

Semiformal to climax Homecoming

Major events kick off 'new traditions' year

By Joe Fischel
Student Government Editor

Homecoming is coming home to U-High after a 17-year absence, thanks to student government.

Banners and special events will salute a different fall sport each day next week during Student Council's Homecoming celebration. Cultural Union's semiformal Homecoming Dance at International House Saturday, Sept. 20, will crown festivities.

A new Freshman Activity Day Monday, Sept. 29, followed by the annual Open House at 7 p.m. and a Conference on Social Awareness Wednesday, Oct. 8, will also kick off an event-punctuated fall.

With the theme, "Our Traditions Have Just Begun," Student Council hopes to establish new vitality, says President Randy Sawyer, senior.

"Since freshman year I have taken Student Council very seriously," Randy explained.

"This year I want to take it to a new level. I don't want people thinking that I just did this for my college application. I want to address the concerns of students. But I also want to bring new and exciting things to the school."

Class course evaluations, an honor code, fundraisers and miniature golf top possible projects.

The Council's new adviser is Assistant to the Principal Tom Minelli (see feature below).

The Council gave the year a big

sendoff today with an opening assembly featuring a comedic magician and a pizza lunch.

Streamers and balloons will add color to the homecoming dance, sponsored by Cultural Union. Tickets are \$5.

"This year Cultural Union wants to try and improve student involvement and school spirit," said Senior Christina Cantwell, president.

"We want to plan activities that don't just appeal to one group of students but appeal to all students."

Inspired by the People of Color Conference they attended in Baltimore last year five U-Highers advised by Admissions Coordinator Alice Haskell have been planning the Conference on Social Awareness for the school.

In advisories this week, all U-Highers will select one of six topics for discussion groups on Conference Day. The topics—subject to change—include ethnic and racial stereotypes in the media, interracial dating, self-identity, losing one's identity in the larger culture, homophobia and affir-

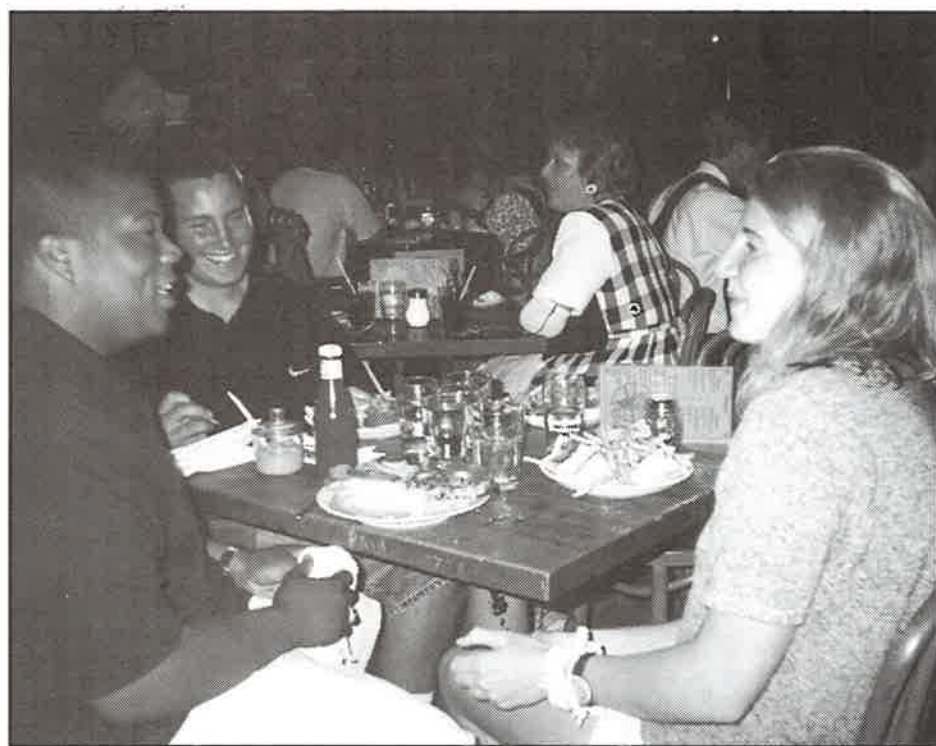


Photo by Kaviha Reddy

Over lunch at the Medici before the start of school, Student Council President Randy Sawyer, left, and Cultural Union President Christina Cantwell outline their goals to Midway Government Editor Joe Fischel.

mative action.

"I hope through this program students will increase their tolerance and respect for people different than themselves," said Senior Reena Hajat, one of the planners.

The others are Seniors Akua Murphy and Dina Moskowitz; Junior Darrell Goodwin; and Sophomore Shelia Carrasco.

Physical activities and games

requiring group effort will promote freshmen uniting as a class during the first Freshman Project Day, at Iron Oakes Adventure Center in south suburban Olympia Fields.

"We provide students with various activities and challenges which they have to solve as a team," Iron Oakes Adventure Center Program Coordinator Tim Rhodes told the Midway.

"From this program students will develop a better idea of how to work in a group more effectively."

A Freshman Project Day originally was suggested by former Dean of Students Jewel Thomas.

This year's premiere event was planned by History Teacher Susan Shapiro, the school's new advisory coordinator, working with freshman advisers.

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'Sheriff' gets new 'active' partner

By Vikas Singhal

Editor-in-Chief

He's back. That's right, "the Sheriff" has returned. But wait, he's not alone. He's got his new trusty sidekick with him.

But who is *he*? Hear they call him "Mr. Activity." Sure does look familiar.

That's because he's better known as Phys Ed Teacher Tom Minelli. Together, he and the Sheriff—more officially known as Math Teacher Paul Gunty—are teaming up as Assistants to the Principal.

Some of their responsibilities were those of former Dean of Students Jewel Thomas, now director at the Harvard School in Hyde Park.

Focusing on discipline, Sheriff Gunty has yielded his attendance supervision duties

to Mr. Activity, who will also advise student activities.

"The school is really big and there's a lot going on," Mr. Gunty observed. "I think it's good the school opened up the responsibilities of Dean to more than one person because they're just too great for one person."

With a master's degree in education administration from DePaul University in Lincoln Park, and two years' experience as Athletic Director, Mr. Minelli plans to bring more structure to activities.

"Hopefully we can spread out the activities," he explained, "so there is always something going on in the school."

Both administrators will still be teaching some classes.

Advisories and retreats will be coordinated this year by History Teacher Susan Shapiro.



Photo by Kaviha Reddy

Dynamic duo of Mr. Paul Gunty, left, and Mr. Tom Minelli will serve as assistants to the principal, overseeing discipline, attendance and activities.

Surprise!

Weekly programs promise variety

By Julie Epstein

Associate Editor

Guest speakers, including outstanding alumni; musicians, singers, dancers, artists and media personalities; town hall meetings and programs prepared by school organizations. That's just part of the lineup planned for the new all-school weekly programs 3rd period Wednesdays. Each program will be kept secret to provide a weekly surprise.

The idea for all-school meetings was suggested by scheduling consultants last year to build community. Though daily meetings were recommended, Principal Hanna Goldschmidt felt weekly programs would prove most practical and effective.

"These assemblies were created in order for students to experience a different type of learning from that of the classroom," said Community Learning Coordinator Lucy Gomez, in charge of the programs. She is being assisted by Student Publications Adviser Wayne Brasler, who will serve as master of ceremonies with a different student host each week, and Music Teacher Dominic Piane.

"We want students and faculty to share and celebrate the good things people are doing within and outside of the community," Mrs. Gomez said.

New Comers



MR. DAN DYRA

Enter, Mr. Dan Dyra. Your assignment: Get U-Highers fit. Show them the importance of physical education. Use your expertise as an IHSA Basketball referee to condition our students. Your interests in volleyball will come in handy, too. Join Coach Joyce Styles and lead our Maroons to volleyball success just like you did at St. Mary of the Woods, where you coached 8th-grade volleyball



MS. ANSHUL JAIN

and were Facility Director. Don't forget to pursue the other things you love, however. Photography and traveling are very important.

Pleased to meet your acquaintance, Ms. Anshul Jain. It's wonderful to see you are our new science teacher. Sure you will do as a fantastic job as you did at Woodruff High School in South Carolina. You indicated that you enjoyed badminton and gardening. Il-



MR. GARY JENSEN

linois is a great place to practice both!

Ah, Mr. Gary Jensen. Hear music is your thing. After teaching all around the country—Michigan, Washington D.C., Illinois—U-Highers are lucky to have you as a teacher. Like Ms. Jain, you enjoy gardening.

And to you, Ms. Suzanne Meinhart, teacher of 19 years. Your interests in woodcarving, reading, crochet and Renais-



MS. SUZANNE MEINHART

sance dance should flavor your new foreign language classes.

Finally, Ms. Chi-Young Yoon. Teaching DePaul University students should help you guide U-Highers into speaking fluent Spanish. You enjoy mountain biking and it's becoming a hot sport in Chicago. Even if we don't have mountains.

(Also new: School Nurse Debra Rush-Wayde. Back: Math Teacher Cathy Feldman.)



MS. CHI-YOUNG YOON

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Missing in Action

Strong film females hard to find

High speed chases and gargantuan explosion definitely weren't lacking in this summer's major motion pictures but this moviegoer couldn't help feeling my movie go something was missing.

That something was positive female roles. From "Air Force One" to "Men In Black" women were portrayed as spineless, whimpering and useless.

The female Vice President in "Air Force One," portrayed by the usually strong Glenn Close, came across as weak, not wanting to take control. While she cried in the Situation Room other women characters could be seen leaning on the male characters, sobbing. Female action climaxed with a woman suggesting Fax lines be used to get through to the White House.

Helpless women in hijacked planes proved a familiar theme, with the female guard in "Con Air" ending up handcuffed in a cell. But Nicholas Cage managed to save the day and stop the serial rapist on board before the poor guard became his next victim.

Saving the damsel in distress wasn't the only thing Cage did this summer. He also got the chance to victimize John Travolta's unwitting wife in "Face Off."

Weak female roles went beyond action films. In "My Best Friend's Wedding" Julia Roberts played the "I-don't-need-a-man" career woman who decided she was in love with her best friend after learning out he was engaged. Her character, willing to ruin the lives of everyone affected by her determination to stop the wedding and get the guy, played into the stereotype of the vengeful woman.



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Strong female roles proved few and far between in this summer's films but an exception was Jodie Foster in the interstellar communication drama, "Contact." In fact, her character emerged stronger than that of the male lead and romantic interest, an ex-priest portrayed by Matthew McConaughey.

Blonde and beautiful Cameron Diaz played the fiancée whose biggest concern was pleasing her husband-to-be.

Diaz didn't take on the task of complying alone. Jennifer Aniston got her chance at conformity in "Picture Perfect," pretending to be engaged to get a promotion. Heaven forbid she should stand up for the life she chooses to lead.

Even comedies managed to keep women out of positive roles. Arriving at the MIB headquarters in "Men in Black," Will Smith enters a room where "the best of the best" have been assembled. No women seemed to have made the cut.

Movies with quality female roles, while few and far between, did exist. Making up for her performance in "My Best Friend's Wedding" Julia Roberts did manage in "Conspiracy Theory" to grab on of the few strong female roles. Her character not only got to save Mel Gibson but without any silly comments about her femininity.

But, by far, the best female role went to Jodie Foster in "Contact," portraying a scientist committed to pursuing interstellar communication, never compromising her beliefs even when people laughed at her. In fact, the film featured several women characters stronger than the men.

We need more of that kind of contact in films.

(Editor's note: The Midway's regular film critic, Leigh Goldstein, will resume her reviews next issue.)

Thumbs Up!



Kyla Calvert

Talkin' to U



Jamie

What are you looking forward to coming into your first year at U-High? (Asked of new students.)

JAMIE DUGUAY, senior, from Cooperstown (N.Y.) Central High: The wide range of courses I can take here. Like the electives for history and English. Also, the freedom on campus. In Cooperstown you couldn't really leave the campus.

NIKIAH BARNES, freshman, from Kenwood Academy: Making a lot of friends. I can't describe how, but I think I am more like the people here than the people at Kenwood.

PHILLIPE PIERRE, junior, from Chicago International School (CIS): An academic challenge. I'm hoping it will be harder for me than CIS. I am also looking forward to a bigger social scene. At CIS there were only about 100 kids in the school.

KATIE POTTENGER, freshman, from Ancona School: Meeting new people, getting away from my old friends. At Ancona there were only 100 kids and everyone has known each other since they were two years old.



Nikiah



Phillippe



Katie

Friends mourn accident victim

Friends, teachers and family remember him as a basketball fanatic as well as an academic genius. They agree he was destined to succeed.

But during a family vacation to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming Aug. 9, freshman Vikram Rupani tragically lost his life. On a wet road, the van in which the family was riding hydro-

planed and rolled over several times.

At private services Aug. 16 in Elmhurst attended by more than 100 mourners, Vikram was dressed in his favorite Bulls jersey.

"We have lots of gifted kids around here," said Mr. Edward Ernst, Vikram's 8th grade adviser. "But he was going to be a star. He was extremely bright."



Vikram

AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT



Art by Michael Leboritz

The Midway belongs to you

A new trend is sweeping high school newspapers. They call it community journalism.

The theory is that student newspapers should go beyond what the daily press does, covering the news as objectively as possible, and be an active part of their communities rather than standing apart from them as mere observers.

And "community journalism" says the true measure of a paper's success is not how thoroughly it covers the news or how many investigative pieces it comes up with but how much it inspires readers to get involved in the community issues the paper illuminates.

It's doubtful the Midway will ever cover the news less than thoroughly or pursue investigative pieces with less vigor, but being part of the community is nothing new for the Midway. This has always been your paper. The stories we choose to publish are those we believe reflect your interests most.

True, the Midway is planned, designed, reported, written and edited by journalism classes (we also design and sell the ads which—along with student fees—keep the paper in print, too). But any student, as well

as any faculty member or administrator or parent, can participate in the Midway.

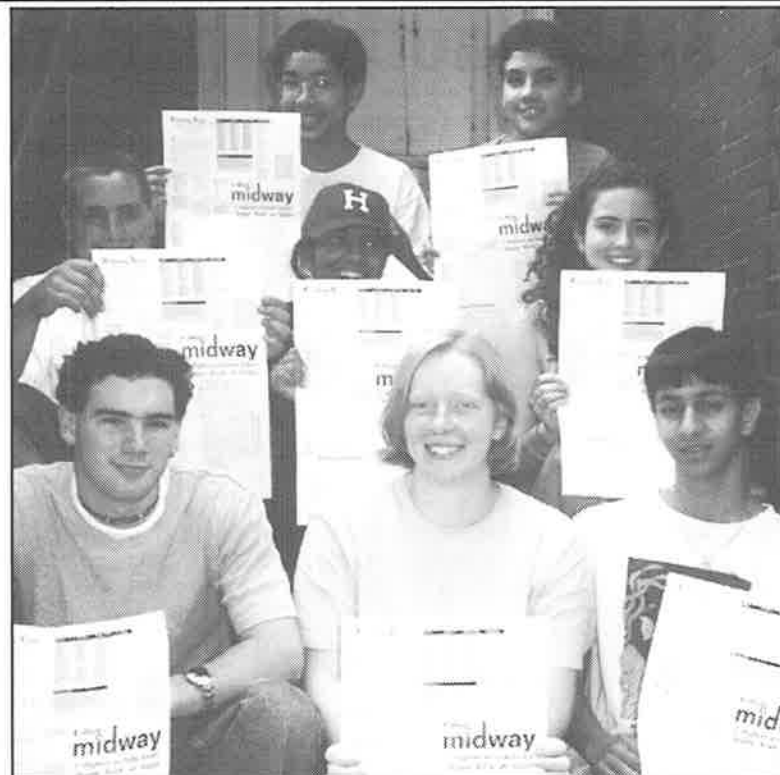
We welcome letters to the editor, guest columns and First Person accounts of personal experiences. Contributions can be placed in the Journalism mail slot in the High School Office, U-High 108. We need a signature on all submissions and will contact each contributor before a piece is published.

The Midway is a true student newspaper, though it is intended for everyone in the community to read. The staff works with a faculty adviser, but otherwise no administrator or teacher sees the paper before it appears. The editors do work closely with administrators on insuring complete and balanced coverage but the Midway is never reviewed or censored before publication.

The law says we can't publish libel, obscenity or any content which reasonably could be expected to disrupt the orderly running of the school. And we don't.

What we do, and what the Midway always had done, is provide a picture both of the school as it is and as it ideally could be. We hope we inform you, inspire you, challenge you and, most importantly, hear from you!

Coming to school two weeks early, these Midway editors and others put together this first-day issue. Sheets they are holding are prototypes for this year's design, conceived by Senior Alex Zamiar. From left, by rows:



Back—Richard Raz, community news; Alice Blander, city life; middle—Joe Fischel, government; Kavitha Reddy, photography; Julie Epstein, news; front—Alex Zamiar, one of last year's editors-in-chief who this year will serve as student adviser; and Kyla Calvert and Vik Singhal, editors-in-chief.

Other editors and managers include the following:

Business and advertising manager, Seetha Srinivasan; news, Debra Gittler and Ariel Gibbons; people, Karen Left; commentary, Rachel Shapiro; in-depth, Richard Siegler; arts, Nicole Saffold; sports, Nate Whalen and Johannes Beeby; photofeature, Seetha Srinivasan.

Special editors include, besides Joe, Political Editor Rachel Shapiro.

Columnists are as follows: Opinion, Rachel Shapiro and Richard Siegler; films, Leigh Goldstein; music, Nicole Saffold; television and radio, Elissa Blackstone; humor, Ariel Gibbons; and sports, Nate Whalen.

The 1998 U-Highlights will be led by Editors-in-Chief Stephanie Lichtor and Hansa Sawlani. Advertising director will be Carla Goudge.

Section editors are as follows:

News of the Year, Rusha DeSai; Learning, Stephanie Lichtor; Organizations, Nirav Shah; Sports, Jennifer Jones and David Straus; People, Hansa Sawlani; and Community, Carla Goudge.

Columnists will include the following: State of the World, Jennifer Jones; television, Stephanie Lichtor; books, Nirav Shah. Fashion, music and film columnists will be named later.

Photo editors include Katey Schein, Therese Collins and David Katz, with Kavitha Reddy serving as photo coordinator for both publications. Lizzy Heydemann, one of last year's editors-in-chief, will be student adviser.

U-High midway

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Make them an 'E' for Experience, Excellence

Returning talent propels ready-to-go fall squads

By Nate Whalen
Sports Editor

Lost: One girls' swim conference. If found please report to Coaches Larry McFarlane or Laura Lantinga.

With two public schools sporting new girls' swim teams, Riverside-Brookfield Conference coaches voted to add them and drop U-High and Latin, mainly because they are private schools in a predominately public arena.

"The Conference meet was good because we could place," said Senior Christina Cantwell, captain. "We can't place in Sectionals and there is no more Conference meet because it's just us and Latin."

With 25 swimmers, all veterans except for three freshmen, the Maroons expect to bring endurance and strong relays to their first home meet, 5:30 p.m., tomorrow against the typically strong Illinois Mathematical and Science Academy from North Aurora. The season opened Friday at Shepard, after Midway presstime.

Experience figures to provide a strong suit for volleyball, girls' tennis, girls' soccer and cross country also.

Tough workouts

To toughen up volleyball players, Coaches Joyce Stiles and Dan Dyra, new from St. Mary of the Woods, have added weight training, running and all-around harder practices to preschool training to ready for their home opener 4:45 p.m., tomorrow against Willows. Another home match, against Luther East, follows 4:30 p.m., Thursday.

On the Midway 8:30 every morning the past two weeks for practice, varsity volleyballers are determined to better last season's 5-7.

"We're going to be very, very competitive," predicted Varsity Coach Stiles. "We have people who have gone to volleyball camps over the summer, a taller team and a more experienced team."

Also with an experienced team, Mr. Dyra feels j.v. will more than break even.

"This team is very promising," Mr. Dyra said. "We're going to have some juniors, since the varsity team would be too big with them and that will give us a lot of experience. I think this is a golden opportunity for a first-year teacher. I think we'll go above .500."

Also stepping up conditioning, tennis girls face St. Ignatius 4 p.m., tomorrow, there, after opening at Stagg Saturday, after Midway presstime. An exhibition match with Parker Aug. 28 at home opened the season with the Maroons winning 7-2.

"The one thing we really are working on a lot more is pressure," said Junior Lizzi Heydemann, second singles varsity. "In practice we set up sudden death situations and play them through. I really think it's working and we need it. Last year that was one of our big problems. We choked. We're psyched; we have a good chance to be a contending team."

Soccermen ready

Practicing weekday mornings and even some Saturdays since Aug. 18, soccermen are poised for victory in their first league test 4 p.m., Wednesday at Parker. Last week the Maroons participated in the Niles West Tournament, which concluded Saturday, after Midway presstime.

"The 15 people that are out there are working real hard," Varsity Coach Mike Moses said. "We're going to be very competitive because everyone knows and understands our strategy. We want to maintain possession of the ball as long as possible and



Photo by Kavitha Reddy

take advantage of our breaks."

Led by captains Junior Andy Rosenband and Seniors Johannes Beeby and Josh Dankoff, the boys considers themselves well-rounded and deep in all positions.

Starting practice last week, the cross country squad is pushing hard to ready for a preseason Conference meet 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16 at home. Season opens with a meet at Quigley 4:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22.

Other events scheduled in the coming month—with the schedule subject to change—are as follows:

GIRLS' SWIMMING—Trinity, 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, home; Argo, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, away; Regina, 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, home; St. Ignatius 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, at University of Illinois at Chicago pool; Fenwick, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, away; Evergreen Park, 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, away.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL—Woodlands, 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, away; Luther East Tournament, 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, away; North Shore Country Day School (NSCDS), 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, home; Lake Forest Academy, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, away; Trinity, 4:45 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, home; Latin J.V. Tournament, 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, away; Latin, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, home; St. Benedict, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, home; Morgan Park Academy (MPA), 4:15 p.m., Mon-

day, Sept. 29, away; Willows, 4:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, home.

GIRLS' TENNIS—Sandburg, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, away; Thornridge, 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, home; Resurrection, 4:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15, away; Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, home; Parker, 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, away; NSCDS, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, home; MPA, varsity only, 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, away; Woodlands, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26, away; Stagg Tournament, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, away; St. Scholastica, varsity only, 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29, home; Latin, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, away; ISL Conference, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4, place to be announced; Elgin, 4:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, home; Maria, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, away.

BOYS' SOCCER—Mt. Carmel, 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, home; MPA, j.v. only, 4:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15, home; NSCDS, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, away; MPA, j.v. only, 4:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, home; DeLaSalle, 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, home; Argo, 4:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22, away; Latin, 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, away; Lake Forest Academy, 4:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, away; Gordon Tech, 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, home; Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, home.

CROSS COUNTRY—Thomton Fractional South, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, away; Quigley Invitational, 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, away; Lisle Invitational, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 4, away; ISL Conference Meet, 4:15 p.m., Thursday, October 9, home; Latin Invitational, 4:15 p.m., Thursday, October 16, away; Prospect Invitational, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, away.

With energetic practices making Sunny Gym a home away from home in the weeks before school started, Dana Cohn, left, Stephanie Preshon and 21 other volleyball team members are ready to take on all comers. The season opens tomorrow at home against ready-to-roll rival Willows.

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Using their heads, David Straus, left, and Chris Oakes and other j.v. soccer men have been working with their coach, Mr. Ron Presley, on sharpening their moves in anticipation of their first game, Wednesday at Parker.



Sports Shorts

■ A STATE TITLE may prove within more realistic reach for U-High and other small school soccer teams, which no longer will compete with larger schools for championships. Two competition classes have been created: AA for schools with more than 1,288 enrollment and class A for schools with less than that.

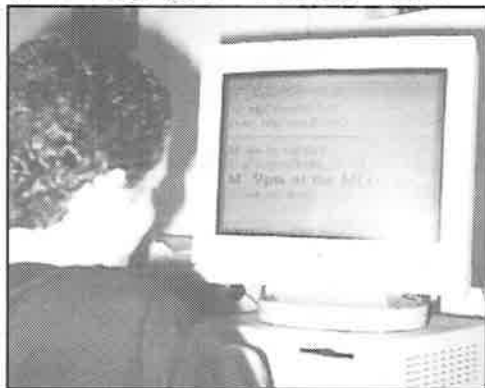
"The Soccer Advisory Committee thought that a lot of smaller schools could make an advancement to championship level play by creating the classes and providing a tournament for each," Mr. David Fry, executive Director of the Illinois High School Association, told the Midway. The classes were created after a referendum of member schools.

■ RESPONDING TO A petition last year signed by approximately 50 Middle and High Schoolers, intramural softball for grades 7 through 10 will begin next week. To keep the age range practical, 11th and 12th graders will not be included.

"This is just a trial run, so we are hoping that there will be a large turnout," said Ms. Karen Duncan, new athletic director. "Depending on how high the numbers are, and from what grades, we will possibly form a softball team. If there are a lot of Middle Schoolers we will start a team with them and vice versa."

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Some choose summer of service, others learn through traveling

By Alice Blander
Associate Editor

Escaping from the morning heat with a refreshing dip in a cool river, Senior Reena Hajat prepared each day this summer to labor eight hours building a basketball court in a small town in the Central American country of Belize.

Amid the villagers' small cement houses, Reena, who with 18 others in the Global Roots program helped villagers build a court, was just one of many U-Highers to do community service last summer.

The ole water hole

"The village was pretty primitive," Reena said. "The family I stayed with had a really small house. There was no running water, no T.V. We had to use outhouses and bathe in the river.

"Our favorite thing to do after a long day working was to go to the water hole, which had this waterfall, and bathe there because the weather was so hot."

Trying out her German-speaking skills, Senior Stephanie Lichtor lived a month with a family in Overath, Germany, among several U-Highers on exchange. Stephanie's family flew to Germany with her to vacation together before they returned home.

"I wasn't exactly fluent in German when I got there," Stephanie recalled. "Everyone kept saying I had a really American accent and sometimes they couldn't understand me."

After she attended school with her host student for two weeks, Stephanie and her German family traveled the country. Stephanie's favorite trip was to the dense Black Forest in southern Germany.

On a clear day

"It was really beautiful and the forest was really thick," Stephanie said. "There was a wooden tower at the highest point on the mountain we were on and on a clear day you were supposed to be able to see France. But we couldn't."



A cool watering hole offered a refreshing gathering place in the Central American village where Reena Hajat helped build a basketball court as part of an international summer community service program.

Traveling with their parents, Junior Bryan and Sophomore Rogan Birnie spent most of their summer in England, Scotland and Holland tracing family roots.

"Going to Amsterdam was probably my favorite part," Bryan said. "I have a lot of cousins there and I met a lot of people. The city is made more for younger people; there aren't as many restrictions on what you can do as in the U.S."

Closer to home, Junior Lizzi Heydemann attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Northern Illinois Leadership Seminar after being chosen by U-High's scholarship program to go.

During three days at Elmhurst College with 250 other participants, Lizzi joined in panel discussions on current issues.

"I was impressed by the fact that we were treated as adults," Lizzi said. "People often talk at teens without any hope that they'll absorb anything. We were expected to glean something

from the experience."

Later in the summer, Lizzi participated in a youth-in-government government program with other high schoolers at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

(Editor's note: Students and teachers are welcomed to submit guest columns on their summer experiences.)

Happy campers

Bravo! Bravissimo! Two U-Highers among eight who attended the famed arts camp at Interlochen, Mich., this summer were honored at its awards ceremony. Junior Ben Epstein was cited for his drama work in Shakespeare and Sophomore Sharon Weiner for ballet. Sophomore Conley Johnson, recipient already of numerous awards and soloist this summer with the Illinois Philharmonic in the Homewood-Flossmoor "Starry Nights" concert series, was selected to participate in an honors piano program. Another summer honoree is College Counselor Mary Lee Hoganson, who is receiving the annual John Muir Award of the National Association for College Admission Counseling for an article in the summer-fall issue of the College Admissions Journal about the need to support diversity in college admissions.

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