Candidate talk

Promoting student involvement, improving communication top goals

By Kate Davey, government editor

Increasing student involvement and communication was a major theme in proposals presented to the Student Government Association by several students and faculty members.

“Today’s students are used to being involved in society,” said Robert F. Klein, assistant principal. “Students want to be involved not only on campus, but also in the community.”

“I think the Student Government Association has a lot of work to do in helping students get involved,” Klein said. “Students need to be more aware of the opportunities available to them.”

The theme of increased involvement was echoed by several other students and faculty members, who suggested a variety of ways to improve communication and involve students in the decision-making process.

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"REALITY CAN BE FUN" could be the motto of Thomas Rogers' book "At the Shores." Combining polished narrative style with authentic situations, Rogers' book is a bittersweet look to the strains of violin on a deserted beach.

Rogers, a '44 U-High graduate, now teaches love transfigures the book as well as Jerry.

Rogers' grip on the ordinary. The book reads like skillfully edited reality. Rogers' symbols are all people in the real world Chicago and Indiana. Hyde Park's quiet ME'.

Jerry, hero, falls in love with a different girl almost every other page. Girls ranging from his doll gas stations. His adults act like adults and his children act like children except when his adults act like children and his children act like adults, just as real people do.

THREE PEOPLE LIVE in the real world of Chicago and Indiana. Hyde Park's the Hyde Park it was in the 1940s. Funnily enough, the atmosphere of it doesn't seem to have changed much. Rogers' apartment houses and quiet street today is the Hyde Park of old.

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Play by Play

By Gideon Schlesinger, sports columnist

THE BOOST provided by a large number of returning athletes will help the track, baseball and tennis teams overcome some early obstacles. Their members feel as if spring sports get underway.

With about 26 runners on the boys' outdoor track team, half the number most opponents have, the Maroons will have enough runners to fill each event, team members say. Many feel they've also been hindered by the team having three coaches the first 10 weeks of running. Phys ed teacher Ron Droux coached the team for a week, then gave it to assistant coach Paul Kennedy, a U. of C. graduate student. But Kenyon found the job too much time, so University of Illinois-Campus graduate student Karyn Patton took over.

"WE'VE BEEN THROUGH so many changes we don't know what to expect," said middle distance runner Joe Zak. "Different coaches have different styles."

On the other hand, sprinter Kevin Umeh feels the changes have boosted team unity and cooperation. "In the past there's been too much dissent to concentrate on running," he explained. "The idea of getting a new coach has made me feel we've gotten a fresh start."

Girls runners feel they can live up to the accomplishments of last year's team, which missed first place in state by one point. And they feel they can make up for the loss to graduation of standouts Natalie Pardo and Helen Strauss. "We only lost two people, which isn't a lot in comparison with other teams," pointed out relayer Heidi Hackel. "Now, everybody's healthy and a faster runner."

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Keeping Score

Compiled by Gene Scalla and Adam Helman

BOYS' TRACK - The boys opened their season April 4 at Elgin in a meet and five teams each varsity and freshman teams with respectably.

1. Elgin.
2. Yorkville.
3. Stagg.
4. Latin.
5. York.
8. St. Francis.

The U-Highers finished last with a 9-0 forfeit April 16 at Stagg behind Latin.

In other track news, Hyde Park Racquet Club on 47th street. Mr. Drozd admitted the team was short on jumpers and distance runners, areas which Helen and Natalie excelled, but said, "We're good in everything."

SEVEN SENIORS are among the eight starters on the baseball team, for which 30 people turned out. Most of the team members, and coaches, John Wilson and Robert Strang, Lower School teachers, have two years of experience together. "We know what to expect from each other," said outfielder Greg Bokota.

The surplus of experienced players could prove a big advantage, especially in weeks where the team plays four games (or even more if rainouts require rescheduling), according to second baseman Carl Spikner. "We have about eight pitchers and extra players at every position," he said.

Because only 10 players showed up last year, a girls' softball team was not budgeted for this year, according to Ms. Deborah Kerr, who coached the team. "Lack of interest on the part of would-be team members" also figured in the decision, she said.

INTEREST AND STRONG competition, and experienced players, made the tennis team a hard one to get a spot on this year. Before their first match, April 14 at Elgin Academy, people were still jockeying for positions.

"We're very competitive," said varsity player Jeffrey Rubenstein, "but that hasn't stopped us from encouraging each other."

Varsity member Tim Wilkins explained, "The key is to find players who work well with each other in doubles because we're solid in singles."

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**Awards**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**—Seven National Merit and Achievement scholarship winners have emerged so far from U-High’s 26 finalists. One-year $1,000 Merit scholarships have been announced for Darla Day, Calvin Chen and Jennifer Lim. Cathy White and John Reynolds have been received, respectively, by the Grinnell College and Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, with four others of $2,000 for up to four years of undergraduate study.

The associated achievement program, which honors talented black students, awarded Carla Highwater the Reyerson Achievement Scholarship, $250-$2,000 a month for up to four years of study, and Lorraine Miller a one-time $1,000 scholarship.

**JOURNALISM**—Three members of the Midway staff have received awards for their work in journalism in a national journalism competition sponsored by Quill and Scroll, a high school journalism society. They can also apply for a $500 Quill and Scroll prize for their categories and entries are as follows:

- **Junior News**—Tasha Bahadar, Charles Orbetti, Margaret Carr, Earned Pergament, Trees Time, and Naval Smith, each receives $250-$2,000 a month for up to four years of study.

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