Black and white cliques limit social interaction are necessary.

"I DON'T THINK cliques are a good thing because in most cliques the people who are in the group are all alike," a black sophomore boy said. "The exception is the black members of the student body. Even though there are cliques, we all associate because we are the minority. There is an unspoken, unwritten code by which we get along and express need to stick together." A white junior girl gave an explanation as to why there is racial separation.

"A lot of the blacks live close together because they don't have strong ties with the outside community. Strong friendships develop in the community. The bond they have, blacks are unwelcoming to whites. The same is true for whites about blacks."

Among this year's BSA projects have been the basketball drive and a toy drive before Christmas. Donations went to needy families through Operation PUSH, an assembly commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a series of career workshops, and a disc-and-dance workshop during Arts Week. BSA president Tracy Lewis declined to be interviewed by Midwest because she had just been interred at the airport for the flight to New York. According to BSA secretary Michelle Montegomery, the group has not sponsored a booth this year. BSA is sponsoring a booth at the Midwest Festival and the Midwest Association for Black Students is making good progression. They are facing the problem of enrollment should be approximately the same proportion in Chicago. Mr. McPherson said that Latinos are the minority group must out of proportion to their number in Chicago, with relatively few as such. Although administrators are concerned about racial discrimination in the economic balance at the Labs, they use no enrollment quotas to try to ensure a certain percentage of minority enrollment, according to Mr. McPherson. We make no plans or individual enrollment decisions about students in terms of race or economic background. BSA's function is to pro-

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Music festival to unite five choirs in concert

Visiting director to conduct them

Choirs from 3 area high schools will combine with the U-High Chamber and Concert choirs and the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel Choir under the direction of Visiting Director to conduct them. Concert is 8 p.m., Sat., May 12 at the Chapel. The public is invited.

U-High choral director Richard Walsh initiated the concert, which he titled The Invitational High School Choral Festival, "to provide U-Highers positive interaction among Lab School, public school and suburban students, with music as the vehicle through which they meet and interact."

CHOIRS PARTICIPATING will come from Kenwood, Francis Parker and Adsen Trail high schools. The students will spend the day on campus rehearsing for the concert and touring University. They will eat lunch and dinner at U. of C. dining halls.

The combined high school choir of about 240 singers will open the program with "Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis De Deo" by Haydn and 2 other selections. Accompaniment will be provided by the Oak Park-River Forest High School string orchestra, whose members also will spend the day on campus. The selections will be directed by Dr. Don V. Moses, widely-acclaimed director of choral activities at the University of Iowa, and accompanied by University organists. The combined choirs of the five choirs will then perform, conducted by Mr. Richard Walsh, director of chapel music and father of U-Higher Richard. Finally, all the groups and the Chicago Brass Ensemble will perform Gabrieli's "In Ecclesiis."

A bill of Student Rights, approved by the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) Apr. 2, will be presented soon to principal Geoff Jones and then the faculty for approval, according to SLCC president Anders Thompson. The approved Bill would be amended to SLCC's constitution. Members of the Junior Congress on Constitutional Issues may speak on behalf of the Bill when it is presented, Anders said.

The Bill would be legally binding, if approved, on administrators and faculty, Anders told the Midway. But Midway interviews indicate the Bill might not be legally binding on the faculty or administrators even if they approve it. According to Mr. Jones, because the student government constitution governs only students, a Bill of Rights added to it could not be considered binding on the faculty or administrators even if approved by a legal source interviewed by the Midway, who asked to remain unidentified, said issues concerning the Bill were so complicated he could not say whether it would be legally binding.

Working on the Bill of Rights was begun by a SLCC committee last year after Anders suggested such a document was something other schools had and U-High should have. The Bill was revised this year to cover student rights more specifically. The revised Bill would protect students from unwarranted searches and seizures; denial of property or removal from U-High without due process; being punished for something under a rule made after the fact; being discriminated in the allocation of Student Activities funds; and being denied equal protection of law.

A student-faculty board to handle minor discipline problems is being planned to replace Student Board next year, according to Student Board president Gretchen Antelman. Because of the Board's inability in its present form to handle discipline problems, the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) developed a proposal, approved at a faculty meeting Apr. 9, for a student-faculty board. By school rules. If the Board is approved by Mr. Jones and the faculty, SLCC will hold a student election on the Bill to gain approval for its addition.

Gov't elections again; rescheduled latest date

After being scheduled for 5 different dates, student government elections have been reset again. Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) presi­dent Anders Thompson told the Midway late last week that the elections would take place tomorrow. SLCC first publicized the election last Thursday, giving prospective candidates less than a week to declare, get petitions signed and publicize their candidacies. In past years, the election has been announced several weeks in advance, giving candidates time to campaign and the Midway an opportunity to interview them for a day views indicate the Bill might not be legally binding on the election issue.

This year Midway editors cleared space in the Mar. 20 issue, and then this issue, for an election preview and then found themselves at deadline with neither the election preview or no candidates to interview.

"Because the candidates did not have to declare until Tuesday, the day before the election and the day the issue comes out, there was no way we could interview them so readers would know their plans and opinions," said Midway edi­tor-in-chief Richard Leechinger. "We had a difficult time both issues trying at the last minute to fill major space we'd left for an election preview but, more important, the school is not going to get the kind of information on candidates it deserves."

Anders said a vote for approval of changing the Student Board constitution to make the board student-faculty next year (see story above) will be held as part of the elections. Elections for students of the faculty-student board, if approved by the student body, would probably take place 2 weeks after gov­ernment elections, he added.
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Grads write, make news
By Jeremy Friedman, community editor
Posing as a bartender at the Mirage, a Near North Side tavern operated by the Better Government Association and the Chicago Sun-Times, reporter Pamela Zekman helped disclose a major scandal involving city inspectors who accepted bribes.

Ms. Zekman, a '64 U-High graduate, has worked 3 years for the Sun-Times and, before that, worked 5 years at the Chicago Tribune. She has shared in 2 Pulitzer Prizes awarded to investigative news teams at the Tribune. Investigations by the Sun­Times' news teams in the past year into Michigan Avenue abortion clinics and Chicago baby-selling agencies have led to a slew of indictments involving lawyers, physicians and city officials.

On FRIDAY Ms. Zekman will be honored by Northern Illinois University as Journalist of the Year.

Ms. Zekman is one of 3 U-High graduates at the Sun­Times. Ms. Jackie Jones, '66, covers urban affairs. She was writing about problematic problems in Hyde Park before people ever heard about a "condo crunch." Ms. Thomas, after being editor­ and editorial features editor for the Midway during her senior year, first worked at the Sun-Times during summers. She has worked fulltime for the paper 4½ years. She got her 1st job there after the Midway received the Pacemaker Award as one of the 6 best high school newspapers in the nation and a Sub­Times editor came to U-High to present individual certificates to the paper's editors.

"Most of my real academic training in journalism came from high school," Ms. Thomas said.

Ms. ZEKMAN, who had no previous experience in journalism, tumbled into her career after col­lege. "I started out in social work," she explained, "but found that I could not accomplish much.

Starting her journalism career at the City News Bureau, Ms. Zekman decided that she could use newspaper work to accomplish the social reform she aimed at as a social worker. "The top lawyer involved in baby selling that I came across earlier ended up getting indicted as a result of our baby selling investigation," Ms. Zekman said.

The U-High graduates have experienced little setbacks in their jobs. "Being a woman is an advantage," Ms. Zekman said, "because the last thing people want when I'm doing an investigation is that I'm a reporter."

Ms. Thomas felt, however, that being black or a woman can be disadvantageous "to people who want to move up in newspaper management. The opportunity just isn't there."

Both reporters feel that attending U-High was helpful in starting their journalism careers. Along with getting them into good colleges — Briarcliff for Ms. Thomas and Berkeley for Ms. Zekman — the education they received at U-High, in Ms. Thomas' words, "taught me how to think things out and to question. These are invaluable to journalism."

U-High girl before going to Bob's.
U-High girl after going to Bob's.

A newstand for your fashion headquarters? Indeed, my dear, Pamela Zekman, for the latest look, Harper's Bazaar for sophisticated fashion, Vogue for fresh ideas and Seventeen for how to look 17. Or if fashion's not your bag, we carry Popular Mechanics.

U-HIGH JOURNALIST Jeremy Friedman interviews U-High graduate Pamela Zekman, left, and Jackie Thomas, now professional journalists who report for the Sun-Times.

Photo by David Troncoso

What's new(s)?

compendium

• Dewey, State of School speeches May 2

Mr. A. Graham Down, executive director of the Council for Basic Education, will give the annual John Dewey lecture sponsored by the Parents’ Association, 8:30 p.m., Wed., May 2 in Judd 126. As part of the same program, Lab School director R. Bruce McPherson will give the annual State of the Schools speech 7:30 p.m. reception at 7:00 p.m. bills are an issue of the improvement of the speech in the Lower School art gallery. As part of a recent series of faculty talks sponsored by the Association, Science De­partments Chairperson Earl Bell spoke on teaching con­troversial issues in history and Foreign Language Department Chairperson Kay Putnam spoke on teaching language as a way of helping children look at their values.

• Summer school schools for courses

Eight courses will be offered to U-Highers in Summer School, providing all courses get minimum enrollment, according to Lower School teacher Alice Mann. Summer School principal.

Two additional courses, Biology and Environmental Physical Science, are also being offered. All students will be required to register for courses by returning an application and $25 deposit to Blake 103 before classes start. Titles of courses still available, class hours are:...:...

• Freshman gets lead in May Festival play

Freshman Tom Bigongiari will perform in the title role of this year’s May Festival play, “Tom Jones.” Junior Dendra Schwartz will play the female lead, Sophie. They and other cast members were chosen at tryouts Mar. 21-23. The Festival will take place Thurs.-Sat., May 17-19. For the first time, no infirmaries were charged to the courtyard. Tickets for the play will cost $3.50, with seats reserved. Proceeds from previous years will go to Free Student’s Scholarship. The courtyard will open 5 p.m. The curtain will begin at 7:45 p.m., with the play starting at 8. On Saturday the Festival will begin 1 p.m. for an afternoon of games and activities.

• Debate winners plan 3 at state competition

Varsity debater Ben Roberts and Thomas Freedman scored 3 wins and 3 losses at Illinois High School Association (IHSA) state debate competition Apr. 15-16. Ben and Tom are students of our now ready for IHSA state competition by finishing 2nd out of 36 teams with 4 wins and 2 losses. They were defeated in the semifinals of the State High School. Ben won 1st speaker and Tom won 8th speaker out of approximately 60 debaters at Rich East. Tom and Ben lost in quarterfinals of Illinois Speech and Debate Association sectional Mar. 1-3, also in Normal. The debate team recently applied to be invited to the national tournament of Champions May 10. Tom said the U-Highers probably will get an invitation because of his and Ben's successful seasons.

• Two U-Highers to lead through travel this summer

Because she demonstrated superior camping skills, mastery of Spanish and a sense of adventure, senior Sabryna King is one of about 10 girl scouts from across the nation selected for a trip to Finland, July 26-Aug. 19. Junior Dan Fish will be the first boy selected to travel the world. Dan is an assistant for the experiment in International Living, a private non­profit educational organization which sponsors cross-racial learning programs. Dan will live with a Mexican family for 4 weeks in a city and town throughout the country with 19 other exchange students and a guide. Senior Jim Regnante presently is in England on a similar program.

• U-Highers bike, ski during spring vacation

Biking on the roads of Mississippi and skiing through the snow of Utah, 2 groups of U-Highers spent spring break away from Chicago. Twenty Bike Club members traveled by plane to Chicago and missed the 1st day of spring vacation.

School buys minicomputer, video recorder

A minicomputer with a video terminal rather than a printing terminal and a video recorder with camera have been purchased for the school for $8,000 with a gift from the Parents' Association and money from a school fund. A television set on which the vi­dectapes made with the recorder can be shown has been pur­chased, but principal Geoff Jones hopes one will be donated. The minicomputer will be used primarily by the Math Department and is portable enough to be mounted for classroom use according to math teacher Richard Mueller. The video recorder system will be used for filming drama and sports games, showing educational films and for other teacher-supervised ac­tivities, according to Mr. Jones.

State Farm sponsors Ann Hightower scholarship

Ann Hightower’s National Achievement Scholarship announced in the last issue, has been won by a senior at the State Farm 10th grade students, as part of the State Farm’s Financial Assistance, only $1000. The informa­tion given the Midway was incorrect.

Twins born to English teacher, former teacher

Twin boys, Luke and Jules, were born to English teacher Rex Martin and his wife, Anne, at Midway Hospital, Apr. 14. Mother and sons (and father) are doing well.

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FOCUS ON FILMS

Of prophets, and accidental prophecy: 'Deer Hunter' and 'China Syndrome'

THE DEER HUNTER' earlier this month won the Academy award for best screenplay. If the Academy had an award for prophecy, the "China Syndrome" would be a shoe-in for next year.

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Senior year doesn’t have to end in slump

WINTER AND SPRING quarters are a time when seniors find it increasingly difficult to do schoolwork. Most seniors, as a result, only do work that is absolutely necessary in order to graduate. This attitude is commonly referred to as “Senior Slump.”

Colleges look only at 1st quarter grades unless a student is a borderline case. Most seniors, therefore, cut back on winter and spring quarter grades inconsequentially. Because U-High is a college preparatory school, it’s understandable that seniors are up for the challenge of doing work and learning more, given 16 weeks instead of 10.

Eyes Saw It
By Joe Williams, Midway columnist

“A certain group of seniors would be much better off if May Project was extended and they were allowed to do work-study projects for pay or volunteer work outside of the school,” said Math Department chairperson Margaret Mat­chet, who was the project’s first director from 1969 to 1974.

Such a plan would give students a chance to take money to college or at least get in a field of interest for a longer time. Going to work and going to school require the same kind of commitment. Seniors are more likely to give this kind of time to a job rather than a school.

Also, “senior slump” can affect getting used to schoolwork at college, some graduates say. “At first it was very hard for me to do as much as college demands,” said George Hinojosa, ’78, who now attends Colorado College. “It was mostly because of my attitude about school; these last 2 quarters.”

The last time the faculty discussed these last months at U-High was 2 years ago. Some teachers, such as Social Studies Department chairper­son Earl Bell, feel senior slump doesn’t exist. Most of the teachers I talked to, however, felt that slumping does exist for some students, but don’t see it as a major problem.

What I see is many seniors for whom the de­cision to go to class can depend on anything from the weather to which class is on. The potential for the last quarter can go on just waiting for graduation.

Mailbox:
Counselors consider individual guidance important service

From guidance counselors Karen Robbins, Betty Schneider, Mary Lee Bogason and Jackie Roper, students can have their problems looked into. As a result, the counselors have had a chance to talk to students about their problems and offer guidance.

We wish to congratulate you for your efforts in providing us with information. It is evident in these articles on school pressures, work load and meeting parental ex­pectations. Indeed these are serious concerns of students who are commonly ad­dressed by the Midway.

We wish to highlight what we consider the most important aspect of our job, that which involves personal contacts, partic­ularly when they are grappling with difficult at­titudes. Family or personal crises such as di­sability, physical or mental illness, depression, anxiety and death are a part of the human ex­perience and Lab Schools students through exceptional in some areas certainly are not exceptions in those instances. As counselors, we have the training and the responsibility to help, either personally or through referral to someone who can.

It is true that counselors do a good deal of academic advising and that a long term commit­ment to a particular student may be hampered by other responsibilities and the school calendar, yet to conclude that we have no time to work with individual students, when they are facing prob­lems which seem overwhelming, would be in error.

We expect students to come with unsolved problems—they are common. Stu­dents are not apt to publicize their contact with a counselor at a point of crisis, and counselors, re­garding their privacy, are not inclined to talk for the school community, the number of stu­dents seen or the nature of the difficulties they face. We have learned that students find that problems looming large can often be cut down to size, once they are confronted and that in talking them out, a variety of possible solutions can be more clearly to be discerned. After all, that’s what coun­seling is all about!
### Teacher campaigns for village office

By Jeremy Friedman, community editor

Campaigning as a candidate for village trustee of Park Forest South, social studies chairperson Earli Bell says he learned that the people there have great respect for local politicians.

Mr. Bell was elected one of 3 trustees out of 8 candidates last Tuesday. He received the 2nd highest number of votes.

Village trustees are responsible, with a village president, for creating local ordinances on matters such as the allocation of budget funds, getting local taxes and determining land annexations. A trustee works mostly at home, except for attending weekly village council meetings at the village hall. Trustees are paid to cover expenses the job involves. Mr. Bell planned to devote about an hour a week to the job.

Mr. Bell decided to run for trustee after complaining at village ball about results of last winter's snow removal.

"If I can't get anywhere by talking to the government," he said, "I'll run for office." Mr. Bell said that because he treasures knowing exactly what goes on around him, another incentive for him to run was that becoming a trustee would "put me in the center of information, getting it firsthand."

While campaigning, Mr. Bell talked with village members and researched public issues. "I learned a lot about bonds, capital budgets and other financial aspects of government," he said. Mr. Bell campaigned throughout spring break and on weekends this quarter, going door to door talking with residents.

Running in the election, Mr. Bell said, was "an uphill battle because prior to this I had not been involved in village politics. I was fighting the problem of name recognition. Nobody," he added, "had ever run in this village for the 1st time and won."

### Bargainers expect salaries to be main issue

By Jonathan Silverman, political editor

Negotiations between the Faculty Association and the University for next year's contract will probably begin in about a week, according to Lab Schools director R. Bruce McPherson, the school lets parents know next year's tuition in March to help them plan for the following year.

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Mr. Bell said he is concerned that the tuition increase of 6.5 percent in the spring is "a large burden for parents. If tuition increases, members for teachers salaries will be lowered, although teachers may lose credit for a course if they do not have student grades. Mr. Cunningham denied any such surplus exists. The tuition increase, according to Mr. Bell, is an unspoken limitation on the faculty's participation."

Recently elected, union officers are as follows:

- First vice president, Betty Jacobson; treasurer, math teacher Richard Mandel; secretary, typing and business teacher Fernie Spear; members-at-large, students Mary Wolfski, social studies teacher Jack Finkel and Lower school teacher Maureen Friedman.
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Gymnasts find 2nd season tougher

By Jennifer Lim

After completing their pre­
miere season last year unde­
feated, the gymnastics team found this season’s losses:

“This season was tougher,” returning team member Melissa Mack said, “because we had
5 meets instead of 4 like last year, and ended up going against 2 good teams we didn’t
meet that day.”

Despite the tough season, the team’s attitude remained posi­
tive, many members felt.

Coach Sebastian Rotella

Strong returning players and substantial turn­
outs at practices will benefit the baseball, soft­
ball, tennis, track and swim teams this spring, their coaches feel.

“The talent we have out makes us flexible enough to move people around at different posi­
tions,” said Lower School teacher Robert Strang, baseball team coach with Lower School
teacher John Wilson. Eight of the 15-man baseball team are returning players.

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ball, tennis, track and swim teams this spring, their coaches feel.

“Sure you can coach,” said Clarence Bourne, boxing coach. “When we lost to Res­
urrection, it didn’t bother us because we all get along and had fun working together.”

The boys’ tennis team “has shown genuine ded­i­cation in turning out for practice,” according to coach Steve Kollross. The 18-man team’s strength lies in doubles competition but the Maroons could use more depth in singles, Mr. Kollross felt. Also citing large turnouts at practices, outdoor track coach Ron Doud said, “The girls’ team is all­around very tough. I definitely think 5 or 6 girls will go downstate. The boys’ varsity is strong, especially in the middle distances, though it will be hampered by having only 6 members. The freshmen are a good mixture of returning members and new freshmen.”

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When the going gets tough...

By Richard Letchinger,

seems to be making the best of a bad situation.

When Jerry West died, I thought, I wonder why my feet feel like a war zone? Somebody pointed out my mis­
take, only one pair of socks. Damn, I thought, Jerry would have never made that mistake.

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