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LOOKIN' GOOD

A fresh look greeted U-Highers the first day of school after a summer of building and repainting.

The most visible addition is an art gallery on the 2nd-floor landing. The gallery is a gift in memory of a neighborhood artist, Ms. Mandy Ricketts, from friends. For the gallery, 50 lockers were covered with wooden boards, 50 more removed and track lights installed. Student, faculty and parent art work will be displayed there.

Also contributing to the brighter look, a group of U-Highers directed by music teacher Richard Walsh painted several classrooms over the summer.

In other changes, new security measures were extended, including placing a receptionist at the front of Blaine Hall and assigning a security guard to patrol U-High at night.

Coming security changes will include construction next month of a glass and aluminum corridor to close the pillared area at the front of U-High. The corridor will enclose the courtyard and Japanese gardens and reduce access to many ground level windows and doors where breakins have occurred.

BE PREPARED TO...

•**GAIN WEIGHT AND SPEND MONEY** — Enticing smells wafting from the cafeteria have tempted U-Highers to try new delicacies offered by the expanded food service. They include daily specials, barbecued half-pound hamburgers and sausages, and homemade tacos, fish-and-chips, meatball sandwiches and soups.

A new full-meal plan is also offered this year. Daily hot lunches are available to students and teachers for \$175 a quarter, and hot breakfasts for \$105. Both prices represent a discount from a la carte prices, according to cafeteria manager Peggy Fusco.

•**HAVE LOUNGE FURNITURE THAT LASTS LONGER THAN FIVE WEEKS** - Attractive, durable and easily cleaned. Those were the instructions principal Geoff Jones gave for the construction of the new student lounge furniture, according to preengineering teacher Leonard Wisniewski. The modular, brightly-colored pieces, made of wood and covered with carpet, were designed by Mr. Wisniewski and built this summer by him,

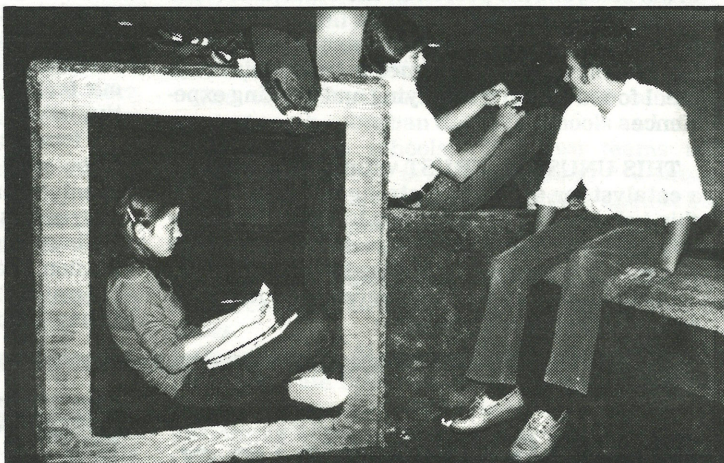


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FINDING A NEW and comfortable place to study and socialize, seniors Gabrielle Schuerman, Michael Sjaastad and Todd Stermer enjoy the new lounge furniture designed and built this summer by preengineering teacher Leonard Wisniewski.



Art by George Hung

his wife and their seven children. The new furniture replaces chairs, sofas and tables bought last year with a gift from the class of 1940 and removed by Mr. Jones after it could not withstand student use.

A teachers' lounge in the cafeteria, where teachers can eat and relax, is also being planned for possibly later this year, according to Mr. Jones.

•**NOT STUDY MUCH** if you go to the third floor of Regenstein library. Come Sunday night, don't count on going to the notorious "Reg," social hangout for many U-Highers, to complete your Bell paper. Sometimes that silent, calm library atmosphere just doesn't exist.

Now, with sophomores as well as juniors and seniors receiving library cards, Regenstein will be busier than ever. So, instead of going to the "Reg," writing that paper at home may be smarter. But it certainly isn't half as fun.

•**BE OUTNUMBERED BY FRESHIES**, the largest grade in the school. With 122 students, the freshman class takes the lead by just a nose. Other enrollment figures this year are as follows: Sophomores, 115; juniors, 107; and seniors, 106. U-High's population of 450 is down from last year by 15 students.

OH, BROTHER!

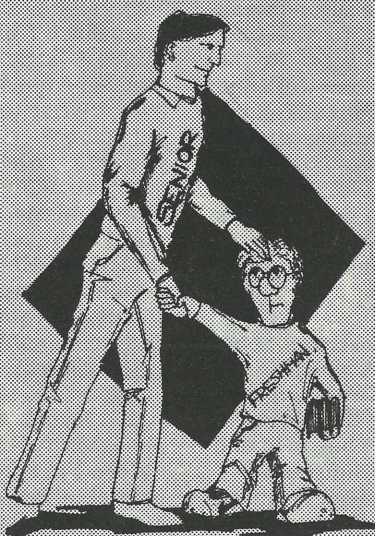
To help new freshmen and sophomores adjust to a new school a big brother-big sister program has been started. Ombudsman Judith Jackson and junior Blanche Cook developed it with help from principal Geoff Jones.

"Big brothers or sisters," Judith explained, "show new students around the school and introduce them to other students and faculty members."

This summer Judith and Blanche sent letters to sophomores, juniors and seniors asking for volunteers.

"We have about 30 sophomores, juniors and seniors helping new freshmen and sophomores," Judith said. "We've paired them up totally randomly, by lists."

The "brothers" and "sis-



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ters" were introduced to each other at a lunch the first day of school. "Each person brought a lunch for their brother or sister," Blanche said.

NEW FACES

From Ireland comes math teacher and frosh-soph soccer coach Jack Ferris, here from Campbell College in Belfast. He is on an exchange with math teacher Patricia Hindman sponsored by the Fulbright exchange program.

Other new teachers include the following:

Mr. William Yarrow, English, replacing Ms. Darlene McCampbell, on leave for a year studying at St. John's College in New Mexico; Ms. Carolyn McPherson, wife of former Lab Schools director Bruce McPherson, physical science and chemistry; and Ms. Diane Enerson, parttime Freshman Center and health education.

Working fulltime in Freshman Center, which will for the first time include health education, will be Ms. Nella Weiner, who served last year on the faculty committee which planned a health education program. Ms. Weiner and Ms. Enerson will lead discussions and arrange guest speakers to talk about health issues related to high school-aged students.

Returning are the following:

Ms. Jewel Willis, last here in 1977, freshman counselor; Ms. Cathy Hynes, on leave last year, math; and Ms. Katherine Maurer Streicher, also on leave last year, French.

Associate director David Cunningham, now at Northwestern University, will not be replaced; instead the school will get a new development staff.

Visiting parttime for the year on an Illinois Art Council grant will be filmmaker Marian Marzynski, professor of media communications at Governors State University known for his documentary "Return to Poland." Mr. Marzynski will work with students and teachers in a variety of film- and video-related programs.



Photo by David Wong

DISPLAYING his diverse talents, new math teacher and frosh-soph soccer coach Jack Ferris, here from Ireland, holds a math book in one hand and a soccer ball in the other during practice on the Midway.

OF, BY AND FOR

Hoping to promote more communication between Student Council and the student body, government will meet twice weekly this year, once for government members and the other for all students who want to attend.

"By having a meeting especially for students to complain, ask questions, or give us suggestions, we hope more people will have an input in the government's activities," explained Council president Scott Edelstein.

This is Student Council's first year. As part of a new government constitution, approved by students in June, it replaces the larger, more complicated Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC). Principal Geoff Jones has said the new constitution is insufficient because, among other reasons, Disciplinary Board is not included. It gave students a role in school discipline.

Scott said council members will reconsider and possibly change the constitution, which may include some type of disciplinary committee. Other plans for the year, he added, include all-school assemblies and sponsoring recreational and educational programs, including an all-day seminar on cardiovascular resuscitation.

The cultural committee of Student Council hopes to sponsor seven more parties this year. President Charles Crockett said he also is planning lunchtime performances by local musicians and entertainers.

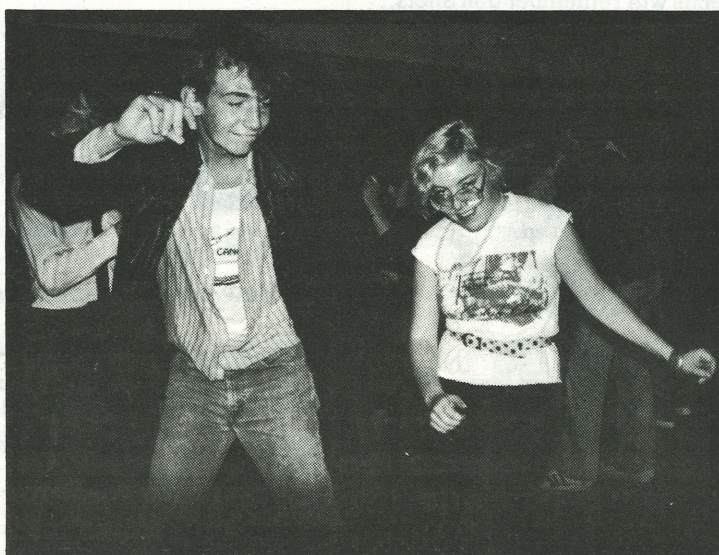


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LEATHER AND PUNK describes the outfits worn by junior Paul Crayton and senior Edyth Stone at Cultural Committee's "Back to School Party," Friday evening. A d.j. provided music and the snack bar offered grilled foods and free pop until 10 p.m.

CONTRACT-IONS

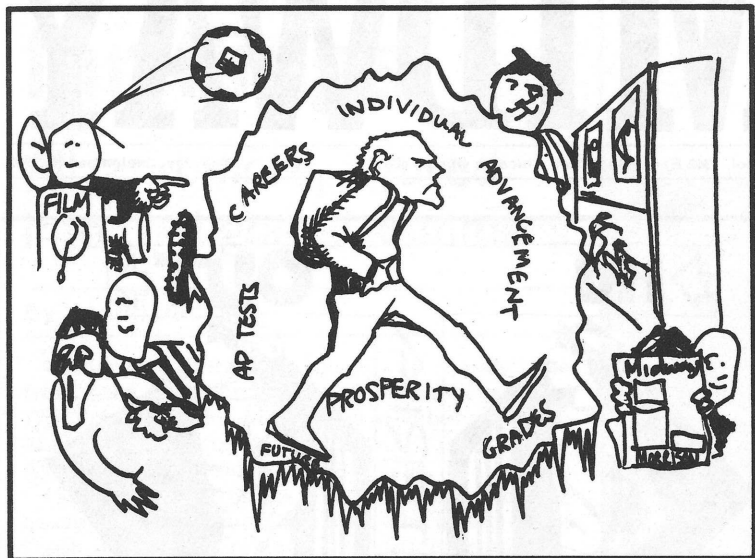
Because of administrative proposals to give faculty members supervising duties, teacher workload has been a major issue in contract talks between the faculty and University.

The Faculty Association, the teachers' union, has been using as one of its bargaining points the results (not yet made public) of a survey last spring on the time teachers devote to their jobs.

In the High School, the administrative proposal is one period of teacher supervision a week in the cafeteria or library and advising of one club.

Moneywise, the faculty has asked for an 11 per cent salary increase; the University offered 5-3/4.

As the Midway sees it



"WHAT A COLD PLACE."

Art by Bill Morrison

Enjoy yourself; no reason not to

Many U-Highers returned to school two weeks ago full of dread. They dreaded the same cold faces, heavy workload, time pressures and competitive atmosphere. What's puzzling is why these feelings are so familiar in a school which has so much to offer.

Possibly, the feelings stem from the sense of frustration that struggling for high standards produces in all of us. But recognition of what has already been accomplished can brighten even the most hopeless outlook.

U-High is an outstanding high school academically. And few other schools of its size have so many outlets for student expression. U-Highers may become members of dozens of clubs, or if athletically inclined join one of 15 sports teams.

Students who wish to spotlight personal talents may have artwork displayed. A new art gallery has been installed on the second floor for student, faculty and parent work. U-Highers' words and thoughts may be printed in three publications: the literary magazine, Renaissance; the newspaper, the Midway; or the yearbook, U-Highlights.

And the surroundings have been improved. The school has been made more comfortable and attractive by the addition of new student lounge furniture and a fresh paint facelift.

Unfortunately, the negative attitude so common among students (and teachers) has become a way of life at U-High. But this outlook can be changed. U-High from many angles is a great place to be. And there is no reason why it can't be enjoyed.

You're part of us

While student readers recognize that the Midway is part of their school, they seldom realize to what extent they are a part of the Midway.

The school newspaper, the Midway is published by journalism students under the guidance of a faculty adviser. No other faculty member or administrator sees or has any part in the publication until it is handed out. The paper is published to provide an accurate, complete and fair account of school and student life. It is not intended to promote the interests of any one organization, student or faculty.

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In addition to reporting school life, the Midway provides a medium through which students may express their opinions. Letters to the editor are welcomed. The "First Person" column gives students the opportunity to showcase their own personal experiences. Writers can bring contributions to the Publications Office, U-High 6-7.

All students are encouraged to contribute and make their own personalities a part of the paper and school.

Remembering Jon Silets

Ski lover, Bruce Springsteen fan, photography buff and, above all, vibrant personality. That's how his friends will remember Jon Silets, who died unexpectedly of a heart ailment in his sleep Aug. 9.

Jon loved to ski. Often he wore a hat studded with skiing pins. He was always talking about hitting the slopes. A music lover, Jon could frequently be seen enjoying Bruce Springsteen on his Walkman. After winning an award for his work as a Midway and U-Highlights photographer last year, Jon was appointed chief photographer for this year's U-Highlights. Always enthusiastic, he was excited about his new position and his senior year.

He will be fondly remembered...and certainly missed.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.....SUSAN EVANS

Outward, and inward, bound

THE SALTY SPRAY drenched my clothing as I stood at the helm of the 32-foot sailboat, guiding it through the swells and whitecaps of a furious gale.

This summer I decided to physically and psychologically challenge myself by taking an Outward Bound course. Outward Bound is an organization that offers summer programs in rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, snow skiing and sailing to children and adults. I decided to take a 26-day sailing course in Maine.

THERE WERE NINE other students in my group, five males and four females between the ages of 16 and 21. The 10 of us, with two instructors, went sailing and rowing on day to week-long expeditions from one island to the next. We were stationed on Burnt Island off the coast of Maine, where we would stop to replenish our food supply for the few days in-between expeditions.

Every morning our crew, or "watch," got up at 5 o'clock and ran three miles around Burnt Island or, when we were on an expedition, around the closest island. After a dip in the 42-degree ocean, we prepared and ate breakfast.

When not on an expedition, our group sometimes went rock climbing on Burnt Island. When a person goes rock climbing, he needs great trust in his belayer (the person at the other end of the rope). If the climber falls, his life is in the belayer's hands. I had never before had to trust my life to someone or have someone trust their life to me. I found it both a terrifying and exciting experience.

THIS UNUSUAL TRUST within the group was a catalyst for developing strong bonds of friendship between us. So the group became more closely knit, our instructors played an increasingly minor role in guiding us and we became more independent as a group and were given more responsibilities as individuals.

Every day the instructors appointed a captain who was in charge of making sure that jobs and activities were completed. A cook was appointed who planned meals and got them cooked and cleaned up. A navigator was also appointed who had full responsibility for getting the ship safely to its destination. Having this responsibility



First Person

By Tom Goodman, senior

ty was another new and frightening psychological challenge.

A greater challenge for me, however, was maintaining sanity in the constant presence of others. There was absolutely no privacy. We got to know everyone "inside and out," from living together in a boat with neither cabins or latrines.

TO RELIEVE TENSION between crew members that developed from always being together and to get to know the rest of the watch better, we had group discussions. We expressed our feelings toward each other and our daily activities.

I found criticism of my fellow crew members to be very difficult because I was not used to openly expressing my feelings to friends, but the instructors helped me and others to do so.

These sessions brought us closer by relieving tension and strengthening our understanding of each other's feelings. We ended up hating having to say goodbye on the 26th day.

Really nothing better to do

EARLY IN THE MORNING, the second week of school, when the sky has begun to turn pink and my seventh cup of coffee sits cooling on the desk, I invariably throw down my homework and ask, "Why am I doing this?" Oh, there are all the standard answers: to learn, to improve myself and, first and foremost, to be accepted by an Ivy League school.

But when my hands are shaking and my eyes won't stay open, the most satisfying answer is the most ridiculous: I don't have anything better to do.

NOW, OF COURSE, this sounds outrageous because there are a thousand things which would probably be more fun — going out, watching television, sleeping. But after having the liberty to do anything I wanted all summer, I began to find freedom as horrid as the drudgery of school.

In summer, just as during the school year, one gets into a routine: For me, it was wake up at 2 p.m., go to work, eat dinner, go out, get home at 5 a.m., sleep. It's all sinisterly similar to a restricted academic life, and it's more expensive. Whereas during school I can get by on \$10 a week and save some, during the summer savings dwindle as I average \$25 a week and have nothing to show for it.



Still Life

By Edyth Stone, opinion columnist

Parents pose another problem during summer. Since I plan my own schedule, my father calls me lazy and wasteful of my precious time. The same questions come up in every conversation: "What time did you get home?" "Where did you go?" "Who were you with?" "What did you do?" When the answers sound the same every night, even I begin to think my time could have been better spent doing something, anything, else.

THE DILEMMA of free time isn't only a teen problem. Older friends, beyond the age of high school and not presently in college, have the same complaints. They aren't satisfied. They're stuck in a rut. They're wasting money. They're bored.

One friend, sitting with his feet up and made philosophical by the beer in his hand, complains, "When I'm here at a party, I wish I was out with a girl, but when I'm out with a girl I wish I was at a party meeting another girl. What am I doing this for?"

It's tragic. So when you're burning the midnight oil and getting skeptical, remind yourself that you're not wasting time, you'll have something to show for your effort, and you're saving money. That's what you're doing it for, and it's as good a reason as any.

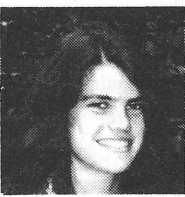
Open Mouths



George Suhm



Matt Schuerman



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Geoff Blanco



Kaye Roper

How do you think student organizations could make U-High a friendlier place?

GEORGE SUHM, sophomore: There could be more activities at the beginning of school for people to get to meet new and older students.

MATT SCHUERMAN, freshman: By relating to students at a student's level and fulfilling their needs.

ANDREA GHEZ, senior: By having planned activities that interest students.

ANJALI FEDSON, sophomore: If the students

in the organizations could talk to more people and get involved with the student body there would be more spirit.

GEOFF BLANCO, senior: Organizations could reopen the lines of communication with the students.

KAYE ROPER, junior: Organizations could have activities that students would enjoy; something that people can participate in.

Experience could prove passport to victories

Experience could prove the major asset for Maroon teams this fall. Volleyball, field hockey, girls' tennis and soccer squads generally can rely on a large number of returning members. Two new teams — cross country and girls' swimming — by comparison must tackle fresh starts.

ENTERING THE NEW season sharing one coach, Terri (Toberman) Green, and with a small number of players, the varsity and frosh-soph volleyball teams' goal is togetherness.

"We have skills and aggressive players, but they need to learn to work as a team," coach Green said. "They're more experienced now that they've already played one year out of the Independent School League." (After leaving the league last year, U-High teams have faced tougher opponents from larger schools.)

Two new teams are on the schedule this year, Aquinas and St. Gregory. Aside from these two, coach Green cites St. Benedict as the toughest opponent.

DESPITE THE LOSS of eight varsity members to graduation and tough competition, varsity field hockey members feel experience and strong offense will carry them to a winning season. "We did lose a lot of players," said coach Debbie Kerr, "but the incoming juniors and seniors are very experienced and will make up for the loss."

Coach Kerr cites the offense and experience as the best assets for the varsity. "We'll play tough teams like New Trier and Oak Park," she added, "but we'll have a winning team come the end of the season."

Seven of the 12 frosh-soph players, coached by Lynn Hastreiter, are freshmen, and inexperienced.

WITH JUST FOUR new team members among seven varsity and eight frosh-soph players, the tennis squads are picking up where they left off. "We're stronger than last year," remarked coach Brenda Coffield. "We didn't lose anyone to graduation, so we're continuing from last year. We'll compete well even against the tough teams like Kenwood and Oak Park."

One player goal is to make state competition again this year.

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS also will figure as a major strength in a difficult soccer season, says varsity coach Sandy Patlak. "We have a lot of people who've been playing on the team for a few years," he said.

By contrast, new frosh-soph coach Jack Ferris sees low turnout and lack of experience as a problem for that team. "The team lacks experience, with only 20 players, mostly freshmen," Ferris said. "I'd like to have more players, so I could switch them around more."

Varsity player David Siegel cited Homewood-Flossmoor as the toughest opponent. "But we play well together," he said. "We've been playing together since before high school."

LOW TURNOUT but high hopes characterizes the two new fall teams — cross country and girls' tennis.

Solid team commitment is the only way the cross country team can survive its rebirth, according to coach Nancy Johnson. Cross country last ran in 1978, with fewer than five members. Ms. Johnson, who coached indoor and outdoor boys' track last year, decided enough people were interested to form a team again and started practice earlier this month.

The eight boys and seven girls will compete against south suburban Catholic schools and other large suburban schools. "The two teams are small, so they can practice together," Johnson said. "But we have enough to compete against big schools like Illiana-Christian and Providence."

IN ITS FIRST SEASON the girls' swim team expects few wins but hopes for strong individual progress.

Coach Larry McFarlane said the decision to form separate boys' and girls' squads was made because more girls have been coming out for swimming in the past few years.

The 10-member frosh-soph and eight-member varsity may not have enough depth to win against the large suburban schools like Thornridge and Argo, McFarlane said. He plans to stress swimmers' individual progress.

"Since swimming is an individual sport," he explained, "you are competing against the clock and trying to improve your own time."

New teams add up to a plus

Was the addition of two new teams to the fall lineup a good or bad move?

Potentially, in a small school such as ours, offering new sports teams might take prospective players away from the perennially successful ones. According to coaches of established U-High teams, however, player turnout this season has been just as good as in previous years. Only field hockey turnout was affected slightly by new teams — cross country and girls' swimming.

According to some female frosh-soph swim team members, had there not been a swim team, they probably would have gone out for field hockey.

But still, hockey, a sport with low participation throughout the state, has more than enough players, 25, to field two teams.

Many U-Highers said they thought the addition of teams benefits the school. "As long as the new teams don't take players away from the old ones, then it's really good," said freshman Nick Shermeta. "Sports teams are a great thing and as many as possible should be offered."

Contrary to most other players' opinions, junior David Okita felt that the school should have fewer teams so each has more members. "The only way we can do that is by concentrating on a few sports each season," he explained.

Teddy's poll

ASKED OF 50 U-HIGHERS ON FALL SPORTS TEAMS:

Is it more beneficial for the school, and the students, to have a few sports teams, or a wide variety of them?

MORE 94%
LESS 6%



Right in the Hole

By Ted Grossman, sports columnist

Though it may seem that adding more teams doesn't make sense, actually it does.

Getting more U-Highers involved in sports teams, by offering new ones without detracting from old ones, is definitely a plus.

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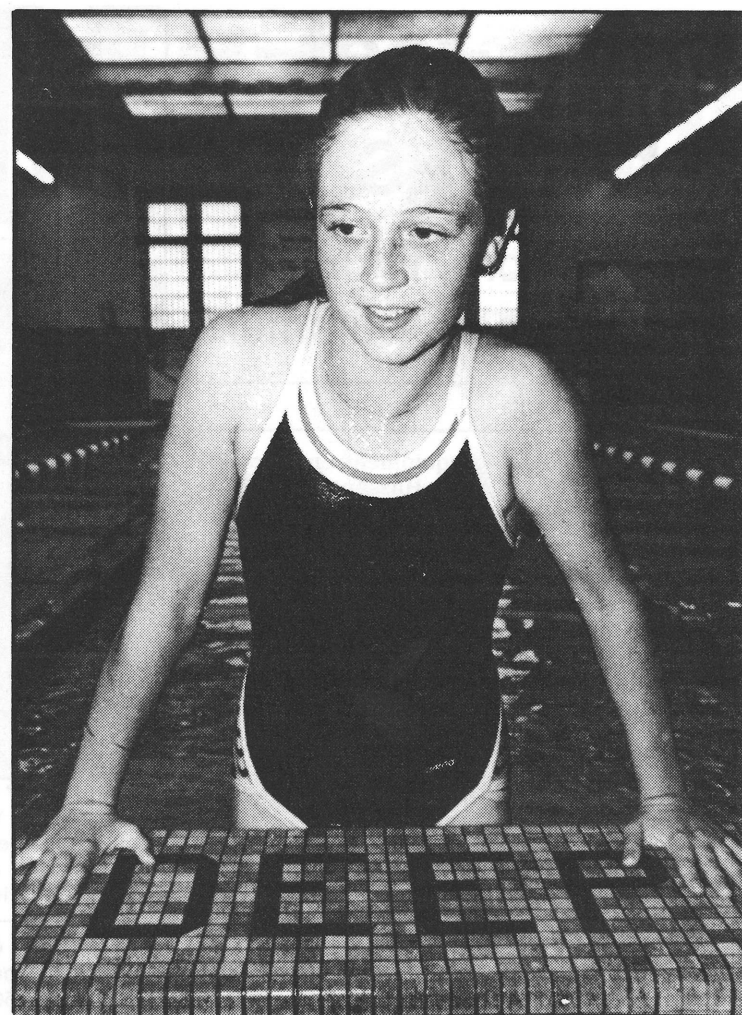


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AFTER A STRENUOUS workout, varsity swimmer Lisa Crayton emerges for a breather. Lisa is a member of the new girls' swimming team.

Play by Play

FIELD HOCKEY

HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR, Sept. 16, there: The Maroons suffered a disappointing 0-7 opening day loss to the Vikings. J.V. was also set back, 0-11.

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST, Sept. 21, here: The stickers were set back again by their archrivals, the Huskies, 0-1, in an emotional hard-fought game. J.V. lost 0-6, but many players felt they had improved considerably since their first game.

LATIN, Sept. 23, here: Varsity won 3-0, j.v. lost 0-1.

SOCCER

DE LA SALLE, Sept. 17, here: The varsity avenged last year's sectional loss, shutting out the Meteors 5-0 in this rainy-day opener. Frosh-soph romped 8-0 as freshman George Rudman scored a hatrick and Matteo Levissetti and Nick Shermeta netted two each.

MORGAN PARK ACADEMY, Sept. 20, here: Varsity blew away the Warriors 17-0 as striker Paul Crayton tied the school record with six goals in a single game.

MARQUETTE of Michigan City, Sept. 22, here: Varsity won 6-2, j.v. won 5-2.

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST, Sept. 24, there: Hard losses, varsity 0-1, j.v. 1-5.

GIRLS' TENNIS

ST. BENEDICT, Sept. 21, here: In their home opener, the varsity dumped big Benedict 5-0.

VOLLEYBALL

AQUINAS (varsity), Sept. 17, there: The spikers cleaned up, winning their opener 15-7, 15-4.

RIDGEWOOD (j.v.), Sept. 17, here: Junior spikers lost a close match in their opener in three games, 15-8, 9-15, 6-15.

ST. BENEDICT, Sept. 21, here: After a strong start, the varsity lost in three games, 15-12, 10-15, 10-15. J.V. was beaten soundly, 3-15, 8-15.

PROVIDENCE-ST. MEL, Sept. 22, here: Varsity won 13-15, 15-7, 15-6; j.v. lost 3-15, 9-15.

UNITY, Sept. 24, there: Varsity won 15-13, 15-1; j.v. won 13-15, 15-11, 15-7.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

MARIA, Sept. 21, here: In their first meet ever, the varsity lost 15-47, but the frosh-soph triumphed 51-21.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, here: Combined Maroons won 62-34.

CROSS COUNTRY

ILLIANA CHRISTIAN and **OAK LAWN**, Sept. 21 at Illiana: Girls lost to Illiana 33-23 (lower score wins) and to Oak Lawn 44-19. Boys beat Illiana 28-29, lost to Oak Lawn 50-15.

SOFTBALL

STUDENT-FACULTY, Sept. 24: The faculty triumphed 8-6, even though only six faculty members and seven students participated.

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Films, feet, far flings

All, and more, figured into U-Highers' summers

By Judith Jackson

Cameras and lighting equipment crowded the front yard of senior Ayesha Hassan's house July 17. "Take one," shouted a crew member of the Columbia Pictures movie "Dr. Detroit" as actor Dan Aykroyd walked before the cameras.

Chosen by the Illinois Film Council, Ayesha's house served as an exterior set. The inside of the home is being recreated, with different furnishings, in Hollywood for further filming.

"THEY WANTED a house in a university area because some of the movie takes place at a college," Ayesha explained. "They shot pieces of five or six dialogs and two full scenes."

Also involved in moviemaking this summer, senior Bobby Pope appeared in the movie "Risky Business," starring Tom Cruise. Filming took place in Highland Park and on Rush street.

"I've been called back about six times and I've been paid pretty well," Bobby said. "It was fun to see how filming is done."

BESIDES FILM ACTIVITIES, U-Highers traveled to foreign countries, attended summer school at universities or boarding schools and hiked in the mountains.

Senior Miriam Roth and her family drove through Holland, Germany, France and Italy. They saw where her father lived during and prior to World War II.

"It was like time stood still," Miriam explained. "Many people remembered my father and he recognized the places where he used to play: the river, the fields and the mountain where the Jewish cemetery lies. We also saw where my mother crossed the French Alps to escape from the Nazis and met the woman who hid her in the Italian Alps during the war."

Miriam added, "It was really an intense trip and it's all documented. I've never learned so much in four weeks."

OTHER FOREIGN TRAVELERS included juniors Sharon Fischman and Reed Brozen and senior Martha Kurland, all of whom went to France, though at different times.

"I went to France because I wanted to use my French and learn more about the country," Sharon explained. "I lived with French friends of the family in Paris and Brittany."

Junior Emily Schwartz traveled in Mexico and lived with a Mexican family for six weeks in a program sponsored by the Experiment in International Living. "I lived with a family in Colima that had 13 members," Emily said. "I'm interested in traveling and I wanted to learn about different people. The best way to learn about a culture is to be part of that culture, so I decided to go."



Photo courtesy of Miriam Roth

ON THEIR WAY to visit Roth, Germany, the town where their father grew up, Judith Roth, '80; Ari Roth, '78; and senior Miriam Roth pose by a highway sign in Germany.

SAMPLING COLLEGE LIFE, senior Errol Rubenstein attended Cornell University's summer school with 850 other high school students from across the country. "My classes, Introduction to Psychology and Reading Modern Literature, were pretty simple, except I had to write a 100-word paper for English due every Friday," Errol said.

Juniors Ted Grossman and Reed Brozen attended Andover Boarding School's program in Massachusetts for six weeks. "School was harder there than at U-High," Ted said. "And most of the people were smarter than the average U-Higher."

Seniors Michael Bolden, Charles Crockett and Judith Jackson attended the Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) program, a minority high school business program, at the University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University, respectively.

"**WE ALL ATTENDED** economics class in the morning and in the afternoons visited major corporations on the East Coast," Charles said. "Even though we were exposed to the business world, they didn't push business on you. You were allowed to make a decision on your own about whether to make business a career."

Senior John Wyllie hiked in the Rocky Mountains for six weeks with the Wilderness Ventures program. "We hiked through the Teton Range and other ranges in Wyoming and Montana," John explained.

"There were 14 people in my group, including the leaders. We were mostly juniors and seniors in high school. I decided to go because I had never been to the West before. And I wanted to see how beautiful America is. I also became more appreciative of nature."

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• **On their way**—Thirteen of this year's 107 seniors, and two students who were juniors last year, have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. They qualified by scoring in the top half per cent in the state on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test in their junior year. To become finalists, they must receive a recommendation from the school and score high on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The semifinalists include the following:

Roxana Bradescu, Edward Conger, Sam Fenster, George Hung, Karl Juskevics, Tony May, Errol Rubenstein, Gabriella Scanu, Gabrielle Schuerman, Edward Sickels, George Spofford, Edyth Stone, Nadia Zonis, Bill Fitchen (moved to Madison, Wisc.) and Monica Mueller (in France this quarter).

Five seniors have been named semifinalists in the associated National Achievement Scholarship program for outstanding black students. They are Frank Ahimaz, Michael Bolden, Charles Crockett, Tim Floyd and Judith Jackson.

• **Vacation**—U-Highers will get a break from school Fri., Oct. 8 while teachers discuss how to cope with it in an in-service program. Mr. David Mallery, director of professional development for the National Association of Independent Schools, will talk with teachers about dealing with pressures from students and parents and from their own expectations. Middle School teacher Dorothy Strang and Lower School teacher Ruth Marx arranged the program after participating in workshops with Mr. Mallery.

"We hope Mr. Mallery will extend our enthusiasm," Ms. Strang said. "And then teachers will look at students with more patience and sensitivity."

Faculty members who choose not to attend the workshop will make other arrangements with principal Geoff Jones. Several teachers and librarians plan to visit other schools where computers are used in their fields.

• **Coming Up**—Here are school and sport events scheduled at presstime; games are subject to rescheduling because of weather.

• **TODAY, SEPT. 28** — Soccer and volleyball, Latin, 4 p.m., there; girls' swimming, Bloom, 4:15 p.m., there; field hockey, Lake Forest, 4:30 p.m., there; girls' tennis, Ridgewood, 4:30 p.m., here.

• **THURS., Sept. 30** — Girls' swimming, Morgan Park, 4 p.m., there; soccer, St. Laurence, 4 p.m., here.

• **FRI., OCT. 1** — Volleyball, St. Benedict, 3:30 p.m., there; girls' tennis, St. Benedict, 4 p.m., there; field hockey, Barrington, 4:30 p.m., there.

• **SAT., OCT. 2** — Volleyball, 2nd annual U-High invitational tournament, 10 a.m.; girls' tennis, divisional round robin with Oak Park, Latin, Francis Parker, time to be announced, at Oak Park.

• **MON., OCT. 4** — Field hockey, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here.

• **TUES., OCT. 5** — Varsity volleyball, Aquinas, 3:30 p.m., here; frosh-soph volleyball, Ridgewood, 4 p.m., there; girls' tennis, Lourdes, 4 p.m., there.

• **WED., OCT. 6** — Field hockey, New Trier, 4:30 p.m., here.

• **THURS., OCT. 7** — Soccer, Brother Rice, 4 p.m., there; girls' tennis, Kenwood, 4 p.m., there.

• **FRI., OCT. 8** — No school for students, teachers' in-service day; volleyball, St. Gregory, 4 p.m., there; field hockey, Maine East, 4:30 p.m., there.

• **SAT., OCT. 9** — Soccer, Quigley South, 11 a.m., there.

• **TUES., OCT. 12** — Girls' tennis and volleyball, Providence-St. Mel, 3:30 p.m., there; field hockey, Deerfield, 4:30 p.m., there.

• **THURS., OCT. 14** — Soccer, St. Ignatius, 4 p.m., here; field hockey, Latin, 4:15 p.m., there; girls' swimming, Thornridge, 4:15 p.m., there; girls' tennis, Latin, 4:15 p.m., there.

• **FRI., OCT. 15** — Volleyball, Latin, 4 p.m., here.

• **SAT., OCT. 16** — Soccer, Illiana, 11 a.m., there.

• **MON., OCT. 18** — Volleyball, Willibroad, 3:30 p.m., there; soccer, Francis Parker, 4 p.m., here; girls' tennis, Ridgewood, 4:30 p.m., there.

• **TUES., OCT. 19** — Midway out after school.

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