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 indoor lawn; The Gallery is a gift in memory of a neighborhood artist, Ms. Maudy 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.

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 foyer, Blaine Hall and assigning a security guard to patrol U-High at night.

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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 Wieslawski.

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 $150 a quarter, and hot breakfasts for $100. 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 Wieslawski. The modular, brightly-colored pieces, made of wood and covered with carpet, were designed by Mr. Wieslawski and built this summer by preengineering teacher Leonard Wieslawski.

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

Other new teachers include the following: Mr. William Faucon, English, replacing Mr. Donald McCampbell, on leave for a year studying at St. John’s College in New Mexico; Ms. Campbell, Math, with former Lab Schools director David Streicher, and Cathy Hynes, Social Studies. Others include: Ms. Jewel Willis, returning from a year off; Ms. Nella Weiner and Ms. Enerson, who served last year’s office faculty recreation which planned a beach outing for city kids; Ms. Weiner and Ms. Enerson will lead discussions for the chemistry and art appreciation classes.

Returning are the following: Ms. Janet Willis, who left last year, history; Ms. Cathryn Dymn, on leave last year, math; and Ms. Katherine Maurer, English, from last year, French.

Assistance director David Cunningham, now at Northwestern University, will be replaced; instead the school will get a new director of student activities.

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

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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 for 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 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. This morning was no different. We had to be very punctual in my belief (the person at the end of the rope). If the climber falls, his life is in the layer'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 cornerstone of strong bonds within the two crews. By the end of two crew, the relationship was so strong that we developed a new kind of trust within our ship between us. 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.

EARLY IN THE MORNING, the second week of school, when the sky has begun to turn pink and the sea breeze is blowing in on the breeze, 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.

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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.
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, Torri (Toberman) Green, with a small number of players, the varsity and freshman-volleyball teams' goal is togetherness.

"We wanted to be more 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.)

The fall calendar this year includes Aquinas and St. Gregory. Add to 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 coaches 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 seniors and juniors are very experienced and will make up for the loss."

Coach Kerr cites the offense and experience as the "key" to the varsity. "We'll still use 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 freshman-soph players, coached by Lynn Haiderek, are freshmen, and inexperienced.

With just four new team members among seven varsity and eight freshman-soph players, the tennis squad is 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 more, and against the tough teams like Kenwood and Oak Park."

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

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 teams might take prospective players away from the perennially successful ones. According to coaches of established U-High teams, voter turnout this season has been just as good as in previous years.

Still, both field hockey and girls' swimming were affected by only nine teams - cross country and girls' swimming.

According to some female freshman-soph swim team members, this lack of a swim team 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 fill two teams.

Many U-Highers said they thought the addition of teams benefited their 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," he continued.

Contrary to other player 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.

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 freshman-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-Plano 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 characterize the two new fall teams - cross country and girls' swimming.

Solid team commitment is the only way the cross country team can survive its rebuild, 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 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 16-member freshman-soph and eight-member varsity may not have enough depth to win against the large suburban schools like Thornewood and Argo. McFarlane said. He plans to stress swimmers' individual progress.

"We're going to focus on individual sport," he explained, "you are competing against the clock and trying to improve your own time."

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St. MARY'S, Sept. 21: Here: varsity team compiled big Benedit upset 5-4.

Volleyball

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By Judith Jackson

Cameras and lighting equipment crowded the front yard of senior Ayessa 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, Ayessa's house served as an exterior set. The inside of the house is being recreated, with different furnishings, in Hollywood for further filming.

"THEY WANTED a house in a university area because some of the movie's dialogue is set in a college," Ayessa explained. "They shot pieces of five or six dialogs and two full scenes."

Also involved in making 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 be filmed."

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

Senior Ayesha Hassan 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 times I would have 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."

Mirtam 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 Rosen and seniors Errol Rubeinstein and Karen Bloom. They all went to France, though at different times.

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