Ex-U-High teacher starts year as director

By May Liao, coeditor-in-chief

No one can tell now how the school year which began today will end. Mr. Rehage, Lab Schools director, feels the outlook is bright.

"We've got a strong faculty," he said, "and there are splendid people stepping into the faculty to replace those who are leaving. I think the job of making this a strong school rests very largely on the faculty and students."

MR. REHAGE is serving as director while Mr. James Van Amburg seeks a permanent replacement for Mr. Rehage. Mr. Van Amburg, who left for school in New Jersey after four years here.

Among those who returned last year to evaluate where it was headed, Stanford University professor Laracy Cuban suggested hiring a director for one year after a thorough search for a permanent director was conducted.

No stranger to the school, Rehage came to U-High in 1948 as a social studies teacher with six years' experience. In 1948 he became a member of the U. C.'s Department of Education. He also was director of elementary teacher training from 1956 to 1960 and headed a major educational study in Pakistan from 1960 to 1972, visiting there frequently.

In 1969, he received the Quantrell Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Mr. Rehage most recently served as dean of students in the Social Sciences Division from 1972 to 1982 and is University professor of education emeritus.

Mr. Rehage said he accepted the directorship because it felt close to the school and wanted to help during this time of transition between directors.

"My whole family," he explained, "has had a warm and affectionate feeling toward the school. My wife taught here and my three kids went to school here."

MR. REHAGE FEELS he understands the school, too. "I had plenty of opportunities to become familiar with the school, not in recent years, but I have, I was believable acquainted with many teachers. In many ways, I don't feel like a stranger or like it's a strange place."

Although familiar with the school, Mr. Rehage felt he needed more time before making any specific plans for changes this year. "At the moment," he said, "It is premature for me to say I want to do this or that, or make changes here or there."

Overall, however, Mr. Rehage hopes to maintain the school's high quality. "I hope that the school will continue to be a good school, and become even better this year," he commented.

Preparing for this first-day issue of the Midway, coeditor-in-chief May Liao chats with new director Kenneth Rehage.

Your Guide to U-High

...OR Welcome to Our Nightmare

3:14. You watch the second hand creep to the 12. Finally, you're dismissed. As you leave, your teacher hands the tests back. OH NO... a 99. But Sally got 100. Welcome back to school.

Yes. This is U-High, where the realities of the world disappear and a bad math grade becomes a matter of life and death.

Pressure surrounds you. Your locker jams right before English, with "Romeo and Juliet" safely inside. After 27 computer attempts to fix your schedule, you still have no gym class, five classes after lunch and German 1. (So you've taken French for seven years; maybe the computer thought you might be getting bored.)

And to keep you really interested, the computer refused to put you on any class list whatever.

Now these are the true problems of life, so what can you do?

Here are three basic tips:

(1) If you are under a 6 foot tall and have a toplocker, which you probably will buy, a stepladder.
(2) Never put food down in the gym, a temptation to fix your schedule, you still have no gym class, five classes after lunch and German 1.
(3) Above all, remain calm and remember there's always tomorrow and HAVE A GREAT YEAR!
A newspaper FOR the school

Fun, frustration make counseling memorable job

KIDS MAKE MACWILLIES. That's what I discovered working seven weeks at the summer day camp at school for children in 1st through 5th grades.

Shy ones, loud ones, smart ones, cute ones and even obnoxious ones make camp fun, lively and exciting.

MY GROUP consisted of 12 3rd-grade girls. Teaching and then playing games like soccer, "Pillo Polo," "Spud," "Cootie Catcher" and the "Flag" with kids whose attention span lasts about 20 minutes becomes tiring and frustrating.

I often made deals with them, like saying "Keep playing for 15 more minutes and then we'll play 'Cat and Mouse' in a game they could never get enough of."

"Cat and Mouse" is probably the most torturous game I've ever played. I'll skip the description and just say this much: Standing for 40 minutes every day in the heat of July holding a sweaty 3rd-grader's hand makes you think about how you're spending your summer.

AFTER SEVEN WEEKS of endless games of "Elmo" and "Cat and Mouse," my group and I get frequent field trips to museums, the beach, the zoo, movies and roller skating.

MacWillies really was a lot of fun and I don't know of a better summer job. In what other job is it possible to get paid for going to work, go swimming, become friends with a lot of hilarious kids and play "Cat and Mouse" every single day?

Join the Journalists

The 1984-85 U-Highlights staff is being organized. U-Highlanders would like to join the journalism program but aren't in journalism classes and on the Midway are invited to join the yearbook staff. Meetings take place every other Saturday; no experience is needed.

"Our first meeting will be 10 a.m., Sat., Sept. 30, at the Publications Office, U-High 266," said senior Juliet Gordon, who is editing the '85 book and senior Eileen Keller. "We've put signs up around the school reminding anyone interested to come to the office during lunch any school day before the first meeting to sign up for the staff."

The '85 book will be larger and possibly published on a separate tabloid. It will include a student publications fee. The Midway and U-Highlights portion cost a total of $25 to $35.

An additional $15 increase will go to Renaissance, the literary-arts magazine, previously funded by grants.

In the final proofreading stage, the '84-'85 U-Highlights is expected to arrive at school early next month.

Volunteer earns reward of being needed

What are you looking forward to this year and what are you dreading?

AMY COHEN, freshman: I am looking forward to free periods and I am dreadning geometry because it is going to be hard.

DAVID TOBACK, sophomore: I am looking forward to good classes and teachers, as well as the end of the school and our first vacation. Getting into the same old routine is what I am dreading.

LAURA BOLTON, senior: I am looking forward to finishing up my last year here and graduating. I am dreading having to separate from all my friends. We will all be leaving for college.

MS. KATHERINE STREICHER, French teacher: It will be a real pleasure getting back the same kids I taught in 4th and 5th grade. I am also looking forward to getting acquainted with the new faculty members and having their new ideas. I am dreading having to teach in all three schools at once: Lower, Middle and High Schools.

MS. MICHAEL GARDNER, English teacher: I am looking forward to teaching my new class, year-long English. I am not dreading anything.

MS. LARRY McFARLANE, physical education teacher: I am looking forward to teaching the end of the year. I am dreading the freshmen.
Banner day of glory wins two t.v. spot

IT WAS A SLOW SUMMER. Easy to fall into bad habits. I had become an Olympic junkie. I needed a change. Unable to withstand one more Beatrice commercial, I switched to channel 9. There was Cubs announcer Harry Carey, hanging out of the press box, singing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" along with more than 30,000 fans.

Holy Cow, the Cubs were winning again! There was a strange feeling in the air. Even the most cynical bleacher bum silently admitted that this year's Cubbies might go all the way. I wanted to be part of it. I also wanted money.

"IT'S SIMPLE," said Harry. "Bring your banner to Wrigley Field, throw yourself at the mercy of 30,000 fans and four judges, and come home with $300, $200 or $100." I was determined. I'd need help. I called Samara Kalk, my good friend and fellow fan of Cubs catcher Jody Davis.

"How about it," I asked.

"Uh huh," she replied. Her enthusiasm was overwhelming. There was no time to lose. The next three days were devoted solely to the banner. Finally, after much hard work, several arguments and a lot of coffee, it was done. It was incredible—a likeness of the Chicago Tribune's front page, boasting a Cubs world series victory.

At Wrigley Field, our banner was assigned number 11. We then learned, to our dismay, that there were almost 1,000 entries. Yet we remained confident. The competition looked weak.

Finally, an hour before the opening pitch, the 1,000 banners streamed on the field. I'd never experienced anything like it: For one brief, glorious moment, I wasn't the spectator, but the event! The fans loved our banner. The bleachers roared their approval.

The press flocked to us. Cameras whirled as Johnny Morris interviewed us for the 6 o'clock news. Then, it was back to our seats to await the results. The game dragged on.

FINALLY, AFTER THREE long innings, the announcement. I held my breath until I heard the two words that made us $100 richer, "Number 11." I turned to look at my partner, but she was already out of her seat and running through Wrigley Field.

The next day, I returned to my job, painting a garage. It was a summer, but I had experienced a few of my own "Glory Days."
Newcomers total 39

Facing not only the new year but also a new school, 39 got their first taste of U-High life today. The newcomers, mostly freshmen, bring enrollment to an expected 470, with 123 freshmen, 121 sophomores, 112 juniors and 114 seniors.

Newcomers joined the school for various reasons ranging from caring teachers to the freedom given students. "When I visited here," said freshman Jennifer Lane Tech, "I didn't want to go to another technically-oriented school like Lane Tech." Other NEWCOMERS, by grades, besides those already named, with the list subject to change, are as follows:

- Freshmen: Joby Pritzker
- Sophomores: Serena Lee, Sarah Webley, James Pflasterer
- Juniors: Jay Schwartz, Jennifer Kodish, Sarah Webley, James Pflasterer
- Seniors: Ronald Clark, Lisa Snider, David Reingold, Jonathan Torshen, Linda Tropp, Christopher Williams, Patricia Williams, Gretchen Woertendyke, Kathy Webley, Tom Chandler, Gregory Winston

In the Wind

On the rocks and stuck, junior James Austrain, in the beat, and '80 graduate Dan Fish, in the soup, camped their way through a rocky area on their way to canoeing down the boundary waters in Minnesota. James' brother Mark, also an '80 graduate, photographed the moment for posterity: 'she'd met through an exchange program. ALSO IN EUROPE, senior Ronald Clark lived in Germany six weeks participating in the Gardner Scholarship exchange. Senior Lisa Seiler traveled in Germany two-and-a-half months. "The only person I met there who I didn't like," she said, "was an American from California." Junior David Reingold traveled to Paris, Lon and Israel. As part of the Zionist Organization of America Teenage Tour senior Eileen Krell spent six weeks, also in Israel.

Off in China were freshman Livia Quan, senior Birdie and their family. "We sponsored a basketball team over there," Livia said, "and we went to watch them play. I didn't like it there. The hotels weren't clean and always had mice or bugs in them."