On her way to the White House

Senior to get honor from President there

Midway

Are private schools better?

Author feels finding of new report misinterpreted

By Carla Williams

A report concluding that students in private schools perform better academically than students in public schools regardless of an individual's family background could have an impact on enrollment in private schools such as U-High.

The report was released in April by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Public school educators and Washington lobbyists are currently debating the report's conclusions. President Ronald Reagan recently endorsed tax credits for private school tuition, because tax credits could mean the end of the public schools as the dominant educational system in the nation, educators have cautiously welcomed the conclusion reached in "The Public and Private Schools" report.

PROF. JAMES COLEMAN, a University of Chicago sociologist, drew the controversial conclusions from data gathered by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), located in the U. of C. campus. The NCES commissioned Prof. Coleman to analyze the data from conclusions based on the NORC's survey of U. of C. sophomores and seniors from 1,016 high schools across the nation. Prof. Coleman concluded that private schools produce a climate of learning which combines discipline with high work demands. He found that public schools often cannot make the same demands because they can't select who will attend.

Prof. Coleman is familiar with controversy. In 1966, when he taught at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, the NCES released his report on "Equality of Educational Opportunity." Based on a national survey, Prof. Coleman found that blacks do better academically when they attend schools with white middle-class students. The federal government used his conclusions as a basis for busing to desegregate school systems.

PROF. COLEMAN'S OFFICE is on the first floor of the Hall of Sociological Sciences on the U. of C. campus. Boxes and crates of files, books and papers clutter every corner of the medium-sized office. A large bronze bust watches over the organized mess.

Success replaces change as goal

Members of the high school graduating class of 1980 nationwide were more concerned with "finding work that seems important and interesting" than with "social change and radical notions" of seniors a decade ago.

That is a major conclusion of "High School and Beyond," a report based on data accumulated by the National Opinion Research Center which Prof. James Coleman will analyze. The National Center for Education Statistics commissioned the survey of 88,000 high school students who graduated in 1980.

In 1979 protests against the Vietnam War were at their height. "There does seem to be quite an interesting problem on how young people have different attitudes at certain points in time," Prof. Coleman said.

Principal Geoff Jones said he also sees a trend at U-High towards students being more achievement-oriented academically. "Students today have higher grades than before, and it is definitely a major trend," he said. "There seems to be a definite surge of academically-oriented students. All the concern over academic pressure in the last year is a reflection of this trend."

Takin' it to the streets

Students leave school to get political picture

By Carla Williams

Taping tape recorders and pamphlets with information about Chicago's 5th Ward, David Melzer, Andre Burgeyne and Jeffrey Rubenstein interviewed politicians and local businessmen to form their own opinions about Chicago's politics for an American Studies project.

They were to give an oral report yesterday to their class, taught by Mrs. Earl Bell. Mr. Bell explained, is designed to give students an opportunity to view city politics practically.

To search out the critical political issues in the 5th Ward, which includes Hyde Park, the three U-Highers have interviewed state representative Barbara Currie, mother of Margaret; 5th Ward alderman Larry Bloom; and former alderman Leon Despres.

American students living abroad.

Twenty more were selected for exceptional accomplishments in both visual and performing arts. Carla received a telegram from President Reagan dated May 7 notifying her that she had won. "When I first received notice in March that I had been chosen a finalist, I thought it was nice," she said. "But I didn't expect to get it because only two people from Illinois got it."

The weekend trip to Washington begins Friday. "I didn't want to go at first," Carla said, "because I wanted to attend my graduation. But my father finally coaxed me into it."

While in Washington, Carla will stay with the other scholars at Georgetown University. She will also receive a $1,000 scholarship from the Geraldine Dodge Foundation in cooperation with the Presidential Scholars Commission. The trip will culminate when medallions commemorating their achievements are presented to the Scholars.

GETTING FIRSTHAND FACTS on the 5th Ward, Andre Burgeyne interviews alderman Larry Bloom.
Prom, party, finals, graduation blend in school year finale

By Vanessa Crimi

Bringing the school year to an end, the last week, beginning Friday, will include the senior prom, an end-of-the-year party, finals and graduation.

Festivities begin with the senior prom, 8 p.m. midnight Friday in the Four Georges room at the Ambassador West Hotel, 1706 N. State Parkway. The committee which planned the prom was advised by guidance counselor Jackie Grundy and included Greg Bolota, Adam Heal, Anita Holins, Robert Jones, Bonnie Landes, Melissa Mack, Henry Mito, Wendy Roske, Dee Dee Thomas, Alyson Cooke and Loren Hennings.

TICKETS COST $22 for each person. Ms. Grundy characterized the Ambassador West as "classy.

"As Time Goes By," a song from the classic film "Casablanca" provides the theme song for this year. After dinner the Gentlemen of Leisure, a 10-piece band, will play a variety of music.

Ms. Grundy estimated 180 people will attend prom. All girls will receive memory books as they arrive at the hotel. According to Ms. Grundy, chaperons will include college counselors Betty Schneider and Mary Lee Hoganson.

According to Ms. Grundy, prom will begin 7 p.m. Thursday June 11 at Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 50th St., the alumni office will sponsor a luau theme for seniors.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES for an expected 135 graduates will begin 2 p.m. Thursday June 11 in the cafeteria, according to Student Activities director Don Jacques. He also said 8th-graders from the Middle School will be served at 8 p.m. and include fresh melon balls and strawberries, a lettuce heart and tomato salad, an asparagus of Denmark.

Senior performers include Leslie Sherman on flute, accompanied by Cheryl Rice, playing Jacques Ibert's "Concerto," Calvin Chou playing a piano solo, Alle$andro Searlett's "Georgia on My Mind," and the Gentleman of Leisure playing "Rhapsody in Blue.

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Evaluating student government's year

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| U-HIGHERS URGES COMMUNICATION |]

By Nicky Pafinkin

Lack of communication was student government's main problem this year, 17 of 25 U-Highers interviewed randomly by the Midway said. None mentioned achievements. Students also said the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) didn't publicize its activities enough. Cultural Union (C.U.) should have sponsored better parties, and Disciplinary Board (D.B.) didn't discipline effectively enough.

Pamela Jordan said she never knew SLCC's, C.U.'s and D.B.'s functions. "I've been here for five years and I'm not really sure about what they do," she said.

Many students cited lack of communication and insufficient publicity as main problems with SLCC.

"It's hard to be aware of student government because they do not publicize what they are doing," said Lesa Ray.

U-Highers felt C.U. should sponsor more good and better parties and activities.

"The parties are good but they still play disco which most students dislike," said Emile Levessiti.

Sam Avichai felt "Spirit Week failed because of lack of publicity." He said. "We set up the student lobby to help the problem. Next year's D.B. should solve it.

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Festival shines, then deluge hits

Rain, rain go away, come again some other day. It didn’t. Because of rain, the May Festival’s three-day run, Thursday through Saturday, was extended one day to Sunday. Opening day, Thursday, dawned sunny and cool, perfect for taking these pictures. But during the late afternoon Friday, people prayed that the intermittent rain all morning would stop.

The courtyard was open for about 30 minutes when the rain came down. First, the showers were light. Then sheets of water began to flood the courtyard, forcing everyone indoors.

At about 3:30 p.m., a planned student-alumni softball game was moved into Sunny Gym for a basketball game. Later, a reception in Judd Commons honored alumni. Ms. Dorothy Szymkowicz’s home economics classes made quiche and punch for the reception and the U-High orchestra performed during it.

At about 6 p.m., an announcement was made by loudspeaker that the play would be rescheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday. “A Grimm Celebration,” an original production of story theater with script and songs by U-Highers based on fairy tales, had played to an enthusiastic audience Thursday night. It went on to win applause from chilly audiences which filled the bleachers Saturday and Sunday night, both of which were unseasonably cold.

Photos and story by Seth Sulkin
As the Midway sees it

• Summing a year of possibilities

U-Highers achieved scholastically but neglected much in school life

It seems like just a few weeks ago that the Midway published its first editorial. But it was nine months and 10 issues ago we suggested that the new year would be a year of new and positive possibilities. Now it’s time to see how the year turned out.

Academically, U-High was really honored this year. From 21 U-Highers who competed in the National Merit Scholarship Program, six became semifinalists. Eight U-Highers competed in the Illinois State Science Fair. But the most visibly active group was the students in the Midway. The Midway, now in its fourth year, is the school newspaper. But it’s run by students. The Midway is now a member of the National Scholastic Press Association, which gives it a forum to compete with newspapers from all over the country.

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Evasive columnist fabricated cafeteria story, letter writers say

From Wendell Lim, sophomore

We are writing in regard to the column, "Blind Side," in the May 13, 1980, issue. We cited the experiences of the columnist in the cafeteria, during which he witnessed a C.U. officer breaking school rules, and a D.B. representative doing nothing about this as he sat with the C.U. officer. In this column it seems to this writer has found the euphemism of why nothing has been accomplished by the D.B. and student government in general. The main criticisms concerning this column are the hyperbole of the columnist, who reflects the vice president's, and the sophomoric and evasive used in writing this column.

The column tries to show the ineffectiveness of government officials towards the cafeteria problem. The correct response for these D.B. representatives would have been to give a referral to the C.U. officer. However, the columnist is D.B. Vice President and himself should have given out a referral or asked the offender to stop. Instead, he refers to the role of the journalism office, generating a great deal of potential emotion.

A GREAT DEAL of evasion was written in the column, whether the D.B. representative was interviewed or not. The column was written by another Midway reporter, supposedly for a weekly column, and the column is an extension of our other column that also fabricated. The quoted D.B. representative has never had lunch in the cafeteria with quoted C.U. officer or referred to him.

In fact, the D.B. representative always asks people to honest answers and does not ignore if an answer does not make a good column. What is even more astounding is the source shown, concerns the actual solving of school problems. Criticism is important when it does not involve a problem. Government is not to blame for inefficient school problem solving. The guilt lies with the entire school. In the case of D.B., rules require that everyone give referrals when an offense is committed. D.B. should act as a court, not as a police force. D.B. must try to promote school rules, not force them oppressively on the student body. It is the hope that students will become educated in the spirit in which it is offered. If a student has no problem, for thus the state of the cafeteria is unimportant. In many respects, students should report gun offenses if they want to keep using it. They should use the student body to achieve the necessary apparatus, instead of relying on the government to prevent others from creating a mess.

The solution to the cafeteria problem must come from all parts of U-High. There is no one government that can govern our body. If they do not work together, the cafeteria problem will continue to be a problem. The reasons given in the column are often discussed, but never solved.

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Some ideas for ending the cafeteria problem

From Steve Paddus, senior

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion on the problem of gun control. Unfortunately, both the pro- and anti-gun control sides seem to want to make a concerted effort to come up with some clear-cut arguments and solutions. Let me and the students to look for the gun control problems. Criticism is important when it does not involve a problem. Government is not to blame for inefficient school problem solving. The guilt lies with the entire school. In the case of D.B., rules require that everyone give referrals when an offense is committed. D.B. should act as a court, not as a police force. D.B. must try to promote school rules, not force them oppressively on the student body. It is the hope that students will become educated in the spirit in which it is offered. If a student has no problem, for thus the state of the cafeteria is unimportant. In many respects, students should report gun offenses if they want to keep using it. They should use the student body to achieve the necessary apparatus, instead of relying on the government to prevent others from creating a mess.

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A face (and voice) in the crowd

'Evita' chorus in step in grad's show biz climb

By Adam Helman

From U-High to Green Bay, Wis., to Denver, Col., to Arrow Rock, Mo., to Great America in Gurnee, Ill., and into the chorus of the hit musical "Evita." All have been stops, so far, on a journey through show business for Paula Markovitz, '74 graduate.

Sister of senior Nancy, Paula is tall with red hair and fair skin. Looking at her, one can tell she and Nancy are sisters.

Paula attended college at the University of Chicago, majoring in music theory and music history. "I decided that I wanted to be involved in music," she said, "and I felt that having good knowledge of music itself to complement my ability would be a good idea."

After graduating from college, Paula acted and sang with several theater companies in the Midwest, and toured the Western United States with a repertory theater group from Green Bay, Wis., for several months. "I liked being on the road for a while," she said, "because it's fun to travel all around and be in all the different places. It got tiring, though, to always be on the move. You never see a city where you perform. You just go and do the show and move on."

CUDDLED FOR "Evita" in March of 1980 and was told she had a part in the show in September. The show opened three weeks later. During that summer she worked in a summer stock theater company in Arrow Rock. Well-known actors played lead roles in famous shows, with company members playing the rest of the parts.

The production of "Evita," in which Paula performs, is one of four, with the original being presented in London and others in New York City and Los Angeles. The Broadway production won the Tony Award for best musical of 1979.

For evening performances, Paula explained, "I have a 7:30 call, so I leave Hyde Park around 6:45. I go in and get my hair done, which takes about 10 minutes. Then I get into my 8-by-10 foot dressing room, which I share with five other girls, and put on my makeup and costume. That's really big time."

Although Paula says she loves her work because she loves to sing, she feels it has its drawbacks. "Being in show business means that you have no social life," she said. "If you want to go out with someone who works from 6:00, I've got a show running and have to go back to dinner. After work it's too late because they have to get up in the morning."

"It is great to have the days free, though, I take dance class during the day, and how many people do you know who work when I do?"

"If I'm going back to Arrow Rock after 'Evita' closes, I'll do that."

Cooking up a restaurant

Grad puts years of ideas into classy Orly's

By Carla Williams

Putting together Orly's restaurant required a lot of years of ideas and found that it takes hard work to make dreams come true. Mr. Shopiro, a 69 U-High graduate, opened Orly's, 55th St. and Hyde Park Blvd., April 3.

Customers have been waiting a half hour or more some nights to get into the popular new restaurant. It serves lunch and dinner.

Inside ORLY'S, on the first floor of the former Mayfair Hotel, Mr. Shopiro talked one recent evening about the people who and how he opened his restaurant.

Relaxed in the mahogany and brass environment of Orly's, sitting on a beige-cushioned seat, Mr. Shopiro appeared simultaneously the host and shrewd businessman.

The restaurant has temporary permission to serve liquor and Mr. Shopiro is arguing the matter in court.

Despite the fact that Orly's has filled a void.
Three spring teams make state competition

Girls’ and boys’ track squads, tennismen reach final competition

By Sandy Raffie, Miles Anderson and Roxana Bradesco

The boys felt their losses in regular season compete-
ments resulted from the team’s small size. "We’d win most of the events," Jason explained, "but the other teams, because of their large size, won points for all the little ones." Middle distance runner Ajit de Silva attributed the team’s strength to coach Karen Patton. "We had an excellent core, which was observed. "She did a lot of running and training methods." For the second consecutive year, the

1. The Maroons took on 2nd in the Independent School League with a 10-1 record, 11-4 overall. Six Maroons qualified for the state competition May 21 at Arlington High in Arlington Heights. Singles players Jeffrey Rubenstein and Tim Wilkins, and doubles players Errol Rubenstein, Seth Sulkin and Frank Ahimaz scored 2-1/2 points to place in the top 50 of 100 schools.

2. The U-Highers qualified for state by winning districts May 1 at Triton Fractional North with 14-1/2 points. "We had strong consistent servous and strokes," said doubles player Bob Replogle. "Instead of concentrating on just one category, Kafkor, the coach, put good players in both singles and doubles." Said coach Steve Krollis, "I’m definitely as pleased with the players’ performance as they are themselves. They learned how to set a goal as a team with each player achieving at his own level." After shooting ahead to a 5-0 start, the baseball Maroons lost five of their last six games, ending with a 9-7 finish (Independent School League).

3. Many players felt overconfidence hurt the team’s second half performance. "The first half of the season we played great, but in the second half we fell apart," observed first baseman Mike Pardo. "The middle of the season was as strong as last year’s, but we lost the distance people and that hurt our team." Gymnast Jeff Reed added, "Injuries hurt the team this year, especially in state."

4. Commenting on the atmosphere at state, middle distance runner Bruce Mosley said, "The atmosphere was enthusiastic. Other teams at state checked out our relay team, kept calling our names out. "University High."

5. After winning only one meet in the regular season, the boys’ track team earned a trip to state, a place finish in state competition. By winning the first U-High boys’ track team to compete in state.

6. In districts May 16 at Lisle High School, the boys placed fourth in their conference. The mile relay team of Craig Haynes, Osceola Refetoff, Kevin Umeh and Jason Sulkin and Frank Ahimaz compiled 2-1/2 points in the top 50 of 100 schools.

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Keeping Up...  

- See you in September

U-Highers will have a fall vacation next year but it will only last one day. Students will have Fri., Nov. 13 off so teachers can attend a conference of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) at the Palmer House. Other dates in next year's calendar, subject to change as follows:

School year begins, Wed., Sept. 21; Open House, Wed., Oct. 21; Fall into Winter, Fri., Nov. 29; Christmas recess, Sat., Dec. 1 - Jan. 10; winter recess, Fri., Feb. 13 - Mar. 15; U-Highers will be in sessions Feb. 15-17 should earlier because of severe winter weather; spring recess, Sat., March 29-30; Memorial Day recess, Fri., May 29-30; Founder's Day, Thurs., June 18; Awards your grade, Fri., June 21.  

- Yearbook nears finish

With 36 pages completed and sent to the printer, the yearbook staff expects to complete the remaining pages one week after school is out, according to U-Highlights editor-in-chief Cathy Yachnin. As in previous years, the book will be distributed in early fall. For the first time since 1969, the book will include eight pages of color photos, financed with $500 from the Adventures in the Arts committee of the Parents Association. "They are well-composed, stark, striking photographs, complemented by interesting copy," Cathy said.  

Graduating seniors will be mailed a form in September on which they can order their book by mail.  

- Summer courses set

A seminar in humanities and course in theater are among seven classes offered this year keeping U-Highers under the direction of music teacher Richard Walsh, accompanied by the University of Chicago Symphony Orchestra. A bus tour today for performances at Tunbridge School and Wells High School on the North Side was partially financed with proceeds from the concert. "It was Mother's Day afternoon and pouring rain," Mr. Walsh said, "and parking was impossible but people were walking from blocks around anyway. I was very pleased with attendance."

- See you...sometime

Eight U-High faculty and staff members are resigning, retiring, going on leave of absence, or switching positions. Not returning are testing coordinator Betty Hollander, who is retiring; phys ed teacher Pat Segherus, on leave of absence this year and seeking a position in school work; and physics teacher Burton Floriday, studying for his Ph.D. Taking leaves of absence next year are French teacher Kathy Maurer; math teacher Cathy Hynes, who will be teaching on the Leslie Institute downtown; and Mr. Richard Boyajian, on leave this year to operate an import business.  

Returning to teaching math fulltime, Mr. Alan Haskell will be replaced as graphic arts teacher and bookstore manager by librarian Mary Burks, who also will work in the alumni office with Ms. Alice Schlessinger.  

- ...and finally

French teacher Elvira Fajko has been elected to the executive council of the American Association of Teachers of French in Chicago (AATUFC). Mrs. Fajko teaches French at U-High. The group's annual meeting was held at the Palmer House.  

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