Three more days to freedom!
U-Highers plan mostly to just lay back, relax
By Jennifer Cohen
Spring vacation will start in three days, and most U-Highers the Midway interviewed plan to relax and lay back for the week. Worn out after a long winter season, U-Highers plan to recuperate in many ways, from staying home and sleeping to sightseeing in France.

Over vacation weekend Debra Rhone said she plans to “plan to relax—see some movies with my friends, and catch up on a lot of rest!”

Many U-Highers arranged to spend their vacation away from home, but not all will be relaxing. Senior Let Tung said he will visit colleges on the East Coast over vacation. “I didn’t get enough information about the colleges I applied to from the brochures,” he explained. “I want to visit the campuses I’m considering and see what the atmospheres are like. I hope this visit will help me choose a college.”

Those interviewed said they planned to go away to home to relax. They plan to ski together in Steamboat Springs, Colo., for a week. “We hadn’t originally planned to go together,” said Sara. “But when we found out that we all wanted to go we teamed up and will drive to Colorado together.”

Other U-Highers are planning to go on the Bike Club’s annual trip. Sixteen U-Highers and two chaperones, Anne Pitchen, ’78 graduate and sister of junior Bill, and Juan Luce, a U. of C. student, will cycle 200 miles through Mississippi, according to treasurer David Okita. They will take a bus to Mississippi and back. “It’s an easy trip for serious bikers, a little challenging for Sunday riders,” David said.

Four freshmen — Rebecca Winer, Ginger Wilson, Heather Woyd and Lisa Barnes — who are among 38 people vacationing in France. High School and Middle School French teacher Samuel Whitsett and former Middle School assistant teacher Jennifer Jones will accompany the group of U-High and Middle School students for a week of sightseeing in Paris. The weekend trip, sponsored by the American Institute of Foreign Study, was Whitsett’s idea.

“I wanted to give my students a chance to see the France I’m always talking about,” he said, adding, “They’ll have a chance to see the everyday France as well as the special places.”

People, not media, shape sexual values
U-Highers look to friends, parents, selves for guide
By Teresa Vazquez
In developing their sexual values U-Highers seldom turn to the media or religion. Instead, they look more toward their parents, and especially friends whom they feel they can talk to easily about sex.

That’s the finding of interviews with 30 U-Highers about what influences their sexual beliefs, a topic the school is considering in its health education programs.

An ideal sexual relationship, most felt, is based upon mutual love, communication, physical intimacy, understanding, and honesty.

Most U-Highers interviewed believed that premarital sex is acceptable because they don’t consider it immoral and feel it is a valid expression of love. A sophomore boy explained, “If both partners are willing to face up to the consequences of their actions, premarital sex is fine.”

Another girl thought that sex was acceptable because her parents had told her to act care­fully and responsibly if they were to have sexual relations.

Most of those interviewed said that their peers influenced them more than the media or their parents because they could talk more openly with their friends.

One senior boy said, “My close friends and I think similarly, so we sort of act as role models for each other.”

EVERYONE INTERVIEWED said they could talk openly with at least some of their friends. “If I felt I couldn’t talk openly to them,” a senior girl said, “they wouldn’t be my friends.”

But most, ultimately, turned to their own feelings for their sexual values. “Throughout my life, after evaluating all the other influences I’ve encountered, I have in the end, turned toward my own decisions to determine sexual values,” explained another senior girl.

More workshops considered
Drugs and alcohol abuse, parent-teen conflicts, personality development and stress management are possible topics for Tuesday lunchtime health ed workshops being sponsored by guidance counselor Mary Lee Hoganson and biology teacher David Weiss.

Topics covered in the four workshops given since January, chosen by Ms. Hoganson, Mr. West and other members of a faculty health education committee, have included stress management, self-esteem, and preparing for college.

Peer counseling
A peer counseling program originally planned for this winter will not be included in the health education program this year.

In the peer counseling program, selected juniors and seniors were to be taught to lead discussions about health-related topics in Freshman Centers. Four members of the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) were appointed to keep four groups of prospective student counselors informed about peer counseling developments.

Principal Geff Jones said the program was cancelled because the ap­pointed members of SLCC failed to keep in touch with their groups. When it was time to train them in winter quarter, the students involved had made other plans and couldn’t participate.

SLCC president Charles Bidwell told the Midway, however, the program failed because the teachers who would have taught peer counseling had already committed themselves to other projects before the program had begun.

Mr. Jones says he hopes the plan still can be implemented, though not this year.

DRESSED in bright colors and black stripes, David Neyer, ’78 graduate, juggles his way into an attentive audience on the second-floor landing during lunch Feb. 17. Cultural Union president Liz Hamann invited David to come because she thought it would be a nice break from the normal school day.

Photo by Mark Bennett
Maybe you've heard some seniors have been unhappy about the way the prom is being planned. Here's the facts behind the rumors.

By Judith Jackson

A night of magic has become a matter of controversy. About members of the prom committee have considered organizing their own prom because of voting procedures and results for the band for the senior prom.

The prom committee from volunteers by senior class officers has been organizing the prom. For the location, committee members met with the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams St., after several others were tried and found booked up.

Problems with the band began when the committee chose it from different groups. The committee offered four choices for the band: Garrison, a polka band; Chuck and the Blues Band, a jazz group; Litty Diz, a blue band; and Gentlemen of Leisure, a popular radio music and dance band.

The committee members voted by secret ballot. According to prom committee chairperson Amy Rudolph, “The fairest vote is the least vote,” said Amy. About 30 members of the class voted and Litty Diz won.

Members within the committee disagreed about the need for a third vote. “There was no need for the last vote,” committee member Lisa Moragne told the Midway. “The rule that the vote in the Little Theater was to be final made prior to voting and should have remained.”

Member Josh Silverman disagreed. “Unless you have a large percentage of the class voting, it doesn’t make much sense to have a vote.”

Some black seniors believe that if the results had been different in the second vote, there wouldn’t have been another vote. “If Litty Diz had won the vote in the Little Theater, there wouldn’t have been another vote,” said a senior member.

Because Gentlemen of Leisure, the black choice, was chosen, which won the second vote, in the final vote three seniors organized to have a black prom.

“Some people have a thing for a black prom,” said a senior. “I will probably just be an afterparty.”

Principal Groff Jones told the Midway he feels some members have “no purpose of the prom.” Large segments of this class have lost focus of what the prom is, he said. “It will probably just be an afterparty.”

By Tom Goodman

U-High is not complying with the city code which requires a fire drill each month. A Midway investigation also indicated several ways in which the school could improve fire safety.

Since the beginning of the year, two drills have been conducted, Dec. 7 and Feb. 14. According to the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago requires the principal or another person in charge of all school buildings to conduct a drill at least once each month of school, TOP-THE SCHOOL was not complying with the code, principal George Jones said he was unaware of it and added, “This law is subject to interpretation. It would be a better law if it stated schools should be public and private or ‘all city schools.’ It is unclear whether we are subject to this law. Sometimes we are considered a city school and sometimes we are considered as part of the University.”

Mr. Jones said he was familiar with the School Code of Illinois, chapter 10-22 of which requires “no less than three full-participation drills during regular school hours.”

According to Mr. Jones, associate director, David Cunningham is responsible for coordinating drills. “My responsibilities have not changed,” he said. “I am responsible for the building during the drill and check that the doors are all closed, the building is empty and that everyone exits properly.”

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Mr. Cunningham explained why U-High had not conducted a drill in January, according to Mr. Cunningham, because the weather was too bad.

He also explained he was not concerned about the other two drills between September and March. “I would be concerned,” he explained. “If evacuation times were poor, we had trouble getting students out, or the building was under construction. I don’t think it would increase the school’s safety to have more drills. I’m quite pleased with them.”

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Sweeping success

Clean-Up Day pleases gov't officers

By Wilson McDermut and Sharon Fischman, student government editors

Student Clean-Up Day, Feb. 19, was a success in the opinion of Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) president Charles Bidwell because of the enthusiasm demonstrated by SLCC supervisors and the spirit generated among U-Highers involved.

More than 150 U-Highers — including SLCC supervisors and mural painters — split up into work teams supervised by student government officers to do general clean-up work in the building.

According to Charles, Clean-Up Day was "valuable because it gave students the opportunity to work together on a project which was very important to the school community." Though he felt the school is no longer as clean as it was in the few days directly after the work day, Charles said the endeavor was still worthwhile. "It did demonstrate to people who don't have as much respect for the school that some students do care."

SLCC members are planning a nuclear arms forum for spring quarter, Charles added.

Cultural Union's Winterfest, planned for Feb. 24, was cancelled because C.U. members did not begin planning for it early enough in the quarter, according to Liz Zide, who designed it with George Hung. Other Clean-Up Day murals were done "is done in surrealist style and is a portrayal of school life," according to Bill Zide, who designed it with George Hung. Other Clean-Up Day murals were done by the Asian Club and Spanish Club. They were designed, respectively, by Wendell Lim and Paddy Jordan.

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Early in the day (left photo), club members sketched a snow-white and silver unicorn adapted from a postcard. The rose reflects the purity and beauty of nature.

CAREFULLY adding details, Erwan Oger adds finishing touches to the Outing Club's mural, across the hall from the Rose Club's. The Rose Club's mural "is done in surrealistic style and is a portrayal of school life," according to Bill Zide, who designed it with George Hung. Other Clean-Up Day murals were done by the Asian Club and Spanish Club. They were designed, respectively, by Wendell Lim and Paddy Jordan.

SWEEPING FLOORS and washing windows, jobs normally done by custodians, were among tasks students performed on Clean-Up Day. Cleaning cafeteria windows and floors, from left, are Mimi Ghuz, Andrea Youngblood, Josh Collins and Arne Duncan.

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THE NEWLY-FORMED Rose Club was one of four preliminary designs on a blank wall outside the Publica groups which painted murals on the Student Legislative Gov't Office. The next stop (middle photo) was painting a mural to do the mural, the Rose Club was named after Coordinating Council (SLCC)'s Clean-Up Day, Feb. 20. Also see editorials page 4.

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A crown among thorns

Clean-Up Day shows what SLCC can accomplish

Student Clean-Up Day turned out to be the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC)’s crowning achievement so far this year. About 150 U-Highers — including SLCC supervisors and mural-painters — organized into work teams Feb. 19 to do touch-up and cleaning-up throughout the building. The result was generally a more appealing physical appearance — at least for a day — and a sense of community, said badly at U-High.

Clean-Up Day provides an example of what student government members can accomplish when they put their efforts into a project. The work day basically represents SLCC’s only completed project this year.

The success of Clean-Up Day, unfortunately, is not an accurate reflection of student government’s success all year. There have been seven other avenues of involvement in the school community that principal Geoff Jones has suggested to student government, mostly to SLCC, this year. They have been in the areas of health education, curriculum planning, student life and discipline — areas in which Mr. Jones felt student input was important. He also suggested the projects because he felt student government members had not generated enough project proposals of their own.

Student government could also have pursued several other methods of involvement this year. Members could have, for example, taken over coordination of Arts Week or helped devise methods of improving school security.

Mr. Jones feels student government’s lackluster year has occurred because not enough members have been willing to dedicate themselves fully. SLCC president Charles Bidwell confirmed to the Midway that it is always the same three or four government officers who are willing to put any effort into projects. Charles also admitted to the Midway that he has not taken the initiative himself to try to make up for other SLCC officials.

Clean-Up Day was a success because SLCC members were willing to adhere to a tightly-organized plan and devote enough effort to make the day a success. Clearly the problem lies with student government officers getting elected and then failing to apply themselves.

Future rests with better candidates, wiser voting

U-Highers constantly complain that student government does not do anything for U-High. And yet good people are to blame.

Principal Geoff Jones has expressed concern about the degree of dedication of student government members in projects at U-High. SLCC president Charles Bidwell and Cultural Union president Sharon Fischman have also told the Midway that few government officers are willing to donate time to projects. Those who do cannot do all the work alone.

The problem, therefore, and — U-Highers need to remember this point in government elections next month — organizational problems, is that student government officers do not have enough funds to hire help. They have no right to complain about the lack of candidates.

Stay safe

Fire precautions lacking

Fire safety is an easy target for school papers because schools are always violating some code or another. But fire safety at U-High has become more serious that a violation of this or that code.

The school has conducted only two drills so far this year, which indeed is a violation of the city code. But, just as important, the fire drills didn’t take place until more than two months after school began. Furthermore, some teachers expressed confusion to classes as to what to do.

People gathered around the school instead of moving away from it, cars filled Kenwood Circle in front of the six-story building, and in the window of the building, the fire alarm was not going off. Some teachers questioned the fire drills; the fire drills were made mandatory by the fire department.

Easy to say, yes. But that doesn’t mean they are problems which can be ignored, as they have been so far.

Respect the film, ignore the audience

While waiting in line at the Water Tower Mall to see “Making Love,” I had second thoughts about seeing, not to mention reviewing, a movie dealing to deal seriously with homosexuality.

The media has only shown me the extremes. There were the stars of the movie: a woman and a man with long black hair, who almost giggled around in their pink suits saying stupid things with some of the same feelings. Shoppers walked down the street, raped or stole. If the movie dealt with some of the same feelings, the well, built, handsome men, just waiting to snatch young boys off the street, rape or maybe even kill them.

So I figured “Making Love” wouldn’t be worth the time, money or unecessary in sharing in a movie with a theater with a crowd that was largely gay.

A lot of people in line around me seemed to have some of the same feelings. Shoppers walking by glanced quickly at me as I waited in line. One man said under his breath, “I didn’t know we had this many fags in Chicago.” By the time I was in line I was convinced that I couldn’t possibly enjoy this movie.

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First Person
By Susan Evans, news/features editor

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Eye-opening day with journalists

TORN BETWEEN his wife and his gay lover, Michael Ontkean, left, stars with Kate Jackson and Harry Hamlin in "Making Love," a love story for the '80s.

One of Charlie's Angels to me. You don't have to be gay to understand, or even feel for these characters. I was so caught up in the lovers' relationship that it didn't matter that they were two men, only that they were two people.

The only unenjoyable thing about "Making Love" were those 15 or 15 people who screamed, laughed or giggled whenever the men touched, or kissed each other. I'm sure anyone else in the theater would have liked it better if they were home playing Russian roulette with a machine gun.

If you only want to see two movies in your whole life see "Making Love" twice.

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Season sum-ups...

Come-from-behind victory tops boys’ varsity cage year

By John Scalia

Going out with a bang! Although the varsity basketball team won only six games throughout the season, in its final game, Feb. 20, players kept fans on the edge of their seats. In the dramatic, come-from-behind game, the squad defeated St. Gregory 64-63.

The varsity completed its first season out of ISL with a 6-13 record. A 77-74 defeat to Latin Feb. 5 disrupted a two-game winning streak, the most games won in a row by this year's team.

The Maroons went on to lose three of their last four games by scores of 34-63 to Harvard-St. George, 44-74 to Quincy Notre Dame, and 72-75 to Morgan Park.

In postseason play regional 9th-in-state Chicago Christian, the Maroons lost 68-72.

Forward Paul Fox cited a lack of consistency as the team's major problem. "Because of a lot of factors, whether they were low morale or frustration," Paul explained, "our team was really inconsistent. The games we played were total opposites."

Girl varsity cagers too sure?

By Tom Ragan

Winning some of their final games by slim margins, members of the varsity girls' basketball team said that they may have taken too much for granted.

"We won a few close games," said center Kelly Werhane, "and before we knew it we were taking for granted that we would win them all."

Compiling a 13-3 record; the team lost its final game against Illiana 41-46 after beating Kenwood 40-35 and Latin 26-16. In regionals Thursday the U-Highers lost 32-41 to St. Mel.

A close 50-49 victory over Willbrook typhied their attitude, players said.

Swim size helps, hurts

By Sharon Fischman

Small team size both helped and hurt varsity and frosh-soph swim team performances, according to team members. Swimmers say the small team size gave their opponents an advantage.

The varsity squad finished its season with a 4-6 record. Frosh-soph team finished with a 3-8 record.

On the other hand, team members also said a small team size helped bring about a feeling of togetherness.

"We all got to know each other so well since the whole team (varsity and frosh-soph) practiced together," explained varsity swimmer Lisa Crytown. Coach Larry McFarlane had decided to combine practices when not enough frosh-sophs were showing up.

"Because there were more girls on this year's team -- and in previous years, Mr. McFarlane is considering coaching a girls' team next fall.

"Since more girls are coming out, we thought they deserved to have fair competition, against other girls," he said the Midway.

Most girls agree a girls' team would be a good idea. It's more fair for the girls to compe-
Racquet revival
Community residents save club
By Ted Grossman

Have no fear, Hyde Park indoor athletes. A group of Hyde Parkers, some parents of U-Highers, have purchased the Hyde Park Racquet Club that had been under foreclosure last year.

The club was constructed in 1979, despite opposition from many people in the neighborhood. They objected to having a privately-owned club, which would be too expensive for many area people, on city-owned land.

A GROUP of about 10 local investors, headed by Mr. Richard Orlikoff, father of junior Dan, bought the club out of foreclosure. Two other investors are Mr. Earl Shapiro, father of sophomore Matthew, and Mr. Arthur Wong, father of sophomore David and freshman Melissa.

Since changing ownership the club has undergone remodeling. General manager Dave Muir explained, "Along with the club's facilities, a Nautilus Weight Center has been added, two of the racquetball courts are now aerobic exercise rooms, the tennis courts and locker rooms have been fixed up, banks are going to be installed on the running track, and a pro shop will be put in."

These changes, plus painting, new furniture and carpeting were expected to be completed yesterday, except for the track, which will be finished later in the year.

"AS WELL AS the physical change, the atmosphere has been changed," said senior Tim Wilkins, who works at the club. "It's become more comfortable, cleaner, and an enjoyable place."

The name of the club has also changed, to the Hyde Park-Kenwood Racquet Club. The change, Mr. Muir remarked, "is because the old name was the name of a club that wasn't successful. This one will be a new name and a new attitude. I think this club can be a success."

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AT ONE OF THEIR Sunday meetings members of the Literary Club discuss and interpret works of literature. The home of Emily Schwartz, from left, are Nadia Zonis, Janvier Rosemblad and Desombre and English teacher Sophie Ravin, adviser of the club.

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