

Religion: Alive and well at U-High

80 per cent of students polled identify themselves as having one

By David Rothblatt,
special assignments producer

U-Highers got religion. Or at least most of them do.

Eighty per cent of the U-Highers polled in a survey for this Christmas issue of the Midway identified themselves as having a religion. The remaining 20 per cent considered themselves atheists, agnostics or as having no religion.

THE MIDWAY'S survey, conducted during English classes, asked U-Highers to state their religion, how often they attend religious services and whether they were active in other religious activities, such as youth groups. Of about 500 questionnaires distributed, 340 were returned, 68 per cent of the student body. Followup interviews were conducted with students



Art by Chris Maddi

who volunteered for them.

About 20 religions are represented at U-High, according to survey results. About 20 per cent of those responding listed themselves as Jewish, 20 per cent atheist or agnostic, 17 per cent Catholic, 9 per cent Protestant, 4 per cent Baptist and 4 per cent Methodist. About 2 per cent each listed themselves as Lutheran, Episcopalian or Unitarian. About 1 per cent each listed themselves as 7th Day Adventist, Bahai, Islamic, Buddhist or Muslim.

Another 10 per cent listed themselves as Christian, with no specific denomination.

TWENTY PER CENT of those polled said they attend religious services weekly, 10 per cent monthly, 30 per cent a few times a year, and 10 per cent once a year. Thirty per cent said they never attend services. About 23 per cent said they were active in religious activities.

Senior Brone Spann, a 7th Day Adventist who attends church every Saturday, feels that religion helps her with crises in her life. "When I look at all the things I have to do, like school and everything," she said, "I say 'how in the world am I going to get them done?' I know the Lord will help me. He will carry me through each day."

Seventh Day Adventist, Brone explained, is a Protestant religion based on the hope that Christ will return to the earth. "He will take his people, the ones who have been faithful to him, back to heaven with him," she said.

Members of the church observe the

Sabbath on Saturday, the 7th day of the week, because the 4th Commandment instructs people to rest on the 7th day, as God did in creating the world. Most other religions celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday, the 1st day of the week.

FRESHMAN David Johnston, a Mormon, also attends services weekly. "Religion is effective in counterbalancing evils so that people don't just go rotten," he said. "It helps me to keep moral standards and to keep a perspective on my goals in life."

David added that he follows the Mormon religion "pretty strictly. I don't drink alcohol or coffee or smoke or swear, for instance."

Senior Hart Billings, who is Jewish, said, "At the moment, I feel that religion is becoming more important. With all the issues facing us today, religion gives us an outlet to our feelings."

Hart attends services about once a month.

ATTENDING SERVICES is "an obligation," according to senior John Nowicki, a Roman Catholic. "I go to services on Sundays and support the church," he said. "But usually I go because I want to go. A lot of times I go besides Sunday."

"In my neighborhood, Back of the Yards, each culture has its own church," John continued. "There's an Irish church, Polish, Czechoslovakian, and so on. And when I go to services, it's like going into my culture. It gives me an identity. I'm proud to say I'm Polish. The church is one way for me to enjoy my culture."

John also participates in a religious youth group affiliated with his church. "I belong to a Polish folk dancing group sponsored by a Catholic organization," he explained, "and I put in about 2 hours a day twice a week practicing for performances."

ALSO ACTIVE in youth groups, senior Sharon Wilson said members of her church, the Disciples of Christ, "feel very together, like a family. There's something in the church for everyone to do, like activities or groups. In my youth group we do fundraising activities, have

parties and sing in a choir. I feel like I have a part in my church."

Besides going for "social enjoyment," junior Sidney Lee, a Baptist, is active in youth groups to learn more about his religion. "Youth groups are for spiritual growth," he explained. "Usually I go to the Bible study groups."

Some U-Highers feel that being religious doesn't necessarily mean going to services.

"TO ME, religion isn't praying to God all the time but having an inner faith," said junior Jennifer Redus, also a Baptist. "I believe in God, but I don't beg all the time. Sometimes it's nice to know that there is a God because when things are out of control you might be helped out."

Feeling that modern religion is "detrimental," freshman Robert Tevbaugh is one of several U-Highers who have made up their own religion, although he has given his no name. "In modern conventional religions, I felt left out," he said. "The modifications made on traditional religions made me feel that they were breaking the rules of God as I see them."

"We have different religions because the Bible has different interpretations," Robert continued. "But I don't think these interpretations should change with social progressions. I try to interpret the Bible by what it says, not what I would like it to say."

ROBERT FEELS that "modified religions" are "less holy. I think religion is meant to be a strict dictatorship, with God as the dictator and the Bible as a set of rules. I don't stick to it as well as I would like to. I'm not very religious, but I feel that my concept of religion is right. I know what's right, but I'm not doing it."

Many U-Highers who consider themselves atheists or agnostics, or who practice no religion, feel that religion is becoming less important to society. "I think religion used to have a lot more importance than it does now," said freshman Martha Nicholson, who follows no religion. "Back when not as much was known in science, people weren't sure why other people were dying. People needed religion to explain

their environments to them."

Senior Karin Weaver, who also doesn't believe in a religion, said, "These days it seems that religion is for people who don't have anything else, like a lot of old people who have lost their families or jobs. Also, they grew up in more religious times, so they're more accustomed to it."

ALTHOUGH HE considers himself an agnostic, one who is not sure of the existence of God, senior Steve Stephano thinks religion is important to society. "Religion is very effective on society because there are many people who need their unanswered questions answered," he explained. "If they feel happy about the answers, then religion is good."

Explaining the reason she doesn't believe in God or in a religion, Karin said, "I don't believe in it because I can't see there being any supernatural force or any Supreme Being. I don't think there's anything on earth besides what we can see."

U-Highers have mixed views on whether life continues in another form after death.

"I think any concept of an afterlife is garbage," Karin said. "Heaven, Hell and anything else is just unrealistic."

DAVID BELIEVES in an afterlife of heaven. "My idea of afterlife," he explained, "is that there's a celestial kingdom — heaven — with 3 levels: low, medium and high. The purer you are in life, the higher you go. There are 2 lower kingdoms, too."

Hart said, "I haven't really thought about whether there is or isn't one or about what it is if there is one."

Steve said, "Why should I worry about an afterlife, when I'm living right now? If there is one, there is, and if there isn't, there isn't."

WHETHER U-HIGHERS believe in God is not always related to their religious beliefs, according to survey results.

Senior David Light, who is Protestant but said he is "not religious," reflected a view expressed by many U-Highers in the survey. "I don't believe in God," he said. "I've just never seen any evidence that there is one."

Special this issue

THIS ISSUE of the Midway includes special advertisements to help U-Highers and their families get ready for the holidays. The large amount of ads in this issue also will help finance larger issues of the Midway later in the year. Please tell advertisers you saw their ad in the Midway. The more ads we get, the bigger paper you get.

Teacher becomes teachers' helper

Social studies teacher Edgar Bernstein, on leave of absence from U-High this year, has found his 3 months as executive director of the Teacher Curriculum Work Center, 1400 E. 53rd St., "extremely complex and demanding but professionally rewarding."

The Center, which has a membership of more than 300 teachers, day care center staff members and parents from all over Chicago, was established in 1972 by 5 teachers to develop and revise curriculum and teaching aids for elementary school students.

Mr. Bernstein, as executive director, coordinates the Center's services, such as workshops given by educators. He also submits proposals for state, federal and foundation grants. The Center also receives funding from community donations and membership fees.

More than 3/4 of the board of directors, the 5-person fulltime staff which directs the Center, and Center members are teachers or former teachers. Of the remaining people, the majority are Hyde Park residents.

Since Mr. Bernstein became executive director Sept. 1 membership has been increased, primarily, he believes, as a result of publicity and efforts by teachers who represent the Center at their schools.

Mr. Bernstein believes the Center provides unique services.

"The Center is extremely valuable to teachers," he explained. "Most schools don't have the research base, time or staff assistance to revise and develop curriculum, whereas we do."

Located on the 1st floor of the Hyde Park YMCA, the Center consists mainly of a library, bookstore and "Drop-In Room," a large workroom with displays of teaching materials, a laminating machine and construction supplies. Members use the resources in the room to make teaching aids.

Mr. Bernstein, who was named executive director at the Center after responding to an ad in the Reader newspaper, has the option of remaining there another year before returning to teaching at U-High. He has not yet, however, reached a decision on whether to come back next year.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Teacher Curriculum Work Center on 53rd St., social studies teacher Edgar Bernstein, on leave of absence from U-High, explains how to make

Photo by David Yufft

alphabet cards to Ms. Sarah McBride, a teacher at Sojourner Truth Child Care Center, 4945 S. Dorchester Ave.

House parties, rage last year, infrequent now

By Joe Williams, community editor

What happened to all the house parties of last year? Given on the average of 1 a weekend, they drew as many as 300 people to the homes of high school students in Hyde Park and Kenwood. This year, the parties have dwindled to only a few, with 15 to 20 people attending.

In a feature story last March, the Midway described the parties, some given as "open house" events anyone could attend and others given as invitation-only affairs.

While the parties were in progress, parents usually were away from the house. Activities included dancing, sometimes drinking or drug use, occasionally sex and sometimes damage to

the house resulting from vandalism or theft of property. After the Midway's story appeared, U-Highers speculated that it would bring an end to the parties because of parental reaction. The parties, however, continued through the spring.

Most people interviewed who had not given a party felt the Midway's story was one reason fewer are being given this year. "Students realized if their house was damaged their parents would remember the story and say 'is this what went on?'," said sophomore Beata Boodell.

But all but one person who had given parties, and some who hadn't, felt the major reason for the low number this year is the property damage which results from them.

"People still want to go to parties, but nobody is willing to give them," said senior Liz Takeuchi. "The givers found out it's hard to limit the number of people who come to a party. They just don't want to take the risk of having their house torn to shreds."

Instead of large parties some U-Highers have been going out in small groups for their weekend fun. "I still get together with a few friends to go out and get stoned," a junior boy who frequently attended parties last year said. "The degree to which we partied last year hasn't changed, just the number of people who we do it with."

Ms. Janet Helman, chairperson of the Upper School Council of the Parents' Association, said she was surprised to

learn of the decline in parties. "I really can't imagine why there aren't any more parties," she said. "After that issue came out the parents were more perturbed by the article in the same issue stating that kids were coming to class high. Most of the parents at our meetings had no idea these parties were going on."

Principal Geoff Jones also expressed surprise at the decline in parties.

One junior boy disappointed by the absence of parties feels they will make a return. "The older people who have the houses for parties are tired of giving the parties because of the destruction," he said. "Once the freshmen who have houses big enough get a little older, I think the trend toward house parties will return."

Holiday feasting.



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Cakes, cookies, brownies and other baked goods, made by U-Highers, will be judged in Cultural Union's Baking Contest, 2:30 p.m., Tues., Jan. 16 in the cafeteria. A panel of faculty members will judge the entries and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Signup sheets for U-Highers who want to participate in the contest will be placed in the front entrance the 1st week in January, according to C.U. president Sabryna King.

C.U. also may sponsor a trip to Old Chicago, the indoor amusement park in Bolingbrook, 7:30-11 p.m., Fri., Jan. 26. The trip would cost approximately \$3 and money would be collected on the 2nd floor landing the 3rd week in January, Sabryna said. The trip, however, is not definite, she added.

The Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) plans to sponsor a book fair either Mon.-Tues., Jan. 29-30, or Tues.-Wed., Jan. 30-31 in the library. Members of the 3 branches of student government will sell both paperback and hardcover books on various subjects provided by "Poor Richard's," a bookstore in Batavia. An undecided percentage of book sales profits will be kept by the school and probably used to buy library books, according to SLCC president Anders Thompson.

SLCC's plans to paint parts of the school have moved ahead, with the work now scheduled for

Christmas vacation, according to Anders. To provide a place for students to relax, SLCC plans to carpet and furnish the 2nd floor corridor between Blaine and Belfield halls. SLCC also plans to request that a wall be constructed in the cafeteria from the doors to the "Alan Haskell" mural to make an area where U-Highers could listen to

Student government

By John Schloerb,
Government editor



music without disturbing nearby classrooms or other students in the cafeteria.

To improve communication in the school, SLCC also plans to install larger bulletin boards in the front entrance during vacation.

Approximately 300 people attended the Christmas party sponsored by C.U. and the Black Students Association Friday evening in the cafeteria. Fried chicken, cole slaw, cookies, pop and apple cider were served. Dressed as Santa Claus, junior Andrew Dibble handed out candy canes to good U-High girls and boys. A disc jockey provided music.

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Summation

•Choirs bring Christmas to chapel tonight

Christmas music will be featured as a part of "Christmas at the Chapel," tonight's program by the concert and chamber choirs 7:30 p.m. at Bond Chapel on the University campus. The public is invited. The choirs will also perform Renaissance and Baroque music.

•Faculty committee approves 3-day Arts Week

A 3-day Arts Week, Wed., Feb. 28-Fri., Mar. 3, with classes meeting the equivalent of 1-1/2 days and programs meeting the rest of the time, was approved by the faculty at its Dec. 4 meeting. The approved format, which also makes provisions for expanding the number of programs during the 3 days, incorporated proposals made by the Student Arts Week Committee and the Student Legislative Coordinating Council. The Faculty Arts Week Committee had made a proposal that Arts Week be limited to 1-1/2 days, with no classes taking place.

Thirty students attended the 1st meeting of the Student Arts Week Committee Nov. 13 and volunteered for work. The students' theme suggestion, "Art in the Urban Environment," which had been approved by the Faculty Arts Week Committee, was also accepted by the faculty at its meeting.

•Fall production draws crowds, praise

About 470 people, out of a possible 600 over 5 performances, attended this year's fall production, "Dark of the Moon," according to drama teacher Liucija Ambrosini, the play's director. Ms. Ambrosini praised all facets of student work in the production. "Everything—excellent ensemble work by the actors, excellent work and timing by the crews—came together to create a mood the audience quickly responded to," Ms. Ambrosini said. "Many people praised the production qualities as well as the actors' performances."

•Senior wins honor in English contest

Named a finalist in this year's National Conference of Teachers of English writing achievement competition, senior Kirsten Engel will be able to include a letter of confirmation with college applications. Selected by English teachers to represent U-High, Kirsten submitted an essay on the topic of the rebel in literature, society and history, which she had an hour to write. Kirsten also submitted a paper of her own choosing, one she had written on "Moby Dick" for an English class.

•10 get Merit, Achievement commendations

Ten U-Highers have received commended status in the National Merit or Achievement scholarship programs. They qualified by scoring in the top 5 per cent of their state or region, respectively, on PSATs. The commended students are as follows: MERIT—Paul Gebhard, Hersch Glagov, Ann Hightower, Rachel Kligerman, David Light, Karl Pinc, Gayle Waitches; ACHIEVEMENT — Tina Pompey, Edwidge Raoul, Lynn Scott.

•Debaters to fly to Pittsburgh tourney

Leaving Chicago Friday not for vacation but for a debate tournament, varsity debaters Ben Roberts and Thomas Freedman will fly to Pittsburgh. Coach Mike Shortley will accompany them to the tourney, at the University of Pittsburgh. The varsity debaters lost a tournament 2-3 in preliminary rounds Nov. 17-18 at Glenbrook South. At a tournament Nov. 24-25 at Northwestern University, the team advanced to octofinals (16 teams), in which the U-Highers lost 0-3. Ben won an individual award for 14th speaker out of about 300 debaters at the Northwestern tournament. At Homewood-Flossmoor Dec. 1-3, novice teams lost 2-4, 2-4 and junior varsity lost 2-3.

•BSA conducting Christmas toy drive

Urging U-Highers to donate to its Christmas toy drive, the Black Students Association (BSA) has placed a barrel in which contributions can be placed in front of the High School office. Barrels also have been placed in Blaine and Belfield halls. Toys collected will go to St. Bernard's Hospital, 6337 S. Harvard Ave., and to the Department of Human Services, 841 E. 63rd St., for distribution. About 300 cans were collected during BSA's Thanksgiving canned goods drive, according to Edwidge Raoul, who coordinated it. Contributions were delivered to the Department of Human Services for distribution to needy people throughout the city.

•Four seniors to finish classes Friday

Four seniors—Susan Goldfarb, Maria Hinojosa, Jim Reginato and Kirsten Engel—will finish classes here Friday. Susan will continue taking a chemistry course here and plans to either work at Michael Reese Hospital or take a course at the University of Chicago. Maria will attend a university in Mexico for a few months, taking noncredit courses in art, Mexican history and anthropology. As part of the Experiment in International Living Program, Jim with 10 to 15 other Americans will go to England to stay with a family and attend high school, travel around the country, and then attend lectures at Oxford University. Kirsten will work at the Save the Dunes Council in Beverly Shores, Indiana.

•Two faculty members become daddies same day

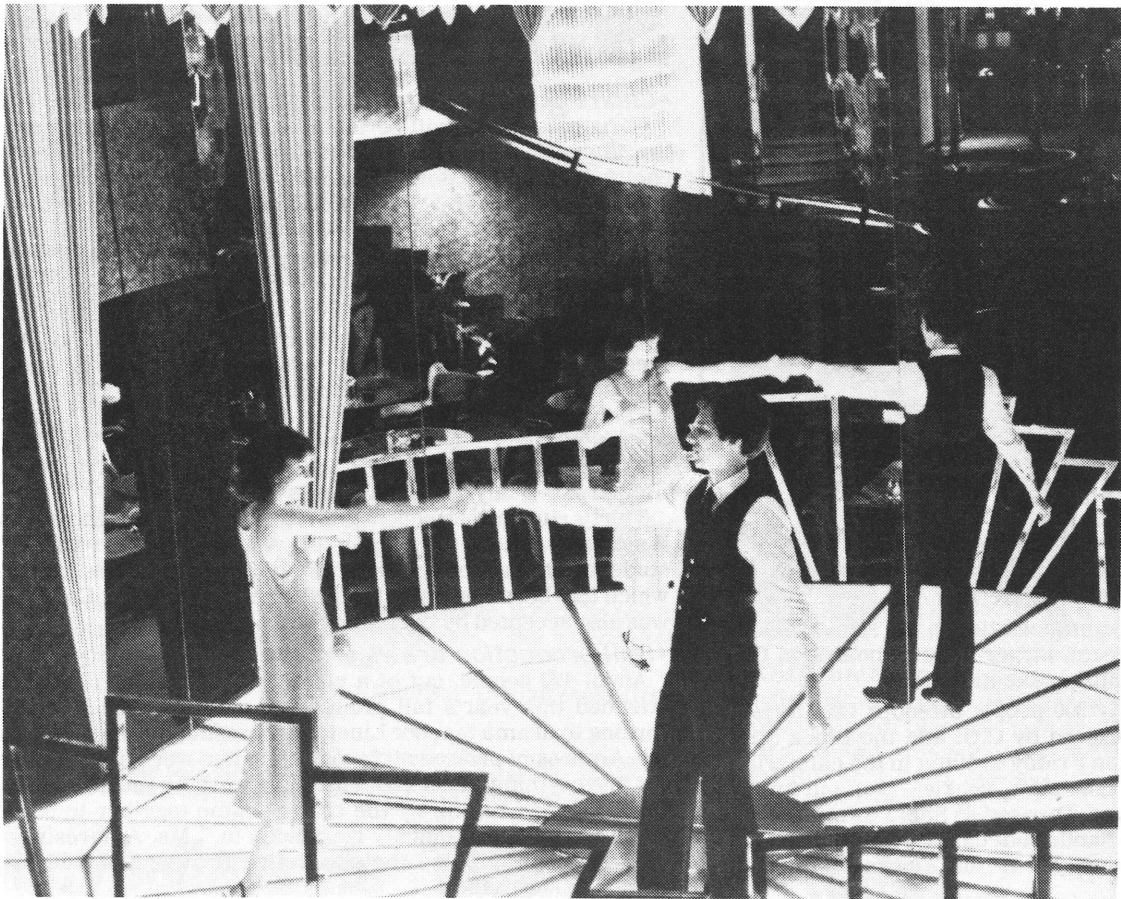
One day brought 2 new babies to U-High faculty members. At 4:56 a.m. Nov. 21, Latin teacher Donald Jacques and his wife Virginia, formerly a secretary here, became parents of Nicholas Vetri Jacques, 8 pounds and 4 ounces. At 5:49 p.m., Physics teacher Detlef Frank and his wife Ann became parents of Nadja Katherine, 8 pounds and 15 ounces.

•Language clubs join for brown bag lunch

French, Latin, German and Spanish club members were to lunch together today in U-High 304-5 at a brown bag meeting sponsored by the French Club. French club members previously enjoyed a potluck dinner Oct. 27 at Lynn Sasamoto's house. After dinner, they saw the French opera-ballet combination "Les Sauvages" at Mandel Hall.

•Crafts, painting classes exhibit creations

Work by students in Ms. Nella Weiner's crafts and painting classes are on exhibit in 1st floor showcases in U-High. Among the work displayed is jewelry, ceramics and pastels.



A SPIRAL STAIRCASE, lighted dance floor and sparkling mirrors surround Caren Pollack and John Mullan as they pretzel in Zorine's, a

luxurious discotheque and private club on the Near North Side.

Photo by Chris Newcomb

Touring the discos on a Saturday night

The long, completely mirrored, hexagonal hallway vibrates to the beat of the disco music. At the end of the hallway is the source of the sound, the Galaxy disco, 604 N. Clark St., as futuristic as a movie set for "Star Wars." Everything is made of sparkling plastic, chrome or glass. Plush multilevel seating, crowded with smiling, talking, drinking people, surrounds the sunken dance floor, as in a small arena.

The dance floor is the center of attention. Couples, dressed in everything from faded blue jeans to designer suits and dresses, dance on the 1800-square-foot flashing dance floor. Spotlights cast constantly changing patterns of colored lights upon them.

The disc jockey, a 6-foot-or-over broad-shouldered, bald black genie, glances around the room from behind the green glass of his enclosed booth at the far end of the dance floor. Almost deafening disco and popular soul music, emitted from numerous towering speakers, fill the room with sound.

The Galaxy disco is 1 of 6 Chicago discos a date and I visited on a recent Saturday night. Most of them were lavish installations, the kind a recent issue of Life magazine claims can cost up to \$3 million to build.

The discotheque provides an alternate to the night club, which provides the entertainment while the audience simply watches. At a disco, a couple goes out onto the dance floor and becomes part of the entertainment. Almost all seats face the dance floor.

Some discos take on a futuristic decor such as the Galaxy's. Many are simply modern and ornate, such as Zorine's, 1 W. Maple St., which admits only members. A few have a more contemporary style, such as BBC, 9 W. Division St., decorated with brick and woodwork.

According to Life, 10,000 discos are now open across the country, with new clubs opening at the phenomenal rate of 20 a week. Last year's revenues exceeded \$4 billion, equivalent to 2/3 of the combined gross incomes of both the recording and movie industries. No less than 37 million Americans visited a disco at least once last year.

The music played at the majority of these clubs is classified as disco, not to be confused with popular soul music, which is similar and also played at many discos. Disco music is almost completely instrumental, including anything from a symphony orchestra to African rhythm instrumentals. Much of it has a fantasy or futuristic quality such as Donna Summer's album "Once Upon A Time". The most noticeable aspect of disco music is the everpresent pulsating beat.

One disco which includes popular soul in its program is the Happy Medium, 901 N. Rush St., which has the best disco sound system I've

Positively Critical

By John Mullan, Midway critic



heard. The Phoenix, 2848 N. Broadway, plays all-disco music. The club is ultraluxurious and the majority of the dancers are well above average in skill, form and dexterity. BBC plays an even mixture of popular soul and disco as does the Galaxy. Beautiful people and almost impeccable fashion are the high points of BBC, while the Galaxy offers dancers a glimpse of the future.

In visiting these and other discos I had no problem with admission. Because of state liquor laws, most discos require that a person be 21 years old to enter. If this provision doesn't bother you but you're hesitant about visiting a disco because you feel that you can't keep up with the better dancers, don't put off going. The average dancers outnumber the good dancers by about 5 to 1 at most clubs. You may not get past the door, but if you do, chances are you won't want to leave.

As the readers see it—

Midway created issue

From senior Anders Thompson, president of the Student Legislating Coordinating Council:

The recent editorial on student government was a prime example of creating an issue where none really existed. I fail to see how the Student Legislative Coordinating Council could be losing power and authority as the constitutionally legitimate voice of the students, given the examples you cite. Although I cannot speak for Student Union, Students for a Better Environment have always maintained an attitude of working with SLCC, as their letter to last year's Midway points out.

Furthermore, you tell us that neither group has produced anything. (In fact, SLCC interceded in the painting of the school precisely BECAUSE Students for a Better Environment was doing nothing.) If so, then how can they compete with SLCC for power?

The two action groups are independent organizations by their own choices. Is the Midway suggesting that SLCC move in and seize control of these groups? If so, would that not jeopardize the principles of democracy and individual autonomy that are the foundation of our student activities program? The next step might be to try to suppress the Midway; surely you wouldn't want that.

As for the Student Evaluations Committee, it is under SLCC's constitutional authority, since it receives funds from SLCC. Furthermore, Student Evaluations began as a committee independent of student government, so that, overall, SLCC has not lost anything.

It is deeply disappointing to me that the Midway, in its position as an effective tool for communication in our school, chooses to demean everything student government does, rather than support student government and channel problems and suggestions to it. If you are truly "committed to the importance of student government as a medium for student power," your editorials should do the latter.

It is unfortunate that Student Union and Students for a Better Environment do not feel that they can work through SLCC; we have been, and will continue to be, open to their input. But, on the balance, it seems obvious to me that SLCC has done more for the students, and the school, since the year began than the "action groups" combined have done since their creation.

One personal complaint: When I was asked if I thought my participation in these groups interfered with my responsibilities as SLCC president, I answered that question. If "interference isn't the point" then I should have been asked a question that got to the point.

College feature 'excellent'

From college counselor Betty Schneider:

I liked your stories on aspects of college admissions in the last issue of the Midway. It is not hard to imagine the time and effort that went into the excellent full-page spread. From my point of view, it was well worth it.

Not only did you give your readers an insightful view of an experience practically all of them will go through, but you presented alternatives in its pace and process. Thank you for making my job easier.

Hockey cocaptain grateful

From senior Suzanne Tarlov, cocaptain of the varsity field hockey team:

Dear friends, fans and family:

As a member of the 1978 field hockey team, which placed 2nd in the state tournament, I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support. Your encouragement helped us win on the Midway and provided us with winning inspiration for the sectional games at Homewood-Flossmoor and at the quarter and semifinal games at New Trier West. I especially found your positive support after we lost in the final game to Edwardsville particularly comforting when we really needed it.

Thank you all!!!

Library behavior

At 9 o'clock on a recent Sunday night, on the 3rd floor of Regenstein Library, there is violence in the eyes of 20 University students.

They are glaring at 6 U-Highers sitting at, on or around a large desk. While 2 junior girls sitting on the desk chat noisily with a seated senior boy, another senior boy sitting

at the desks sings, "Me and My Uncle," a Grateful Dead song. He concludes his performance with a resounding belch.

Yet another senior boy is so amused with himself for throwing crumpled paper balls across the table at the only U-Higher in sight who is actually studying that he steps into a waste basket while convulsed with laughter.

The University students may not have to resort to violence to eliminate the annoying presence of such U-Highers. According to U-High Library chairperson Winfred Poole, U-Highers may not be allowed to use Regenstein next quarter.

About a month ago, Mr. Poole received a telephone call from Ms. Patricia Wilcoxen, head of Regenstein circulation, informing him that U-Highers had been seen smearing obscenities with carbon paper on

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Penny Dreadfuls

By Jonathan Silverman, Midway columnist



The other side of life

Living in 1 place seems to narrow the perspective a person has about people who live in another place.

Recently we interviewed students from suburban high schools and then students from city high schools on the differences they see between themselves. Most of the students had no experience on which to base their opinions. Based on hearsay, 90 per cent of them expressed a strongly negative attitude about students living in the city or suburbs, whichever the case.

But here's what some of the people who did have experience on which to base their statements had to say:

FROM THE SUBURBS

TERRI KIGIN, senior at Lyons Township High School North in La Grange: Kids in the city don't take school as seriously as we do. They're better educated out here than in the city. The kids from the city that I know are very loose in their attitudes.

SUE BOYER, senior at Glenbrook South in Glenview: City kids are more outgoing in the way they deal with people. They don't stand back from people like kids out here. I think this will help them later in life. Around here the people we hang around with are almost exactly the same.

TOM REDICHS, senior at Lyons Township North: City kids have bigger groups. We have smaller groups but our friendships are a lot closer, I think. Other than that, I'd say we are almost exactly the same: kids.

DIANE KARNEZIS, sophomore at Lyons Township South in Western Springs: Kids in Chicago are more affected by their peers. They want to please their peers more than their families, like kids in the suburbs. It's because they spend all their time with their friends.

CHERI LIBBY, junior at Glenbrook South: I have 2 friends in the city. The things they are doing now I was doing in the 7th grade. The fights they have with their girlfriends I had with mine in 7th and 8th grade.

A JUNIOR GIRL at Oak Park-River Forest: Is this a joke? Is that you Jim? If you want to ask me for a date, just ask me, but don't try to fake being a reporter. For one thing, you're no good at it.

JIM ROGULA, senior at New Trier West in

Wilmette: Kids in the suburbs depend on their 16th birthday and a car for their social freedom. In the city you're free to expand before this. For 70 cents they can hop on public transportation and go anywhere. I think people mature a lot faster in the city because they are exposed to more adults.

Eyes Saw It

By Joe Williams,
Community editor



FROM THE CITY

NATALIE PARDO, junior at U-High: Kids in suburbs are generally from the same class, therefore causing a sheltered atmosphere. Suburbanites tend to be more closely family knit than in the city also.

KEVIN MITCHELL, senior at Kenwood: The kids in the suburbs have a better education because their teachers come from the community while teachers in the city come from all over. Basically, though, kids all like the same things: sex, sports.

KARL PINC, senior at U-High: The suburbs are the Homogenus of America. Everything is the same: the shopping malls, the houses. In this way, I think it causes the people who grow up there to be the same.

DEEDA SEED, junior at U-High: It's very sheltered out in the suburbs. Mostly because parents move out there to shelter their kids. Every family is basically the same: middle class. The views suburban kids have are often only duplicate views of their parents.

WENDY SPRAGUE, sophomore at Metro: Kids get more experience in the city dealing with different kinds of people. I think people in the suburbs would tend to be more prejudiced.

SUE RICHARDSON, junior at U-High: Coming from the suburbs I get this gut feeling of a great difference between the kids of each community, but I can't explain it.

You said it



David Weiss

What was your reaction to the recent murder or suicide of 900 members of the People's Church in Guyana?

DAVID WEISS, junior: I was incredibly shocked to see so many people throw away their lives. I really feel sorry for people who could be so misled. They didn't know what they were doing. It's depressing in an impersonal way. I mean that after listening to the reports I realized that they didn't have any connection to people like us.

AMY RUDOLPH, freshman: I couldn't believe that such a small community could be so isolated from the world to the point that their lives became so distorted. I couldn't understand why no one outside of the community foresaw the danger of a cult like this.

ADAM HELMAN, sophomore: It shows that it's really dangerous for society when so many impressionable people can be influenced by a man like Jim Jones. The Nazis were the result of the same thing, and it's scary to see the same kind of thing happening.

EDWIDGE RAOUL, senior: I just felt disbelief. It's shocking to think that over 900 people could come up or be dragged into such a scheme and not one person had the sense to stop their slaughter.



Amy Rudolph



Adam Helman



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could have tragic result

the walls and tables in a conference room. In addition, Mr. Poole said, there had been complaints about U-Highers making noise in the library. Ms. Wilcoxon told Mr. Poole that the Regenstein library board will reconsider the advisability of continuing to grant library privileges to U-Highers.

The library board is the committee which administers Regenstein. It is composed of librarians, alumni and University administrators.

The loss of library privileges would be tragic for those U-Highers who use Regenstein, one of the finest research facilities in the country, for papers, especially for American Studies. It would also be tragic for those students who find, as I do, that despite the massive amount of socializing that goes on at Regenstein, they are 2 or 3 times as productive there as

they are at home.

As seems too often to be the case, however, U-Highers do not consider the possible consequences of their actions and continue to blatantly abuse their library privileges.

Only a small number of U-Highers carry their irresponsibilities to the point where it becomes destructive or completely socially unacceptable. On the other hand, the vast majority of U-Highers participate in the noisy conversation which is equally responsible for the negative feeling towards U-Highers at Regenstein.

Some students do blatantly misuse Regenstein. About 6 U-Highers snorted cocaine in a conference room on a recent evening, U-Highers regularly smoke marijuana in the 5th floor stacks, a senior boy working on an American Studies

paper recently cut an article out of a bound volume of journals, and a junior boy urinated in a waste basket.

Each of these examples took place this quarter and were reported by at least 2 witnesses or participants.

It is these isolated instances of gross misbehavior that make the real distinction between U-Highers' and University students' use of Regenstein. Despite the complaints of some University students, U-Highers probably do not use the library to "socialize" more frequently than University students. Nevertheless, now that the behavior of U-Highers at Regenstein is under closer scrutiny than ever, this fact becomes totally irrelevant. If U-High privileges are terminated, the "talkers" will be just as responsible as the vandals.

•Tues., Dec. 12

VOLLEYBALL, North Shore, 4 p.m., here.
BOYS' BASKETBALL Harvard-St. George, 4 p.m., there.
CONCERT AND CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Bond Chapel.

•Thurs., Dec. 14

VOLLEYBALL, Latin, 4 p.m., here.

•Fri., Dec. 15

LAST DAY OF CLASSES, fall quarter.
BOYS' BASKETBALL, Latin, 4 p.m., there.

•Mon., Dec. 18-Tues., Jan. 2

WINTER VACATION.

•Wed., Jan. 3

WINTER QUARTER BEGINS.

•Sat., Jan. 6

BOYS' BASKETBALL, Tinley Park, 6:15 p.m., there.

•Tues., Jan. 9

BOYS' BASKETBALL, Glenwood, 4 p.m., here.

•Fri., Jan. 12

BOYS' BASKETBALL, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here.

•Mon., Jan. 15

JUNIOR CLASS PARENTS' MEETING, a college information session sponsored by the Guidance Department, 7:45 p.m., U-High 305.
CAREER WORKSHOP, "Electrical Engineering," with Mr. John Steele, brother of senior Diane Steele, 12:30 p.m., Assembly Room, sponsored by the Black Students' Association.

•Tues., Jan. 16

BOYS' BASKETBALL, Morgan Park, 4 p.m., there.
CULTURAL UNION BAKING CONTEST, after school, cafeteria. All you Julia Childs and Graham Kerrs bring your baked goods for judging; prizes will be awarded (see student government story page 3).

•Thurs. Jan. 18

CAREER WORKSHOP, topic to be announced, 12:30 p.m., Assembly Room, sponsored by the Black Students' Association.

•Fri., Jan. 19

BOYS' BASKETBALL, North Shore, 4 p.m., there.

•Fri., Jan. 26

TRIP TO OLD CHICAGO AMUSEMENT PARK sponsored by Cultural Union (further plans to be announced; see student government story, page 3). Tentative.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here.
BOYS' BASKETBALL, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., there.

•Tues., Jan. 30

MIDWAY OUT after school.
BOYS' BASKETBALL, Harvard-St. George, 4 p.m., here.
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Varsity cagers, down to 8, changing style

Less aggressive offense could handicap varsity boy cagers this season, coach Sandy Patlak believes. The team is down to 8 players, leaving only 3 on the bench as substitutes while the 5 others play.

Patlak explained that the players will have to conserve energy during games, changing their style of play so they don't exhaust themselves.

The U-High squad started the season with 10 players. Two recently dropped out for personal reasons. Most opponent teams average 10 to 15 members.

After a 2½ week Christmas break, the varsity and frosh-soph teams will play 9 games before the end of January, facing each of their Independent School League (ISL) opponents at least once. Today the Maroons go up against last year's ISL champions, Harvard-St. George, 4 p.m., here.

Varsity cagers have compiled a 1-0 league record, 1-3 overall. Coming off 2 victories over nonleague teams, the frosh-soph cagers have compiled a 1-0 league record, 3-1 overall.

"We will continue working our pressure defense, which has been successful," said frosh-soph coach Steve Kollross, "but will have to work on defending against a tall center."

Previously unreported results are as follows, U-High score first, frosh-soph in parenthesis:

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN, Nov. 22, there, 34-71 (38-29) — Brian Boyd was high scorer for the varsity with 9 points, Robert Jones for the frosh-soph with 12. QUIGLEY NORTH, Dec. 5, here, 53-62 (55-36) LAKE FOREST, Dec. 8, here, 59-52 (59-30). ILLIANA CHRISTIAN, Dec. 9, there, 40-70 (49-61).



Photo by Seth Sulkin

OUTJUMPING Chicago Christian defender Mike Cooper, right, varsity forward David Laros puts up a shot during a 34-71 Maroon loss Nov. 23, there.

Volleyballers to play twice today

By David Hyman, sports editor

Because their 1st matches with North Shore Dec. 1 were called off when a heavy snow fell, the varsity and frosh-soph volleyball teams face double matches against the Raiders 4 p.m. today here.

To remain in contention for the Independent School League (ISL) championships, the varsity squad must win both today and Friday, against Latin. The varsity's record stands at 5-2, with both losses against Morgan Park. With Morgan Park having lost to Latin, if U-High wins its remaining 3 matches and Latin beats Morgan Park, a 3-way tie for the ISL championship will result.

For the frosh-soph squad, a win today would almost clinch a 1st-place victory because of its undefeated record of 7-0. Most players said they didn't mind playing 2 matches in 1 afternoon but, noted frosh-soph team member Melissa Mack, "It's hard to come back if you lost your 1st match."

Previously unreported scores, U-High first, frosh-soph in parenthesis, are as follows:

LATIN, Nov. 10, there, 20-9, 20-9 (15-11, 15-10). MORGAN PARK ACADEMY, Nov. 14, here, 20-15, 17-20, 15-20 (10-5, 15-8, 15-6). FRANCIS PARKER, Nov. 17, there, 19-21, 20-10, 20-17 (15-9, 15-3) — Varsity players said they were surprised at how well the Colonels played. FRANCIS PARKER, Nov. 28, here, 20-12, 20-15 (15-6, 15-9). MORGAN PARK ACADEMY, Dec. 5, there, 18-20, 20-12, 14-20 (10-15, 15-8, 15-6). LAKE FOREST ACADEMY, Dec. 8, there, 20-7, 15-20, 20-3.

In district playoffs, the varsity Maroons lost their 1st match to St. Mary's, Nov. 28, there, 6-20, 12-20.

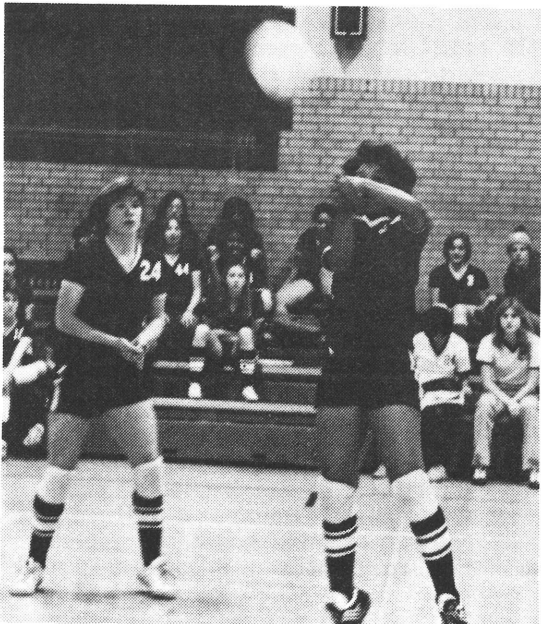
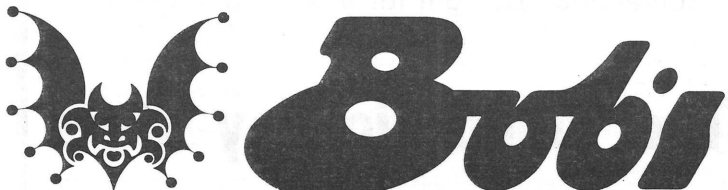
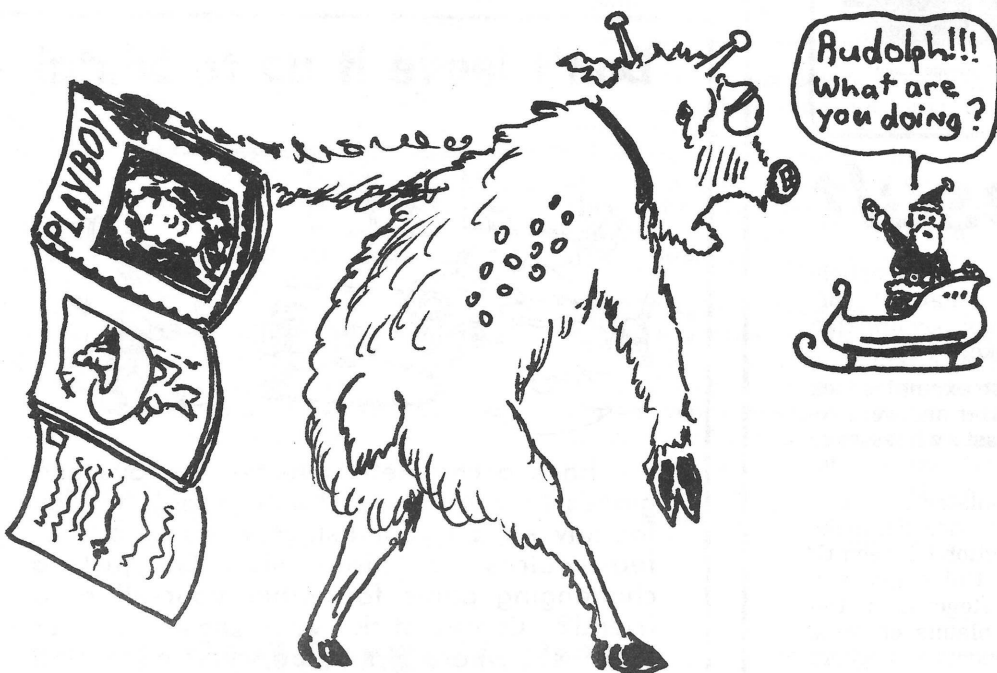


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WITH A WATCHFUL eye from Sarah Laros, left, Loleti Gray returns the ball in the Maroon-won volleyball game against Francis Parker, Nov. 28 in Sunny Gym.

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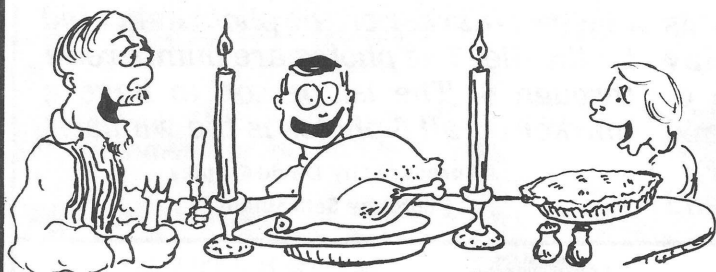
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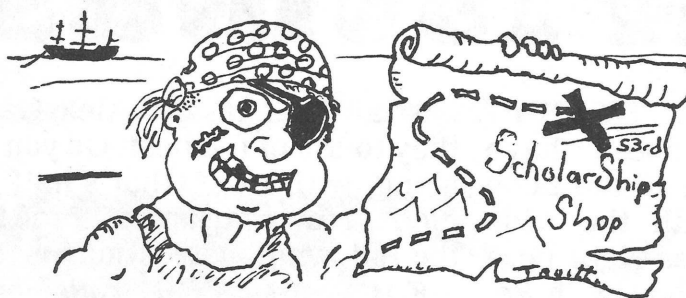
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Trailblazer not out to blaze trail

For what is believed to be the 1st time in U-High history, a boy has joined what previously has been an all-girls' team.

Sophomore Alex Pinc went out for frosh-soph volleyball after he found out he couldn't join the boys' basketball team, his original choice. Alex plans to join the swim team, and the swimming and basketball seasons overlap.

ALEX IS able to be the 1st boy on a girls' team because of a recently-enacted federal law, Title 9. The law requires that girls and boys be permitted to play on the same team at a school if both a boys' and a girls' team is not offered in the same sport.

Title 9 was designed to eliminate sex discrimination in high school programs. It doesn't require schools to allow boys and girls to participate in contact sports, such as football or wrestling, together.

A boy on a girls' team isn't new to the Independent School League. Lake Forest Academy had several boys on its volleyball team last year. Having a boy on the team,



Instant Replay

By Richard Letchinger, Sports columnist

however, was a new experience for the girls at U-High.

"AT FIRST the girls were a little surprised," Alex said, "but now they don't treat me in any special way."

Alex could view himself as a rebel, putting Title 9 to the test at U-High by joining a girls' team. But he said he "didn't know about the law. I just wanted to participate in a sport."

Frosh-soph volleyball coach Yvette Matuszak said she has no objections to Alex coming out for volleyball. But, she added, she would "rather see 2 teams for each sport," 1 for each sex, "than having boys on a girls' team."

The girls themselves have mixed feelings. Some welcome Alex to the team, some think he shouldn't be on it, and some don't care either way.

"IT'S RIGHT that he should be allowed to go out for the team," said player Cathy Yachnin. "But I think it's easier for a guy to do well on a girls' team, but not the other way around, because the guys have a height and strength advantage."

Last week, as this issue was going to press, Ms. Matuszak removed Alex from the volleyball team as discipline for an incident neither wished reported in print. Ms. Matuszak had never put Alex in a game, but there's always next year.

"I have already made up my mind," Alex said. "I'm going out for the team next year."

SPORTSBRIEFS: Four varsity soccer players — captains David Light and Hosain Lipson, Joe Quinn and John Naisbitt — have been elected to the Independent School League's 1st team.

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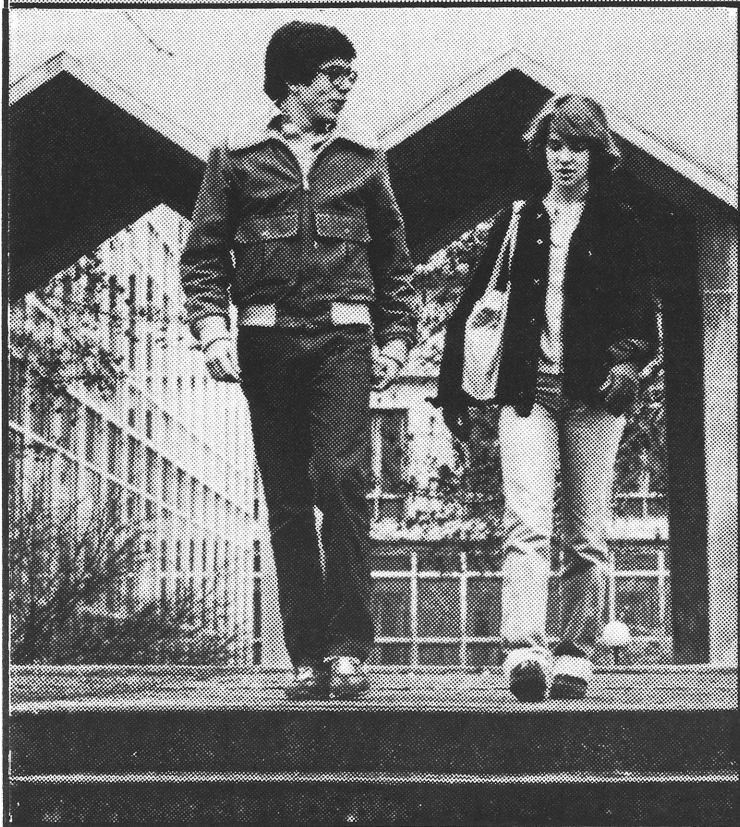
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