A season to be jolly

Holidays past, present inspire lasting memories

By Carla Williams

Sitting in front of their fireplace, members of Heidi Hackel's family listen as one person reads the story of Christ's birth from the Bible. Beneath their Christmas tree, a white sheet covers their unwrapped presents. Heidi, her brother and her parents wear dresses and suits. Later they will attend midnight church services. Before leaving for church, Heidi's mother removes the sheet, revealing the gifts.

Heidi's traditional German Christmas is one way U-Highers celebrate the holidays. Students and faculty members interviewed by the Midway observe Christmas and Hanukkah with ethnic traditions, by vacationing, or just by relaxing.

REUBEN COLLINS HAS spent Christmas, until this year, with his two older sisters, his parents and friends. "Sometimes we'd sing Christmas carols. My mom would play the piano and we'd have eggnog to drink. Christmas morning everyone would be up early opening presents." But this year, Reuben said, "with my sisters in college, they'll be busy. I'll probably sleep a lot."

David Johnston will celebrate Christmas with his entire family. A brother and sister will come home from Utah to celebrate with David, another brother and his wife, and David's parents. "With people away at school, we haven't had everyone together at Christmas," David said. "This Christmas everyone is coming home."

David's family follows a special tradition every Christmas. After breakfast, the family gathers around the Christmas tree. From youngest to oldest, each Johnston opens one present at a time, and then they each go through and tear everything open," David said. "When we open presents, people tell how they chose the gift and why, giving the presents becomes more important than just getting them."

LOUISE LE BOURGEOIS, her sister and her parents plan to celebrate Christmas in New Orleans with relatives this year. "We used to live in New Orleans," Louise explained. "Christmas is more special in New Orleans than when we spend it in Chicago. When we spend it with family and friends all around, there are more people to share it with."

Jewish U-Highers and teachers interviewed recognize Hanukkah, this year Dec. 2-10, only as a minor holiday, although some people think it's a Jewish equivalent of Christmas. "Hanukkah is a minor holiday which has gained more importance since it usually occurs around Christmas," explained social studies teacher Susan Shapiro.

A time of sadness, too

Holiday cheer makes some people feel depressed

By Kevin Umeh

Christmas isn't such a joyous season for some U-Highers. Students and faculty members interviewed by the Midway say they feel depressed around Christmas gave reasons ranging from loneliness during, to disappointment after, the holidays.

According to Dr. Robert Yuft, psychiatric counselor at Northwestern University and parent of Aveva, "Depression around Christmas is likely to be caused by a feeling of lack of accomplishment. I think people assess their lives at Christmas because it's close to the end of the year, and if they don't feel that they have been productive then they get depressed."

SOME U-HIGHLERS interviewed said they feel lonely at Christmas. "I get depressed if I don't get to see my relatives," said Chester Allen. "I guess it's because I like a more traditional Christmas."

Librarian Mary Biblo felt similarly. "As long as I have a lot to do it's all right," she said, "but when I have time to think, I wonder about friends I haven't seen for a long time or people who have passed away, and that's always sort of sad."

Relatives who are around at Christmas depress one sophomore girl, who asked not to be named. "At Christmas I'm surrounded by people I'm supposed to love," she said, "But I don't. Some of them I don't even know."

INGRID THOMPSON said she gets depressed by the commercialism of Christmas. "Storeowners don't put up decorations to make people happy," she explained. "They do it to make money. I think the whole meaning of Christmas has been perverted, and that's why I get depressed."

John Yogore also said he was bothered by the artificiality of Christmas. "The hypocrisy of it bothers me," he explained. "I mean it's against human nature. People don't want to give each other things." People who take out their hostilities on Christmas bother Laura Salenger. "I'm so depressed by people who take out their hostilities on Christmas and try to damn it," she explained. "Why can't they just enjoy it like everyone else?"

PEOPLE ALSO said they feel disappointed after Christmas. "Everyone is so happy and you know it won't last," Jennifer Fleming said. "After Christmas everything will go back to normal."

Peter Kligerman added, "Both before and during there are high spirits and excitement. But after, the whole thing sort of peteres out and everything's normal."
Tears with cheers  
Audiences cry as they enjoy "Our Town"  
By Nicholas Patinkin  
Tears came along with the cheers from the audiences for the fall play, "Our Town," Nov. 20-22. Members of the cast and crew felt the play touched audiences emotionally, especially in the final scene.  
Written by Thornton Wilder in 1938, "Our Town" takes place around the turn of the century.  
The story deals with life, marriage and death in the small town of Grover's Corners, N.H.  
The play attracted a nearly full house Nov. 20 and full houses of 120 people Nov. 21 and 22.  
In the final scene, Emily Gibbs, played by Margaret Godfrey, after dying during childbirth revisits the day of her 12th birthday.  
Margaret was required to cry in the scene, and she did, despite her wishes, as she "talked" to many people in the audience.  
"I imagined myself being in a similar situation as Emily, so I couldn't cry," she said.  
"I wish I could have gone to a simpler system, but it's a job that needs the timing they give teachers."  
Mr. Price told the Medway and that teachers complained the code was too complex, and unnecessary in parts.  
Mr. Jones said he never required students to use the new nine-digit code, "It was introduced to make Mr. Price's job easier," he added. After considering teachers' complaints, Mr. Price reduced the code to the first eight numbers and asked teachers to use them.  
Three of the 15 teachers interviewed said they do not turn in their attendance sheets and one has even asked them about the code. "I never did any record in my attendance sheets," a teacher who did not wish to be named, said. "I let them use it, it's their job to keep track of it. They have two times. I do not have to type them and I have 100 students."  
Most teachers interviewed felt it important to follow the attendance procedure to keep order in the school.  
Social studies teacher Susan Shapiro explained, "I turn in my attendance sheets and I give them a sheet to keep a separate record of my classes' attendance." If Mr. Price doesn't find out about my students missed class, I require a written explanation from their parents.  
The policy calls for telephone contact with parents, rather than notes, Mr. Price said, because "it is a better way to speak to parents to convey school policy about attendance. Speaking to parents is a better way for them to understand their child's attendance problems. From the parents I have spoken to, they all seem to agree."  
Most students interviewed felt that cutting class is easier this year, but some said it wasn't."I can't get a late slip and not come to class anymore," a student who also did not wish to be named. "I wish I could have gone to a separate system, but I did not wish to be named."  
Mr. Price told the Medway he intends to check on everyone who misses class, but is checking first on those who miss class most frequently.  
Mr. Jones feels progress has been made, "The number of students actually attending class is higher this year," he said, "and the accuracy of reporting absence has been improved."  

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Keeping alumni in touch

Program offers newsletter, helps classes reunite

By David Reid

They come from all over the country for a stroll down memory lane. U-High alumni are seeking to get in touch with old classmates after 10, even 30 years at class reunions organized with the help of Lab Schools alumni coordinator Alice Schlessinger, mother of Gideon.

Since the alumni program was begun in 1979, Ms. Schlessinger has helped plan reunions for the classes of 1929, '30, '56-'59, '60 and '70. From her office in Blaine 152A she also edits an alumni newsletter.

The newsletter includes items about alumni who have

Cable car station gets historic new purpose

Society offers look back at community's yesterdays

By Susie Evans

Nestled in the embankment under the Illinois Central Gulf tracks at 6229 S. Lake Park Ave., the red brick building with large glass windows and wooden doors looks like a quaint train station. Actually, it was built as a cable car station. Now it serves as headquarters for the three-year-old Hyde Park Historical Society.

The building, a station for Chicago's 55th street cable cars which gripped a moving underground cable, opened as Society headquarters Oct. 26. Several U-High graduates were among the people who in 1977 formed the Society, financed mainly by donations. It now has 250 members. The Society will sponsor a community Christmas carol around Hyde Park, starting at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 50th street and Woodlawn avenue.

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Faces before U-Highers find acting, modeling chancey business

By Melvin Moseley

"Cut!" With this directive, the monster with gloved feet and metallic blue ski pants jumps off the table. Peeling off his lizard mask, he puts out the fire that had lit in the miniature cardboard town.

The monster was senior David Straus, completing the final scene from his first movie, "Monster Isle," in 1977. David and Mark Stewart filmed the 15-minute thriller in two days for $60.

"I've dreamed about making science fiction movies since about 1971, on a visit to Japan, when my mother got a camera from her brother," David said.

He began making animated science fiction films and six years later started his first live action movie with his own special effects.

David uses gunpowder for explosions. "We've had accidents with gunpowder," he explained. "Once my foot caught on fire!"

Since "Monster Isle," David has made four films. Inflation has boosted the price of filming to $20, $15 extra for sound. David pays for the movies but his father, a professional photographer, supplies the film. The cast and crew has grown to six and David's mother made the monster a green lizard suit. After filming, most of the suits were sold.

Capturing monsters...on film
Senior makes, acts in science fiction flicks for hobby

By Bryant McHenry

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A bazaar touch on 53rd street
Teacher puts international touch in shop

By Martha Nicholson

Outside, the store with its display window surrounded by dirty brick looks like any other on 53rd street.

But inside, the tables covered with bracelets and Mexican dolls and the pegboards hung with flowing caftans and geometric-designed scarves create a foreign atmosphere.

Boylan's Bazaar, 1305 E. 53rd St, is the creation of biology teacher Richard Boyajian, who took a leave of absence this year to open the store.

Sitting behind his desk, cluttered with files, receipts and flyers for an upcoming open house, Mr. Boyajian explained that he became interested in handicrafts while in India in 1968 and 1969. He was serving as a consultant to the instructors of Indian science teachers.
Body building, truth seeking, pix and flics
Four new clubs among 22 organizations here
By Chris Feaman
Lifting weights, arguing synthetic truths, snapping practice photos and writing a script for a film, four new clubs are among 22 organizations this year. The new groups are Body Building, Philosophy, Photography and Film.
Seven Body Building Club members meet in the Sunny Gym weight room every Monday at lunch.
"We are trying to make people have a better awareness of their bodies," president John Bolden said. John added that members who lift 1,000 pounds combined on all six weight machines will receive club jackets.
Fifteen Philosophy Club members have begun a series of arguments Dec. 2 on whether synthetic truths can be known "a priori," that is, based on innate ideas. President Aaron Gerow hopes to get a U. of C. philosophy professor to lecture and answer questions.
Ten Photography Club members have worked with still photography this fall. "We may put out a magazine to sell around school," said president Arthur Molnar. "We also want to shoot some motion pictures."
The eight Film Club members, according to president Chris Yu, are writing a script for a film they hope to make with Student Experimental Theater.
Not new but newly active, the 30 Outing Club members are sponsoring a ski trip Fri., Jan. 17, for which any U-Highers can sign up. They have already sponsored a bike trip and demonstration of biking on rollers.
"It wasn't as successful as we wanted it to be," said president John Lim of the demonstration. "It might have been because there were limited numbers of people interested in rollers."
"After that we handed out a questionnaire. The most popular suggestion was a ski trip. There's been a lot of interest in the ski trip."
The bike trip, to Lincoln Park, took place in October.

Debaters hope for Utah trip
Local wins could lead to national invitation
By Sandy Raffle
After five tournaments, U-High's four varsity debaters look forward to district and Illinois High School Association tournaments. Winning either competition would qualify the varsity team for an invitation to the National Forensic League (NFL) tournament next March in Salt Lake City, Utah.
This year's topic, chosen by the NFL, asks whether the federal government should initiate and enforce safety guarantees on consumer goods.
Coached by University of Chicago student Geri Sands, 15 debaters are competing at three levels: Varsity and Junior varsity with four members each and novice with seven members.
Because nine additional members operate on the same budget this year as last year and transportation, judge and entry fees have risen, members may not be able to enter as many tournaments.
"The debate team functions on a very low budget of $3,200 to $4,000 a year," said principal Geoff Jones. He and Lab Schools director James Van Amburg are discussing raising the amount of money the team receives from a principal's fund.

Results of meets are as follows:
OCT. 5, 6 AT GLENBROOK NORTH - Varsity, madeoster rounds, Junior varsity, did not make final rounds, novice, did not make final rounds; Oct. 12-13 AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, NORMAL - Varsity, did not make final rounds; novice, did not make final rounds; Oct. 19, 20 AT GLENBROOK NORTH - Varsity, made quarterfinals; Nov. 2-3 AT GLENBROOK NORTH - Varsity, made quarterfinals; Oct. 12-13, 19, 20 AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY - Varsity, did not make quarterfinals; Nov. 9 AT GLENBROOK NORTH - Varsity, did not make quarterfinals.

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By Kate Davey

Morality in math class? That might not be as crazy as it sounds.

Most students, teachers, parents and administrators interviewed by the Midway feel that, in classes which deal with moral issues, teachers should discuss values, but not impose their own beliefs of right or wrong on students. In all classes, they felt, teachers should act as role models, not preach.

Rightwing political groups, some affiliated with religious organizations, have been pushing for the teaching of morality, as well as subject matter, in schools.

Many people interviewed thought adolescents benefited from teachers who deal with morals. "Teachers aren't there just to teach the one subject. They're supposed to prepare their students to live in the world," explained Wendell Lim. "If they're going to prepare us, morals are a part of it."

German teacher Gregor Hegen, parent Raphaela, felt similarly. "At this school, the fact is, there is an academic teacher and a teacher," he said. "It's a good teach German grammar, but it's better if I teach kids how to be a man or a woman.

Principal Geoff Jones considers examining moral issues one of a high school's fundamental roles. "It doesn't mean we discuss it at every opportunity, but it's very important to find opportunities within the school to address value-related issues. Students will have the opportunity for acquiring knowledge about life, but they need to have the opportunity to establish and probably remain constant."

Some students, however, said that high school kids were too old to learn moral lessons. "I don't think the time to go to high school means you have already their morals set in," commented a student.

The supernatural acts at home in "Bellefleur. The book creates a separate world where natural laws exert no force on "Bellefleur"s inhabitants. · One of these natural laws, the law of time, explains the supernatural events at home in "Bellefleur." It's normal to want to protect your family, but abnormal to love and a ghost elude Jedadiah, whose obsession with his presents. There were a lot, but there weren't any really big ones. And besides, we found out there's no such thing as a Hamaka stocking. Greed solved my religious crisis.

I always rejoice that I'm Catholic at Christmas. I CAN REMEMBER THE ONE time when I doubted my beliefs. It had to do with my mother's friend, a man about Hanuka from this Jewish kid. He told me it was eight days of presents. Eight Christmas. I always have and always will delight in all the decorations and the tree filling the house with lights and glitter and more smell of pine. But the real pleasure of all those things is the sign they give self-indulgence up ahead.

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ASSOCIATE EDITORS • Page 1, news features, Goldi Lerner; Page 2, news, Monica Davey; 3, news and features, Jennifer Lim; 4, news and features, Christine Mather; 5, features, Becky Sadow; 6, features, Emily Parker, her impact on science, education and the arts. A Bertha Morris Parker Memorial fund has been started to provide financial aid to deserving Lab Schools students. Checks, made out to the Memorial, can be sent to the school.

BYLINE

By Gene Scalia, Midway columnist

THERE ARE REALLY only two important days at U-High to me. One is your birthday. And Christmas is better because you get two.

When I was a kid my parents were always trying to impress the religious significance of Christmas upon me. And all my elementary school teachers wanted me to believe that Christmas is a day to share, give and love. BUT DON'T THINK the reason I never got to sleep Christmas eve and always got up at 5 a.m. Christmas day was Jesus or love. Greed. That's the reason I love Christmas. Sheer, unadulterated greed.

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You deal with the various issues around or on which morals are made," he explained. "You don't press your own point of view, because you want the students to make their own decisions, with a certain amount of depth."

Many people said teachers could best teach morality by serving as example for students. "Teachers affect students more than they realize," said Beata Boodell. "When you see somebody one hour every day for a year, they can't help but have an effect on you."

Mr. Akira Iriye, parent of Sue, also felt teachers could act as role models. "Teachers have a tremendous impact on students, primarily as examples," he said. "In a teacher-student relationship, the teacher ought to be a person students can respect and understand. He should be the one to understand all views of what a human can be, and that way the student can learn something from him about morals."

Rearrange ethics into subject matter

Paul Audrain. "With Lower or Middle Schoolers, morals could be helpful, but in High School, students should just be left alone to their parents."

Students felt teachers dealing with moral issues in class should not cite one view as right or wrong, but examine all opinions. "A teacher should have the right to make his own opinion known, but he shouldn't assume the whole class agrees," said Kim Neely. "He should bring out all the points, and if he doesn't like them all, but he shouldn't hold any back."

Teachers should provide background for students to base moral decisions on. Most people interviewed felt, "I wouldn't want the classroom used to promote the teacher's own personal view," said Mr. Edward Cohen, parent of Jonathan and Jennifer. "An education is to help youth understand all viewpoints."

Biologist teacher Murray Hotsinsky, parent of Becca, felt similarly. "You don't teach morality."

It is Christmas time, but you can still make you keep the holiday spirit all year around.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION:

The Midway's recent political article on this year's negotiations between the Faculty Association and the School shows us the emphasis on faculty "lithargy," the lack of visible political conflict. In other words, the teachers were not seriously concerned about the negotiations and that the negotiations were unsuccessful. We feel it is necessary to emphasize several points.

This year's salary increase was the largest granted in recent history.

Significant gains were made in the area of job tenure, an issue of critical concern to all faculty in these days of cutbacks.

Negotiations were quieter this year. This was partially because of our optimism regarding the new director. We were in, what is sometimes called, "the honeymoon period."

In addition, the article seems to imply that a vocal and disruptive period of negotiations would have accomplished more. While it is true that faculty members did not achieve all they wished to achieve, the gains made were more significant than those made last year. The negotiations can and should not be evaluated in terms of the quantity of confrontation that occurred, but rather, the accomplishments that were made. This year negotiations were quieter, but they were also effective.

Communicate!

A lot of U-Highers have been saying they were writing letters to the Midway and then not showing up with them. The Midway staff wants readers to use the paper to express their opinion. We need letters the Friday after an issue is published so we can plan space for them in the next issue. There's no word limit — though we encourage no more than 250 words — and the editors will help writers if editing is necessary. So communicate! Write the Midway.
**Making up fast for disadvantages**

**Varsity cagers run to compensate for lack of experience and height**

By Adam Helman

Claud in tanktops and shorts, the 17 members of the boys varsity basketball team chug up and down the stairways in Sunny Gym. After practice on a recent weekday afternoon, coach Steve Kolross calls the players onto the courts and practice begins. "Let's work on the fast break drill," the coach says, "and I want to see everybody running hard in it." Kolross has emphasized running to build speed and endurance for the team. "You must overcome size and lack of height. "We should be a very fast team as compared to our opponents," Kolross said. "We plan to do a lot of fast breaking and pressing." Forward Michael Moses added, "Some of the players dislike the vista. They realize that to win we have to do it." Only four team members played varsity last year. "Alan King started a lot last year, and Robert Jones and Michael Moses played some last year," Kolross said, "but those are our only players with extensive varsity experience."

Players also expressed concern about their inexperience and the fact that Kolross is new to the team. The former frosh-soph coach, Kolross replaced Sandy Patlak in a reassignment made by principal Geoff Jones.

"Most players feel that Kolross can easily adapt from coaching frosh-soph to the more physical varsity game." "Varsity games will be there for the rebounds. Also we are going to have to move around more," said guard Paul Crayton. "But he has to concentrate with us, I feel she's not making us do impossible exercises," Beth expressed. "Helen dominated inside, that's why we were good," said sophomore guard Errol Rubenstein.

"Although we do not have the players to be 1st or 2nd in the league. "Although we do not have the height that the varsity players have," said guard Alan King, "but Mr. Kolross should get used to coaching varsity without trouble." Generally, players express confidence about the season. "You can't say that height or inexperience will hurt us until another team exploits them," Michael said. "Time will tell.""
Volleyballers recognize it during season of ups and downs

By Vivian Derechin

"Act together guys, you're a team!" Manager Julie Kurland's voice fills the gym as the varsity volleyball team runs onto the court for its Nov. 11 non-conference match against Timothy Christian at Latin.

With four regular games remaining, the netters faced what many considered the most important game of the season. A victory at Latin would launch the Maroons into sectional competition.

On the bus, hitter Stephanie Neely had commented, 'We're ready for it. We're psyched up.' Teammates sang and shouted.

"Ready to TAKE the lead in the first game, the Maroons fall back and lose 15-13. Setter Kathy Suhm's comments later about the team's style, 'We have to get an early lead. On the other hand, if we start winning, we get overconfident, fall apart under pressure and then lose the match.'

"We're not there," the Maroons scream as the second game begins. Falling back at the start, the U-Highers catch and overtake Timothy Christian with powerful blocks and spikes, winning 15-9.

Hopes rise as the third game starts. But the Maroons begin missing serves and tension grows. Leftback Naveena Daniels later says Timothy Christian's constant subbing added to the tension. "It distracted us, making it more difficult to concentrate," she explains.

After a tough fight the Maroons fall 15-9.

WALKING back to the bus, the team is quiet. "We returned some hard spikes," says spiker Cathy Yachnin with frustration. "We need to do it again." Though saying no excuse could be made for the team's loss, coach Lynn Hastreiter began practice Nov. 12, 1993.

The Frosh-Soph "Gals"

"The Frosh-Soph gals were not as serious towards the team." Manager Julie Kurland's final words rang true, especially after their two-game sweep of the U-Highers.

Learning as they played

Frosh-sophs gain experience to win

By Adrienne Collins

Overcoming inexperience, the frosh-soph volleyball team finished with more wins than losses.

The netters placed 3rd in the Independent School League (ISL), with a 10-4 league record, 10-5 overall.

The Maroons began the season as an inexperienced squad. Of the 10 freshmen and three sophomores who went out for the team, only three had played before.

"We started with the very basics." setter Sarah Roberts explained. "To hold your hands and just getting the ball over the net.

The girls felt practices paid off in teamwork. "Our strength was teamwork, learning how to work with each other," Sarah said.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL - Both teams had plenty of reasons to celebrate last Saturday's varsity team romp over New Trier. It was the first time the Maroons had nipped the Blue Devils at home in 14 years. But, backstroker David Siegel pointed out, "We have the potential to equal or better last year's record against Latin, raising the Maroons at 15-9, 15-8.

Swimming - Varsity Maroons dive into the season with a sweep of the Hilltoppers. The netters opened their season with a double header sweep Nov. 3, the first match. They downed Parker 15-9, 15-2, 15-13 the first, before winning the second match at Latin, 15-10, 15-6, 15-3.

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Senior skates to icy heights

Kathi Earles making mark(s) as figure skater, ice dancer

By Andy Goodman

In quick twists and turns, Kathi Earles and her partner speed across a frigid Homewood-Flossmoor Ice rink before sunrise on a recent weekday morning, preparing their ice dancing routine for competition. At 6 a.m., five days a week, Kathi practices and prepares for competitive skating, helped by either her ice dancing coach or figure skating coach.

"Regional competition includes skaters of all ages from about half of the midwestern states," Kathi explained. To qualify in either figure skating or ice dancing, she continued, skaters must place in a judged performance and must pass a certain number of tests. Judges administer tests at different locations and times during the year.

"For freestyle figure skating," Kathi said, "judges test the skaters' ability to skate variations on the figure eight of varying degrees of difficulty dependent on the test level. In ice dancing, the judges test the individual's performance of different types of set footwork patterns with his or her partner."

"For the past three years, we've had a large group," Kathi said. "We kept cross country last year," Mr. Jones told the Midway, "because I wanted to see if the year before had been a fluke. In the past, cross country had done very well in competition."

Indoor track will be offered to both boys and girls. The season will begin about Feb. 17. Drouzd estimated about 35 to 40 people will join the team.

"I feel more awake and ready to do something after a class," said Claudia Laska. "Even my homework." BECAUSE Ms. Kerr doesn't want her students to try to get in shape too fast, she tells them to make sure they start at the beginning of the unit.

"The students have made an improvement in their pulse and other physical improvements," said Sandy Patlak. "I am so happy with our تصنيف." Kathi said, "but not the place."

"Despite the time and discipline involved, Kathi doesn't regret having taken up skating. But, she admitted, "Once in a while schoolwork makes getting to practice difficult after a late night of studying, I find it hard to decide whether I really want to get up."
Winning ways
Grad blends studies, sports at U of C
By Liz Evans
Cramming for exams and practicing for a game at the same time. That’s not unusual for Helen Straus, ’80, who has emerged as a sports winner in field hockey and basketball after one quarter at the U of C.

During her four years at U-High, Helen played field hockey, basketball, and school and outdoor track. She also played in a softball league on Mackinac Island in Michigan during summer and rode horses on the island, where her family owns a summer home. Aside from field hockey and basketball, Helen plans to participate in track or softball later this year at the U of C.

Because Helen had a lot of sports experience in high school, she decided as a senior to apply for the U of C’s Dudley Sports Scholarship, usually given to two high school girls in the nation each year. She won one of the 1980 grants.

Helen started as left inner on the U of C field hockey team. With 18 goals for the season, she became leading scorer and was named to the Division Three all-state team.

There’s more to education than reading, writing and arithmetic, according to Helen. “I don’t think it’s right to waste four years of college by doing nothing but studying,” she explained. “Sports are important, too.”

Helen finds that her sports activities benefit from the University’s emphasis on academics. “Sports aren’t so much for spectators,” she explained, “but the kind of kids who come here have a lot of self-discipline and can transpose their academic discipline and direct it towards sports.”

As a team member, Helen finds she has different reasons for going out than many other players. “Some people go out for the sport itself, while others are talked into it by friends,” she said. “A lot of people aren’t too familiar with competition and they don’t prepare for the games. You can’t go into a game thinking about cube roots. You have to think about the game and concentrate on what you’re doing.”

Because of the U of C’s 1-1-1-1-1 hockey record last year, Helen was skeptical about winning this season. “I was afraid to have high expectations because there were good hockey players I knew who quit because of dissatisfaction with coaching,” she explained. “But this year was good. We had a new coach and players.” The team finished with a 5-7-1 record.

Helen’s attitude about sports is the same as it was at U-High. “Sports for me is not just winning,” she said. “It’s setting an appropriate goal, one that you have to work for but that isn’t impossible to reach.”

By Andy Goodman
Now the “Fireplug” uses his sturdy frame for football. From small school soccer goalie at U-High, Josh Mayers, ’80, has gone to college football player at the University of Wisconsin at La-Crosse, where he plays junior varsity for the Indians.

Cocaptain of varsity soccer at U-High and nicknamed “Fireplug” for his sturdy frame and stalwart stance in the goal, Josh served as captain of, and catcher for, the baseball team; manager of the basketball team; and president of the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Board.

JOSH SAYS he started to think about playing college football midway through his senior year. “I’d been playing soccer for a long time and I wanted to try something different, a new challenge,” he said.

Josh talked about playing college football while home for Thanksgiving. “People look at sports differently at La-Crosse than they do at U-High,” he said. “La-Crosse is an NCAA division two school with about 7,000 students. It recruits 75 percent of its football players and many of them want to go on to professional leagues.

“There are guys that are 6 feet, 5 inches and 270 pounds. There are a lot of people, especially on varsity, that I really look up to.”

AT 5 FEET, 8 inches and 215 pounds, Josh lifted weights all summer in preparation for football. Because U-High has no football, Josh had only played in casual pickup games. He joins the team at the University.

When the season rolled around, “at first my friends said that I couldn’t make it,” Josh recalled. “For the first two months I practiced, ate dinner and went to bed.”

“Learning pays was one of the hardest things. It took one-and-a-half months. I met an assistant coach at the library every night for help. Everyone else had played high school ball and had an easier time because they already knew similar plays.”

Josh learned, though. After a physical strength testing, four weeks of practice and two player cuts, he held the defensive guard position. Since then he has started in three and played in all five games.

‘Fireplug’ tackles football in college
By Paul McDermut
HELEN STRAUS, ’80
A sports star in the world of academics

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Gifts to benefit school

Gifts donated by alumni and friends of an alumni parent will pay for cafeteria improvements and an art gallery. Mr. Sidney Epstein, '40, has collected $1,500 so far from members of his class for round tables and new partitions for the cafeteria. In memory of sculptor Mandy Ricketts, parent of three U-High alumni, Ms. Joan Stuart has solicited $2,335 so far for seating, lighting and partitions to display art.

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Calendar

Tues., Dec. 9 - BOYS' BASKETBALL, Elk Grove Village, 5:30 p.m., there; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Tues., Dec. 16 - BOYS' BASKETBALL, Normal, 5 p.m., here; GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Normal, 7 p.m., here; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Tues., Dec. 23 - GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Elgin, 4 p.m., here; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Wed., Dec. 24 - GYMNASTICS, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., there; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Tues., Jan. 6 - GYMNASTICS, Lake View, 4 p.m., Bartlett Gym.

Tues., Jan. 9 - BOYS' BASKETBALL, North Shore, 4 p.m., there; GIRLS' BASKETBALL, North Shore, 4 p.m., there.

Tues., Jan. 13 - BOYS' BASKETBALL, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Wed., Jan. 14 - SWIMMING, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here; GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Lake Forest, 4 p.m., here.

Tues., Jan. 27 - GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Elgin, 4 p.m., here; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Sat., Jan. 17 - GYMNASTICS, Thursday, 4 p.m., calendar.

Tues., Jan. 20 - GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Elgin, 4 p.m., here; SWIMMING, 6:30 p.m., here.

Tues., Jan. 27 - BOYS' BASKETBALL, Lake Park, 4 p.m., here; GIRLS' BASKETBALL, Lake Park, 4 p.m., here.

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