SEARCH COMMITTEE did not involve the Lab Schools faculty, partici­pate in the initial screening of appli­cants. It did, however, distribute a ques­tionnaire to the faculty concerning what experience and qualities should be sought in a director to succeed Mr. Peterson, cited most frequently suc­cessful and experienced administration, availability to work with teachers in de­veloping curricula, and long-term commit­ment to the Schools.

Budget cuts, job cuts, reduced class selections could result as enrollment Numbers diminish

By Matt Gerow

Continued decline in enrollment, with fewer students than projections indicat­ed, may result in budget cuts, job cuts and fewer small-enrollment and elec­tive classes next year, according to Lab Schools director R. Bruce McPherson and principal Geoff Jones. Enrollments have steadily decreased imposed in January, however, the ad­ministrators said the problem would have little effect on U-High this year.

"Because of the success of a recruit­ment drive last year, Lab Schools ad­ministrators predicted an enrollment of 1,450 students this year. But only 1,334 actually enrolled, Mr. McPherson said. Because the School's budget was based upon the original projection, and sal­aries for teachers and secretaries have increased, the Lab Schools will have to make up a deficit of about $250,000 in expenses this year."

"THE SMALL ENROLLMENT classes will go eventually," Mr. McPherson said, "but not now. In many schools, if they don't have a minimum enrollment, they'll cancel the course. We've had the luxury of keeping some of these courses. In the long run, however, it's difficult to continue a course if there's not enough students."

Principal Geoff Jones added, "If we de­cide to drop a course, and a course is essential to low enrollment, we'll put parts of that program into other courses."

"I THINK WE'LL see the possible courses of action, but more rigidly." Mr. Jones said. "Students will have fewer opportunities to vary in their studies. The more dramatic a drop, the fewer the choices."

Because of less money from tuitions for salaries, fewer teachers might be employed here in coming years. "We've got a teacher-student ratio of about one to 10," Mr. McPherson ex­plained. "It will probably stay that way, but we'll just have fewer positions, fewer staff, fewer everything. But that doesn't mean we'll just let teachers go."

When a teacher retires, we won't fill the position they vacated, or not promote someone who taught for three years and who normally would qualify for senior teach­er status."

TO SLOW THE DECREASE in enrol­ment administrators are trying several old and new ways to attract students. In the past few years we've done pretty well in the Nursery and Lower Schools, but we're hurting in the Middle and High Schools. Right now we're predict­ing an enrollment of 1,365 students for next year.

"The major idea we're trying to im­plement," he continued, "is an Open House for current parents in the Middle School who are thinking about the High School, and new High School parents, in which we'll have teachers from each department and students involved showing the people around."
By John Schloerb, editor-in-chief

Taking the first step on a long road back to legitimacy with the student body is that how Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) officers, members and advisers characterize their efforts this year. Cultural Union (C.U.) members and advisers, however, feel it has been hampered by problems similar to last year.

Officers and members last year completed few projects and complained of poor member attendance and enthusiasm.

Advisers aim only to assist

By David Lieberman, government editor

Trying to minimize the faculty influence on student government, faculty adviser they may serve only as liaisons with faculty and administrators and sources of information and help with problems.

Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) advisers are social studies teacher Susan Shapiro and Student Activities director Don Jacques. Cultural Union (C.U.) advisers are librarian Mary Biblo and English teacher Sophie Ravin.

"I've tried to let Alyson (Cook, SLCC) and Tracey (Davenport, SLCC) lead," said C.U. adviser, Mary Biblo, C.U. adviser, "in suffering from a serious case of members not getting involved. Too much falls on the shoulders of those who are involved. Other students need to involve the other students who aren't."

But now I think they are more capable of addressing that task.

Potential not met: students

By Gene Scala

Student government can benefit students by organizing efforts to improve the school, but government at U-High doesn't follow through in such plans adequately.

This was the predominant feeling of U-Highers interviewed by the Midway.

"I think SLCC (the Student Legislative Coordinating Council) and C.U. (Cultural Union) had some good ideas at the beginning of the year," observed senior Karyn Morrison, "but they haven't followed through with them.

Sophomore Carla Williams said, "Government is only getting part of the job done. They're planning but not executing, and execution is what's important.

Most U-Highers cited the cancelled Sadie Hawkins dance and the Bill of Rights, which eventually became a school policy, as examples of government's failure not following through with plans.

Some students also said government needs to communicate its activities more effectively. "I don't really know what they've done this year," said freshman Liz Inglehart. "I guess that means that they haven't done anything, or they're not publicizing enough, or something.

U-Highers frequently said that they do not read SLCC's monthly newsletter because they do not feel involved in government's present activities.

"I don't pay much attention to them because of my lack of interest and their lack of effort," said sophomore Amy Yuih. "I don't care much about what government's doing because they only involve themselves in certain acts or have certain effects of a Bill of Rights to my high school life."

Junior Jon Siegel said, "In order for government to succeed, they need to involve all the students. To get this, the students have to give a little more in terms of enthusiasm and make plans so that everyone can catch the student's attention. Unfortunately, government will have to make the first move. If students saw government doing something really important, they would begin to respect SLCC and maybe become more involved.

Discipline Board gets mixed reviews

By Bobby McDermut

School cleanliness and behavior have improved since the Student-Faculty Discipline Board was instituted this year. The board, which has remained at U-High since 1967, is made up of three faculty members and principal Geoff Jones. Most of 40 U-Highers interviewed said the board's effect on school cleanliness and cleanliness and behavior had improved or remained the same.

The new board this year replaced last year's Student Board. Faculty members, including the Student Board adviser, shop teacher Herbert Pearson, had said the board was ineffective in handling disciplinary problems. The Student Board, which operates the Student Legislative Coordinating Council, as a remedy, developed a proposal, approved by the faculty, to get faculty involvement.

The new board includes three faculty advisers, plus a student president, vice president and one representative from each class.

Josh Mayers, president of the Board, said that students' opinions are still evident. However, the Board did not feel it had made any improvements in cleanliness. The problems as a whole here are large, so the board probably can't solve them completely.

Mr. Jones felt similarly. "The new board is better than the Student Board, but there is still room for more improvement," he said.

Most U-Highers interviewed, however, felt no improvements in behavior or cleanliness are apparent. Nine students who had appeared before the Board felt that discipline dropped from broad, community-wide school rules again.

According to Josh, the Board deals with four to six referrals a week. Students and faculty can write out referrals for a student's behavior, but he himself has written referrals with by the Board or Mr. Jones. Referrals this year have been written for anything from being late too often or throwing food, and eating, running or fighting in bathrooms.

"First offenses usually result in a warning," Josh explained. "Subsequent referrals, depending on the offense, can result in cleaning the cafeteria, writing letters of apology or having students write referrals.

Josh added that the Board does not inflict harsh punishments because "individually, each problem is minor. It's best to let the students know about U-High's problems and why breaking the rules makes them worse. Giving out harsh punishments would produce negative feelings against the Board or the referral writers.

According to Josh, the Board is considering changes in the referral system to reduce peer pressure.

Next quarter, the faculty will conduct evaluations of the Board to decide whether it should be kept or replaced. Mr. Jones said.

C.U. to crown royalty at dance

By David Lieberman, government editor

Candidates will reign as king and queen over Cultural Union's annual semiformal dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday night at the Windermere Hotel, 1642 E. 56th St. The couple will be chosen by a panel of judges from among students.

The dance will feature a variety of music, according to C.U. president Tracey Davenport, including "danceable" music, including baket bands, crowned a relish tray.

The dance was moved from the University's Center for the Performing Arts due to "crowd noise problems." The dance is the nicest place in Hyde Park we can get," Tracey said. She suggests" people dance nicely, bad jeans. People can date or not, as they want, she added. Guest passes are available during lunch period this week in U-High 100.

The king and queen will be crowned in a ceremony at the beginning of the dance. Their court will consist of the nine other senior candidates plus one girl and boy from each of the other classes. Winners won't be announced until everyone else dates. From left, they are: Top row - Philip Ricks, Herb Levner, Jean Baptiste, David Lieberman, bottom row - Valerie Hermon, Natalie Pardo and Tracey Davenport.

C.U. is of Valentine's Day Mixers for U-Highers. The Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) distributed a letter to all organizations to devise ways of raising money for a relief drive begun last quarter for starving Cambodians.

For more student government coverage, see editorial page 4, "No Seguirlas" page 5 and Indoor Track Club story 8.
**Unison not to urge faculty to share ideas**

By John Schleger, editor-in-chief

Establishing a professional problems committee and contract workshops, inviting other University and faculty members to join contract discussions and encouraging members to speak out at meetings the Faculty Association president Mary Biblo's goals.

Ms. Biblo was elected at a Jan. 31 Association meeting. She succeeds the following: president, Myra Ali; vice president, math teacher Ralph Bargen; second vice president, math teacher Larry Nesper; third vice president, math teacher Alan Haskell; and executive board members-at-large, science professor Michael Corry and secretary, teacher Jane Kuchin.

Most of the people at the meeting, including Biblo, who had expressed opposition to the union using a professional negotiator, as it had this year in contract negotiations with the University. Also at the Jan. 31 meeting, union members voted 22-17 not to allow nonunion members to vote on the University's contract. The union was not allowed to vote this year after heated discussion at an earlier union meeting during negotiations last fall. Negotiations for a new contract will begin this spring.

As its first spring meeting, the union's new executive board will discuss bills and procedures for evaluating Lab Schools administration. The union also decided to appeal the Board of Education's refusal to increase the teachers' pension plan.

In a related news, a Courthouse Circuit judge ruled Feb. 6 to allow the case of four former Lab Schools teachers against the University to proceed.

The events are always on my mind. I'm constantly thinking about them. My friends and I have been lost or taken from the library over the previous five years. Briefly...

"We always used to watch the news, but now it has a certain effect on my daily life," said junior Tom Cornfield, who has an interest in the conflict. Cornfield said that now I watch the news to see what's happening in Iran and Afghanistan, whereas before I only watched the news to see in general. The events are always on my mind. I'm constantly thinking about them in this normal conversation.

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**U-High responds to America's challenges abroad**

By Aaron Greenburg

Changes in the United States' stature in the world have become a matter of personal concern, say U-Highers interviewed randomly by the Midway. The possibility of a draft especially concerns them.

In a recent campaign, Tommy Carter asked Congress to revolve draft registration and said the United States would, if necessary, use military force to secure its interests in the Middle East. Carter's actions came after a Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and public headings of American hostages in Iran resulted in questions of American influence in those and other areas of the world. The possibility of American involvement in military action is becoming a national issue.

Many U-Highers interviewed said they feel the possibility of the problem is taking over the nation.

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The importance of involvement

It's the key to government in a year of rebuilding

Student government is back on track. But its final destination, becoming an important part of the school again, is still a long way off.

As the year passes its halfway point, it's obvious the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) has made efforts to improve its image by taking itself more seriously. Meetings are better organized and attended, and members are more involved and interested. Everyone on SLCC, especially president Alyson Cooke, deserves commendation for organizing themselves into a better working force.

CULTURAL UNION (C.U.), however, still has problems with poor attendance and lack of member involvement. Although president Tracy Vinash seems to be working towards correcting past problems and improving government's image. But the fact is this is a critical year should be the more reason to involve the student body and lay a more solid foundation for school leadership in the future.

As Alyson says in a story on page 1, SLCC needs to do "something big" to really involve and interest the students. SLCC is planning to do that by following through plans for a student lounge and with a new government stories on page 2 had little idea what SLCC was doing this year. Although SLCC's newsletter and first assembly were good signs of communication, maybe SLCC could involve students more by holding more assemblies or having representatives talk to students informally to find out what students are thinking.

Maybe if SLCC did involve itself more with students, not to mention the faculty and administrators, it would find other issues in the school worthy of its attention. It may be a long road back to being an important part of the school, but the better precedent government sets this year the faster down the road it will go.

PERHAPS NEXT WEEK we should take time out to consider what Arts Week is all about... faculty, students and administrators working together so we can all take time out from the rigors of classwork to enjoy the arts. If it's all not a bad idea, primarily when it's as well-planned and -organized as it has been this year. Maybe next year, Arts Week can really be an Arts WEEK.
YOU OFTEN READ in the Midway about what the Midway thinks of student government’s actions and performance. But you don’t often read what members of student government think about the Midway and what it has to say about them.

Government members I talked to said the Midway’s articles reporting their activities were accurate. But the articles criticized the three editorials about government published before this issue. The second and third, in October’s and November’s issues, condemned government’s successful efforts in planning and communication. It also discussed the need for actions against a perceived lack of government action. So far last year’s government had similar plans but hadn’t done anything. A recent editorial in November praised Cultural Union’s (C.U.) students-run-the-school day and offered suggestions to improve the next one. And a January editorial analyzed the Student Legislative Coordinating Council’s (SLCC) handling of the Bill of Students’ Rights, asserting that SLCC missed an opportunity to involve the school community in what ended up becoming a set of policies.

SLCC PRESIDENT Alyson Cooke feels the Midway’s editorials overemphasize negative aspects of SLCC. “It seems like things we do are only mentioned, but mistakes or problems get drawn out.” Alyson said. “Like in the first editorial they said the all-school assembly was well-run, but they wrote it as if it was wrong. Right after that we wouldn’t make the same mistakes as last year. I take that as already doubting my competence.” Alyson continued.

The Bill of Rights editorial reflected a desire on the part of the Midway to capitalize on what it viewed as SLCC’s mistakes, Alyson felt.

“The eyes of the newspaper, the Bill of Rights editorial, should really worry about something. So far we really hadn’t had anything for them to criticize,” said Alyson. Alyson took issue with the editorial’s criticism that she didn’t bring the bill to the faculty and the student body. “It would have been chaos to bring the whole school into what we were doing,” she said. “Faculties don’t want to hear it. The students would have responded to our concerns. The Midway knew that they also needed.”

Midway editor-in-chief John Schloerb was absent from school and ball games as gymnastics meets. Makes the new one sound even worse. But the Eagles needn’t worry. They can depend on assured, complacent, undemanding audiences to make “The Long Run” another best seller.

State of the Arts
By Adam Simon, Midway critic

WHATEVER IT IS about an album which makes it popular, I can’t do it anymore. All too often, a rock group just repeats a formula to try and repeat success. Financially it usually works but the musical value, or any show of artistic failure and just plain boring.

New albums by three rock stars and prototypes — Tom Petty and the Eagles — face the challenge of the album after the musical equivalent of the morning after with varying degrees of success.

Van Morrison’s latest album, “Into the Music,” follows his bestselling album to date. Like Tom Petty, Morrison avoids repeating his past successes instead, he goes back to his roots. His old blend of Celtic mysticism and blues sensibilities receives an invigorating charge from his rediscovered Christianity. Unlike Bob Dylan’s born-again music, which stands a step away from the love we were born to know, Morrison beckons us to join him, like gospel music should.

Each of Tom Petty’s first two albums included a single which should have made a hit. But didn’t. “Breakdown” and “Need to Know” are nearly perfect rock singles: great hooks and just enough ambiguity and lyrical uncertainty to require repeated listenings.

Petty’s second album, “You’re Gonna Get It,” was the closest he’d had to a bestseller. In his latest album, “Damn the Torpedoes,” Petty doesn’t repeat himself and in fact grows as a singer and songwriter. On “Damn the Torpedoes,” Petty’s voice features a musically, slightly scary quality which makes him more than the master of teenage love songs.

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Boy cagers face Harvard today

By John Naisbitt

Today's game against Harvard should prove an outstanding rematch for varsity cagers. The Maroons needed two overtimes to turn back the Hurricanes Jan. 15 at Harvard. The frosh-soph also had a challenge against the Hurricanes, having won the last contest on Tommy Manry's free throws with 23 seconds left.

With an 8-2 record, 13-4 overall, the varsity sits in 2nd place in the Independ¬
ent School League (ISL), behind league-leading Lake Forest Academy, 9-1, the last league game of the season comes this Friday against the Ox¬
ymon Wildcats. The Maroons will start defensively, play against Leo at Chicago Christian a week later.

Improved attitude and the strong play of inexperienced players are the major reasons for the turnaround from last year's squad, which finished 6-13. "There has been a great attitude change over the past year," said guard Alan King. "To the players, winning is now the most important thing, rather than any personal conflicts."

Frosh-soph holds onto first place in the ISL, 9-1, 10-3 overall, with the only loss coming in overtime against Latin Feb. 3. Throughout the season, frosh-
soph have depended on a solid de-
fense and equally strong offense. "Only one team, Tinley Park, has handled us this year," forward Paul Fox said. "Our defense creates steals and frustrates the other team."

Previously unreported scores, with U-High first and frosh-soph in paren¬
tes.

MORGAN PARK ACADEMY, Jan. 30, boys, 78-70 (73-68); JOHN NASHBROOK, Feb. 1, boys, 80-73 (81-74); WINDSOR, Feb. 2, boys, 60-41 (60-41); NEVADA, Feb. 3, boys, 78-73 (78-73); FRANCIS PARKER, Feb. 4, boys, 66-62 (66-62); LAKE FOREST, Feb. 5, boys, 65-43 (65-43); CHRISTIAN, Feb. 6, boys, 76-55 (76-55); MAURICE, Feb. 7, boys, 72-50 (72-50); NEWARK, Feb. 9, boys, 75-44 (75-44); DUNBAR, Feb. 10, boys, 71-52 (71-52); MORGAN PARK, Feb. 11, boys, 69-53 (69-53); LAKE FOREST, Feb. 12, boys, 74-64 (74-64); AMERICAN, Feb. 14, boys, 59-47 (59-47)

Girl cagers to meet Parker

By David Straus

An easy win is expected by varsity cager girls over Parker tomorrow, after defeating the Colonies earlier this year. If tomorrow's game, the Maroons will enter a final stretch of five home games. The varsity girls hold first place, two games ahead of Latin, with a 7-6 ISL record, 8-0 overall. Frosh-sophs stand second in the league, two games behind Naperville with a 3-3 record, 3-2 overall.

Although the varsity squad remains undefeated in league play, coach Karen Lawler feels they are still not making mistakes. "The teams in our league aren't enough competition, and we haven't played enough challenging teams, though our schedule is becoming more difficult," players cite up-
coming games against DePaul and Launius, Latin and Academy of Our Lady as the toughest on their schedules.

Although none of the frosh-soph's cagers had played on an organized team before this season, coach Deborah Kerr feels pleased with their performance. "I feel ability," she explained, "but because they're new they haven't put it all together, but they will as time goes on."

Swimmers win ISL trophy

By Carlo Rotella

Bringing home the first-place trophy and four records from the Independ¬
ent School League-Chicago Prep League (ISL-CPL) Championship Feb. 14 at Latin, Maroon swimmers wrapped up their season 11-1 varsity and 9-3 frosh-soph. Although only three ISL schools maintain swim teams this year, the Maroons are independent from the league. Varsity's only loss came to St. Patrick, with varsity and frosh-soph scores being 92-82, 153-62. The frosh-soph are coming to any conclu¬
sions," SSC president Alyson Cooke said.

The club's next challenge comes tomorrow against Naperville North, 7:30 p.m. at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse, where the Club also practices.

Mr. Drod said he invited mostly girls to join because "The girls seem to practice harder, which makes my job easier. There are about 15 boys who would like to run but don't have enough energy for everyone. Loren Henning and Steve Taylor are in the club because they ran in the fall."

SEVERAL BOYS have complained to principal Geoff Jones and the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) about the club's selection membership. SLCC appropriated $75 for the Club from Student Activities Fund. The student handbook states that school-funded clubs are open to all U-Highers.

"We're investigating the situation. We will be coming to any conclusions," SSC president Alyson Cooke said.

Mr. Jones said that "the club appears to be exclusive. My conten¬
tion is that is not appropriate."
He's not just foil-ing around

Junior Ken Posner teaches fencing class at IIT, plans club here

By Geoff Levene

When students at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) meet for their fencing classes, they face not a phys ed teacher or a fencing pro turned instructor, but U-High junior Ken Posner. Ken teaches two one-hour classes at IIT Wednesday nights. He began his second semester of teaching there Jan. 27. "It's just a phys ed class," Ken explained, "but a small no-credit, no-grade class."

Ken first became interested in fencing his freshman year. "Right before school started I decided I was interested in fencing, perhaps after seeing it in a play. At the same time I found out about the classes at IIT through the Amateur Fencer's League of America (AFLA). The classes are open to anyone."

WHEN KEN'S INSTRUCTOR at IIT quit a year after Ken began taking his class, he recommended that Ken replace him. "There weren't a lot of people both available and interested." Ken explained, "I was a fairly good fencer at the time, and I was really very interested in fencing. The others just weren't as interested as I was."

While Ken was still taking lessons at IIT, he often fenced in competitions sponsored by the AFLA at public high schools on Saturdays. After a year, however, Ken lost interest and stopped competing.

"The last time I fenced competitively was about this time last year," Ken explained. "From then on I wouldn't have done any fencing if it weren't for my teaching. I like the money. After you've fenced for a while you don't learn many new moves. You just keep perfecting them, practicing and getting faster. To do this, you have to fence three or four times a week. I didn't have that much time to devote. I wasn't that interested. Fencing had lost some of its excitement and it wasn't new anymore."

KEN STOPPED COMPETING also for economic reasons. He had to spend more than $300 on gear, plus replacement foils.

Ken teaches foil fencing, the most common style. He recently became interested in sabre fencing, a different style. "In foil fencing," Ken explained, "only the point is sharp, so you have to thrust at the opponent. With a sabre, the front edge, the point and the top third of the back edge are sharp, so one can slash or, technically, cut. Sabre fencing is also much faster and more athletic."

Ken is organizing a sabre fencing club at U-High. "It would be nice to get the school interested," he said, "I can't fence by myself, and I know some people already have an interest."

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KUMAR DE SILVA, freshman: I think the U.S. should boycott the Olympics and hold some games somewhere else with other boycotting countries. Some athletes have been working all their life for the Olympics. This will be their one shot and in four years it'll be too late.

BETSY HAJEN, senior: The U.S. should go because we don't have to involve sports with politics. Sports is something that should promote international goodwill and be above political problems and fights among countries.

BETSY BARTOY, junior: The U.S. should definitely not go to Moscow. This would show the Russians that we are serious about the fact that they remove their troops from Afghanistan. The boycotting countries should hold some games, or the U.S. should hold some games just for U.S. athletes.

RICHARD FLEMING, freshman: I don't think the U.S. should go to Moscow. All we can do is boycott. It boycotting countries shouldn't hold some other games somewhere else because it's not competitive enough and it'll break up the spirit and tradition of the games, which is competition between athletes of all different countries.
It's her pet interest
Senior enjoys assisting father at animal hospital

By Michelle Ditzian

A veterinarian and his assistant stood over a part-German Shepherd mongrel sprawled on an operating table at the Southtown Animal Hospital. The doctor and assistant were blood-splattered green lab coats. Small puddles of blood and urine dotted the floor at their feet. The assistant spoke only to give reports on the dog's breathing rate and to comment on its excessive bleeding. The doctor just nodded in agreement. Suddenly they heard a tremendous thud. The assistant turned around to find the dog's owner, who had requested to watch the operation, sprawled on the floor in a faint.

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