Nine receive new award for outstanding citizenship

NINE U-Highers were honored Monday evening in the school's auditorium for the new award for outstanding citizenship.

The award was presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, and community service.

The recipients were:
- Sarah Johnson
- Matt Brown
- Alex Salinas
- Mai Nishimura
- Kyla Chao
- Alex Lizzl
- Alex Heydemann
- Alex McFarlane
- Alex Smeltz

The award was established to recognize and celebrate the contributions of these students to the school and community.

Press bill going to governor

BY JOE FISCHER

ILLINOIS will be the seventh state with a student press rights law if Gov. Jim Edgar signs a bill that passed 79-0 in the State Senate May 15. The bill also will become law if the Governor chooses not to act on it. His option is to veto the bill.

By April the House of Representatives had approved a bill 199-0 that had been introduced by Mary Lou Cowishaw (D) and Barbara Flynn Currie (D), as House Bill (HB) 154, the Illinois Student Publications Act.

The measure gives student editors in public high schools the right to publish in school newspapers and faculty advisers the right to have high standards of research, reporting, writing and editing.

Under the measure, administrators may not review or censor publications before they are printed. Libel, invasion of privacy and speech harmful to minors remain not permitted, as defined by established state law.

Educators in the state have been pushing for such a measure since the United States Supreme Court ruled in 1987 in the case Hazelwood vs. Kuhlmeier that administrators could censor student publications. The suit was received when administrators at Naperville Central High tried to squash a story on alleged administrative travel overspending, which the Supreme Court said could not be done.

The measure passed in the House at the urging of the House's new upper chamber leader, Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, and other Democrats, who set the measure for a vote after a state Senate committee approved it.

REVIEW'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP. The new award for outstanding citizenship was established to recognize and celebrate the contributions of these students to the school and community.

Completing work hours

BY RICHARD SIEGEL ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Window washing, cafeteria and classroom cleaning and filing documents for teachers and administrators, about 75 U-Highers have been performing uncounted hours of work detail to make up for on-campus work that was cut.

They notified in a letter from Principal Hannah Goldsmith and Math Teacher Paul Guntz, assistant for attendance and discipline, that they had completed the work detail they would not receive their diplomas. Parents were not contacted about the work detail.

"We felt that we should give the kids a shot to do the right thing, first without getting them in trouble at home," Mr. Guntz said. "If they did not sign up, then we would get their parents involved."
Readers praise Renaissance

Fresh. Original. Student-oriented. Those are among readers’ descriptions of the black, white and rich aqua-covered Renaissance magazine distributed last week.

The 48-page plus-cover edition offers 21 written pieces by 18 students and 15 pieces of art, each by a different student. A 18-track C.D. presents students’ music and narratives. A color postcard winsomely tops off the package. Half the copies include a postcard with a pastel by Senior Nicky Penry and the other a pastel by Junior Danielle Romer. Readers praised the fresh, inviting look of the magazine, enhanced with generous use of white space and elegant placement of photography and art among the text. They also praised the literature as feeling authentic, rather than teenagers trying to write as adults.

“They seemed to be a trend among the work this year of personal experience, whether fictional or real,” pointed out Sophomore-Alternate Blending, art and production editor-in-chief. “I think it’s really nice to display many different perspectives.”

Of the art and photography, Sophomore Leigh Goldstein, a senior editor, said, “It was impressive. The quality especially in the Beginning Photography class surprised us with its maturity.

Other editors-in-chief are as follows:

ART AND PRODUCTION—Sophomore Blanca Markos.

LITERATURE—Seniors Catherine Levine and Mickey Moskowitz.

music production, Senior Andre Scholzmann and Sophomore Pierre Yanez-

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No vacation yet for yearbook

Celebrating U-Highers “do-it-no-matter-what-it-takes-and-do-it-ourown-way” spirit, the 1997 U-Highlights will emphasize large photos—16 pages of them in full color—, a sports section reported entirely in quotes and feature stories on standout U-Highers from all class levels. The 136-page volume is expected to be distributed at the start of school; seniors will receive letters about getting their copies in the fall. Editors expect to complete the book early in July, which means 10-hours-a-day, six-day-weeks for the staff until the last page is done. “We want to relate the fun times in school as well as the serious,” said Sophomore Lizzi Heydemann, editor-in-chief with Seniors Prasanth Katta and Lauren Schwartz, of plans for the book. “We’re aiming for a bright and lively story of the year.”

Briefly

Idea-gathering starts for weekly assemblies

SOLICITING IDEOLOGY—Goldstein, 36 pints of blood, Student Council compiled one of its final projects, a Blood Drive, May 27. The drive was headed by Junior Kurt Scott, secretary. Seventy-six people initially signed up to donate, 48 attempted and 36 were judged physically eligible. The Council was also planning for the last Monday an end-of-year celebration including a four-square tournament ice cream eating contest and tug-of-war during lunch period in Seewald Mall. Winning grades would get a pizza party next year.

FOND FAREWELLS—A breakfast last Friday in Brown Courtyard honored the school’s medical services coordinator for five years, Ms. Peter, outgoing. Books are being collected to send to flood-devastated Granit Forks, N.D., her home.

Retiring Librarian Win Poole and Dean of Students Jewell Thomas leaving to become director of neighboring Harvard School, were honored a reception Monday in the Japanese Garden. Sonny Gym Matzen, Jean Kissel, long a student favorite, is also retiring.

Cartoonist places first in nation

Placing first in the cartooning division of the annual high school journalism recognition program sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women, Senior Patrick Sellers will be honored at the organization’s national communications conference June 21 in St. Paul, Minn. After placing first in Illinois, Patrick competed against cartoonists from other states. He will receive a $250 award and caricature for the convention. Patrick was honored for his Midway strip, “The Stately Way.”

Harry’s Midway

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Midway Midway

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As the presses roll

A SPECIAL TOUR of the Sun-Times led by Vice President Mark Horning '78 and Sports Editor Karl Hornung '78 highlighted a field trip by Midway staff members which also included an afternoon at the Museum of Broadcasting. The only U-High to have served in this role since the event began in 1975, Karl spent the second day of his junior year, and U-Highlights, in his junior year. Mr. Hornung is a '78 graduate. At the Sun-Times he is in charge of circulation and related areas of management.

Mailbox: Empowerment Committee efforts merit respect

From Mark Hoffman, senior: I WAS DISAPPOINTED with your series of articles and editorial last month's Midway regarding this past year's Student Empowerment Committee.

Collectively, your attack and your condescending language toward ideas and persons unconsciously unbalanced. That kind of nastiness, unassigned reasons is likely to be inept and also inaccurate. Frankly, I doubt it. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the remarks that were misrepresented by your report.

THE FIRST clarification I'd like to offer is with regard to the origin of SEC. Originally called The Student Honor Code Committee, SEC was formed by the Student Senate committee of the Legislative Body and the Student Council, a group comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and students, designed to make all four constituencies aware of issues that concern U-High.

SEC was formed, as one of your editorial posts it, by "a group of powerful individuals," but rather by an established democratic institution within whose meetings have been open to all students. This fact was conveyed explicitly to Midway reporters on numerous occasions. Still, there is no indication of any right of Privacy within SEC in last month's Midway.

WHAT YOU FAIL TO recognize, however, is that SEC is not, and has never been, a "oligarchic government," as you are, in fact, neither vigilante, nor do we have any governing intentions, making the title of your first editorial a non-sequitur that veers off topic of irresponsible reporting and commentary.

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Despite near freezing temperatures and even a bit of snow, the May Festival still drew crowds eager to munch, enjoy music, play games and watch a play. Among new features at the Rites, May 13-15, a popular Student Council game booth offered live (at least for the moment) goldfish as a prize. As usual, bratwurst, samosas, hamburgers and hot dogs drew big business at club food booths. Huddled in blankets, audiences stuck with the Rites play "Alice in Wonderland," despite the arctic conditions, their breath clearly showing in the air as they laughed at the antics on stage.

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Spring sports end seasons making history

BY NATE WHALEN\nMidway Sports Specialist

With seven league titles earned, two regional titles earned and another record tied, the 97 spring teams were crowned for the U-High history books. Nearly flawless in the Independent School League (ISL) at 10-1, varsity baseballmen took the conference crown, then went on to rank ninth in their region.

WORKING WITH a high-powered new coach, DePaul University Graduate Student Jack Taylor, the Maroons compiled a 12-3 overall record.

The moundmen's march to the top of ISL proved unfeigned and steady. Quickly taking care of eight-game losing streak against Francisian May 20, away, 13-1 in five innings because of the slaughter rule, the Maroons proceeded to face number one Iliana-Christian May 22, away.

Tailing 2-4 in the top of the seventh, last inning in a high school games, the Maroons scored two runs to tie the game to force extra innings. Late inning heroes by Senior Pat Setters and Sophomore Malik Dot led the Maroons to a 6-4 win.

BUT THE U-HIGHERS' bid for a Sectional title was cut short in a 4-4 loss to Wheaton-St. Francis May 23, at Westmont.

Receiving honorable mention from ISL coaches, Juniors Emile Cambry and Damon Wolf excelled respectively in the outfield and on the mound.

Also topping the ISL, JV baseballers coached by former varsity coach John Wilson finished 10-3-1, 4-0 in the ISL, propelling to a strong defense. At last week's Sports Banquet, Coach Wilson received a special tribute for two decades of coaching varsity dedicatedly.

"WE HAD A VERY successful season and good defensive play," said Sophomore Xander Megrow, shortstop. "It also helped that we played teams that were not very good and weak fundamentally. As the varsity baseball season ended, further south the same day five members from the girls' track team participated in the State track meet at Eastern Illinois University in downstate Charleston.

Tying the school record for the highest jump in U-High history, five feet, four inches, Freshman Alex Brady finished sixth in State. The record had been set by Helen Scarvino in 1979 when she placed fifth at State. Earlier this season, the 4x400-meter relay broke the old school indoor record.

"I WANTED FIRST or in the top night," Alex later reflected. "If I felt I couldn't do that, I didn't want to compete. Next year, I think I'll finish first."

Finishing 13th where the top 12 qualify, Senior Romanie Walter, 800-meter run, left U-High and short of final State competition. The rest of the team, including standouts Senior Nick Gaffey, 300-meter hurdles and Junior Marie Geffrard and Freshman Anna Bloom, 3,200-meter run, did not qualify.

Though not qualifying for State, Lady Maroons took the ISL in convincing fashion. The second-place team, Lake Forest Academy, trailed the Maroons by 51.9 points, 114-62.5.

ALSO WINNING the ISL, boy tracksters also fell short of sending anyone to State, finishing 13 out of 21 teams at Sectionals, May 10 at Lisle.

"We met our ISL goal," said Sophomore Kyle Thomas. "We won the ISL meet by 17 or something like that. We didn't send anyone to State but we had a good season."

The Maroons actually won by 18 points.

VARITY TENNISMEN fought hard at Sectionals May 22 at Lyons-Township, sending Seniors Bobby Earles, first singles, Chase and Grant Chavin, first doubles and Josh Levin and Ali Sepandar, second doubles to State, May 31 at Arlington Heights.

We played good tennis, sending all those people to State," Bobby said. "I was a little disappointed in my performance. I was facing the number one seed and I think I should've been able to beat him. If I'll see him in State, I think I probably will."

J.V. also topped the league in year again, varsity dedicatedly.

TENNIS-Tennis Tournament, May 10, away: 2-0 first in the ISL, highlighted four-team doubles to State, May 31 at Arlington Heights, Bobby Earles made it to the fourth round of competition, first of any U-Higher, winning his second and third matches and losing his first and fourth.

COMPETING HARD until the end and finishing with six one-goal games, varsity soccer girls finished 9-1-3, 1-7 in the ISL.

Among players returning next year will be two standout freshmen, Stephanie Lents, All-Section and Hannah Levine, honorable mention for All-Section.

J.V. soccer girls finished 11-3, 8-1 in the ISL. The first goal tied 2-2 with Wheaton-St. Francis May 22, away with three goals by Freshman Kerith Luchins.

"J.V. did real well," said Sophomore Jennifer Jones, midfield. "It was the best j.v. soccer team in U-High history. We beat all ISL teams and had a great season."

SCORES of games and meets not reported are as follows:

U-High scores in bold for opponents' scores in parentheses.

BASKETBALL-Finals, May 11, away: 55-33, Lake Forest Academy, first; 63-55, Lake Forest Academy, second. Preliminary, May 10, away: 37-33, Lake Forest Academy, third; 53-31, Lake Forest Academy, fourth.

TRACK-Lisle Invitational, May 19, away: 125-51, Lake Forest Academy, first; 127-58, Lake Forest Academy, second; 100-110, Lake Forest Academy, third; 72-145, Lake Forest Academy, fourth.

BASEBALL-Taft, May 17, away: 10-1; Grant Chavin; Brother Rice Tourney April 23; 2-1, for which spirited students and parents packed the cafeteria.

TENNIS-Morris Tournament, May 10, away: 12-3, Woodlands, May 17, away: 13-2, Elgin, May 12, home: 3-1; Morgan Pork Academy, May 13, away: 11-3; Parker, May 14, away: 13-4; Elgin, May 12, home: 3-1; Morgan Pork Academy, May 13, away: 11-3; Parker, May 14, away: 13-4; Mt. Carmel, May 15, home: 8-0; Lake Forest Academy, May 16, away: 9-0; Mt. Carmel, May 17, away: 11-0; Lake Forest Academy, May 18, away: 3-0; Mt. Carmel, May 19, away: 10-3; Lake Forest Academy, May 20, away: 0-2; Mt. Carmel, May 21, away: 3-2; Lake Forest Academy, May 22, away: 12-0; Woodlands, May 17, away: 9-1; South Shore Invitational, May 18, away: 5-2; Oak Lawn, May 21, home: 0-1.

Winning Lineup

SPRING ATHLETES were honored at their sports banquet June 2, for which spirited students and parents packed the cafeteria.

Awards were presented as follows:

Co-MVPs: Senior Alex Brady, Lee; Senior Mike Lebovitz, Baseball; Junior Brian Wersinger, Golf; Sophomore Brian Schlottman, Track; Junior Paul Reinecke, Track; Senior_Draw Williams, Track; Sophomore Josh Levin, Tennis; Sophomore Ali Sepandar, Tennis; Sophomore Grant Chavin, Tennis.

MVP: Freshman Alex Brady, Lee; Sophomore Emile Cambry, Track; Sophomore Anna Bloom, Track; Sophomore Alex Brady, Tennis; Sophomore Ali Sepandar, Tennis.

Underclassmen's MVP: Sophomore Grant Chavin, Tennis.

Freshman's MVP: Sophomore Josh Levin, Tennis.

Junior's MVP: Sophomore Anna Bloom, Track.

Sophomore's MVP: Sophomore Grant Chavin, Tennis.

Senior's MVP: Sophomore Ali Sepandar, Tennis.

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Step forward, school urges those who vandalized

BY KAREEM SALEH AND ALEX ZAMIAR
EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Hoping to minimize involvement of Chicago Police, administrators are hoping that the perpetrators of Monday's vandalism which left the school covered in corn oil and chocolate syrup will come forward and declare themselves responsible.

Administrators told the Midway that if a confession doesn't come soon, the pranksters could find themselves subject to police prosecution. The Midway was also told that administrators have reportedly obtained security camera footage from an area grocery store which allegedly shows several people purchasing corn oil.

The condiment-coated hallways were discovered early Monday morning by Math Teacher Laura Gill, prompting administrators to seal off the High School. Though it was initially reported that one faculty member had fallen and broken her wrist, Foreign Language Teacher Ann Beck did slip but was able to grab hold of a handrail, sparing herself any major injury.

Because of the dangerous conditions of the hallways, students waited outside and in Sunny Gym until 9 a.m. when they were allowed into Max Pavlevsky Theater for a community meeting. The annual honors assembly had been planned for that time.

Principal Hanna Goldschmidt spoke to students and a few parents, recapping the morning's events and describing what had taken place as destructive vandalism. Ms. Goldschmidt then asked audience members to speak and offer their thoughts. Many students expressed anger at the decision to cancel the awards ceremony.

"I feel that whoever did this, is being given too much credit by canceling the ceremony," explained Senior Chris Osan. "This is exactly what they wanted. If you cancel the awards ceremony people who were not involved in this ordeal are the ones who are going to lose the most."

As Ms. Goldschmidt fielded questions and listened to other U-Highers voice their opinions, she indicated commencement plans might be affected by what had taken place.

Mr. Stephen Sellers, father of senior Patrick warned administrators that any canceling or postponement of graduation would be unwise and negatively affect many families and students who had relatives coming in from out of town. Amidst student cheers and clapping, Mr. Sellers continued to voice his disappointment at canceling the awards assembly, noting that the school was letting vandals steal the spotlight from deserving U-Highers.

Ms. Goldschmidt then clarified her statement explaining that graduation only might be in limbo for those students found to be responsible for the vandalism if they were seniors.

After consulting with department chairpersons, Ms. Goldschmidt announced that the awards assembly would be canceled.

Though administrators have told the Midway that the school has no security camera footage of the crime, one faculty source told editors that an alarm was tripped Monday at approximately 4 a.m. Manager of Auxiliary Services Peter Brown had no comment on how perpetrators may have entered the building but did say that damage done to floor tiles and floorboards could cost between $50,000 and $100,000 to repair.

"I give U-Highers so much credit because so many have done creative pranks in the past, not that I condone them," Ms. Goldschmidt said somberly. "This however is just plain vandalism. I really regret that this is the way we have to end the school year."

More award winners

The front page of the Midway went to press before the day the awards assembly was scheduled. After the assembly was cancelled, the Midway was given several additional awards as follows:

- PRESIDENT'S IMPROVEMENT AWARD - Nov been Neenukonodz
- FINE ARTS - Art History, Stop! Ye.
- HISTORY - African American History, Amelia Collins and Amber Silow; History Elective, Amelia Collins; U.S. History A.P., Pat Spence; U.S. History, Sarah Booth; European History A.P.
- TOYER Sticking; Modern World History, Liz Drew; Early World History, David Zimmer.

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