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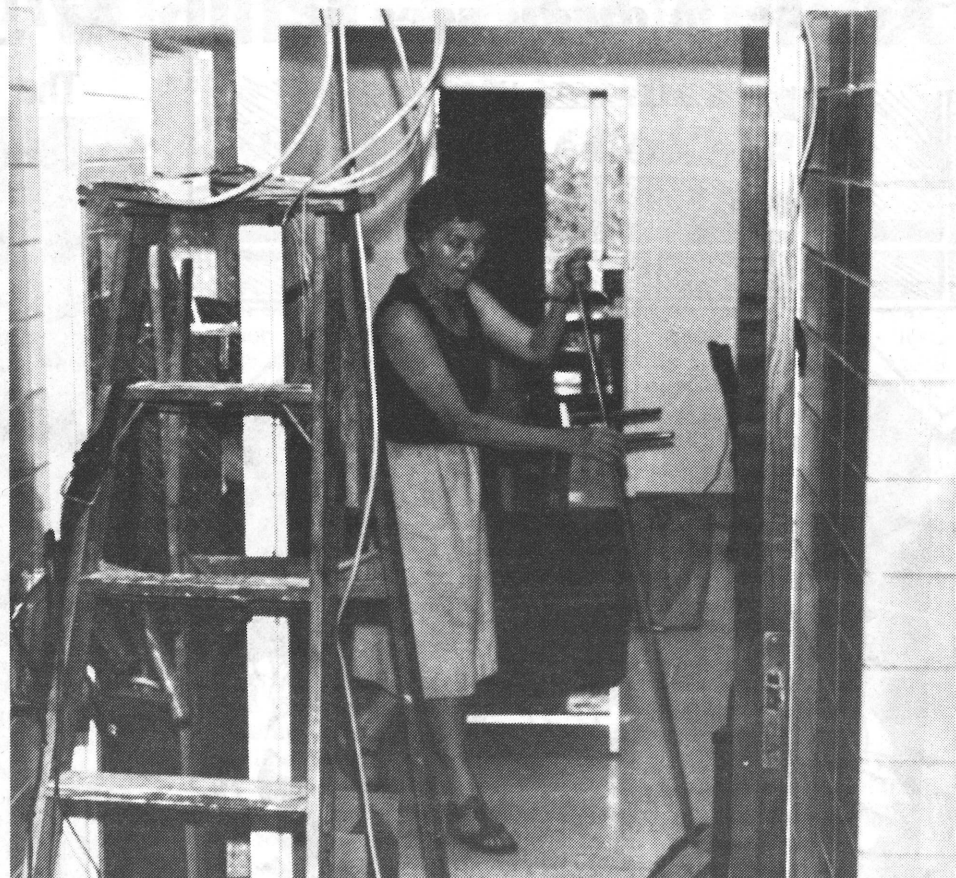


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According to Social Studies department chairperson Earl Bell, Faculty Association president, low attendance at the meeting and picketing constituted a show of power. "The University doesn't think it's dealing with a very powerful force," he said. "They think there are a sufficient number of divisions within our faculty so we won't be able to collectively fight them. That's why the University isn't moving from their 6 per cent salary proposal. They're challenging us to show our power and guarantee the Lab Schools a bad year."

Principal Geoff Jones commented, "The cost of living is way ahead of wages here, but that doesn't necessarily mean the University has more money. This is a very difficult time for negotiations."

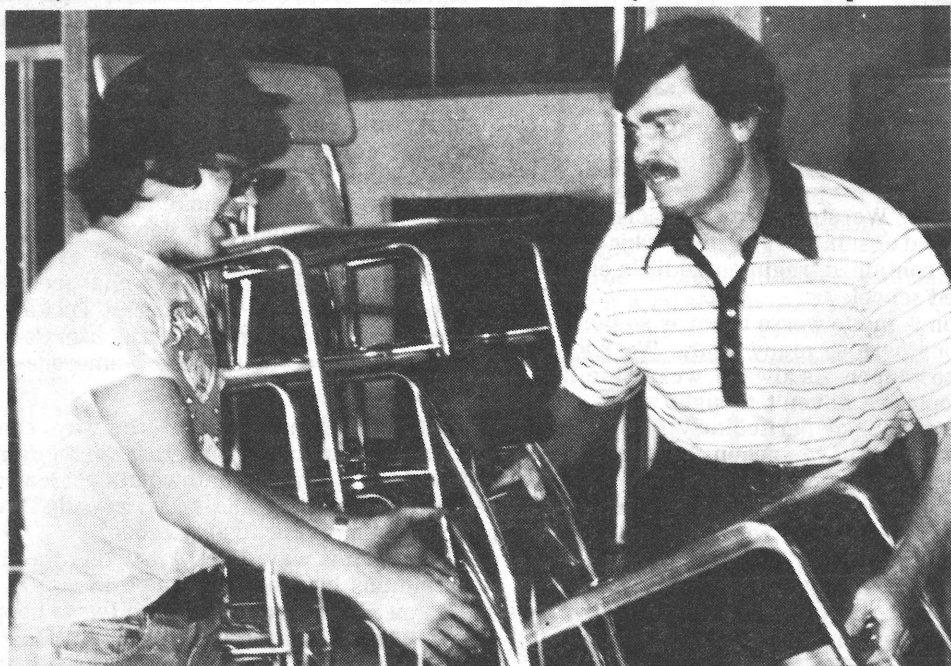


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U-High ready for the opening of school today. One of the ways he helped was moving chairs with senior Jon Cunningham.

## Six Disciplinary Board positions open

Six positions are open for students on a new Student-Faculty Disciplinary Board which is replacing Student Board. According to student activities director Don Jacques, students will elect a president, vice president and representative from each class in elections, probably in late September or early October.

The new Board, which also will include three faculty members, will deal with minor discipline problems. Plans for the new Board were drawn up by the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), Student Board members and their faculty advisers following complaints about Student Board's ineffectiveness and a threat by shop teacher Herbert Pearson, Board adviser, to resign.

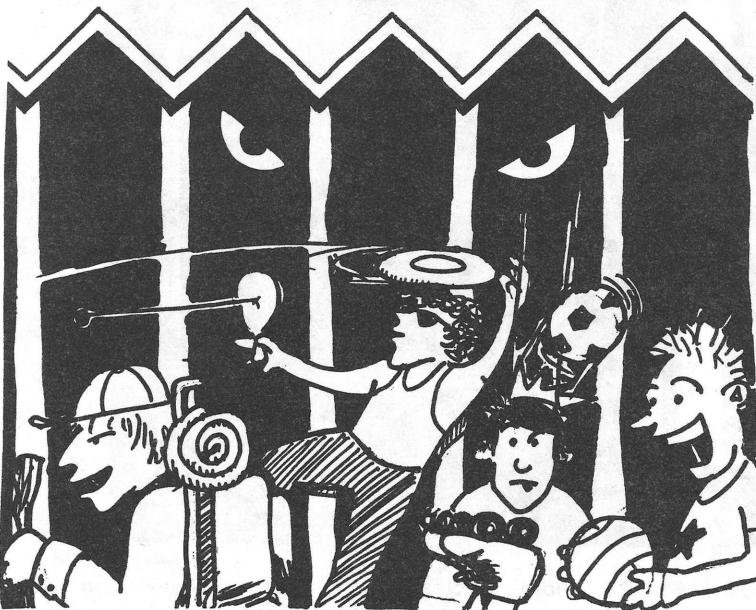
Because the new Board is not operating under the student government constitution, it will be run on a trial basis, Mr. Jac-

ques said. In each of three referendums last year to make the Board constitutional, less than half the student body voted. The constitution requires more than half the student body to vote for results to be official.

To determine the Board's effectiveness, SLCC, principal Geoff Jones, Mr. Jacques and Board members will evaluate its progress later in the year. If, at that time, the Board is judged as being effective, SLCC will hold another referendum to make the Board constitutional. Mr. Jacques said that he felt enough students would vote in a referendum if the Board were functioning well. He added, however, "If it's thought of as not worthwhile or the students don't want any part in the discipline role, then there is no sense in having anything and the principal will take over."



## As the midway sees it



Art by Chris Maddi

## • How YOU can use the Midway

*Help us help you improve  
U-High through ideas, action*

Well, that's one day down. But we've still got a couple hundred more to go. Like you, the Midway staff does not revel in this prospect. But we're stuck with it. So what'll we do? Will we sit back and complain about our school work? Complain that we can't do much else but school work here? (and right now we can't do much else). Or will we just complain about everything?

Probably.  
BUT, YOU KNOW, it might be a good idea to try to make things better instead of just complaining about them. That's the whole idea behind the Midway this year. The staff feels the school needs a paper that will encourage people to make things better instead of just complain about them.

So how do we go about encouraging people to do that?  
Probably the best way is to keep students informed by providing a complete view of life at U-High in our news coverage. Now we realize that in doing this we can't always write good things about the school, though there is plenty good to write about. And even though the Midway may be the only view some people have of the school we can't ignore news in the interest of public relations. We also realize that to cover all the news, including subjects which don't show the best side of the school, we must be accurate in our reporting. (If we make a mistake, God forbid, we'll correct it in the next issue.)

ANOTHER GOOD WAY to encourage people to make the school better is for our reporters to be out in the school more, collecting the students' views about important issues. The Midway can act as a mediator presenting the student body's views to student government, faculty and administrators in an effective manner. We'll do our best to find out what's important to you. But we'd also like to ask you to help. If something is bothering you or you just have something interesting to say, write us a letter or contribute to "First Person," our guest column. We'll do our best to put it in the paper.

Mostly we'd like to think of this as our paper — "our" meaning us and you. After all, we're students, too, putting out this paper with the help of a faculty adviser as part of our journalism classes. We'd like you to know we can get our views across effectively and in doing that maybe — just maybe — we can make things a little better around here.

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## Digging the Dead live

### The magic of an outdoor Colorado summer concert

Editor's note: Senior David Sinaiko spent 10 days in Colorado to see three Grateful Dead concerts. Dave's summer, however, ended on a sour note as he got sick while in Colorado and had to spend his last days of freedom in bed.

AT 7 IN THE EVENING, 20 hours after I left Chicago, I had reached my destination: Red Rocks Amphitheater, an outdoor theater built among huge natural rock formations, located in



### First Person

By David Sinaiko,  
guest columnist

the foothills outside of Denver. My traveling partner and I had come from Chicago with the purpose of meeting two other groups of friends to check out the Grateful Dead in concert. The combination of the "Dead's" mystic sounds and the spectacular outdoor setting promised quite an experience.

The next morning, as we waited to get in, I noticed that we were not the only people coming from afar to see the concert. There were thousands of "Dead Heads" everywhere, from cities such as New York, Boston, San Francisco and Philadelphia. It was GREAT. It reminded me of one of the Central Park scenes from "Hair."

When we got inside we picked out choice seats and sat down for a day of waiting, watching, sunning and generally bumming around before the show. There were hippies everywhere, blowing soap bubbles, dancing, singing, smoking pot, playing chess. It was really a big party. I talked with and met lots of people. Every once in a



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GRATEFUL DEAD fan David Sinaiko talks with Thomas Kirsten, who joined him on a recent trip to Colorado to see the Grateful Dead.

while, a nice young man might stroll by calmly giving his sales pitch: "LSD...sugar cube LSD. Clean, powerful and cheap!" Was this 1979 or 1969?

The afternoon wore into evening and finally the concert was ready to begin! It started out with a rather subdued tone, gradually drawing the audience into the music. As it got darker, the music became louder. It seemed to saturate the flowing twisted rocks surrounding us. The sound rebounded and resounded through the air. The stars were bright above us at the start. Toward the end it clouded up, and a light rain fell, but the band kept playing. It was definitely a magic evening. It was the perfect start to a great vacation.

## Once more, with feeling

IT HITS different people at different times.

It hit me on a towering Colorado mountaintop in late August. Others may have come to awareness on facing the yearly fall mailing and the major hassle it brings, or after attending an early team practice. In any case, today we all got the message: summer has ended. Any desperate illusions of somehow extended freedom are now officially, rudely shattered.

The first day of school definitely brings resentment, frustration and vague claustrophobia to

we've been here for months.

Invariably, our summer resolutions about working hard, not wasting time and so on crumble rapidly. It's in the cards that we'll end up writing our first English paper on the last night like we always have.

Similarly, we can predict the changes that come with a new year. We know they'll be big enough to be noticed but small enough that we quickly digest and adapt to them, or ignore them.

Hey, they moved the Guidance Department. Oh, wow, a new jungle gym. And, according to the 1979-80 U-High Handbook, backgammon won't be allowed in the cafeteria and girls will be forbidden to wear halter tops and short shorts. Sudden panic. But then we try to remember previous rule enforcement — attendance policy '78 — and we can relax for a while.

But, wait. If we can make such predictions, then there's a lot more we can know ahead of time. Namely, we're aware of what avenues U-Highers traditionally take to combat feelings of entrapment, boredom, whatever. It's not a great history: Vandalism. Apathy. Drug use. Collapse into inertia. Procrastination. Numerous complaints about all of the above.

So, fully knowing what's on the way, can we act? Is there a chance that this year might be different? Will some dynamic catalyst leap suddenly from nowhere and shock us silly? Could positive change conceivably occur?

Look at it this way. Every year that the situation remains basically as we've known it, the odds grow larger that something *has* to happen.

And while you're thinking about that, I'm going down to the Snack Bar to procrastinate.

### Non Sequiturs

By Sebastian Rotella,  
Midway columnist



many U-Highers. We step from an incredible open-ended world of summer freedom, which we control, into a contained, regimented little environment called school.

The situation is made worse because so many of us have gone here so many years. We *know* what's going to happen. As always, we see familiar faces, people we haven't thought about all summer. We might not particularly like these people, might never have spoken to them. But just like the lockers slamming in the hallways, the rapidly dirtying Snack Bar floor and the bells ringing in Sunny Gym, they're reminders of all that is over, and all that is on the way.

We almost frighteningly fall into the pattern. Check the boards. Okay. Upstairs for English. Right. Now go to lunch, okay. Do this, and that, and that. Okay, okay. By Thursday we'll feel like

## U's VIEWS

What do you expect to find at U-High?  
(Asked of new students last week.)



Tim Floyd

**TIM FLOYD, freshman:** From what I've heard U-High teaches you not only facts, but how to think. This is especially important when it comes to decision-making.

**JAMES CUMMINGS-SAXTON, senior:** I come from a school of about 3,000 students and I only competed in intramural sports. So I am looking forward to the opportunity to compete on U-High's teams.

**AARON GREENBURG, sophomore:** I am looking forward to going to U-High mostly because of the people. You see, I already know about 30 U-Highers and for this reason it will make things easier for me to adjust there.

**NINA KAVIN, junior:** The size of the public school which I previously attended made it difficult for me to be recognized as an individual. I believe U-High will give me that chance.



Aaron Greenburg



James Cummings-Saxton



Nina Kavlin



# Sports open tomorrow against Lake Forest



Photo by Matt Gerow

IN HOPES the varsity soccer Maroons would be better prepared for their first game tomorrow, against Lake Forest, here, senior Dan Fish organ-

ized early soccer practices. Working out, from left, are Dan, David Hyman, David Weiss, Avery Berger and Sebastian Rotella.

## Team challenged by its past

*Editor's note: Two sports columnists, Kate Davey and David Hyman, will alternate in the Midway this year. David's first column will appear next issue.*

### REMEMBER NEW TRIER!

The girls on this year's field hockey team have not forgotten last year's 2nd-in-state finish to Edwardsville at New Trier West. Most of them are thirsting for more.

"We're very excited, very psyched," said Beata Boodell, who played as a sophomore on the varsity last year. "I'm really ready for it." Charlotte Williams-Ashman, a senior returning for her second year of varsity, said, "I have a good feeling about this team. I want to do as well as before, if not better."

Some of the players said they felt nervous about how well they'd do. "We're under pressure," said Nancy Markovitz, a junior who moved up to varsity last year. "We don't want everyone to think that last year was just because of last year's seniors." The team should be as strong as it was last year, Charlotte said. "We're losing a lot, but there are good players coming up," she explained. She

also thought some pressure would be positive for the team. "It'll make us really work in practice. After we play a game no one'll be nervous."

Most players have high hopes for this year. "Our goal is not to be as good as last year, but to

### Side Lines

By Kate Davey, sports columnist



do the best we can," said Lisa Wyllie, who played on varsity last year as a sophomore. "That could always be 1st-in-state, of course."

Sarah Laros, another sophomore last year who played on varsity, said, "I'm trying not to be too confident but I am expecting a lot. I'd be very unhappy if we did badly."

The whole team seems enthusiastic and ready for a good season. As Sarah said, "It'll be a challenge, but we're gonna go for it."

## Soccermen could face tough beginner again

By Kate Davey, sports editor

The first may prove the worst for the varsity soccer Maroons when the fall sports season opens tomorrow. Based on last year's opener against Lake Forest Academy, which the Maroons lost, coach Sandy Patlak sees the Caxymen as a definite threat again this year. Expecting less competition, the field hockey and girls' tennis teams also begin their Independent School League (ISL) schedules against Lake Forest tomorrow. The three teams have the same ISL schedule this year, facing the same opponents on the same days.

The Caxymen have had more time to practice than the Maroons, according to Patlak. Trying to even the odds, varsity player Dan Fish organized training sessions beginning two weeks before regular practices started.

PATLAK WANTS the Maroons to win the opener, but reasoned that a loss might help the Maroons. "Sometimes an early loss makes us realize what we need to work on," he explained.

The 15-game schedule for the first time includes Morgan Park Academy as an ISL team, playing U-High first Tues., Oct. 2.

Calling the season "promising," varsity player Josh Mayers said, "We've all been playing together for five or six years, on the frosh-soph team or with the Hyde Park Soccer Club. We know what to expect from each other. If we work hard we could go 15 and 0."

This year's frosh-soph soccer team is smaller than in recent years, according to coach Larry McFarlane, with 21 players (as of last week). "The team looks pretty good," McFarlane said. "Luckily, all our toughest competition — Quigley South, Oak Park, Illiana and Homewood-Flossmoor — comes at the end of the season."

Although she is taking a leave of absence this year, Ms. Pat Seghers is returning to coach the varsity field hockey team, 2nd in state competition last year, because "I like field hockey too much to give it up and I like working with these kids. I've seen them come along. It isn't because we were 2nd in state last year. I would have come back anyway."

Eighty per cent of this year's varsity team played last year, either on varsity or frosh-soph, according to Seghers. "Their experience means they've got the enthusiasm from last year and we've got a lot of depth," she said. "Depth on the bench means we'll be able to draw on it when we need it."

SEGHERS ADDED that she expects the team to do well but "I don't want them to expect it. They can't expect to win. They have to play to win. The potential is there, but we have to play each game as it comes."

Coached by Ms. Mary Busch, members of the frosh-soph team anticipate another banner season after four consecutive ISL championships. "We're still a little choppy," said sophomore player Eliza Tyksinski, "but that's to be expected this early." Sophomore Jennifer Rosen said, "We've got more freshmen that we thought we would. They're enthusiastic and shaping up well."

Although several players returned from vacation only a few days ago, and some still hadn't attended practices, members of the tennis team expect to be ready for tomorrow's match.

"TENNIS IS REALLY an individual sport," said team member Karen Sanders. "So we don't have to get together to practice, although naturally it's helpful. I don't think it's hurt us that the team's not all here as long as everyone's prepared on their own."

For the second year, the Physical Education Department will offer cross country in the fall in preference to indoor track in the winter so two boys' sports are offered in the fall. Only two runners stuck out the cross country season last year after an administrative decision that the team should be formed, although track coach Ron Drozd preferred the indoor team and eventually formed an Indoor Track Club. Mr. Drozd said last week he hoped to form a strong cross country squad this year but had no idea how many people would come out for it.

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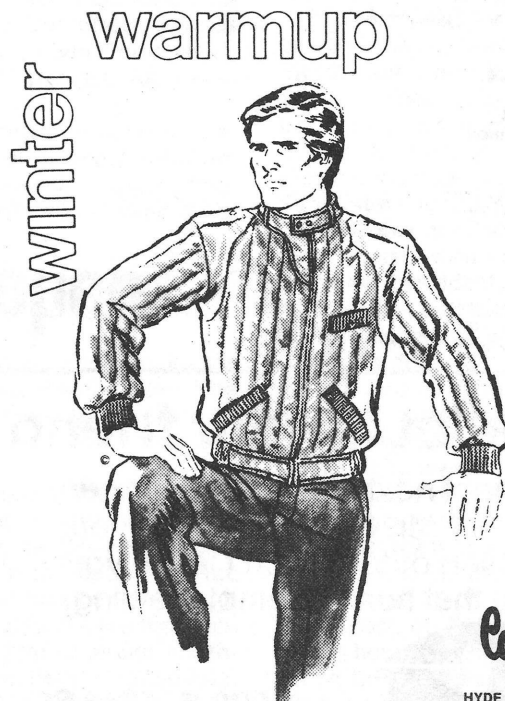
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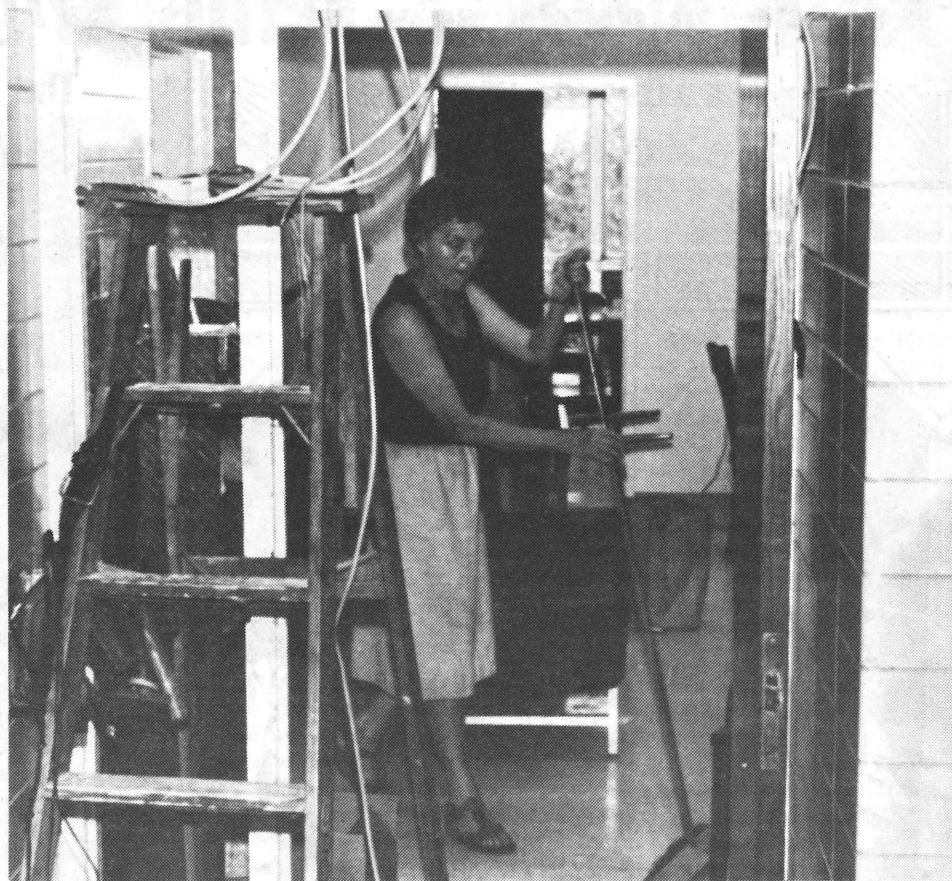


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AT A FACULTY meeting the next day in which Lab Schools director R. Bruce McPherson gave his opening-of-school address, about 25 people showed up. In previous years nearly the entire faculty attended. During the meeting, Mr. McPherson indicated he would resign in June (story next issue).

According to Social Studies department chairperson Earl Bell, Faculty Association president, low attendance at the meeting and picketing constituted a show of power. "The University doesn't think it's dealing with a very powerful force," he said. "They think there are a sufficient number of divisions within our faculty so we won't be able to collectively fight them. That's why the University isn't moving from their 6 per cent salary proposal. They're challenging us to show our power and guarantee the Lab Schools a bad year."

Principal Geoff Jones commented, "The cost of living is way ahead of wages here, but that doesn't necessarily mean the University has more money. This is a very difficult time for negotiations."



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THOUGH HE WASN'T paid \$2.90 an hour, as student workers were, principal Geoff Jones put his muscle behind making improvements this summer at

U-High ready for the opening of school today. One of the ways he helped was moving chairs with senior Jon Cunningham.

## Six Disciplinary Board positions open

Six positions are open for students on a new Student-Faculty Disciplinary Board which is replacing Student Board. According to student activities director Don Jacques, students will elect a president, vice president and representative from each class in elections, probably in late September or early October.

The new Board, which also will include three faculty members, will deal with minor discipline problems. Plans for the new Board were drawn up by the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), Student Board members and their faculty advisers following faculty complaints about Student Board's ineffectiveness and a threat by shop teacher Herbert Pearson, Board adviser, to resign.

Because the new Board is not operating under the student government constitution, it will be run on a trial basis, Mr. Jac-

ques said. In each of three referendums last year to make the Board constitutional, less than half the student body voted. The constitution requires more than half the student body to vote for results to be official.

To determine the Board's effectiveness, SLCC, principal Geoff Jones, Mr. Jacques and Board members will evaluate its progress later in the year. If, at that time, the Board is judged as being effective, SLCC will hold another referendum to make the Board constitutional. Mr. Jacques said that he felt enough students would vote in a referendum if the Board were functioning well. He added, however, "If it's thought of as not worthwhile or the students don't want any part in the discipline role, then there is no sense in having anything and the principal will take over."