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By Ben Abella

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Student Searches—
Court ruling gets cool reaction

By Jonathan Kohler

Although it doesn’t affect private schools, most students and teachers here say they don’t like a United States Supreme Court decision last month allowing public high school administrators and faculty to search students without a warrant.

The court opinion, written by associate Justice Byron White, stated that students may be searched if the search is “justified at its inception” with “reasonable grounds for suspected that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school.” Private schools, because they are not government agencies, are not affected by the ruling or those which preceded it.

The idea of a warrantless search does not appeal to some students, who feel they should be treated as adults. “It’s a violation of our rights,” said junior Jenny Bacon. “There should be just as much respect for minors by adults as adults give themselves. It might increase tension in school and create a lack of trust between students and faculty.”

Others feel that student searches can keep control in schools. “Teachers have a right to keep order,” senior Jose Corpuz explained. “If it’s necessary then it’s fine.”

Some think the decision will not help solve crime problems in schools. “If school administrators couldn’t do it better, this isn’t going to help,” social studies teacher Philip Montag explained. “It doesn’t do anything to solve the problem.”

However, the ruling can be an effective deterrent to school problems, principal Robert Udelis believes, if certain limitations are imposed. “If the ruling is not abused,” he explained, “it can keep certain things out of school that shouldn’t be there, such as illegal drugs and weapons.”

Council reschedules CPR Day at hospital

By Mark Moseley, government editor

Because Michael Reese Hospital could not provide enough instructors Feb. 8 for Student Council’s CPR Day, it is being rescheduled for Wed., March 6. Fifty students and faculty members will be able to attend, with priority given to seniors, said Student Council president Melissa Pashigian.

In other Student Council news:

• Department chairpersons last Wednesday approved with changes a Student Council workload committee proposal for an end-of-the-quarter schedule. In a letter to the chairperson, committee chairperson Debbie Dowell explained: “Exams schedules in the past have attempted to distribute the extra load, but the ‘alternate days’ have meant that some students have had to take as many as three exams in one day. Using course schedules which would insure most students would not have to take more than one exam an any day, though students could have a paper or test due the same day.”

• Trying to raise money for the Needy Children’s Fund, Student Council will set up a sale for empty pop cans in the cafeteria that will be sold at an aluminum recycle.

• Cultural Union has decided on Fri., March 8 for this year’s semiannual dance, again at Ida Noyes Hall. But further details have not yet been decided.

WARM Up YOUR WINTER

As the winter drags on with no relief in sight, wouldn’t a hot, steaming pizza from Giordano’s just hit the spot? Of course it would! Just think how the mounds of mozzarella and your favorite toppings would warm your tummy or how the succulent tomato sauce and fine crust would cheer your day. So don’t just sit there drooling. Get to Giordano’s or call for fast pick-up. We open early and we close late. It’s always toasty warm at Giordano’s.
**Bulletin Board**

- **Antiparking plan** — To prevent illegal parking in Kenwood Circle, where cars block a fire lane, University of Chicago security officers are following a new policy. The plan was worked out last fall between Lab Schools director Kenneth Regine, University security director David O'Leary and assistant director Lee Caldwell. U. of C. security officers are placing stickers on violators' autos, then calling the Chicago Police Department to file private parking complaints. Chicago policemen do not normally ticket cars in Kenwood Circle because it is University property.

- **Math measurer** — Designed to assess high school students' college-preparatory math skills, an Illinois Universities Diagnostic Test was given to U-Highers in Math 3 and SAP last month. Developed two years ago by the State Universities of Illinois for high school juniors, the test was administered in three 45-minute parts: elementary algebra, geometry and first-semester advanced high school algebra, and second-semester high school algebra and trigonometry. According to math teacher Ralph Bargen, test coordinator, U-Highers who took the test will receive score reports from the Illinois Universities Testing Office in April. The reports will include interpretive information, advice concerning college math requirements for various majors, and recommendations of what math class to take senior year. Results have no effect on students' grades.

- **Zen and tea** — Pointing out contradictions in Zen Buddhism, Naoki Sakai, professor of Japanese Civilization at the U. of C., spoke to 20 U-Highers and two faculty members Feb. 1 at a lunch-time program. Tea and rice rolls provided by the Eastern Philosophy Club, who sponsored the talk, helped set the mood. The attentive audience listened as Prof. Sakai explained the Buddhist view of individualism.

- **In sympathy** — Students and faculty have expressed their sympathy for school matron Hope Prudan, whose husband and a son have died within a month of each other. Mrs. Prudan's husband, Konstantin, died Feb. 1 of lung and heart ailments. A longtime member of the U. of C. Plant Department before a recent retirement, he was in his late 60's. Mr. and Mrs. Prudan's 40-year-old son John had died unexpectedly of a heart attack Dec. 20.

  The mother of art teacher Joan Klockich, Ms. Blanche Lesser, died late last month of complications from various diseases. A resident of New York City, she was 86.

**Political preview** — Previewing president Ronald Reagan's second term, U. of C. political science professor Arthur Miller told to about 13 students and faculty members Feb. 8 in a program sponsored by the Current Events Club. Prof. Miller said the Republican party's main goal the next four years will be to achieve a political realignment in the nation and become the major political party.

**It's a Date**

- **TODAY, FEB. 10**
  - 5 P.M.: Against Latin, boys' basketball, home, and girls' basketball, away. 6:30, boys' indoor track against Niles West, Luther North, South Shore, home. 8:30, boys' indoor track against Niles West.

- **WED., FEB. 20**
  - YEARBOOK REHEARSAL, Little Theater.

- **TUES., FEB. 21**
  - 4:30 P.M.: Girls' indoor track, Maine South, away.
  - FLIP, FEB. 21

- **FRI., FEB. 23**
  - 4:30 P.M.: Girls' basketball, Ethic, home.
  - 7 P.M.: Boys' basketball, Evanston, away.

- **SAT., FEB. 24**
  - Against Quaker State Dairy Stores, boys' basketball, 4:45 and 8 p.m. girls' basketball, 4:30 p.m.

- **MON., FEB. 27**
  - Boys' basketball regionals (through March 1), then sectionals, March 5.
  - 8:30 A.M.: Math contest, cafeteria.
  - 4 P.M.: Girls' basketball, South Shore, away.
  - 7:30 P.M.: Boys' indoor track, Gurnee, home; girls' indoor track, Highland Park, home.

- **THURS., FEB. 27**
  - 4 P.M.: Student Experimental Theater production, Bedford Theater.

- **SAT., MARCH 3**
  - 4:30 P.M.: Boys' indoor track, Eastern Illinois University Invitational, Charleston.

- **MON., MARCH 6**
  - 6:30 P.M.: Boys' indoor track, Rich South, home; girls' indoor track, Andrew, home.

- **TUES., MARCH 7**

- **WED., MARCH 8**
  - STUDENT COUNCIL CPR DAY, Michael Reese Hospital (story page)

- **FRI., MARCH 10**
  - 4:30 P.M.: Girls' basketball, Ridgewood, home.
  - 8 P.M.: Boys' indoor track, Niles West, away.
  - 8 P.M.: Boys' basketball, Evanston, home (time tentative).

- **SAT., MARCH 11**
  - 4:30 P.M.: Girls' basketball, Evanston, away; boys' indoor track, Winnetka, home; girls' indoor track, Highland Park, home.

- **MON., MARCH 13**

- **TUES., MARCH 14**
  - 2:30 P.M.: Next Midway out.

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Finish your meals right with our many baking pans for all your breads and cakes.

**Club Clips**

- **Tourney ending** — Aiming eventually to hold chess competitions with other schools, the Chess Club is completing a trial U-High tournament this week. Started last month, the tournament was the idea of freshman Ben Abella and math teacher Daniel Kelly, Chess Club colourmen. Twenty students are competing in the single-elimination event, played at lunch in U-High 306. The winner will receive $10.

**Winners Circle**

- **Superbook** — All American, top rating, has been awarded to the 1984 U-Highlights by the National Scholastic Press Association. Judges called U-Highlights "a superb book." The rating is based on scorebook points and the yearbook receiving at least four Marks of Distinction. U-Highlights received marks for Copy, Display, Coverage and Concept, but not for Photography, Art and Graphics. Twenty-eight of 112 pages, a fourth of the book, have been completed for the 1985 U-Highlights according to seniors Juliet Gordon and Eileen Krill, coordinator-in-chief. "We also have the cover finished," said Juliet. "It's a secret but I can say it's brightly-colored." Added Eileen, "We're using color in the book on division spreads, too."
James Kimball is a good leader because everyone seems to like him, mainly because he’s a great soccer player,” said freshman Katy Webley. “I think nobody notices the unpopular people, so they probably won’t listen to them.”

Leaders at U-High don’t always actually hold positions. They are admired or popular because they are doing something of significance,” said sophomore Fabio Ferrari. “They are followed because no other college trip is a good idea because it will give us another taste of what college life is all about.”

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U-High’s super scientist

...is still the same Annie Penn

All senior Annie Penn wanted out of science was enjoyment, but she got a great deal more...a parade of science honors which have made her senior year an exceptional experience.

First the Museum of Science and Industry named her its Outstanding Young Scientist of 1984, with a $100 award and a trip to the Nobel Prize ceremonies and a young scientists’ seminar in Sweden. Then last month she became one of 49 finalists in the Westhouse Young Scientist Search. And just two weeks ago Annie was named U-High’s Bausch and Lomb science award winner as the outstanding senior in science.

ANNIE WILL JOIN other Westhouse finalists a week from Thursday in Washington, D.C. A panel of judges will interview the finalists, choosing 10 winners to share $80,000 in scholarship money.

“I first heard about the Talent Search my freshman year when ’82 graduate Wendell Lim was a finalist,” Annie said. “This year science teacher Murray Hozinsky suggested that I enter, so I did.”

The Westhouse contest is tough, Annie reports. “I’m not really nervous about competing, but I’ve been under pressure to finish my exhibit,” she said. “I’m really looking forward to the trip, especially meeting the other kids and hearing about their research.”

Annie doesn’t feel the honors have personally changed her. “The way I feel about these honors is that they’re very nice and flattering, but I did the experiments for my enjoyment—I never thought I’d win any awards.” She added, “I feel that as long as I’m pleased with my work, the honors are just an extra.”

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As the Midway sees it
You're come a long way, cafeteria

Students, parents, teachers - everyone loves to complain about the cafeteria's high prices and other problems they see there.

Many of these complaints are justified. But maybe if everyone took a look at the facts, they would find that some of those grievances don't have a base.

WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION of Morry's Deli in Hutchinson Commons, most eaters around U-High - such as Edward's, the Agora and Ida's Cafe - do not have less expensive food than the cafeteria does. Yet, most U-Highers still complain about the high prices.

Cafeteria manager Mark Kite admits prices could be lower still. According to him, a third of a food item's price reflects the cost of the staff. The other two-thirds go to workers' pay, cost of machines used and the labor involved. Mr. Kite is now working to make food preparation more efficient by organizing the kitchen, making clear to employees what their jobs are, and making sure that they're done efficiently and properly. He also plans to have three or four daily specials instead of one or two, and to emphasize food that doesn't spoil quickly. This greater efficiency will hopefully bring down the two-thirds of the food's price that goes into preparation, bringing down the whole cost.

Cleanliness remains an ongoing concern, but since faculty began supervising the cafeteria, it has become much cleaner than in earlier years. Rules about cleaning up are no longer just helpful hints, but enforced rules.

ALSO HELPING TO SOLVE a variety of problems - from the severe issue to the health hazards of operating microwave ovens - social studies teacher Edgar Bernstein has organized a cafeteria committee. The committee also includes principal Robert Moseley, US principal Carolyn Spiegel and middle school teacher Florence Vaughan. The committee hopes to work with Mr. Kite to find solutions to the cafeteria's problems.

The problem-solving has definitely made, and is still making, progress. A few years ago, there was no cafeteria, just a Snack Bar. Nobody had ever done anything like the cafeteria does today - only carried snacks. And, the "caf" is less expensive or no more expensive than other places close to U-High. There's even a spec committee set up to examine the cafeteria's shortcomings.

Clearly, the cafeteria is already a better place and is on its way to becoming even better.

An error...and some lessons

Accuracy under pressure - that's the challenge for all newspapers. And the Midway staff meets the challenge surprisingly well, for a group that always seems to be facing a deadline, an emergency. Our follow-up sheets indicate we make few fact or quote errors. Under our publications policy, reporters check all quotes twice - once during the interview and once before publication. Editors issue follow-up sheets to major sources, asking about the quality of the reporting and finished story. Most school papers don't follow such elaborate procedures and many make more mistakes. But even though such a system falls when reporters aren't responsible. In our story on curfews Jan. 22, sophomore Gyll Galloway described a situation he didn't bother to check by breaking the curfew law, then brought to a police station when his mother called. After publication, he admitted he had never been stopped by the police. The reporter, he said, had gotten his name wrong. He would use his name for a quote. Guly said he had agreed, but not with the facts.

The reporter said she had gotten confused, that she thought Gully was descripting a personal experience when he was describing what he knew of police procedure after a curfew violation. Which, if true, would be unbelievable sloppiness reporting, but also an error caught in the checking process.

Obviously, no checking system works unless reporters do their job. And sources who agree to their names being placed on quotes they never gave doesn't help. The Midway also is experiencing journalistic distress in its role as a forum for school opinion. We try to present a balanced variety of viewpoints. When we print a person's opinion we aren't endorsing it. We get caught in the crossfire several times. When we print an essay, we often get an angry reaction to what they've said to the paper, then often say the quote was incorrect. Believe us, we usually can spot trouble coming and are extremely careful to check such material and handle it carefully.

But it's not our place to tell people what they've said may upset someone. And, despite the evidence that not everyone in the school is willing to let people have their say without pounding on them, we hope people will continue to talk honestly for the Midway and share their opinions. Everyone benefits from, and this school needs, the forum the paper provides.

Breaking the boredom at an airport

NO MONEY, no books, nothing, just five hours to wait for a plane at the San Francisco International Airport. Posi­ tion tolerable, it seemed at first, but after an hour of browsing through magazines at the newstand, I frantically realized it could be possible to die of boredom. Airports are so boring.

There was, however, one thing left to do that could be interesting. Talk to the nuts.

But there didn't seem to be any Moon­ lees. I could discuss the meaning of life with, or anything like that. After a long search, all I could find was two conserv­ ative-looking but gregarious twins wearing nice three-piece suits behind a small stand. INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING and NUCLEAR WEAPONS, a huge red sign above them proclaimed. I walked by, pretending not to notice them. Sure enough, one tried to get my at­ attention. "Excuse me, sir?" he asked po­ licely. He looked like an accountant in his mid-30s. In fact, so did the other.

"Yes?" I said innocently. "If you've got a minute, we'd like to talk to you." They both smiled bright­ ly.

"Why not?" I replied, smiling back.

"Well," the first clone began, "we've just trying to make Americans aware of the serious Russian threat there is now.

"And we've got to do something about it," the other piped in. "What's that?" I asked, trying to sound interested.

"You see, the Russians are trying to spread communism into other coun­ tries," the first twin explained, "so we've got to strengthen air defense here and abroad. Eventually, we've got to try to form democratic governments in other developing nations."

"I see," I said, not really seeing. "Want you to force democracy on other countries instead of communism?"

Because they could react, I walked away, realizing this conversation had reached a dead end.

"Wait, kid," one of the guys said to me. "This is our back. Is that you, you're going to be ruled by communists? Wait."

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As I wandered out of the store, my eyes were caught by what at first appeared different in this land of sameness.

HANGING AROUND just outside the store, talking and looking bored (a look I noticed in a lot of kids there), I noticed three guys. But something was wrong and I kept looking at them trying to determine if they were just hanging around.

Suddenly it hit me. They looked manicured, idealized. They were, in effect, punk Barbie dolls. Every hair of their head, perfectly in place, even crease perfectly ironed. They looked like they walked out of the pages of a fashion magazine. My friend concurred when I suggested that they were just following what they perceived was the fashion.

On a national scale are two fashion-conscious companies, Limited Express and Limited Express. Exquist's very large, colorful catalogs feature gaudily-dressed models, usually saying, "If you want to be individual, dress like us." The Limited Express stores have "individual" clothes in every store. I only wonder if the people who purchase from these companies realize they're really only following the crowd. (And now, from Our Man at Woodfield to our Man at Woodfield, see page of the Midway Magazine.)

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I urge Gail Wilson to consider that such attitudes nurture the unfortunate historic stereotype of teacher as servant. This stereotype ill serves teachers and their students as well. Those attitudes create a self-sustaining mechanism through which retention of good teachers, attraction of new and able teachers, the continued improvement of programs, and the ongoing professionalization of teachers are made very difficult. Eventually the result can be a faculty that is inept, unknowledgeable and inexperienced — and therefore deserving of minimal income. I would hate to see that happen to the Laboratory Schools; I do not believe the president of the Parents' Association wants that either.

I urge all the constituents of these Schools to conduct the process over the year — dealing with issues through mutual respect and cooperation as people of good will, even when viewpoints differ. On that path alone lie the good fortune and future of the Laboratory Schools.

And no question of teachers professional.

From social studies teacher Edgar Bernstein, Faculty Association president:

It is somewhat dismaying that the remarks of Gail Wilson, president of the Parents' Association, quoted in the Midway in the latest issue, March 19, can be brought to the publications any time that one desires. As if these views had been made to order.

Wilson's views are not even mentioned by Gail, are often used by teachers as a time to continue their students as well. These attitudes create a self-fulfilling mechanism through which retention of good teachers, attraction of new and able teachers, the continued improvement of programs, and the ongoing professionalization of teachers are made very difficult. Eventually the result can be a faculty that is inept, unknowledgeable and inexperienced — and therefore deserving of minimal income. I would hate to see that happen to the Laboratory Schools; I do not believe the president of the Parents' Association wants that either.

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From John White, senior:

January was the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. There are a few things that I think should be said about this assembly.

First of all, the purpose of the assembly is to honor Dr. King, not to entertain the student body. Whether or not the Black Students Association was able to get an eminent main speaker, it is the presence of people remembering Dr. King that honors him, not the main speaker. Those present at the assembly were not even mentioned by Gail, are often used by teachers as a time to continue

Those dancin' feet...

and sensational songs

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Dr. King, as he delivered his remarks, stepped out of his role as the great leader of the civil rights movement and into his role as the great man.

I believe in honoring great people for their contributions to the society, I think one will have to agree that our time is spent honoring Dr. King for what he has done for us than chatting on the second floor, finishing some last-minute homework, or eating with friends.

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in reply, you say that he has not done anything for you because you are white or not black, I respond to you by saying that one should remember that people are limited by their own and others' racism, and that all of society suffers when certain members, for what ever reason, are kept from adding what they can to society.

The argument for attendance applies equally to the institution of the Laboratory Schools as to the individual. Surely the freedom we give our students is good, but in this case, by not requiring attendance to the assembly, such freedom (the freedom to do nothing) is at the cost of honoring one of the great persons of this century, of history. Is it worth it?

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Opinion

Jon Cohen

"COME AND MEET those dancin' feet, on the avenue where I'm taking you to, 42nd Street."

As one leaves the Shubert Theater, this chorus rings through the lobby, as everybody can't help themselves from singing the final of several catchy songs from the musical "42nd Street."

The PLAY, running through Saturday at the Shubert Theater, is based on the 1930 play featuring the dance productions of Busby Berkeley, itself based on the novel by Bradford Ropes. Taking place during the Depression, in 1930, it tells the story of young Peggy Sawyer (Gail Benedict). She arrives in New York City from Allentown, Pa., hoping to get a part in a new Broadway musical directed by the famous Julian Marsh (Barry Warren). Peggy Sawyer's rise from a nobody to a star of Broadway plays epitomizes the American Dream. It provides a symbolic picture of how anybody can succeed in America and was taken seriously during the Depression.

Now the play's depiction of the American Dream is not taken as seriously, but more as entertainment, showing the unrealistic kind of hope prevalent in the '30s.

What makes this American Dream stand out is the fantastical music accompanying the story line. The music, written by Harry Warren and Al Dubin, two of the premiere songwriters of the movie industry, represents the popular style of the '30s. Yet now, 50 years later, with the popular style changed dramatically, the story still holds.

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U-Highers start catering venture

Three U-Highers in a Reynolds Club production opening next month are among at least five working in theater outside school. Juniors Katherine Culberg, Rachel Kohrman and Jenny Bacon have roles in "Thesmophoriazusae" — Greek for "Ladies Day" — a comedy about Greek goddesses opening March 5.

Two other U-Highers have been working summers in theater, primarily doing technical work. Enjoying comedy most, Katherine, who started acting in 7th grade, explained, "At that time I would do anything for a laugh. I really enjoy making people laugh, so I do mainly comedies."

Also acting in Middle School, Rachel said, "Acting seemed like the easiest thing to start, easier than playing an instrument, and I found myself getting really involved in it." She hopes to get a role in the musical "Pat Joey" to be presented in April at the Jewish Community Center at KAM Isaiah Israel synagogue.

Joining Katherine and Rachel in the Reynolds production, Mollee Marcus worked two summers for the Children's Theater Co. in Minneapolis. Mollee wants to go to a college with a strong drama program and major in set design.

Two other U-Highers have been working summer stock in Stockbridge, Mass. Mollee works as an assistant, took acting classes and worked backstage.

"Involved in the technical side of theater, junior Jenny Bacon has a role in "Thesmophoriazusae". Jenny began acting in school productions freshman year. She feels that "Everyone needs something to expand on. I find it in acting, showing people myself through my character. It gives me purpose."

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U-High stars shine 'outside'

Cleaning up

U-Highers start catering venture

Story and photos by Mark Moseley

No says the best cooks in the world are mom?

Not seniors May Liao and Adria Rosen, also known as Zippy Swift Caterers, which they started last year, offering to prepare food for, set up and clean afterwards at parties. Their business mostly has come from Hyde Park and involved serving 10 to 30 people. "I used to help out at parties for a catering place on S. 58th," Adria explained, "and then sometimes when they needed more people May came. Then last January we decided we wanted to work for ourselves."

ADDED MAY, "We thought people would hire us to do little things like washing dishes that the big firms don't do."

Before going into business, May and Adria wanted to think of a name. "We were going to call it Zippy Pinhead," May said, "after some buttons we saw that said 'Have a Zippy Pinhead Day.' We wanted to pass them out at parties. Later, we found out it was the name of a comic strip, so we just changed it to Zippy Swift."

To drum up business, May and Adria distribut-ed flyers in Hyde Park mailboxes printed up by a cousin of Adria who worked in an advertising agency. They also took out an ad in the Jan. 1984, Hyde Park.

At first they only cleaned up after parties, until they were invited to prepare food for an of- fice party. "We never had really cooked by ourselves," Adria said, "but then, in December, someone called me and asked 'Do you cook?' and I said yes without thinking about it. I didn't know she wanted us to plan and cook all the food."

Although they hadn't catered alone before, and were nervous something would go wrong, the downtown office party, just before Christmas, was a success, Adria said. "We just followed cookbook recipes and my mom helped us, and it turned out really well," she explained.

Just a look through some cookbooks was enough to decide on the entire menu, Adria said. "We chose what we thought we could make, without being too expensive: stuffed mushrooms, quiche, potato and a vegetable platter with dip."

"But pointed out May, "It was a problem to prepare a lot of food at once. We just had to be organized. We really did get lucky, because the only thing we had practiced before was the quiche."

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CREATE SPECIAL dishes for a party (photos from top left) means carefully shopping first. Seniors May Liao, left, and Adria Rosen — a.k.a. Zippy Swift Caterers — gather ingredients at Mr. G's. "We chose what we needed: good — stuffed mushrooms, quiche, pate and a vegetable platter with dip," recalled May about planning their first menu. Here May washes toma-toes as Adria looks for a quiche recipe.

HANDS FULL, Zippy Swift heads to a party, hoping all their creations prove successful.

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Distinctive teams, stars draw wide attention for Maroon squads

By Michelle Dupont and Alex Kalk

Extensive media coverage and a powerful 15-3 record have made this season one of the most impressive for varsity girl cagers. And, with a strong desire to win and talent for teamwork, boys' varsity has boosted itself to a strong 13-4 record so far.

Senior Sarah Duncan, center, and freshman Alice Williams, forward, have been highly rated by both the Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times. Among their numerous honors most recently the Sun-Times, Feb. 4, named Sarah second in both the “best center” and “best passer” positions among the area’s top players and Alice fifth among “best freshman.”

VARSITY COACH Debbie Kerr said of the coverage: “It’s great. Because of Sarah, coaches and papers are taking a second look at U-High sports teams.”

Even after receiving extensive media coverage and becoming the first U-High girl cager to hit 1,000 career points, Sarah feels she hasn’t played her best game yet. “I’m satisfied with my playing but it’s difficult to play my best against such rotten teams,” she explained.

The Maroons themselves consider junior Ruth Williams, forward, another key player. She scored a personal best of 36 points Jan. 17 against Willibrord.

PLAYERS FEEL TODAY’s game against Latin 5:30 p.m. there could produce more personal bests. Previously slaughtering the Amonas by 71 points Jan. 11, the cagers are looking in Sarah’s words, to “blow them out.”

Preparing for tougher games against Quincy Notre Dame this Saturday and Ridgewood, Wed., March 8 and their regional opponents, coach Kerr plans to have cagers master four new offenses and perfect man-to-man defense. “I want us to be able to play man-to-man for a whole game,” she said. “In order to play man-to-man for 32 minutes straight we have to be in condition. We use exercises such as plyometrics to get in condition and improve our endurance.”

THIS YEAR for the first time varsity cagers will join boy players on the Quincy Notre Dame over-night.

“Playing in front of such a large crowd will be a good experience for us,” coach Kerr said. “It will prepare us for regionals and state.”

For the four-squad spearpoint, coach Dana How, a U. C. student, expects “not many teams will be able to beat us if we keep improving as we have been.” With only five more girls left the team’s goal is to pull its 7-4 record to 24.

IF THE MALE MAROONS can keep up their intense playing level, they may win their first game in region-al Monday, then advance to play the strong Chicago Christian Knights, feels coach John Wilson. “This year’s team has learned the value of hard work,” he said. “They’ve performed well because they have been dedicated and playing with intensity.”

Besides teamwork, a positive attitude has figured big, Maroons feel. “This is the best team I have played on since I’ve been an assistant,” explained junior Leon Walker, center. “For the first time I’ve experienced, the team is moving as a cohesive force. We have a real burning desire to win.”

Citing a quick and speedy offense, quarterbacked by junior Darryl Simmons, point guard, coach Wilson also feels that senior Kirk Harris’ defensive play, se-nior John Pembroke’s leadership as captain and ball handling, along with the team’s rebounding have made the team well-rounded.

NEXT ENCOUNTERS have pointed up the Maroons’ strengths. Led by John Wilson’s game high of 18 points, varsity triumphed over North Shore Dec. 31. In a narrow margin of 55-50, Wil-liam points to John’s exceptional all-around play as a key factor in many of the season’s wins.

Looking back on some season losses, Leon said, “After the loss to Marian (Dec. 8) we went through an attitude change. We felt we couldn’t win any game anymore. We needed the blow outs over the weaker teams that we played to get our confidence back.”

Assistant coach Mike Mattisclo gave another viewpoint. “The games we lost, we lost because we were not all healthy,” he said. “When Darryl was hurt we were hurting.”

Bench depth has also proved important, Explained Wilson. “Steve Crotzer has played exceptionally all sea-son; he is like a sixth starter we can depend on.”

THOUGH POSTING a 5-1 record, coach Ernest Coleman feels the four-squad team has improved con-siderably. “We have been playing better as a team since the new year,” Coleman explained. “We are playing more of a total game. Players are trying not just to be a strong shooter, rebounder or defensive player but all of these qualities.”

Inconsistency has hurt the team, some members say. Explained sophomore David Nasarit, “As soon as we win we are all high and then in the next game nothing seems to go right.”

Coleman also is pleased with the way the team has been playing defense, but was disappointed in the two-point loss to Elgin, Jan. 18. “Anyone you hold a team to 29 points, you should win,” he explained.

Scores of other recent basketball games not previously reported in the Midway, with the U-High record in parenthesis.

BOY’S BASKETBALL: -- Harvard, Jan. 28, home, 69-48 (29-39); Lake Forest Academy, Jan. 29, home, 64-41 (44-23); North Shore, Feb. 1, away, 78-41 (64-54); Francis Parker, Feb. 3, home, 87-54 (75-23); Morgan Park, Feb. 13, away, 104-65 (88-41).

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL: -- Luther South, Jan. 21, away, 60 var­sies, 77-52 (35-47); Lake Forest Academy, Jan. 28, away, 43-31 (19-19); North Shore, Feb. 1, away, 78-41 (64-54); Francis Parker, Feb. 3, home, 87-54 (75-23); Morgan Park, Feb. 13, away, 104-65 (88-41).

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Gymnasts survive injuries

By Colton Gramm

Despite a string of backaches, sprained knees and twisted ankles, the varsity gymnastics team still managed to pull an respectable 4 wins-5 losses record. Junior varsity fought hard but finished 2-6.

With nine newcomers and three returning gymnasts, both squads feel they had tough sea-sons but excelled individually.

“EVEN THOUGH there were three key injuries this season that would definitely make an effect on our record, we still came away with a record,” said varsity gymnast Kate Grossman. Kate herself broke an ankle and missed districts.

Among their favorite meets, gymnasts cite Thornridge, Jan. 19. “At the meet, everyone was sticking their routines and really had their potential,” explained varsity gymnast Kim Simon.

J.V. members who struggled through the season considered the meet against Lourdes Jan. 17 particularly disheartening.

“EVERYONE WAS missing their routines because we were so confident that we were going to win, we got rocky and lost our concentration,” said freshaman Katy Welby, j.v. gym­nast.

Gymnasts repeatedly cited the work of sophomore Louise Chang on balance beam. “If Louise is in peak physical condition, she could probably do a string of tricks that would definitely make an effect on our record, we still came away with a good record,” said varsity gymnast Kate Grossman.

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By Gylis Lulieviuc

"I still can't believe this is it," a freshman girl from Maria High School squeals, leaning over the railing overlooking the track and basketball courts on the upper level of Henry Crown Field House.

In the first track meet of the season, U-High's track teams are meeting with rival schools Providence-New Lenox and Maria at the Field House Feb. 6, boys competing against Providence-New Lenox, girls against Maria.

"It's BIG! I MEAN really big," the girl continues, leaning farther over the railing.

"Well, oh, you said it to me," replies the senior teammate next to her. "Anyway, it's true. It seems like the first time."

The evening's first race, two miles — or 16 laps — has begun. The runners are met by silence, except for the turns, where their teammates laugh about, awaiting their events. Streaks of "let him set the pace. Chris," or "C'mon, James!" sound along the track as the race continues. Junior James Aus-drain breaks the tape in less than 11 minutes for the first place, followed shortly by senior Chris Krentz and a Providence runner just behind.

On the lower level of the Field House, trying to escape the noise above, two Providence sophomores watch racquetball games while discussing their enduring techniques. "I don't believe it. Once the hunt is out, it's two-mile. How the hell could ya knock over half of them hurdles? You must have had a whole second," the first one complains. "Shut up," comes the reply, and both turn, continuing to watch the racquet-ball game.

BACK UPSTAIRS, it's three hours into the meet. Some Maria girls sit on the bleachers cranking for a biology test the next day. Nobody breaks over the railing anymore; the basket-ball players left about an hour ago. The ventila-tion system can be heard now. The boys' track team wasn't planning to run the last race, a one-mile relay, but if they can win it, they can tie the meet with Providence-New Lenox. Each runner runs a quarter-mile before passing the baton to his teammate. U-High breaks the tape, and the meet is tied.

Girls' frosh-soph beats out Maria 45 to 41, but varsity isn't quite so lucky, losing 31 to 62.

"There'd better be an easy workout tomorrow," winces a Providence freshman sprinter bobbling downstairs from the empty track.

The next meet came Feb. 14 at Morton East. Scores — BOYS' VARSITY: Hinsdale South, 107; U-High, 90; Morton East, 60; BOYS' FRESHMEN: Hinsdale South, 80; Morton East, 40; U-High, 30; GIRLS COMBINED: Hinsdale South, 79; Morton East, 59; U-High, 25. A correction from last issue: Junior Kalk was on second, not sixth, state track qualifier, with a record of 50.0 seconds.

LEAPING GRACEFULLY through the air (photos from left), varsity trackster junior Andrew Richman concentrates on his form while jumping at U-High's first indoor track meet Feb. 6 at Henry Crown Field House.

JUNIOR Samara Kalk edges her Maria opponent (wearing a St. Rita shirt) across the finish line. LISTENING for his time, freshman Ben Jones nears the end of the track as the last of four runners.

By Gregory Winston

Taking it on the chin repeatedly this season, Maroon swimmers still feel they can hold their heads high, considering the progress they've made since last year.

Both varsity and frosh-soph swimmers finished the regular season 4-7 after losing to Latin, Feb. 1, there. Varsity was destroyed 84-41 and frosh-soph bowed 55-31.

Earlier, frosh-soph had lost to Argo, Jan. 24, there, 0-19. At the Evergreen Park Invitational Jan. 26, varsity finished a dismal 8th of 11 teams. Varsity lost to St. Patrick, Jan. 29, there, 42-33 and frosh-soph lost 55-31.

Despite the losses, swimmers feel they improved from last year's team, which finished 1-11. The past two seasons were better "because of more bodies and longer practices," said coach Larry McFarlane. "The incoming freshman have about 20. The returning sophomores have about 10. This year we have about 30. The returning sophomores have also improved times."

At ISL-CPL Championships Feb. 8 at Latin, U-Highers swam to a 3rd-place finish behind the host Romans and Lake Forest Academy. Maroon swimmers finished ahead of Quincy-South, Quig­ley North and Elgin.

In sectional competition Saturday at Morton East, the Romans came in 10th among 13 teams with 36 points. Evanston was first with 124, Rob­ertsville in fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

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By James McNulty

As the minute hand creeps towards midnight, mankind approaches the prospect of nuclear war. So depicts the “Doomsday Clock,” symbol of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists magazine.

The Bulletin is published across the street from U-High, though few U-Highers know about it.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER Earl Bell hopes to work with the Bulletin staff to target a high school-aged audience, educating them about nuclear war.

The magazine, devoted to science and world affairs, is published in the Lillie House, a large red brick historical landmark owned by the U. of C. at 5801 S. Kenwood. The house served as U-High’s student center in the 1960s.

The Bulletin is best known to its 22,000 subscribers in 76 countries for its “Doomsday Clock,” which has appeared on the cover of each issue since the end of World War II. The clock is periodically set ahead by the editors and sponsors when they feel the world is closing in on nuclear war or back when peace nears. It was most recently set in Jan., 1984, to three minutes before midnight.

“There seemed to be a total breakdown in communication between the United States and the Soviet Union,” explained Bulletin editor Len Ackland. “And because the arms race continued to escalate.”

COFOUNDED IN 1945 by U. of C. scientists, the Bulletin is funded by subscriptions and contributions. It has a fulltime editing staff of eight. Journalists, scientists and interested individuals contribute stories from all over the world.

The office walls hold the “Doomsday Clock” itself, pictures of scientists and a bookshelf of other scientific publications.

“If WOULD BE a tremendous benefit if the Bulletin would try to broaden its readership and target students, especially secondary school students,” Mr. Bell explained.

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Auction talk stresses Cs

“TO achieve results at an auction, you need the three Cs: cash, contacts and condo,” emphasized auction expert Tim Duggan Jan. 27. Mr. Duggan was guest speaker at the Parents’ Association meeting concerning its April dinner and auction. Mr. Duggan explained the importance of cash, so buyers can spend lots of it; contacts, because people are more likely to donate to someone they know; and condominiums, which can be auctioned off for ownership or limited usage.

Twenty-five parents and six faculty members attended the meeting to discuss plans and ask questions about the upcoming auction, which will raise money to renovate Sunny Gym’s locker rooms; and the board of directors, of freshman Katja) and I are trying to persuade the editors of the Bulletin to shrink,” but I’m not sure if it will happen. The Bulletin is the leading publication in its field, but it needs to reach a larger audience. Right now, only very specialized schools use it.”

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HARD HABITS TO...
...start as simple acts

By Mimi Ghez

One U-Higher bites his nails in class while another picks her nose. What do they have in common? Bad habits. And there are plenty of bad habits at U-High. A college-preparatory school provides a fertile breeding ground for bad habits, many U-Highers feel. "I BITED MY NAILS," admitted senior Eileen Krill. "Over the summer they grew because I didn't bite them, so it must have something to do with school pressures. I hate it. I once tried to use this anti-bite product that you put on your nails so you won't bite them because it tastes terrible. But it didn't work. I just scraped it all off." Getting rid of bad habits is not easy, many U-Highers agreed. "I always have to be doing something with my hands," said junior Tony Grossman. "I'm always tapping my fingers or fidgeting and it drives people crazy, but I can't help it. My dad constantly warns me to stop, so I sometimes sit on my hands, but only till he leaves the room."

PROcrastination...
...Just means putting off the inevitable

By Matt Hamada

"You want to see a movie tonight? But what about the paper that's due next week...Yeah, you're right! I'll do it later. Meet you at 9."

U-Highers interviewed by the Midway generally agree that they procrastinate in their work. The importance or interest of an assignment, they said, played a major factor in their procrastination. "IF AN ASSIGNMENT is not interesting, then I am going to leave it to the last minute," said senior Lynne Kavin. "Especially if I see that I have time to put something off, then I will do something else like such as listen to the radio, talk on the phone or watch t.v."

Junior Deborah Erdman felt similarly. "The smaller stuff that won't get graded and does not carry much weight I will leave aside so I can relax and do what I want."

Fear of not finishing an assignment makes procrastinating exciting, according to some U-Highers. They feel the pressure adds a thrill to a daily routine. "There is something hanging over me, but it just adds a little spice to life," said sophomore Richard Payne, "because it puts a minor element of danger that otherwise isn't there, such as the fear of not finishing."

By Susan Simon, feature page editor

Some bad habits really aren't so bad. That's the good news for U-Highers from Dr. John Crayton, psychiatrist at the University of Chicago Hospitals and father of senior Lisa.

"Bad habits," he explained, "such as biting your nails and overeating are some- thing I feel that I times not thought of as bad but as indicators of tension."

Dr. Crayton commented that this aspect of bad habits is beneficial, because it helps people realize when they are under stress.

SINCE THESE HABITS result from nervousness, they recurr more often during stressful times, Dr. Crayton said. But some bad habits such as procrastination can be harmful. Procrastination is often caused by a fear of failing, according to Dr. Crayton.

"People who habitually wait until the last second to do the assignment because they find they always have something to do are often worried about their work not being up to the standards expected by teachers, parents and themselves," he explained.

SOME U-HIGHTERS SAY that they procrastinate just as much at family responsibilities and chores, as at school work.

"Taking out the garbage and cleaning my room are the two biggest things I procrastinate on," said senior Duro Wicks. "I put off till too close to the deadline, so I decided not to do it at all."

Some seniors said they put off completing college applications. "You sit down and see the essays you have to write and they make you think," commented one senior boy who asked to stay anonymous because he didn't want his parents to know about his laziness with his applications. "It became too much to think about at one time so I kept putting them off for later. One application I put off till too close to the deadline, so I decided not to do it at all."

MANY U-HIGHTERS, HOWEVER, try to overcome this habit, attempting various methods to get work done early. Realizing that procrastination was affecting his schoolwork, Duro set up a special program to stop.

"I try to do a minimum of two hours' homework a night, even when I have none," he explained. "Then I simply find some such as reading ahead for some class."

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Some people are afraid of doing too well, and standing out, so they procrastinate, according to Dr. Crayton, so they won't achieve too much. Another reason people procrastinate, he added, is to punish themselves and the people around them, which often puts a strain on friendships and family life. "Some people spread their misery by always complaining about an upcoming assignment to parents and friends."

AS FOR U-HIGHTERS who feel they can work better under pressure, he said, "Some people need the extra stimulation of the last minute to get their ideas revealed. It's like a sporting event. The last 16 seconds of a basketball game or the last 10 yards of a race are always the most tense and exciting."

This philosophy is not bad if it can be controlled. Dr. Crayton feels, by "setting up different deadlines to work towards, in the normal one putting together unfinished pieces of the project. That way, he said, a person 'still retains last-minute excitement while not being overburdened.'"

For U-Highters who hope to stop procrastinating, Dr. Crayton advises, "Try to figure out any patterns which apply to these reasons for procrastinating because once you understand your reason for doing it, it's easier to stop."

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Money, a good job and close family head desires for future; high grades head goals for present

By Jennifer Replogle and May Liao

Money. A good job. A close family. That’s what most U-Highers interviewed — viewed by the Midway (feel) is success.

Jennifer Replogle: “The smart people here are successful and get good grades. If you’re smart you can make it and do what you want to do.”

Some U-Highers feel achieving popularity and making friends contribute to high school success (see related story page 4 of the Midway). “A successful person is universally liked,” said junior Bert Vaux. “He’s popular without being an idiot. That means getting good grades.”

Likewise, senior Ronald Clark felt a successful high school maintains both academic and social life. “A successful person is satisfied with his grades, gets in where he wants to go to school and is never lonely on Friday nights,” Ronald said.

Most U-Highers said their views of success probably differed from students at other schools. “I think in public school,” freshman Joyce Chiang said, “most people just want good clothes, boys, and sex and sex and sex. At other schools people don’t concern themselves as much about the future. People at U-High look towards opportunities both academically and socially.”

Junior Mandy Toole felt U-High students concentrate more on schoolwork than at other schools. “Here students focus more on grades and academics, as opposed to students at other schools who might see things like sports as more important,” she said. “I suppose it’s because here everyone is competing with everyone else, trying to do their best to get the best grades and to get into the best colleges.”

In addition to affecting their view of success in high school, many U-Highers said U-High also affected their view of success in life because of the large number of affluent upperschoolers who go there.

Success from satisfaction

The teachers’ point of view

By Patricia Williams

Once it was good grades. But now it’s the satisfaction of achievement. That’s the story many U-High teachers tell in tracing how their idea of success has changed since they were in high school. As students, doing well in school meant success, and so teachers viewed success primarily as a matter of passing my courses, getting good grades,” math teacher Ralph Bargen said. “I was a debater in high school, and becoming a debater, part of my idea of success was winning my debates. I also had a part-time job, so I was sure everything that had to be done in 24 hours — school, homework and my job — was done was being done successfully.”

Math teacher Hanna Goldschmidt felt similarly: “I guess when I was in high school being successful meant going to college, getting an education, learning how to do something and then doing it well. I never thought of success for myself in terms of making a lot of money.”

Many U-High teachers now view success as achieving personal and professional satisfaction. “I view success in terms of a person being of help to others and finding enjoyment and satisfaction in it,” commented science teacher Carolyn McPherson. “For instance, one of the things I like most about teaching is the satisfaction of helping others learn.” Similarly, sharing many interests with my husband and working with him to rear happy and productive children are satisfactions of my home life.

Likewise, German teacher Gregor Heggen commented, “Well, I suppose, to have a feeling of reward for your achievements, then being realistic about rewards for efforts in trying to become a success while finding a good balance between work and play is success. Having a supportive group of peers and getting along with most of your teachers is also success.”

Most U-High teachers view their lives now as being relatively successful because they have achieved their ideals in their professional and personal life. “I would say I’m moderately successful, not famously successful, because I do the things I try to do reasonably well,” Mr. Bargen said.

Seeing students succeed gives English teacher Hope Rhinesheimer her own satisfaction. “Sometimes, when I see kids get excited about what’s going on in class and what they are learning, or when a kid discovers something on his or her own, and goes farther than I have led him, I feel successful because I feel my teaching has accomplished something.”

Also feeling satisfied with her accomplishments, English teacher Eileen Morris said, “I feel successful at the moment because I have all the things I value: a job that allows me to grow, a successful marriage, good friends, and I just sank a 30-foot golf chip!”

For a look at teachers who have successfully piled up 20 or more years at U-High, see page 4 of the Midway.

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“By going to U-High,” junior Sadick Al Saidi-al said, “I’ve been exposed to more of an ambitious group of people. I think my ideals of success are also higher than those to another school. I also want to earn enough money to comfortably.”

Earning money is a top priority of most U-Highers because with it they feel they can buy the comforts of life. “Success is having a lot of money,” said freshman Douglas Cox. “When you have lots of money you can do whatever you want and you can even be a member of the East Basin Club, an elite gym downtown.”

Having a family and job as well as money also characterizes many U-Highers’ view of success. “When I think of success,” said freshman Nicole Tuttle, “I think of having a good career, doing something I like and also earning money, getting married and having children.”

Yet for other U-Highers, money has nothing to do with success. “Seeing a lot of kids here who are money-hungry has made me realize that what’s really important and what I really want is personal growth,” said sophomore Wally Weiss.

“Success is beating your fears and surrendering to the unknown,” said senior Glenn Barr. “Personal growth is definitely success but you have to take into consideration society’s demands and be foresightful.”

Senior AMOS GILKEY also wants individual growth as part of his view of success for himself here. “The world,” he said, “people simple-mindedly focus on monetary success. Success for me has more to do with the mind, growing as a person, finding what I like and pursuing what I believe in. As long as you live what you do, and believe in it, you will earn money anyway.”

Along with having money and growing individually, fulfills goals also contributes to success, says student Ronald Clark. “I suppose success for me means to do reasonably well,” Mr. Bargen said.

Others seek unusual modes of life. “I’ll be successful if I can disappear into the Redwoods,” said senior Glenn Barr. “That way I can have a much better existence than those who live in the modern, material world.”

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Will U-Highers grow up to Yup?

By Todd Bakal

After four years at U-High followed by four years at college, many U-Highers say they look toward a lifestyle full of expensive cars, good food and other lavish luxuries—a life increasingly referred to as "Yuppiehood."

Newsweek magazine, in its Dec. 31, 1984 cover story, proclaimed "The Year of the Yuppie" (Young Urban Professional) and described Yuppies as a group of about 4 million people between 25 and 39 with incomes greater than $40,000 a year. Newsweek pictured Yuppies as driving BMWs, Audis or Porsches and participating in physical fitness activities, especially tennis and jogging.

YUPPIES, THE ARTICLE continued, also enjoy gourmet food ranging from duck-liver pate to brie, particularly when washed down with a glass of cranberry juice or Perrier. Indicating Yuppies' money-spending natures, Simmons Market Research reports that Yuppies hold three times the national average of American Express cards.

According to senior Jose Corpuz, U-Highers are destined for Yuppiehood because their parents set high standards for them. "In general, U-Highers either become Yuppies or Computer-nerds," he said. "It's a family tradition. They're just like their parents."

Yuppies value money, according to the Newsweek article, and U-Highers say they do too. "Although you can get some personal satisfaction, there aren't many ways to make a lot of money as a mathematician," explained junior Marco Temaner. "That's why I'm going to come out of college as a professional and make the most money I can. I think that may make me a Yuppie."

TO INCREASE personal success, Yuppies sometimes avoid starting families until they are well-established in their field, Newsweek says. Likewise, sophomore Sarah Reneker said, "Making money is fun, so I don't plan on having kids until I'm at least 30. I can't care for my children and be a stockbroker at the same time."

Though plenty of U-Highers consider themselves Pre-Yuppies, not everyone here finds the Yuppie lifestyle attractive. "I wouldn't be a Yuppie," junior Debbie Dowell asserted. "I wouldn't feel comfortable in a job where the ultimate goal is the top and once you're there, you can't justify your actions anymore."

And some U-Highers feel that Yuppiehood will pass. "Yuppies are at a Darwinian end road," Jose said. "They're going to die out as a species."

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LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

U-Highers from suburbs find lots of contrasts

By Ben Jones

By day U-Highers, by night suburban teens. You could call them a double life. At least 30 U-Highers commute daily from the suburbs, their two worlds contrast the busy, academic atmosphere of U-High and the quiet, neighborhood-like atmosphere of the suburb.

"THE SUBURBS seem more neighborly than the community surrounding U-High," says freshman Mike Paraz of South Holland. "People in the suburbs will stop and say hi while people in the area of U-High seem too academically- and self-involved to do so."

Suburban U-Highers say each of their worlds—home and school—gives them two groups of friends to relate with in different ways. "I like having two sets of friends," says sophomore Tim Lauger, a resident of historic western Riverside. "I get a multitude of different relationships from each. For instance, my relationships with U-Highers are basically academic, while at Riverside my bonds are closer because I've known people longer."

The social lives ofteenagers in the suburbs come before academics, the U-Highers say.

"Teens in the suburbs don't seem to care about grades," said junior Renata Arada of western Brook. "Everyone has to be in a clique such as the skaters, brains or jocks and has to have a boy or girl friend. It's really weird. Now that I'm going to U-High, which they picture as being punk, they think I'm totally into academics and turning against them or something."

ACCORDING TO U-HIGHERS living in the suburbs, U-Highers have a stereotypical outlook of suburban schools and people. "U-Highers picture suburban schools as being very big," says Tim. "They also have an image that suburban teens all look the same with upturned collars and feathered hair. However, they just don't know suburban kids enough to make those prejudgments."

Having to commute hinders relationships but does not deteriorate them, the U-Highers say. "The ride gets to be boring and repetitive," says freshman Bernard Ofori-Atta, a resident of South Holland. "It also gets to the way of social events. You can't just say 'I'm going over to so-and-so's in Hyde Park for a little while'; you have to prearrange any afterschool activities. It doesn't really shrink friendships. It just makes them harder."

Despite the physical distance and social differences between U-High and the suburbs, some suburban-dwelling U-Highers don't feel the difference. "Since I have a car, I can go where I want when I want," said senior Jay Schwartz of Flossmoor. "I like the situation as it is."

Shoppers’ wonderland?

IF CLEANLINESS is next to godliness, the Woodfield Mall must be heaven. This is no place like the rest of suburbia, reeks of neatness. The stores fit into nice geometric containers, neatly-organized along the walls. For aesthetic pleasure they’ve provided these huge geometric sculptures, colored to match the maroon carpets. Well meant but a little stuffy.

The size of the mall overwhelms, with zillions of stores, staircases, escalators, fountains and plastic plants. You could really get lost in there, kind of a scary thought. The shopping and prices are great and well-worth putting up with the forced atmosphere.

Wandering through the immaculate mall, with its immaculate people, you begin to feel a little out of place. Being immersed in suburbanites can bewilder someone used to city folk.

It’s not only the people that get to you, but also the stores. You realize there are only so many department stores, record stores and even bookstores you can go through. After that, all that’s left is the teenage suburban fashion stores with their tacky fashions at “super discount” prices. Then you’ve had enough and it’s time to leave.

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