grandparents. The Swans live a block from U-High, at 56th St. and Kenwood Ave.

THOUGH RETIRED, Mr. Swan has not retired to home life and substitute and, this year, as the permanent teacher of an Environmental Physical Science class.

Raised in the farming community of Wittenberg, Mo., Mr. Swan left to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis for four years. An outstanding football player, he was named Athlete of the Year as a senior and received an offer to play with the Green Bay Packers.

He turned down the Packers for four years in the Navy as a lieutenant stationed in West Virginia. He coached his fleet's football team.

FOLLOWING his discharge from the Navy he enrolled in the University of Minnesota, where he earned a bachelor of arts in physics and a master's in educational psychology.

Then he began his 32 years of teaching here.

"I have always enjoyed teaching because I love to help people learn," he said. His blue eyes sparkling behind his wire-framed glasses.

His TEACHING extended beyond the classroom. He headed the Chicago area Physical Science Study Committee and, during summers, taught science in places ranging from neighboring states to India.

In 1972, a year after he received the school's highest faculty honor, the Master Teacher award, he reached retirement age.

"It's difficult to retire," he remembers, "because all of a sudden society has said that you don't have it anymore and that you are not needed. But," he added, "I was determined not to just go sit in a rocking chair."

A WEEK after he had taught his last class Mr. Swan joined the volunteer staff at Wyler Children's Hospital. He still goes to the hospital about three times a week to play cards or read stories with his young friends or tutor them in math and science.

"My visiting helps them get their minds off their hurts," he said.

Within a year after volunteering, Mr. Swan won the Chicago Volunteer of the Year Award.

He also went back to school...at U-High. "I have taken four years of German, reading, doing homework and learning with the kids," he said.

Then, with a sigh, he reflected, "With my volunteer work, teaching and substituting I think I may have taken on too much."

ONE WEEK after retiring from U-High, Science Teacher Bryan Swan became a volunteer at Wyler Children's Hospital. Later he won the Chicago Volunteer of the Year Award. Here he shares a soccer magazine with a young sports fan (not staying at the hospital).

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Yearbook wins top honor in state competition

By Joyce Maxberry

Out of four yearbooks in the state, of 41 competing, to win top honors, the 1977 U-Highlights has received the Golden Eagle trophy for overall excellence.

The award is presented by the Northern Illinois School Press Association at DeKalb.

TO WIN the Golden Eagle, yearbooks had to win all six possible Blue Ribbon certificates given by the Association, for excellence in coverage, copy, photography, design, cohesion and creativity.

"A job excellently done," commented the judge. "Keep that creative imagination working. And tell those readers for me that they're lucky indeed to have such a beautiful memory book."

For issues published January-June last year, the Midway won its 24th consecutive All American rating in twice-yearly judging conducted by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

The Midway rating, the Midway had to earn 3,800 of 4,700 possible scorebook points plus at least four of five possible Marks of Distinction.

The Midway earned 4,000 points (over the top because of bonus scores) and all five Marks, in coverage and content, in writing and editing, editorial leadership and opinion features, physical appearance and visual communication, and photography, art and use of graphics.

IN THE WIND

Come rest ye, merry U-Highers

"U-High music ensembles will present a concert 7:30 tonight in Mandel Hall, 57th St. and University Ave. The chamber choir, concert choir, wind ensemble, string orchestras and vocal classes will perform."

It's holiday time again and for U-Highers that means two glorious weeks without classes. Or teachers. Or homework. You hope.

Events for the next five weeks are as follows:

TODAY - Basketball: Glenwood, 4 p.m.; then, Normal, Morgan Park, 4 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 16 - All-school party; 7-9 p.m.

WED., DEC. 22 - Mon.; Jan. 3 - Winter season; on campus.

TUES., JAN. 10 - Basketball, Francis Lab. Academy; then, Morgan Park Academy; 4:15 to 6 p.m.

TUES., JAN. 17 - U-High; after school.

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HAPPINESS IS...

holiday shopping in Hyde Park

It's Christmas time and Sean Sleeper has a dilemma on his hands. Like everybody else, he needs to get gifts for all his friends and relatives. But, like most U-Highers, he doesn't have much time because of his homework load and commitment to school activities such as the basketball team.

So, looking to save both time and money, and searching for unique gift ideas, Sean decided to do his holiday shopping in Hyde Park.

Let's see how he did.

FIRST SEAN went to Cohn & Stern, where he found a wide enough selection of clothing to get a perfect tie for his father, COHN & STERN in the Hyde Park Shopping Center, 732-8100.

KNOWING THAT his relatives all love to read, Sean went to the Book Center, where he found books ranging from the current best sellers to classics. BOOK CENTER in Harper Court, 463-1990.

THINKING OF a nice gift for his mother, Sean went to Able Camera, where a knowledgeable salesman helped him pick a suitable gift for her. ABLE CAMERA, 1519 E. 53rd St., 354-3030.

SEARCHING FOR gift ideas, Sean went to the Scholarship Shop and found a wide variety of possible gifts for his friends at great prices. SCHOLARSHIP SHOP, 1371 E. 33rd St., PA, 4-9178.

GETTING GIFTS for his brothers, Sean went to Art Directions and looked over the wide selection of drawing and painting materials and picture frames. ART DIRECTIONS in Harper Court, 463-6108.

AT SUPREME JEWELERS, Sean saw many attractive items, both small and large, bright and simple, but chose just one for his favorite girl. SUPREME JEWELERS, 1453 E. 33rd St., 354-1460.

SEAN THEN went to the House of Cards, where he found imaginative and cheery cards to go with all the gifts he had bought. HOUSE OF CARDS, 1301 E. 33rd St., 364-6322.

FINISHING HIS SHOPPING, Sean still had enough time and money to go to McDonald's, where he enjoyed the fast service and an inexpensive Quarter Pounder with Cheese. MCDONALD'S, 1344 E. 53rd St., 388-4689.