

# Council waits to see what students want

By Kareem Saleh Editor-in-Chief

While it is definite that school will be starting 10 minutes later and that a new version of the rules will be appearing, what has yet to be decided is what Student Council (S.C.) has in store for the school.

While in past years S.C. has revealed its traditional yearlong project and other plans at the beginning of school, this year's officers have cited conflicting schedules and wanting to be more interactive with the students for delaying such decisions.

"THIS ADMINISTRATION hasn't planned anything definite yet," said S.C. President Kathleeya Stang, senior. "We've spoken with Ms. Thomas (Dean of Students Jewel Thomas) and among the officers and we plan on taking suggestions from the student body as to what programs could best benefit them."

But getting students to cooperate with S.C. programs will be rough, Kathleeya agrees, if U-Highers believe that adults have too much influence in planning them.

"A lot of the times in the past students have resisted working with Student Council-sponsored programs because they felt that there was too great of an adult presence," Kathleeya explained. "We want to work around that and take adults out of the picture somewhat but it will be important not to lose their guidance."

With last year's "Year of the 'Isms" program not living up to promise, highlighting only one 'Ism, the new S.C. officers will try to counteract any perceptions of a stereotypically inefficient government.

"THIS YEAR'S officers do have the stigma of working with past years' failures," Kathleeya reasoned. "Our only hope is that students see our attempts to be interactive and follow through on our projects."

Hoping to get higher attendance rates at Cultural Union (C.U.) events, President Jason Boulware, senior, will try to engage more students by bringing big name local bands to U-High.

"A LOT of bands come to the U. of C. and play frat houses and stuff," Jason said. "I think we could book shows of our own. We

could even host our own version of a Lollapalooza with well-known bands of all sorts of genres.

"The problems that C.U. has had in the past is engaging students. We want to try all sorts of things. Something maybe like a faculty-versus-student 3-on-3 basketball tournament could be a lot of fun."

## At deadline

About a dozen students from Spain will be guests in U-High homes beginning this week and through Sept. 23 as part of an exchange program. The guests and their hosts will visit the Naper Settlement in west suburban Naperville Sept. 18 for a look at American

colonial life.

The visitors are from the Instituto Venancio Blanco in Salamanca and will be accompanied by two of their teachers. Spanish Teacher Elvira Donner has coordinated the exchange.

Sixteen U-Highers are serving as hosts for the visitors.



Photo by Jeremiah Schatt

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT KATHLEEYA STANG  
AND CULTURAL UNION PRESIDENT JASON BOULWARE  
Plans to be made, plans in the making

# FIRST-DAY MIDWAY

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## Changes debut today

By Julie Epstein Associate Editor

U-Highers can now get more sleep in the morning! Ten minutes more anyway. The High School day now begins 10 minutes later than before at 8:10 a.m. and ends 15 minutes later at 3:30. The schedule was revised to coincide with the Middle School.

"The main idea behind this schedule is for teachers who teach at more than one of the schools to have less difficulties and more time to change classrooms and be more organized," explained Principal Hanna Goldschmidt. "It also will limit the overlapping of classroom use for classes and meetings."

Along with the new schedule, 6 new faculty members have been announced. Ms. Tamara Stein will teach A.P. Biology, replacing Mr. Murray Hozinsky, who retired after 27 years. Mr. Josh Thompson, '89 graduate and son of Admissions Coordinator Alice Haskell, will teach phys ed,

replacing Mr. Thomas Turlas, who retired after 40 years. Ms. Sharon Housinger, daughter of Science Teachers Jan and Mimi Housinger, has joined the Science Department. Mr. Kevin Drever will teach languages. Mr. Robert Bachand replaces Mr. Michel Lacoque, now in the Middle School, as counselor. Mr. Lacoque will still have freshman advisories. Replacing Ms. Susan Brower, moved to New Mexico, as advisory coordinator is the Rev. David Arksey.

History Teacher Earl Bell has returned from a year's National Endowment for the Arts-funded study of the women's conservation movement.

Ms. Tereneh Mosley, Multicultural School Alliance Midwest Coordinator, will work from an office in the Lillie House for at least a year to recruit minority faculty members.

Four hundred sixty U-Highers were expected today, by class as follows: Freshman, 114; sophomores, 123; juniors, 115; seniors, 108.

## Kinder, gentler rules?

By Elissa Blackstone Associate Editor

Last year U-Highers were introduced to 43 pages of rules in the Student Handbook. This year during the first 2 weeks of school, students will receive a revised Student Handbook. With many of the same punishments, the 37 pages of rules are presented in a more sensitive tone, according to Principal Hanna Goldschmidt.

The rules were revised by a committee of faculty members and administrators chaired by Ms. Goldschmidt.

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE met, administrators including Director Lucinda Lee Katz and Ms. Goldschmidt solicited opinions from students, parents, faculty members and other administrators.

"We asked advisers to discuss the rules with their advisees," Ms. Goldschmidt recalled. "The Laboratory Schools Board sent letters to parents asking for their opinions regarding the rules and we otherwise solicited input from administrators and faculty."

The resulting information showed that some people found the rules cold and impersonal. The committee decided to revamp the rules' wordings, which were then edited by Math Department Chairman Shirley Holbrook for the Handbook.

"We tried to reword the rules to speak to the student," Ms. Goldschmidt explained. "When Ms. Holbrook was given multiple suggestions for a wording, she looked for softer language."

FEELING DETAILING the logic behind rules would encourage students to follow them, the committee added several explanations. In the rule prohibiting smoking on or off campus, for example, students are told not only not to smoke but that smoking is harmful to one's health.

The committee also met with Mr. Lee Caldwell, assistant director of field services of the University Police Department, and consulted legal ad-

visers.

After reviewing the policy on illegal substances with Mr. Caldwell and school lawyers the committee decided to change the policy.

Last year school policy required administrators to inform the police of a student's first illegal substance offense. This year calling the police will be optional depending on the severity of the case.

"A student in possession of a large amount of marijuana for example, could lead an administrator to determine that the student planned to distribute the substance and the police would be called," Ms. Goldschmidt explained.

AS THE RESULT of a faculty decision last year, U-Highers on academic probation can participate in extracurricular activities only if they arrange a contract to fulfill academic obligations.

The faculty also approved a proposal that all student organizations must create a statement with an adviser of guidelines and expectations, including a written contract between the organization and each member.

With efforts to produce rules with a gentler presentation, the committee tried to emphasize the importance of the student's role in the school community by starting sentences with "you" instead of "a student", Ms. Goldschmidt explained.

"We want students to see that the rules are not irrational or random," Ms. Goldschmidt said, "but serve to create a safe learning environment which each student must maintain."

ONE START-OF-THE-YEAR tradition administrators hope the rules will squelch is older students harrasing freshmen with physical abuse such as bumping them into walls while passing in the hallways or throwing pennies at them in the cafeteria.

"Hazing is not done where administrators can see it, so it is difficult to prevent," Ms. Goldschmidt said. "Part of stressing everyone's role in the community is to encourage upperclassmen to choose to act responsibly."

(Also see editorial page 2.)



Photo by Jeremiah Schatt

## Summer and smoke

AFTER A SUMMER of noisy construction, the smoke has finally cleared over Rowley Library, revealing a new layout for the books, new furniture, a computer room and new reading areas. The \$700,000 renovation was financed from 2 Parents Association "Connections" benefits and a \$100,000 parent gift. The library will be dedicated at a brunch Sunday, Oct. 13 during an Alumni Centennial Weekend. Here Mr. Peter Brown, manager of auxiliary services, installs a bookend. Other summer improvements included cafeteria painting and installation of a sprinkling system in Scammon Garden.



"The convention felt like a rally and was run like a commercial."  
-Karl Olson, senior



## AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

### The rules multiply

This year, as last, opens with talk about rules. In addition to the nearly 40 pages of rules in the Student Handbook, organizations now are being required to write a contract outlining expectations which have to be met within each group. The new club contracts represent a "double edged sword." They will help avoid misunderstandings. But why are they needed when the school already has rules detailing everything from not using drugs to where to put book bags.

More and more rules may help adults in the school and community feel everything and everyone is under control. But they don't allow students to learn through making their own decisions wisely and carrying those decisions out effectively. What U-Highers really need is adult support as they make their own decisions and carry them out. And adult faith that they can do so because they've been taught well.

Rules cannot create an environment where young people can freely make decisions which help them mature into responsible, contributing adults. Which is what high schools are all about. There's no rule, after all, that tells you how to make worthwhile decisions.

### More than a paper

Currently nestled between your thumb and index finger is an 11 by 17 inch sheet. The U-High Midway. A newspaper, but that's not the whole story.

Our goal at the Midway is to do more than report the news of the school. We also want to feature interesting people, present a broad range of perspectives, and color our readers' lives with the knowledge and flavor depth journalism can provide.

The editors take pride in knowing the Midway is completely planned, designed, reported, written and edited by students with the suggestions of a faculty adviser. The adviser does not censor. Every story and photo which appears is the product of the editors' decision to put it in the Midway.

Administrators do not see the Midway before its publication. The editors meet with them regularly to hear their news tips, ideas and reactions. Administrators know what big stories will appear but never see the actual stories before any other reader sees them.

Ultimately the editors wish the Midway to be a voice for students. We invite them, as well as faculty members, administrators, parents and alumni, to write a Guest Column for the Midway or a letter to the editors. Letters must be signed and can be placed in the Journalism mailbox in UH-108.

Oh, yes, the law says we can't publish libel, obscenity or anything recommending disruption of the school.

Now that you understand all that, sit back and let us do our thing for you.



Photo by Kavitha Reddy

### Two out of three

THE DOOR to U-High's journalism fiefdom, historic Lillie House, across the street from the school on Kenwood at 57th St., provides the setting for a planning session between Midway Editors-in-Chief David Salinas, left, and Kareem Saleh. The third editor, Alex Zamair, was out of town. Other Midway editors were named at a party in June as follows:

ASSOCIATE EDITORS-Depth, Debra Gittler; previews, Vik Singh; followups, Ismail Alsheik; opinion, Kyla Calvert; sports, Robert Earles and Richard Raz; features, Nader Kheirbek; lifestyle, Karl Olson; city life, Julie Epstein; features, Andrei Sheinkman; in-depth news/features, Rich Siegler; arts, Elissa Blackstone; people, Rachel Shapiro; photofeature, Tom Marcinkowski.

SPECIAL EDITORS-Political and community, Kareem Saleh; community, Maria Perkovic.

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The 1997 U-Highlights will be edited by Lizzi Heydemann, Lauren Schwartz and Prasanth Katta with associate editors as follows:

School Life, Prasanth Katta; learning, Hansa Sawlani; organizations, Lizzi Heydemann and Lauren Schwartz; sports, Naveen Neerukonda and Chris Osan; people, Lilly Koppel; community and index, Stephanie Lichter.

Tom Marcinkowski is business manager for both publications and Midway ad manager, Stephanie Lichter U-Highlights ad manager.

Jeremiah Schatt is executive photo director for both publications, Kavitha Reddy is Midway photo editor and Chuck Reed U-Highlights photo editor with Alex Tabak apprentice photo editor. Photography Teacher Liese Ricketts is serving as publications photo adviser.

## Good God!

An illuminating visit to the Church of Scientology

STROLLING THROUGH downtown Washington D.C. on a particularly hot and lazy Sunday afternoon this past summer, I came upon an impressive red brick building not too far away from the White House. The

### Witty Trash

Kareem Saleh



sturdy black metal gates bore a small sign engraved in gold. "Welcome to the Church of Scientology."

"But of course!" thought I, "this must be where dead science teachers go! I wonder if Mr. Henkens, my 5th grade science teacher who gave me a C, is somewhere here? I pushed open the black metal gate and entered into a small garden.

I PROCEEDED up the stairs and entered the building. The cool air proved thoroughly refreshing and the building was ornately decorated in fine wood. Or at least it looked like fine wood. I'm not completely sure

### SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Richard Siegler

What was the most embarrassing thing that happened to you this summer?



Sylvia



Chris

**SYLVIA SPICER, freshman** (new from Ancona): I was in France, eating breakfast. In France you have a basket of croissants and some hot chocolate or coffee, and you dip the croissants in your drink. I didn't know this and so I ordered lemonade. And all the waiters were standing around and one asked in shock, "You want to dip your croissants in lemonade?"

**CHRIS RUMMEL, sophomore:** A friend of mine sent cheesy pictures of me from 4th grade and a letter about me to a friend of mine at camp.



Zolman



Robert

**ZOLMAN KOGAN, junior** (new from Yeshiva Ateres Yakov in New York): I was working at a summer camp and I came very late to work and everyone was there waiting, including the camp director.

**ROBERT MCGEE, senior:** I was at the Taste of Chicago with my sister laughing at people who looked funny and then I ate a funnel cake and got white powder on my nose. So I was laughing at this girl and she looked at me and started laughing hysterically and I asked my sister what was so funny and she told me I had white powder on my nose.

what fine wood looks like. Anyway, a petite black woman approached me with her hand outstretched.

"Hi, my name's Gina," she said as we shook hands.

"Really?" I replied. "Mine isn't." She looked somewhat taken aback.

"I'm just kidding. My name is uh...er...Joe!"

I DON'T LIKE to give my real name to people. The last time I gave it to someone over the Internet I got prank calls for weeks.

"Well, Joe, welcome to the Church of Scientology."

"And exactly what would the Church of Scientology be?" I wasn't completely satisfied with my earlier assessment.

"THE CHURCH of Scientology is all about improving life in a troubled world."

"Really? That's kind of a big job for just one church."

"Well we have branches across the country and all over the world. I'm sure you have heard of our founder, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the book 'Dianetics'."

"Oh yes, I'm familiar with L. Ron Hubbard." Actually, I've seen his commercials on FOX. They were always sort of ...cheesy.

"SCIENTOLOGY IS the world's fastest growing religion for one reason only," Gina continued.

"And what is the reason Gina?" "Because millions of intelligent, thinking people like you have

studied it, tried it, and found for themselves that it works."

"What is it exactly?"

"The Church of Scientology has 8 basic premises of existence. The first one is that you are a spiritual being and you have a mind and a body."

"Duh" I thought.

"THE SECOND dynamic is sex. This dynamic is a man's urge toward survival as a future generation. On the first dynamic man is an individual, but by sex he creates other individuals and future generations."

"Cool! Where do I sign up?"

"Well, first you need to read Dianetics and attend our Scientology Seminars."

"Well gimme a book already. I'm very anxious to help create future generations."

"Well the book costs..."

"EXCUSE ME? 'The book costs...' I see you're selling a book, eh? You lure people in here with visions of helping create future generations through your second dynamic when all you want is my cash, eh? In church you can read a Bible for free!"

"The Church of Scientology welcomes your skepticism," Gina pronounced.

"Well, frankly, I don't welcome your trying to pilfer my money."

In a mad fury I stormed out of the Church of Scientology, swearing to never return. If I am going to help create future generations, I can certainly do it without their expensive manuals.

## GOP puts on quite a show ELEPHANT POOP

BEFORE MY EYES, thousands of pudgy men and their peach-linen-encapsulated wives, rose to their feet as Newt Gingrich stepped out onto the podium at the Republican National Convention in San Diego last month.

Chanting Newt's name they worked themselves into a frenzy for the television cameras, instantly settling down when they were signaled that it was proper to do so by someone hidden from the cameras.

FIVE THOUSAND delegates, 15,000 reporters, and my slightly-disgruntled self descended upon San Diego for what one Kansas delegate described to me as "That Grand Old Festival of True American Spirit," more commonly known as the Republican National Convention.

Past conventions were used by parties to select a candidate and decide upon its platform. This year the Dole/Kemp ticket and its platform were set long before the convention doors opened.

The convention felt like a rally and was run like a commercial. Its sole purpose was to convince the American public to vote Republican.

THE BLIP about tolerance towards all views on abortion was removed from the Dole/Kemp ticket, leaving the Republicans strictly pro-life. Yet the words "tolerance" and "inclusive" popped up in almost every speech while abortion as a topic was generally avoided. Pat Buchanan, that rather outspoken pro-life leader, was no where in sight.

From the diversity of the

speakers it seems that the Republicans want to be seen as representing all ethnic groups. Yet the convention floor was a sea of plump white faces. The handful of minority delegates

### First Person

Karl Olson



were shuffled around to give the cameras the illusion that there were more of them.

WHILE THEY said they represented the American people, the Republicans did everything in their power to barricade the convention hall and keep those trying to be heard far away. While knowing that there must be protesters somewhere, they were out of sight and out of mind.

The delegates, those screaming Dole fans recognizable by their elephant hats and flag-embellished clothing, really had little to do but cheer and look patriotic. They were not there to make decisions but to have a good time.

Four days, 68 free bars, countless parties, free food, speeches, Travis Tritt, more food, more speeches, more bad music, balloons and a chance to dress like an idiot. That's what a modern convention means to its delegates.

(In case you're wondering why I couldn't cover the Democratic National Convention right here in Chicago, I couldn't get in despite a long series of attempts to do so and promises I would be gotten back to.)



"I feel that we freshmen can bring fresh faces, new style and positive contributions to U-High sports."

-Andrea Earles, freshman

## Meet the teams

Fall squads aim high, for league titles and beyond, as season gets underway

By Bobby Earles and Richard Raz Sports Editors

As the leaves on the trees along Kimbark turn golden and eventually brown, summer gives way to autumn and U-High unveils its newest crop of athletes to kick off fall sports.

**■STICKING TOGETHER**- Going all out in their quest for an Independent School League (ISL) victory, varsity boys' soccermen boast a solid 24-player team, led by Sophomore Standout Andy Rosenband. As a freshman, Andy was chosen ISL Soccer Player of the Year.

"I think we have a really good chance of winning the ISL this year," Andy said. "There's a lot of talent and we really stick together. I'm looking forward to a good year."

In his 4th year coaching the team, Coach Mike Moses, new Athletic Director, voices confidence about its ability and determination.

"I can't see why they can't be equally good or better than any other team we will play," Mr. Moses commented. "At the end of the season we should be right in the hunt for a league championship."

Refusing to settle for no less than 1st place, J.V. Coach Ron Presley expects his team to end the season as number one in the ISL as well.

"This year's team has great chemistry," Mr. Presley observed. "They're working really hard and I expect good performances from Freshmen David Wilson and Cyrus Dowlathshahi based on what I have seen in practice."

**■POSITIVE DIRECTION**- Stronger, taller and more experienced than in previous years, the varsity volleyball team has a strong opportunity to win a regional title, Varsity Coach Joyce Stiles said.

"Our team is moving in a positive direction," Ms. Stiles said. "The ultimate goal is to win Regionals, which I think we have a shot at because of our height and maturity, but I'm not sure how realistic that is yet."

Individually, her girls show a lot of talent, says J.V. Coach Lisa Miller.

"It's the tallest and most versatile team in a while," she explained. "The first couple games will determine who is most effective in which position."

**■DEPTH AND VERSATILITY**- Though they are up against faster opponents, Varsity Coach Larry McFarlane explained, girl swimmers will try to counter the competition with depth and versatility.

"We've got a lot of girls who can swim a lot of different events," Mr. McFarlane said. "We have a few outstanding swimmers, but our goal is to get everyone on the team involved."

**■BREAKING .500**- Determined to improve upon last year's record of 5-6, the girls' tennis team is hampered by a small number of players, 14, barely enough to make up a full lineup.

"I know that we don't have that many players this year," said Coach Gerold Hanck. "But I'm sure we can break .500. That's our main goal."

**■NO SHORTCUTS**- Crunching autumn leaves beneath his feet, Senior Peter Muller can be seen running the avenues of Hyde Park, practicing for what he feels will be his year to win the boys' state cross country title.

"I know I'm going to be seeded number one," Peter explained. "But there are no shortcuts and I'll continue to train hard."

Though the girls' cross country team has only been practicing for 5 days, the team is dedicated to working hard to increase its level of

## A final opportunity

*For seniors, last can prove best*

IN A MONTH or so, the trees bare their leaves, the air frosts over and the fall season will come to a close. So, too, do the careers of U-High's fall athletes.

For some, this season will be their last.

As girls' swim cocaptain and medley relay record holder, Senior Nicki Meyer said her last year on the team will provide her opportunity to break the record which has eluded her for 3 years.

"I'm definitely going to swim in college," Nicki said. "So this won't be my last year of competitive swimming or anything. It'll be fun to be a senior on the team and boss everybody around, but if I don't break Dillan Siegler's record in the 50-meter freestyle, I'll be a little disappointed."

### First Down

Robert Earles



Siegler, a '91 graduate, set 14 records her senior year, with 8 still standing.

Bringing with it the title of captain and the opportunity to lead their team to a league victory, senior year for many U-Highers presents a chance to be creative in their leadership. Senior Anthea Kelsick said she's having more fun in her last year than ever before.

"I'm really enjoying being the team leader this year," Anthea explained. "I guess I do work harder, but that's because there are younger players who look up to me. My 4 years of experience on the team has made me the best and it's always more fun when you're the best at what you do."

Unquestionably the best in the state at what he does, the number-one-seeded Senior Peter Muller has mixed feelings about his last year running cross country.

"I know this is my last chance to win cross country," Peter remarked. "It's kind of weird for me, because I'm looking forward to my chance to win, but I'll be sad when it's over."

And that, sports fans, is a first down.



performance, Junior Lucy Scharbach said. "Last year, a lot of people were not trying very hard," Lucy explained. "This year, we have more experience and are more enthusiastic about practice."

Upcoming games, and a few played last week but after this issue of the Midway went to press, are as follows:

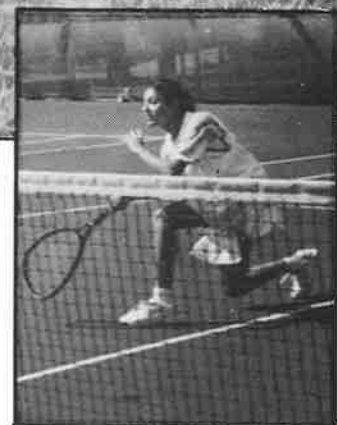
**BOYS' SOCCER**-Niles West Tournament, Sept. 3 (U-High lost 2-8). 5, 7: Morgan Park Academy, Sept. 6, away; Lake Forest Academy, Sept. 10, home; Morgan Park Academy, Sept. 12, away; North Shore Country Day School, Sept. 20, home; Parker, Sept. 21, away; Elgin, Sept. 24, home; Latin, Sept. 26, home; Mt. Carmel, Sept. 28, varsity, home, j.v., away; Morgan Park Academy, Oct. 1, home; Lake Forest Academy, Oct. 4, away; Parker, Oct. 5, home; Elgin, Oct. 8, away; Argo, Oct. 10, home; Gordon Tech, Oct. 12, away; Illiana, Oct. 14, home; North Shore Country Day School, Oct. 15, away.

**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**-Willows, Sept. 3, home (cancelled); Morgan Park Academy, Sept. 6, away; St. Benedict, Sept. 10, home; Luther East, Sept. 12, away; Holy Trinity, Sept. 16, away; Woodlands, Sept. 18, home; North Shore Country Day School, Sept. 20, home; Latin Tournament, Sept. 21, away; Lake Forest Academy, Sept. 24, home; Latin, Sept. 27, away; Latin Tournament, Sept. 28, away; Morgan Park Academy, Oct. 1, home; Willows, Oct. 8, home; St. Benedict, Oct. 10, away; Woodlands, Oct. 11, away; North Shore Country Day School, Oct. 15, away; Luther North, Oct. 17, away; Lake Forest Academy, Oct. 18, away; Shepard Tournament, Oct. 19.

**GIRLS' SWIMMING**-Trinity, Sept. 5, home; Argo, Sept. 9, away; Latin, Sept. 12, away; Maria, Sept. 20, away; St. Ignatius, Sept. 26, away; Fenwick, Oct. 3, home; Evergreen Park Invitational, Oct. 5, 11; Morton, Oct. 16, away; Regina, Oct. 18, home.

**GIRLS' TENNIS**-Morton, Sept. 6, away; Woodlands, Sept. 10, home; Sandburg, Sept. 12, home; Maria, Sept. 14, home; Elgin, Sept. 17, away; Fenwick, Sept. 18, home; Elk Grove Tournament, Sept. 21, away; Parker, Sept. 24, home; North Shore Country Day School, Sept. 27, away; Morgan Park Academy, Oct. 1, home; St. Ignatius, Oct. 2, home; Latin, Oct. 4, home; Lake Forest Academy, Oct. 8, away; ISL Conference, Oct. 11-Oct. 12, Latin; Sectionals, Oct. 19, away.

**CROSS COUNTRY**-Providence St. Mel, Sept. 17, 24 away; Thornton Fractional South, Sept. 26, away; Quigley Invitational, Sept. 28, away; St. Benedict, Oct. 1, home; Rich East Invitational, Oct. 3, away; Lisle Invitational, Oct. 5, away; ISL Meet, Oct. 11, Latin; St. Benedict, Oct. 15, home; Chicago Classic, Oct. 17, Latin.



Photos by Kavitha Reddy and Jeremiah Schatt

**REFINING** his raw kicking power (photos from top), Tom Marcinkowski blasts the ball past teammate Robert McGee during varsity soccer practice.

**SHOWING** that overpowering her opponent isn't the only way to win, junior Rusha Desai crafts a delicate drop shot at the net during tennis practice.

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**■READY TO CLEAN** her messy room for the new school year, Lizzi Heydemann flaunts a new mop and bucket.



"The zoo was keeping a real tight lid on what happened."

-Senior Tom Marcinkowski



## Globe trotters

U-Highers journey afar for summer experiences

By Kareem Saleh Editor-in-Chief

Jumping off moving trains in Spain to building clinics and white-water rafting in Costa Rica, U-Highers could be found across the globe this summer broadening their horizons, increasing their knowledge about foreign cultures and working with the environment.

Traveling to Athens, Greece, to visit family and friends, Senior George Polychonopolous spent his time indulging in the food and Greek style of life.

"Everything is much slower in Greece," George said. "Shops close in the middle of the day for long lunches and everything revolves around family."

"People also tend to be happier in Greece too. They may be poorer than people in the U.S. but they're more humble."

Other U-Highers who traveled abroad found the inhabitants just as kind as the Greeks.

Venturing to Costa Rica as a part of Global Works, an international community service program, Junior Hanna Gottschall found the native Costa Ricans to be welcoming but somewhat hesitant about Americans.

"They would call me *Gringa*, Latin American slang for white person, right to my face in Spanish, thinking I didn't know what it meant," Hannah explained.

While in Costa Rica Hannah worked in a conservation league which helps preserve the rain

forests and helped erect a one-room clay clinic.

"The doctor used to come to this little village we were working in once every month and go directly to people's homes," Hannah said. "We built him a one-room clinic so that when he comes around he could have a sanitary place to see patients."

Working in a different wildlife environment, Senior Tom Marcinkowski spent his summer as an employee at the Brookfield Zoo selling souvenirs. Tom was working at the time when a young boy fell into the gorilla pit and was rescued by a female gorilla who protected him until keepers could enter the exhibit and take the boy.

"The zoo was keeping a real tight lid on what happened," Tom explained. "I didn't find out about what had happened, I just heard rumors. I didn't believe it until I got home and watched the news."

Taking time to explore the history and culture of Spain, Seniors Flora Diaz and Anita Denes traveled together to Madrid where they stayed in youth hostels and took day trips to Spanish Towns.

"One day while in Salamanca, a far away suburb of Madrid, we visited the palaces of some of the old Spanish Kings," Flora recalled. "They had these beautiful gardens where we just sat and read all day."

Experiencing a different lifestyle, Junior Andrea Schnitzer spent a total of 8 days in Indonesia and Australia.



Photo courtesy of Andrea Schnitzer

"The standard of living in Jakarta is lower than that of poor Americans," Andrea explained. "Seeing that people actually live this way made all of the pictures you see on television real."

Editor's note: Several faculty members spent the summer working at school funded by Heinemann grants. Among those who met were Mr. David Derbes, Mr. Randy Fowler, Mr. Chris Janus, Mrs. Joan Koblick, Mrs. Darlene McCampbell, Mr. Dominic Plane and Mrs. Susan Shapiro to plan the revived Senior Humanities Seminar. All-school events planned by the Faculty of Color Committee include an appearance by author Shirley Hazlip Friday, Oct. 11. Faculty of Color Committee members include Learning Specialist Frances Moore-Bond, Librarian Mona Khalidi, Middle School Teacher David Harris and Lower School Assistant Teacher Juliana Kim.)

**THE Sydney Opera House was one of the many stops Junior Andrea Schnitzer made while in Australia. She also visited Indonesia.**

## Year off not exactly a year off for '96 grads

By Andrei Scheinkman  
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"Ever since kindergarten I've applied the knowledge, after 12th grade I went straight to college."

-DJ Run, RUN DMC

Although most U-Highers follow the DJ's advice, at least half-a-dozen '96 graduates are taking a break from their pursuits of higher education to work, do community service, travel or explore their talents.

Graduates Steve Art, David Moskowitz, Ben Wilson, Maurice

Scott, Aimee Schinasi and Erika Kast are among the larger-than-usual number of graduates taking a year off.

"The year off is allowing me to concentrate all my efforts on music," explained Steve Art, who is playing with the University of Chicago band Gordon Pym. "If I didn't take this time off now, I'd probably regret it for the rest of my life."

In addition to practicing, playing shows and recording an E.P., Steve is working in a medical lab at the University of Chicago hos-

pital. "I just need enough money to pay rent and have the freedom to make the most of my time," he explained. He deferred his enrollment to New York University and plans to enter as a freshman next fall.

College Counselor Mary Lee Hoganson said deferring enrollment is usually the best way to go.

"Applying to college senior year and saving a place is usually the best approach," Mrs. Hoganson explained. "But some students need a year to find out about

themselves before they decide where to apply."

Younger than most of his graduating class, Ben Wilson plans to apply to college next fall. Ben is planning to spend a year in San Diego doing community service through the National Community Civilian Corps, a branch of the federally funded Americorps program.

"I've had enough of school for a while," Ben explained. "And I wanted to get out of Chicago for a bit."

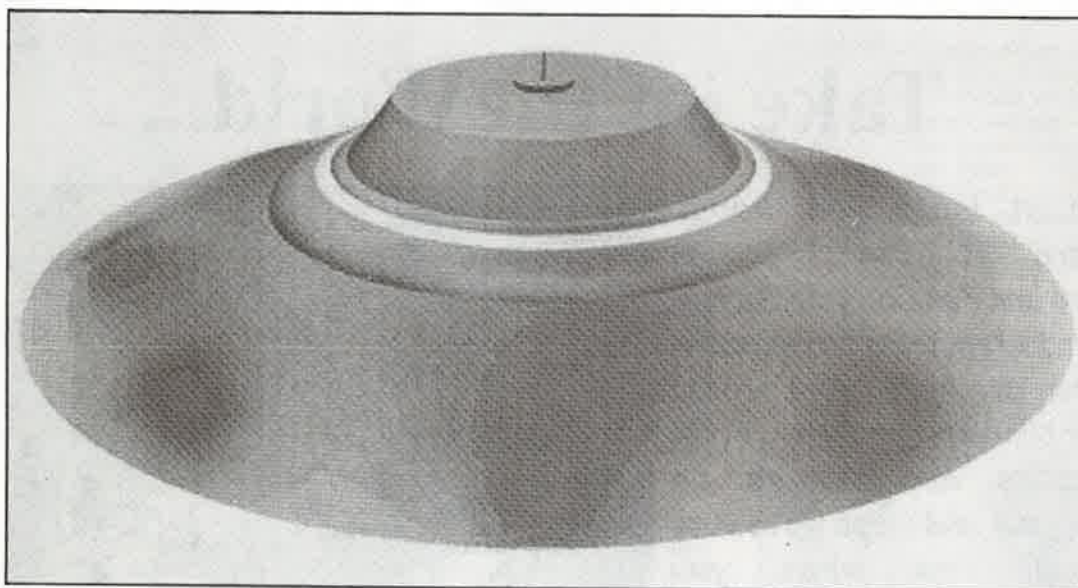
Preferring to stay close to home, David Moskowitz deferred

his enrollment at Yale University and is using Americorps funding to work at the Ariel Foundation.

"College education is often wasted on 18-year-olds," he explained. "My parents weren't thrilled that I not go straight to college, but they accepted it."

But other U-High parents encourage their children to take a year off.

"Everybody gets caught up with applying and being accepted," Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Ben's mother, said. "People need to have a larger vision of life after high school."

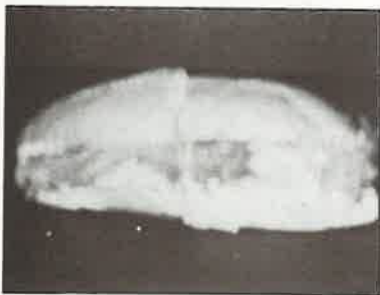


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## Celebration!

Another Sing to bring Centennial to close

The Lab Schools' celebration of its 100th anniversary will close as it opened, with an All-Schools Sing, 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 in Rockefeller Chapel. The opening Sing took place last January.

Preceding the Sing, an alumni Centennial weekend will take place Oct. 12-13, highlighted by a gala dinner dance, "Celebration of the Century," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Drake Hotel, Michigan Blvd. at Walton.

"WE HAVE SENT invitations to about 6,000 alumni who live around the world," said Development and Alumni Director Eileen Epstein. "The capacity is 300 to 400 people. The menu is being prepared by the Drake's head chef, Mr. Leon Waldmeier, who is a Lower School parent."

Numerous class reunions will take place over the weekend and at a brunch reception Sunday the renovated Rowley Library will hold an Open House. University of Chicago News Specialist Bill Harms and Lower School Teacher Emeritus Ida DePencier, authors of the school's new history, will sign copies of the book.

AT A SYMPOSIUM in memory of former Parents Association President Diana Woo 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Palevsky Theatre in Ida Noyes Hall, Lower School Teacher Emeritus Vivian Paley, author of numerous books on childhood education and related topics, will speak on diversity, tolerance and inclusion in the classroom. Ms. Sara Bullard, who edited the book "Teaching Tolerance," will be among other speakers. School will be dismissed 1:30 p.m. Dr. Woo was a highly-regarded pediatrician associated with the U. of C. Medical Center and mother of former U-Highers Katherine and Elizabeth Duggan. The faculty celebrated the Centennial with a cruise from Navy Pier Wednesday afternoon on the Star of Chicago.