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HELPFUL? USELESS?

Freshman Center lies somewhere between

By Andy Goodman, Michael Polydorak, David Reid and Nicky Patinikin

SLCC representative of a plan for all-grade study periods proposed by English teachers, Freshman Center was intended to help freshmen adjust to the increased workload and freedom of high school, provide supervised quiet study time with opportunities for recreational reading, offer tutoring by an academic adviser, and give freshmen a familiar group of peers and an atmosphere conducive to developing good study skills.

Freshmen go to Freshman Center twice a week during periods when they are not scheduled for classes. They are supervised this year by math teacher Cathy Hynes, social studies teacher Susan Shapiro or English teacher Hope Rhinestine.

Principal Geoff Jones told the Midway he feels Freshman Center gives academically weaker students a better chance of surviving freshman year because they catch up on their homework in the Center. "Since Freshman Center started we have put fewer students on academic probation," he said. "Before, when we let students flounder, we dismissed 10 to 12 freshmen each year."

FRESHMAN Center advisers express enthusiasm about the program because they feel students get a lot of work done and, therefore, can better handle the workload. "Students, in general, concentrate on their work," said Cathy Hynes. "Almost everyone tells me it helps more than they wanted to take advantage of."

Approximately one-third of freshmen have their English, social studies or math teacher for their Freshman Center adviser. "Some students use the time to just do their math homework, where I can help them directly in what I have been teaching," Ms. Hynes said. Though advisers agree that the Center encourages students to get their homework done, they and Mr. Jones said the program has not provided freshmen with a familiar social group. "The social and academic goals of Freshman Center have become incompatible with each other and it seems that in the future the Center will retain the qualities of a study center," Mr. Jones said.

FRESHMEN interviewed on the Center weren't helping them develop study skills.

"All we do is go in there and study and as we normally do," Chandra Bahl explained. "But that doesn't help us with our studies outside of Freshman Center."

Sophomore Edward Conger said, "Freshman Center was like a punishment. Some students use the time to just do their math homework, where I can help them directly in what I have been teaching." Ms. Hynes said.

DESPITE THEIR FEELINGS

About 430 pieces of student artwork, posters, collages and other projects were created for the Midway art show. Among other projects, the Chicago Moving Company, a modern dance troupe; "Milestones for Mickey," a film showing the development of Mickey Mouse over several decades; and a concert for all students interested in becoming involved in the group. "I can help them directly in what I can do the work." Sophomore Edward Conger said. Freshman Center helps them with their study skills. "I have a lot of work," sophomore Lucile Morris said, "and Freshman Center taught me how to organize my time so I can do the work."

Sophomore Edward Conger said, "Freshman Center helps freshmen adjust to U-High and helps them organize their study time. It should be required for the first quarter, though."
Parties celebrate a turning point

By Adrienne Collins

Legally a minor becomes an adult at 18. But some people feel 16 is the real turning point. Some girls celebrate this new feeling of maturity by having Sweet 16 parties, an American tradition for more than 50 years.

Approximately 30 U-Highers in the past two years have had Sweet 16 parties, including Stephanie Neely, Lisa Moragne and Dee Thomas.

THE EVENTS range from small house parties to larger semi-formal dances at hotels. The cost, according to Stephanie and Lisa, can range from $300 to $1,600.

Stephanie had her party at McCormick Inn in 1979. "It was a fairly large room with a mirrored wall in the back behind the d.j. table," she said. "The lights were smoky-dim and small cocktail tables were surrounding a wooden dance floor."

Stephanie invited 250 of her acquaintances, relatives and close friends, and of the 300 who came about half brought gifts, including jewelry, money and clothes.

THE GUESTS, most of whom were dressed "semiformally or presentably," according to Stephanie, socialized with other guests, danced to disco music and ate food catered by the hotel. The menu included Swedish meatballs, ribs, chicken wings and other hors d'oeuvres, punch and, of course, birthday cake.

Stephanie was pleased with her party. "I remember it well," she said. "Almost everyone I knew was there and I think everyone had a nice time."

Lisa had a small house party last year that was similar to Stephanie's in many ways. Her guests also spent the evening socializing, eating and dancing to disco music.

Lisa's MOTHER prepared fruit salad, barbecued chicken wings, meatballs and raw vegetables for the party. Her guests brought her gifts including clothes, perfume and barrettes.

All of the 40 friends Lisa invited danced semi-formally, but 10 people showed up uninvited. Of those 40, two were wearing shorts. "I was upset, but I let them stay because they were friends of people who were invited," Lisa explained.

Lisa had another problem at her party when the birthday cake because her father forgot to pick it up. Despite these problems, Lisa enjoyed her party so much, she exclaimed, "I'm going to have a Sexy 17 party this year!"

In 1979, Dee Dee Thomas had a large semi-formal party at Galaxy Disco. Unfortunately, she arrived about two hours late.

"It was snowing heavily," she explained. "All of my relatives were coming so we rode in a van. It took a while to get organized and I was one or two hours late. Some people were dancing before I arrived, and most were sitting around drinking punch."

Some girls have parties because they feel 16 is a special birthday.

"Your 16th birthday is special because it is when you begin being treated like an adult," Lisa explained. "I will never forget how excited I felt when all of my friends were celebrating my 16th birthday."

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Opinions vary here about book banning

By Vivian Derechini


Most of the parents, faculty members and students interviewed by the Midway opposed book banning. They felt that parents or a council of administrators and faculty members should not have the authority to decide what high school students should or should not read.

According to a recent article in the Chicago Sun-Times, books are increasingly being banned from high school libraries and English curricula because they are considered antisocial, anti-American, anti-black or contain filthy language or openly discuss sex. Those banning books say that these books encourage antisocial behavior. Some people say that people can maturely deal with such material. The increase in book banning, many people feel, can be accounted for by the recent rise in conservative views.

Books should not be banned, many U-Highers felt, because teenagers can deal objectively with the ideas to which book banners object. "I'm glad the school uses interesting books," said Ms. Ruth Diltzian, mother of Michelle. "It allows students to expand intellectually as well as emotionally.

Some parents, however, felt that books which included explicit sex scenes or which, in their opinion, encouraged anti-social behavior should be banned. "Many parents and students are continually shocked by the blatant way sex is exploited," commented Ms. Chestine Allen, mother of Chester. Questioning the ability of high school students to differentiate between right and wrong, Mr. Chung Yuan Lin, father of John, said, "Books which contain anti-American or Communist material are also unsuitable.

Parents as well were pleased with the books included in U-High's English curriculum. "I'm glad the school uses interesting books," said Ms. Ruth Diltzian, mother of Michelle. "It allows students to expand intellectually as well as emotionally.

A week for arts

It's time to reconsider the idea

Arts Week—make that Arts Three Days—was a success, at least judging by the attendance figures.

During Arts Week, Feb. 25-27, enthusiastic U-Highers attended well-organized, exciting performances and speaker workshops. Display art work also was at its best, for the most part, of exceptional quality. Students in previous years weren't always willing to support Arts Week, and attendance was down during the first three days. Four years ago, Arts Week was an Arts Week. But because of students' apathetic attitudes, subsequent Arts Weeks were shortened to three days.

Now that U-Highers are attending events and are willing to support Arts Week, maybe it's time to restore it to an all-week program.

Mailbox

Deliberative bodies need time to act

From math teacher Margaret Matchett, faculty cochairperson:

The editorial in the Feb. 17 issue was not entirely representative of high school procedures. The attendance proposal had been circulated to the departments before the meeting, and it had been modified on the basis of departmental comments from them. Moreover, the English Department's initiative followed discussions of the attendance policy at faculty meetings earlier in the year.

The proposal for an in-service day also had a history. There had been reports on health education and vigorous discussions of some of the issues at earlier meetings.

I am not sure that the faculty has done all it might have done this year, or any year. However, sometimes the process of deliberative bodies seem slow because it takes a good deal of discussion to develop any sort of consensus. This discussion helps people see that not everyone agrees, and out of an understanding of different positions it is then possible, sometimes, to develop workable compromises. It is easy to undervalue the amount of time and effort this whole process requires, and I felt that the editorial did so.

Incidentally, there is a faculty steering committee which meets monthly. It would be a good group to work with to bring about change. Certain teachers are interested in these concerns.

Gun control deserves U-Highers' concern

From senior Jane Guillory and junior Cara Skeen:

The Mayors' Emergency Task Force on Gun Violence had brought a bilingue group to U-High's Freshman Center story on page 2. As a result of the visit by the Mayors' Emergency Task Force on Gun Violence, Mayor Byrne declared Sun., Feb. 8, Hand Gun Control Day. We would like to bring this cause to your attention because it seems to us that there are only a few students in this school who are interested or even aware of the need for gun control legislation.

On Christmas Day, 1980, a family of four was shot and killed on Hyde Park Blvd. in California. This year an 8-year-old child was killed by her hand gun. In her house. To make gun control even more apparent.

But because of the attention given to this year's Renaissance and U-Highlights, 59th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60615.

Students of University of Chicago, School curriculum, forming committees and productive work with principal Geoff Jones. The Association also sponsors other programs and scholarships and through its Adventures in the Arts committee, benefits numerous student endeavors, including this year's Renaissance and U-Highlights. The parents derive appreciation for their service to the school.

Midway

Recipes for slicing the America

Ragan cooked up one, but U-Highers have their own

By Tzuwin Liao, opinion editor

President Ronald Reagan is right in saying the United States' economic pie must be sliced. But the way he wants to slice it doesn't always suit the taste of U-Highers.

Reagan Feb. 11 proposed reductions in the federal budget for the fiscal year 1982 which are now being discussed in accordance to Time magazine. Reagan has put the U.S., out of what he called the "worst economic mess since the Great Depression."
other countries have lowered the crime rates and eliminated many accidental deaths. Become concerned before it's too late.

Credit where it's due
From arts teacher Joan Kolsick. Renaissance magazine adviser.
The $1,000 grant awarded to Renaissance 1981 came specifically from the Adventures in the Arts committee. By the Parents' Association. This sizeable award, intended to encourage and develop a new venture, warrants our identifying the Adventures in the Arts committee specifically.

Phototoeditorial

CARS parked in front of the fire hydrant in Kenwood Circle pose an obviously hazardous. The situation has improved, since this photo was taken, but previously the fire hydrant was obstructed by vehicles. Occasionally people are still parking their cars there. Chicago police are starting to ticket illegal parked cars, principal Geoff Jones said. But a ticketed car in front of the hydrant is still a car in front of the hydrant, and the tickets don’t result in the area being cleared. Then the school should have the cars towed at the owners’ expense.

In economic pie

be getting rid of unfairness, but the people who are really needy might end up suffering the most.

While butchering some areas of federal spending, Reagan increased defense spending. Although most U-Highers and faculty members interviewed by the Midway felt that Reagan's cuts were not in line with the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion and separation of church and state.

In a series of decisions in the early 1960s, the Supreme Court banned recitation of prayers and daily Bible readings in public schools. But recently the issue has surfaced again. Right-wing political groups such as the Moral Majority are advocating required prayer in schools because they feel prayers will increase morality. In Tennessee and other Bible Belt states, controversy over the right of public school sports teams to conduct group prayer before, during and at the end of games has arisen. Coaches claim the team prayer is voluntary, but parents who have protested claim team members are forced to pray because of peer pressure. To get around the Supreme Court’s ruling, some school districts instead of having students recite prayers, use a period of silence each day.

Agreeing that required prayer in school deprives people of Constitutional rights, Miriam Roth said, “Not everyone has the same religion, so if everyone is forced to say the same prayer, we would be violating some people’s Constitutional rights. I think that’s wrong. Also, to enforce state and religion separated is very important.”

Others interviewed felt recited prayer should not be required because praying should be done private. “If people want to pray, they can pray at home before school,” explained Charley Winans. “There is no need to impose prayer on anyone.”

Many people questioned the worth of time set aside for prayer. “I don’t think just thinking makes people better,” said Jul Stenn. When children can benefit from prayer if they receive religious education at the same time, but required religious education is unconstitutional.

Heidi Meredith felt similarly, saying, “Group recited prayer is worthless. On the other hand, silent meditation lets people consider their own personal beliefs, not those dictated by the school-chosen prayer.”

Some people, however, said schools might include a prayer program. “I think that if everyone in a community agrees, so it’s not imposed, prayer in school is fine,” said teacher Lucricia Ambroise. “A prayer program is not unconstitutional. The community has freedom of speech to say a prayer.”

Heidi Meredith felt similarly. “Prayer time should be available in school for the people who need it,” she explained. “I think prayer time should be like a study hall. People who don’t want to go can have a free period.”

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Frosh girl cagers find going rough; varsity hangs tough

Wilson McDermut, sports editor,

Being well-balanced, with players who excelled in different areas, and team-oriented helped elevate the girls’ varsity basketball team to their second-place title in the Independent School League (ISL), players and coach feel. Nevertheless, most players felt they could have made first place.

Coached by Deborah Kerr, the varsity girls captured second place behind Latin, whom the Maroons lost to twice. Ending their regular season 14-2, 14-4 overall, the U-Highers went on to create excitement with the Maroons in last place in the league before losing to Latin again, by one point (see Keeping Score page 7). Point Carla Williams, wing Sabine Fethiere and low post Lori Audrain were named to the ISL all-star team.

Lack of communication was another hindrance, high post Kelly Werhane felt. “We did not talk with each other enough.” She explained, “it led to nervous play. "The pressure was too much for most of them," she said. "They were not used to playing in such competitive games."

"The best way to learn basketball is through experience," said coach Kerr. "On the court they have learned to understand what each other's potential and use it. No one person plays for the whole team."

"We had no offensive or defensive rebounding and that had a bad effect on the team," said guard Arnie Duncan. "I think we should have beaten Latin," she said. "Our team has all-around players. But we don't get just anything, like Carla, Lori and Sabine. We also had more players on the all-conference team than Latin did."

"ACCORDING TO MANY frosh-soph girls' basketball team members and coach Terri Toberman, inexperience and lack of communication hindered the team and led to its winning only one of nine games. Team members disagreed as to whether players improved. The team’s season ended with a loss to North Shore, leaving the Maroons in last place in the league with a 4-6 record."

Low post Jenny Dore felt the team needed most to have previous playing experience. "The game is learning through experiencing real games and many of us had never done that before," she said.

COACH TOBERMANN felt lack of experience led to nervous play. "The pressure was too much for most of them," she said. "They were not used to playing in such competitive games."

"Communication was another hindrance, high post Kelly Werhane felt. "We did not talk with each other enough on the court," she explained, "except for one game against Lake Forest which we won."

"Team members disagreed as to whether the team improved or learned during the season. "We did not improve as a team," Kerr said. "Individual members have made great improvement."

"I feel we have learned just as much from losing as we have from winning," she said."

What worked, didn’t work for boy cagers

Varsity squad places 5th in ISL, frosh-soph ends 2nd behind Elgin

By Tom Ragan

Not being psyched-up and a lack of these factors led to a disappointing 8-10 record, varsity boys’ basketball players and their coach feel.

Despite their disappointing performance at the ISL meet, team members were pleased with the season overall. One reason was that swimmers broke a lot of records. "We really worked hard this season," said freestyler Chris Newcomb. "There were a lot of records broken," he said. "Freestyler Bill Fitchen added, "This was a great season. Everybody’s times came down."

"Mr. Starter!" shouted the referee at the Independent School League at the ISL swimming championships Feb. 11 at Lake School. The gun sounded and Peter Voss, first of four members of U-High’s varsity freestyle relay team shot off his block.

When the race ended, U-High had won, but the victory was not enough to pull the Maroons ahead of the Latin Romans, who won the meet.

"The Maroons instead settled for a second-place finish in the meet and in the ISL. The loss capped off an undefeated season in dual meets for the Maroons, who captured first place in the Illinois State Meet (invitational meet Jan. 31)." of people were sick or just didn’t feel well.

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Running hurdles

Tracksters cite size, inexperience, coach relationship as challenges

By Martha Nicholson

Most U-Highers experience and player-coach differences. Members of the girls’ and boys’ indoor track teams worked to overcome these hurdles, which they felt stood between themselves and a winning season.

Coach Ron Drodz started practice for the 25 girls and 20 boys at the beginning of the quarter. Varsity girls fared best, winning the big Eastern Illinois University Invitational Saturday. (See Keeping Score below). Varsity boys placed 2nd in their meets. Fresh-soph squads mostly placed last.

Mr. Drodz cited the absence of girls’ long-distance runners as one major problem confronting the team. Many members felt team size also proved an obstacle. The team faced a deficit twice their size.

Middle-distance runner Beth Wallace explained the resulting problem. “Even when we win a lot of first places we can’t win the meet because we don’t have enough people. We may take first in a race, but they’ll take second, third and fourth.”

Mr. Drodz and team members feel that inexperience is also a problem. Half of the boys’ and a third of the girls’ team are new to the team. “They just haven’t developed all of the skills that the more experienced girls have,” Drodz said.

TEAM MEMBERS feel that a difference between the coach’s and team’s emphasis on personal and team goals has proven the most trying problem this year. “This year we will do really well in personal achievement,” observed middle-distance runner Kevin Umem, “because people are doing better than they ever have before.”

But Mr. Drodz feels that “personal achievement” is not the goal for the team. “At other schools people live and die for the team. I feel that there aren’t enough team commitments,” said Mr. Drodz. “It seems that the team sees it as a bunch of individual teams, and they don’t see it as a team sport.” Mr. Drodz attributes the loss of the only girls’ long-distance runners, who quit the team to work on the May Festival play, to the lack of commitment.

“There is a great commitment to a team like football. It’s ad hoc. We all like playing without a goal, but it’s in track.”

Though many team members agree that lack of team commitment may be a problem, they see Mr. Drodz’s attitude as part of the problem. Commented sprinter Heidi Hackett, “I think that Mr. Drodz is pushing people too much.

Sprint-Craig Haynes added, “I don’t think that Mr. Drodz inspires much team commitment because he pushes people too hard and doesn’t have much pity if they don’t think they can do it.”

Mr. Drodz said, “I think I’m pretty reasonable about how hard I work people, but it’s a natural tendency to take the easier way out. But a champion won’t.”

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Though most of the U-Highers reached their personal goals, they found some competition to be simply too skilled. Said team member Martha Nicholson of her Jan. 17 loss to Thornsfield, “Our whole team is pretty hard, but Thornsfield was better. Our best just isn’t as good as Thornsfield’s.”

The gymnasts found that skillful competition wasn’t the only obstacle to their victory. In a Feb. 6 meet with Taff, the judge inscrutably scored the teams using the wrong criteria, handing Taff a victory the Maroons felt they didn’t deserve.

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By Susie Evans

Coming through strong in beam and floor events, but showing weaknesses on the vault, the gymnastics team finished its season with a 4-2 record under Coach Lynn Hastriter, coaching gymnastics here the first time, felt the season represented a successful start to a winning future.

The 11 gymnasts participated in two teams, with dividing numbers varying from meet to meet. Competitive performances followed routines developed by the U-Highers. With flourished optional and compulsory performances to match, the 11 gymnasts received the cooperation of many varsity members.

Seven gymnasts — the top four competitors and the balance beam, floor, uneven bars and vault — competed in districts Feb. 10 at Morton East. Amy Rudolph, 4th in all around, qualified for sectionals Feb. 17 at Homewood-Flossmoor. She placed 7th out of 34 competitors on beam at Flossmoor.

Ms. Hastriter regarded this season as one of preparation for future years.

“Next year’s team was like a first practice of a season,” she explained, “You expect the next one to be better. And I feel the team will have all optional competitors.”

By Wilson McDermut, sports columnist

Play by Play

WHEN THINKING of slimy wet floors covered with hairballs and globs of gum, fringyUnlocking cockroaches and beastly fetid bathrooms, the first thing that comes to my mind, besides the cafeteria, is the boys’ lockerroom in Sunny Gym. To put it mildly, the lockerrooms have never been on my list of “favorite places to go.”

Most U-Highers have experienced, or at least observed someone experience, the unexpected terrors of the lockerrooms. Take, for example, the student who, upon opening his locker to change, is greeted by aroach flying out of his (the student’s) unsecured locker, while running from the pool to his locker, slips in a blob of scum of some unknown origin.

EVERYONE KNOWS about the stalls in the bathrooms, engineered specifically to embarrass people. The doors have locks, and even with a certain amount of skill to hold the door closed one hand while taking care of other business.

U-Highers have a short list of complaints — or lack of it — of the lockerrooms. Mainly their objections concern grimy, athlete’s foot floors, cockroaches, and the bathrooms.

“They stink,” freshman Salvatore Rotella said of the bathrooms, “and you practically have to swim to get to the toilets.” Freshman Jonathan Cohen said he makes a habit of “never touching the toilet tiles.”

Senior Adam Helman felt that while the presence of cockroaches in the lockerroom is unquestionable, they don’t really pose a major problem.

“People overdo the idea of cockroaches,” he explained, “I’ve practically just seen a new joke in six legs.”

“30 MUCH FOR THE boys’ lockerroom. Elisa Tvnichak, who enters the room only once when it is empty, is one of the few U-Highers who do not think that the boys’ lockerroom is definitely much better.”

Elisa reports, “generally much cleaner and neater.”

She does give a hoot to the tunnel leading from the girls’ lockerroom to the swimming pool, though she feels it’s not as bad as it once was.

“It used to be slimy and filthy,” Elisa said. “But it’s gotten better.”

If U-Highers were to blame anyone at all for the filthy stinky-dumpy-nasty-ickyness of the lockerrooms, most said they would blame themselves. I admit I am one who has never made an effort to keep the lockerrooms clean. But it was always so dirty I guess I never thought it was worth it.

By Wilson McDermut

Keeping Score

3-2 season a sound start to build on, new coach feels

In districts Feb. 10 at Morton East, the girls’ basketball team, led by coach and team captain Lynn Hastriter, won the game with a 1-2 record. In that loss, the girls were defeated by 1 point by an Illinois team.

With 36 seconds left in the game, the U-Highers were down by 2 points, 51-49. But then a layup from Andrea Se˛w allowed the U-Highers to bring the score to 49-49. When the girls were faced with a foul, with 2 seconds remaining, coach Hastriter decided to take the charge.

As the final seconds ticked away, the girls got the rebound and were able to score, tying the game at 51-51, and ultimately winning the game.

“We were able to come back and take the lead,” coach Hastriter said. “We were able to put it together and come back from a deficit.”

COACH HAISTRITER feels that the girls were able to come back from a deficit and ultimately win the game.

“Things are looking good for the team,” she said. “We’re looking forward to the next game.”

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**Keeping Up**

- **Tuition going up 12 percent**

A 12 percent Lab Schools tuition increase approved March 2 makes U-High's tuition for 1981-82 $3,619, according to Lab Schools director James Van Amburg. U-High's tuition has increased an average 6 percent annually since 1974-75. Mr. Van Amburg said he could not judge the effect of the increase on enrollment, but added, "We're continuing recruitment and fundraising efforts.

- **Administrative developments**

Principal Geoff Jones said he hopes to implement a computerized attendance program in the Fall. Mr. Jones is seeking a sabbatical for math teacher Richard Mueller, who would coordinate the system full-time spring quarter.

- **Festival play to be Grimm**

"A Grimm Celebration," an evening of folk tales, fairy tales, fables and fantasies chosen and adapted by seniors Tuyen Liao and Sarah Morrison will be this year's May Festival play. "The stories are our launching pad," explained drama teacher Lieutziu Ambrosini, director of the production. "We'll be working with them through improvisation and adding song and dance until we get a finished product by two or three weeks before the play opens." The cast, including dancers, musicians, and actors of the Chorus, was chosen following tryouts March 2-6.

- **Seniors make scholarly finals**

Carla Hightower and Jennifer Lim are among one of senior's in the Illinois High School Association Dramatics Contest Saturday at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The class will perform "Everyman," a medieval morality play, and compete against six other high school groups. Winners of the contest, judged by drama teachers, will advance to sectional competition Sat., March 20 and, if successful there, advance to state competition Sat., April 4.

- **Bikers to cycle in Mississippi**

Fifteen Bike Club members will cycle in Mississippi for eight days during spring vacation. The bikers plan to leave Chicago this Saturday and return 6 hours later in Holly Springs, Miss., where they will begin their trip. "We're going to experience 250 miles of beautiful Mississippi for a mere $100," said club copresident Chris Newcomb. His brother, former club president Charles Newcomb, '78, is chaperoning the trip.

- **Folkdancing highlights dinner**

French, Israeli, Welsh and East European folk dancing, led by Ms. Dit Olshan, a folk dance teacher from Skokie, topped off the French Club's annual tablerlay dinner. Students attended the event, which also featured a concert by Ms. Gisela Ogan, last year's Folkdancing Teacher, and a vocal class and Chicago area soloists.

- **Non-Scholarships also available**

Women's National Scholastic Press Association Scholarship and the Associated Collegiate Press Scholarship are among the national and state awards available in time for the May 1 deadline. Scholarships are also available from other organizations, such as the Holiday Foundation, the American Press Association, the Chicago Press Club, and the NSPA.