

Eager to get their lunch, cafeteria customers animatedly announce their orders to lunchroom line workers, in this case Mr. Ralph Johnson. Choosing between Chili Nachos and several other choices, from left, Alexis Mitchell, Sheila Carrasco, Tai Duncan, Matthew Shelton, James Cheung, Edwin Reed-Sanchez and Julie Epstein hurry to get their favorite food fast. Although concern has been expressed that many U-Highers leave school for lunch, the cafeteria already is serving about as many customers as it can handle in a lunch period.



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## Cafeteria 'problems' prove pluses

*Quality still high,  
prices stay low*

By Richard Siegler  
Associate Editor

Like the changing of the seasons, questions about the cafeteria's quality and prices appear at U-High regularly. But Midway investigations through the years have found quality high and prices already low.

This time the Communications Committee and

Student Council plan to work with cafeteria managers to attract more students to eat at school.

"When you see a lot of High School students not buying lunch at the cafeteria and going off campus instead because they say the cafeteria costs too much and isn't good enough," said Senior Pat Spann, Communications Committee student cochairperson, "you want to correct the situation. We asked the political reps from each grade to draft a plan to lower prices and improve food quality."

But attracting more U-Highers to eat at school could result in the cafeteria being overwhelmed, managers said. Students already can wait up to 20

minutes at the beginning of lunch in a line which cannot process more students than it already does.

Two hundred people already buy lunch in the cafeteria daily, estimated Cafeteria Manager Joanna Chen. Another 75 dine at area restaurants, owners estimate. The rest bring lunch.

Quality wise, the cafeteria is doing a good

job, said U. of C. Nutritionist Marjorie Sutton.

"Federal guidelines state a third of recommended daily allowances should be provided at each meal served at school," said Mrs. Sutton, who analyzed a cafeteria menu as well as the more than 30 entrees, 12 types of sandwiches and salads and several soups from the menu. "The cafeteria does this while having a much broader selection than other large quantity cookery operations."

"The cafeteria managers are doing a good job but should try to lean away from fried foods as a staple of the menu. I would like to see them taking soda and candy off and putting in milk and fruit or salad in their places on the meal plan."

Though a variety of healthy fruit cups, salads and sandwiches have been made available, Ms. Chen said U-Highers prefer Mexican dishes such as nachos and burritos and tend to enjoy fried foods.

Cutting prices may not be possible because the cafeteria does not make a lot of money.

"We have never been able to pull much of a profit at Lab so we try to concentrate on not losing any money, rather than on how much we make," said University Foods Service Owner Richard Mott, a Lower School parent.

"We can't pull a profit because as part of our role in the Lab community we provide lunches to some of the kids on scholarship."

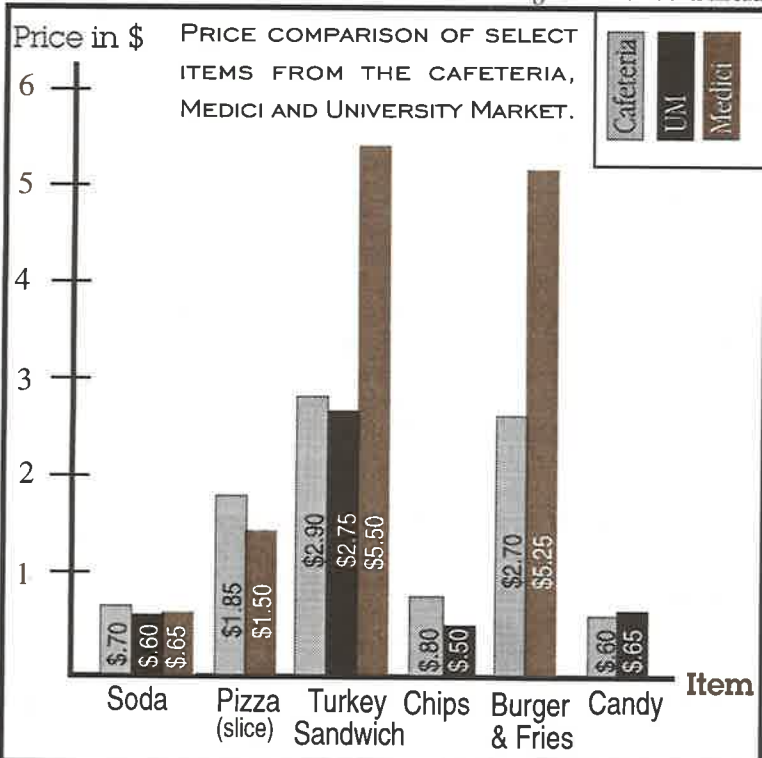
As for prices, the average cafeteria bill is \$4, the average restaurant bill \$6, a Midway check shows.

If the Communications Committee and Student Council succeed in wooing students to the cafeteria, the school will have to make

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**"The cafeteria managers are doing a good job."**

—Mrs. Marjorie Sutton  
U. of C. nutritionist



Graphic by Alex Zamiat

## Caf supervision falters, chaos continues

By Vikas Singhal  
Editor-in-Chief

Pity the poor cafeteria workers. After dealing with Middle Schoolers, they serve more than 200 U-Highers who cut in line, some pocketing food and sneaking out while others force their way in through the exit.

As an answer for the cafeteria's chaos, the school requires teachers to supervise the cafeteria one period a week.

But over a one week period last month, the Midway found seven of the 41 teachers missed their assigned periods. Others arrived late and left early.

If supervisors took their responsibility more seriously, cafeteria workers say, the cafeteria wouldn't be such a disaster during lunch.

"The place is just so crowded," explained Cafeteria Manager Joanna Chen, "that kids just put things in their pockets and nobody notices. Especially during lunch time when the supervisors don't show. We've tried to increase the number of servers but more labor is very expensive."

Some teachers, however, say babysitting U-Highers in the cafeteria should not be part of their job requirements. Helping with school work, they say, is more important than making students throw away trash.

"I was trained to teach, not supervise," said one teacher. "Administrators recommend I help students in the caf but I get distracted. They've never spelled out what we as supervisors are supposed to do, either. Now I hear they're blaming theft and chaos on us. The school should hire permanent people to help organize the caf."

Supervision, administrators say, is also a way to bring students and teachers closer.

"I'd hope," said Principal Hanna Goldschmidt, "that teachers and students would talk more casually in the cafeteria. I would like to treat teachers as professionals and expect them to fulfill their duties."

## What's your Fave Food in the caf?



MY FAVORITE food's the chili nachos because they make my whole day run smoothly. The tuna sandwiches are also pretty tasty.

—Max Mearshelmer, senior



I LIKE the candy the most. I know it's made in a factory so I don't have to worry about any of the cafeteria's cockroaches sneaking their way in.

—Sara Stewart, junior



I SUPPOSE I prefer the bottled water. It's relatively cheap compared to the outrageously expensive juices and the taste is generally nice.

—Isham Bhatnagar, sophomore



I LIKE the chocolate chip muffins the best. They're good and since I know they're not made in the caf, I'm not suspicious about what's in them.

—Rebecca Nichols, freshman



I USUALLY get only ginger ale from the cafeteria because I bring my lunch from home. Some times, though, I'll get their soup. Cream of Potato is my favorite.

—Ms. Sharon Housinger, teacher



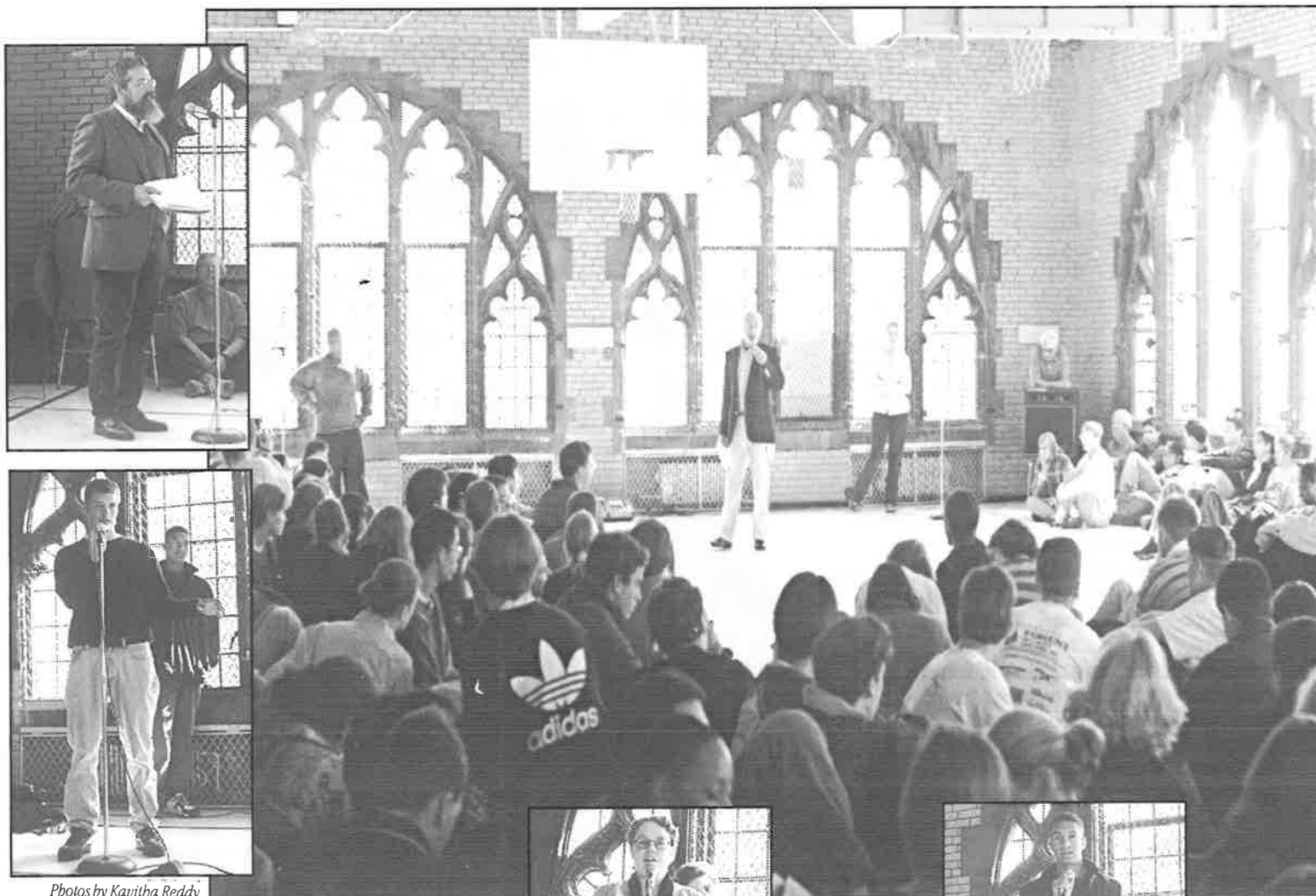
I FIND it more cost effective not to eat in the cafeteria. But when I do eat there, I get soup. The soups are good and my favorite's the Cream of Potato.

—Ms. Valerie Harris, staff



## Talk of the town

HAZING ISN'T a major problem, contended U-Highers at the first Town Hall assembly Oct. 15 in Lower Sunny Gym opened by Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler (large photo). But faculty members such as Biology Teacher Dan West (inset) felt whatever hazing did exist qualified as mean and unnecessary. Though many seniors, such as Sara Shirrell and Pat Spann, and a few juniors such as Chesa Boudin (top) stepped up to the mike, only a few brave freshmen dared speak. The all-school discussion (minus sophomores, who were on Retreat) was the first of three planned for this year as part of the new Wednesday assembly program.



Photos by Kavitha Reddy

## Caf 'problems' prove pluses

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changes. The facilities as presently arranged and the cafeteria staff cannot accommodate more customers.  
"We'll work with the cafeteria's operators to see what we can do to get people in and out of the

cafeteria faster," said Principal Hannah Goldschmidt. "If we are going to have more students eating in the cafeteria, we will need to find ways of keeping more food ready to be dished out faster."  
(See editorial, page 8.)



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# Kingdom Kurt



Photo by Michael Hoy

**S**how me the coffee. Kurt Scott cruised down the streets of Hyde Park. Coffee... Coffee... Coffee... It was the only word he could say. He walked into every store, begging for some freshly brewed coffee. Disappointment, however, left him thinking his search was going to take him away from Hyde Park. But then he turned the corner of 57th Street and saw Caffé Florian. Right when he entered, he saw the beans and knew the more than 40 flavors of freshly brewed coffee at the Coffee Kingdom would satisfy his needs.

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## Honor code, course evaluations, mascot top Council agenda

By Joe Fischel  
Student Government Editor

**I**nviting suggestions from U-Highers and looking at other high school and university honor codes, Student Council (S.C.) hopes to complete a honor code for U-High this quarter. S.C. Treasurer Pat Spann, senior, coordinating the effort, said a code would enable the student body to assume responsibility for its own behavior.

Proposed last year by Pat, classmate Garron Segal and Marc Hoffman, '97, to the Communications Committee, the honor code and student course evaluations have been adopted as S.C. projects.

S.C. members hope to present a prepared code to U-Highers during a Wednesday assembly, with a secret ballot vote to follow later that week. Pat believes the student who respects his or her peers and the school will vote for the code.

"To enforce the honor code, a student court would hand out punishments when people break it," Pat said. "The court would be separate from student government and would comprise of an equal number of people from each grade."

A similar code five years ago disintegrated when suspicions arose as to how it originated and how the court was dealing with cases.

"Right now we have finished a rough draft of the evaluation form," said S.C. Vice President Kurt Scott, senior. "We will send it to a committee of English Teacher Laura Lantinga, Science Teacher Sharon Housinger and Computer Chairperson Alan Haskell for changes. When they are done, they will send it to the administration for changes and they will give it back to S.C."

"I think teachers will be receptive to the idea because it will give them a chance to change their curriculum or teaching style to better fit student needs."

S.C. introduced a banner picturing a new mascot at last Wednesday's assembly. Then U-Highers voted on whether they wanted the Council to purchase a mascot costume and a large banner for Sunny Gym.

Junior Jason Camp will serve as d.j. for Cultural Union's (C.U.) Pajamarama, 8-11 p.m., Nov. 21, at International House or Ida Noyes Hall. A best pajama contest will award the winner \$50.

Hoping to get the traditional Freshmen Lock-in restored following his election Sept. 29, Freshmen Class President Aaron Rosenberg plans to meet with administrators. Other officers are as follows:

Treasurer, Greg Pelander; political representative, Pankaj Chhabra; C.U. representatives, Bree Boulware and Katie Shapiro.

## Overcrowding still plaguing library

By Karen Leff  
Associate Editor

**O**vercrowding in Rowley Library during 3rd, 8th and Thursday extended lunch periods continues, even after changes in student schedules aimed at solving the problem. Librarians and administrators are still seeking solutions.

As many as 80 U-Highers crowd in the library during some periods, according to Library Chairperson Mona Khalidi. It is intended to accommodate 40 to 50 people. The crowd is often noisy despite constant patrolling by librarians telling students to quiet down to others can work in peace.

The cafeteria might provide a more logical place to gather, but doesn't.

"I think the cafeteria is dirty, noisy and overcrowded," said Junior Reesa Bervin. "The tables and chairs are constantly broken and there's always used food on the tables and cockroaches in the corners. I would much rather hangout in the library."

Librarians and students agree that a comfortable place for students to congregate other than the li-

brary needs creating. Mrs. Khalidi believes renovating the cafeteria would provide one solution.

Another solution, say librarians, would be creating fewer free periods for students along with teaching them how to use free periods productively.

Despite the continuing overcrowding, the situation has improved this year, points out History Teacher Susan Shapiro, a member of the faculty scheduling committee. Half the freshmen and sophomores last year had 3rd period free when they didn't have advisory compared to a quarter free this year.

"We balanced the schedules in a way that more evenly distributes classes across the day, providing a more even distribution of students in free periods, as well," Mrs. Shapiro said.

Renovation of the library, everyone agrees, resulted in it becoming a more attractive place to visit beyond being a much improved research and study facility. How to maintain its attraction as a place to hang out remains the challenge.

(See editorial page 8.)

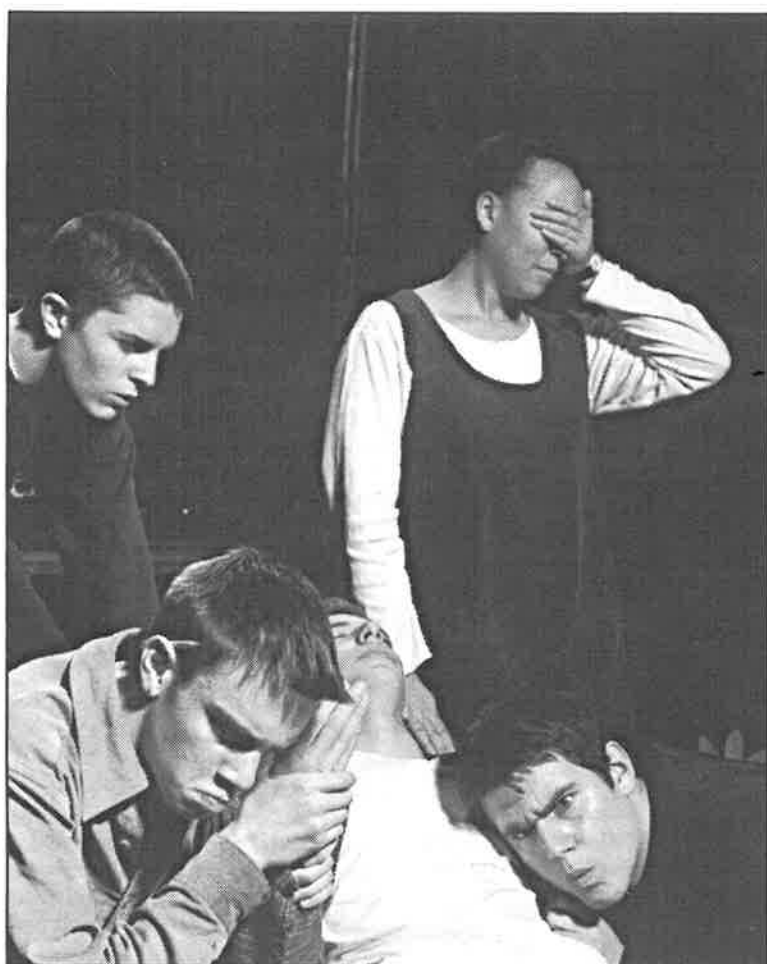


Photo by Mike Hloy

## Dietary difficulties desist, deased

**ONE SURPRISE AFTER** another kept audiences alert, not to mention in stitches, at the fall Production "Life, Death, Infinity and Everyman" last week. In an excerpt from *Passion Poison and Petrification* (From left) the Landlord (Junior Steve Gilpin), the Policeman (Junior Ben Epstein), Fitz Fitzolemachie (Junior Chris Rummel), and Magnesia Fitzolemachie (Senior Vanessa Carr) gaze in horror at the deceased and petrified Adolphus Bastable (Junior Noah Silverman) who unfortunately and tragically passed away after being force-fed portions of the Fitzolemachies' ceiling.

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## Byte sized: Honors for two alumni

State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, '58 U-High graduate, Illinois House majority leader, and Mr. Jess Levine, '62, first president of the Alumni Association, will be honored with Distinguished Alumnus awards at a dinner 6:30 p.m., Saturday at the Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe St. Tickets are available from 773-702-0578.

Rep. Currie (D) serves the 25th District, in which U-High is located. A member of the Illinois General Assembly since 1978, she has worked to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace, supported access to state contracts for businesses owned by women or minority groups, and sponsored the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

President of a jewelry wholesaling company, Mr. Levine, among other numerous services to the school, established the Alumni Challenge Scholarship Program in 1987.

**SCHOLARS COMMENDED**—Nineteen seniors have received certificates of commendation in the National Merit Scholarship program and five in the associated National Achievement program for outstanding African-American students. The Commended students scored among the top five percent of those taking the qualifying test but not high enough to qualify as semifinalists. The honored

seniors are as follows:

**MERIT**—Erica Aronson, Emily Art, Binita Barai, Joanna Bauer, Vanessa Bekkouche, Albert Chan, Andrew Chang, Josh Dankoff, David Johnson, Justina Lakinger, Michael Lebovitz, Mearah Quinn Brauner, Kavitha Reddy, Nicole Saffold, Lucy Scharbach, Kurt Scott, Richa Sharma, David Stokman and Maryjo Wood.

**ACHIEVEMENT**—Faith Baxter, Todd Belcore, Vanessa Carr, William Dorsey and Pat Spann.

**BE OUR GUEST**—The school will put on its best face for company 1-4 p.m. Sunday for the annual Recruitment Open House. Faculty representatives from all school departments and students in several activities, including journalism, drama and music, will greet prospective U-Highers and their families and describe the school's programs and advantages. Students will serve as guides and refreshments will be served in the lobby and cafeteria.

**CITY SIGHTS**—U-Highers can still sign up—if the 10 available places are not all taken—for a tour Friday and Saturday of three culturally-significant city neighborhoods sponsored by Urban Life Center. Participants will stay Friday night in a dormitory in Uptown. U-Highers who wish to participate can contact Community Learning Coordinator Lucy Gomez. The areas, subject to change, are Uptown on the North Side, Bronzeville on the South Side and the Dearborn Homes Public Housing.

# Perspectives on 'Perspective'

## Planning praised, but some wonder where voices beyond U-High were

By Julie Epstein  
Associate Editor

**P**raising organizers for careful coordination and for interesting discussions, many students and teachers nevertheless couldn't help noticing that the "Another Perspective" program, Oct. 8, actually didn't provide another perspective. It was U-Highers talking to U-Highers as usual, they said.

Organized by students and faculty members who had attended a People of Color Conference last year in Baltimore, "Another Perspective" gathered U-Highers in groups for three class periods to discuss interracial dating, cultural identity, assimilation, stereotypes in the media, homosexuality and affirmative action. A faculty member was present in each room, but told not to join the discussion.

"We wanted to try having the discussions without getting teachers involved because we did not want students to feel as if they were in a classroom setting," said Senior Reena Hajat, an organizer. "We were initially ambivalent even about having teachers in the room. We wanted to make it a comfortable environment in that students could freely express themselves."

But some faculty members, as well as students, felt it ironic teachers were not invited to add "another perspective." Some teachers also wondered why experts on the discussion topics had not been brought in.

"Professionals could have offered facts and historical backgrounds on topics, allowing students to compare, for example, society 30 years ago to U-High today," said Physics Teacher David Derbes. "I found listening to students' views compelling, but I thought they could have been brought to a higher level by having experts as mediators."

Some students also felt bringing in experts would have proved valuable.

"I think that if U-Highers were trying to gain perspectives on pertaining just U-High, then outside speakers would have been superfluous," said Senior Garron Segal, who facilitated a group on stereotypes in the media. "But if we wanted to learn about perspectives in general, then it would have been helpful to have utilized resources outside the U-High community."

The next People of Color Conference Dec. 3-6 will take place in St. Louis. Advisers to ethnic clubs will explain how students can apply to attend.



Photo by Sarah Geis

**O**pening the "Another Perspective" program, Dina Moskowitz, one of the organizers, read the poem "Listen" to an all-school assembly.

## Sophs go 'single' in group effort

By Joe Fischel  
Associate Editor

**O**ne up on the rest of the school, the sophomore class got to play the T.V.-based game show "Singed Out" a week earlier than the rest of the school.

Traveling to A Touch of Nature Center in down-

state Carbondale for their annual Retreat Oct. 14-17, sophomores were divided into 10 groups in which they participated in rock climbing, canoeing, hiking and a teams course.

"I think Retreat brought people closer together," Sophomore Class President Sonia Mittal said. "It gave people who would not have become friends the chance to get to know each other."

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# New projects help the 'hood

By Richard Raz  
Community Editor

A spurt of building projects in Hyde Park and Kenwood are bringing new life to the school neighborhood.

The Co-op Supermarket has begun constructing a store on the northwest corner of 47th Street and Lake Park Avenue. On 54th Street at Lake Shore Drive 44 townhouses are going up and 16 more at 53rd Street and University Avenue. On 55th Street at Kenwood, University National Bank is completing a handsome new facade and after 100 years the L tracks over 63rd Street tracks are being demolished west to Cottage Grove.

The new Co-op Store will be part of a long-anticipated shopping center opening next summer.

## Part of revitalization

"The important thing is that it is a part of revitalization of the North Kenwood and Oakland, which spans 35th Street to 45th Street and Lake Park to the Dan Ryan," observed Mr. Bill Gerstein, Co-op community relations director and former owner of Mr. G's food store, now a Co-op affiliate. "Not much money had been poured into that section of the community and it had deteriorated as a result of this. We hope that this will be a rebirth of the community."

The townhouse project at 5350 S. Lake Shore Dr. got underway last year.

"Our hope for the project is to produce an attractive townhouse complex that will provide some relatively affordable housing in a nice area of Hyde Park," said Mr. Robert Mason, executive director of the South East Chicago Commission, which has served as a resource for renewal in the University area.

"The people who operated the Sinai Temple that was there before decided to move to the North Side, so it became pretty much up for grabs. In September of 1995 a private developer contacted us and the East Hyde Park Community to hold meetings on the proposed project. Though there was some opposition it was a better alternative to have high-rises built in the area. The project has no set date of completion right now. They will build some houses and wait for them to be sold and then



THIS IS WHAT the new Co-op Supermarket going up at 47th and Lake Park Avenue will look like. It will be

build some more."

The other townhouse project, University Circle, built on the site of the old Osteopathic Science building, started construction in September.

"Since the building hadn't been in use for some time," Mr. Mason explained, "the former owners decided to sell it to the developers, who saw it as a good place to put town homes."

## Bank changes facade

After 25 years with the same face, University National Bank on 55th Street is donning a new look with an old look.

"After some time, the existing siding started to deteriorate," said Vice President Kenneth Sticken. "When the panel siding was put in 25 years ago, a lot of the large stones that composed the exterior of the bank were taken out. We are renovating the exterior, giving it a look that has many of the qualities of the old bank before the siding was put in. We also want to bring in windows to give it a new look with the old design. With the windows

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## Grad returns to assist in Community Learning

After an odyssey of political work, graduate Mr. Stuart Rhoden, '88, has returned as Community Learning Coordinator. After graduating from Occidental College in Los Angeles California, Mr. Rhoden, now 27, worked as an intern for former State Sen. Paul Simon researching women, family and children's issues at the Library of Congress. He moved to Washington, D.C., to help set up Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun's office. Later he decided to leave politics and get into education.

As a U-Higher, Mr. Rhoden belonged to Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) member and Amnesty International and managed tennis.



Mr. Rhoden

"I want to help facilitate the sophomores' experience at their Community Learning sites by making sure they have and by alleviating their concerns," Mr. Rhoden said. "Basically I want to make them feel as comfortable as possible by being as honest as possible."

## Five diversity seminar committees get to work

Following up last year's Diana Woo Symposium on nurturing diversity in the school and community, five committees composed of parents, faculty members and staff members have been formed. The committees, which met for the first time Oct. 15, include Hiring for Diversity, Admitting and Retaining a Diverse Student Population, Community Involvement and Education, Diversity Issues in Student Life, and Diversity in the Curriculum.

A pediatrician, Ms. Woo was active in school concerns and president of the Parents' Association.

"We hope to study and implement as many of the suggestions that came out of the Symposium as we can," said Former Parents Association President Valerie Carroll, Executive Oversight Committee chairperson. "We will do this by having the executive committee turn the suggestions over to the five subcommittees and have the subcommittees report back once a quarter to see how progress on the suggestions is going."

## part of a shopping center long awaited by area residents and bring traffic to a long-depressed area.

we will also be doing a bit of interior refurbishing."

Sixty-third Street is also getting an old look, a very old look. After a century, the L tracks which have kept the east-west thoroughfare shadowed have come down as part of a city redevelopment plan.

## Walk in groups, police advise

Confronted by an offender with a gun, one should simply give them what they want and not to offer any resistance, U. of C. Police Director Rudolph Nimocks advises U-Highers in the wake of an unusual series of on-street robberies in the area.

"Try to be as aware as possible when out at night," Mr. Nimocks said. "If you see someone suspicious walking towards you, create as much distance as possible. Also, walk with companions. Our data shows that the majority of the people who are victimized are those walking alone and at night."

U-Highers have been approached for money by people claiming to have firearms in the evening near the 59th Street Metra train station and waiting for a bus on 55th Street by the Dan Ryan Expressway.

Both city and University police have stepped up neighborhood patrols and apprehended several suspects in area robberies and muggings.



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# Openminded

Women's issue group welcomes men, too

By Karen Leff  
Associate Editor

Sexual harassment, breast cancer, sexual awareness and eating disorders are among topics a new women's issues group plans to discuss.

Senior Nicole Saffold and Junior Lesley Pinto, presidents, founded the group because they felt U-High girls could benefit from a source for information on issues such as health and self-respect.

They also felt the school could benefit from such a group after hearing boys speaking disrespectfully of girls.

Sophomore Sarah Newby is vice president.

## Boys welcome

The group is open to boys as well as girls. It will meet weekly, alternating Monday one week and Wednesday the next. Meeting places will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

"We want males to join, because we feel women's issues involve boys as well," Nicole said. "We'd like to hear the voices of another perspective so that we can help both males and females be more aware of women's issues. We only had one boy at our first meeting, but we don't want them to feel discouraged."

Counselor Bob Bachand, the group's adviser, also urges boys to join the group.

"I hope that because I am a male adviser I can help encourage more boys to join," Mr. Bachand said.

## Increasing awareness

"Our main goal for the year is simply to increase awareness of the student body about issues such as women in politics and their roles, equal pay for women, and health issues concerning women."

For National Women's History Month next March Dr. Sandra Culbertson, assistant professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the University, has agreed to come to the school for a program.

## One Sukkah gone, another rises

AFTER COMPONENTS of the wooden Sukkah built last year by the Jewish Students' Association were discovered missing, JSA members went to work building a new one with pipes and chicken wire. Decorated enclosures for dining and socializing, Sukkahs are part of Sukkot, a holiday expressing gratitude for a bountiful harvest. A Sukkah also was built at Sophomore Retreat last month. Stringing dried fruits and hanging leaves, from left, Sam Biederman, Jeff Hanaauer, Katie Shapiro and Naomi Leibowitz get ready to welcome everyone to enjoy the Sukkah.



Photo by Adam Hamburg

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Photo by Adam Hamburg

ETHNIC LUNCHES are nothing new to U-High, of course, but this one Oct. 9 was something different. Several Ethnic Clubs chimed in with offerings ranging from bagels to Indian curried rice to

## Yummy for the tummy

good ole fried chicken and collard greens. The idea was to keep the spirit of the "Another Perspective" program that week going at least one more day. Trying to put together a balanced lunch from the widely varied offerings was nearly impossible, so giving in and pigging out without guilt became easy. At the culinarily exotic table, from left, are Reena Hajat, Joanna Bauer and Binita Barai (both hidden), Erica Aronson, Mario McHarris, Lonnie Hubbard and Dina Moskowitz. The hands belong to Rachel Shapiro.

## Midway receives two nat'l honors

Highest ratings from two school press associations have arrived for last year's Midway. The Columbia (University, New York) Scholastic Press Association awarded the paper a Gold Medalist and the National Scholastic Press Association headquartered at the University of Minnesota presented an All American.

To receive the Medalist, the Midway first had to earn at least

925 of 1,000 possible scorebook points. The Midway received 960.

The judges also awarded the Midway all five possible All-Columbian Honors for special merit in Content, Writing and Editing, Design, Hands-On Production, and Business.

"The Midway is an exceptional example of a student-driven and oriented publication," CSPA's judge wrote. "You present topics to amaze, challenge and educate. You exert leadership in all types of coverage, in written presentation and

visual enhancement."

To receive the All American rating, the paper first had to earn a minimum of 2,900 scorebook points—the Midway received 3,575—then at least four of five Marks of Distinction for distinction in specific areas.

The Midway received four of five Marks, for Coverage and Content; Writing and Editing; Photography, Art and Graphics; and Layout and Design. The judge withheld a Mark in Leadership, however, stating, "When writing controversial or emo-

tional stories, look to cover the angle of 'how can the Midway help the situation?' Besides just reporting negativity, can you offer solutions? This is better known as 'civic journalism'. Then you're being proactive, not reactive."

The judge also objected to the word "ass" in a cartoon caption and "bitch" in a quote.

In journalism classes, Midway editors had been discussing the concept of "civic journalism" and its implications before the scorebook arrived.

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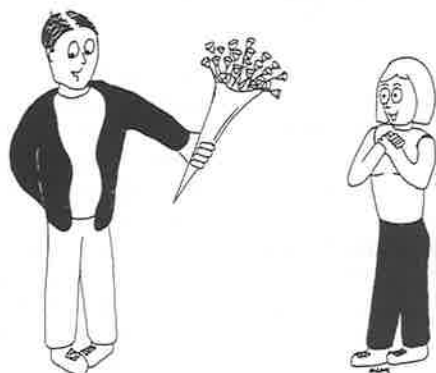
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# GAYS, LESBIANS AND U-HIGH: A REPORT CARD

By Kyla Calvert  
Editor-in-Chief

If any U-Higher were failing four of his or her seven classes, action would be taken swiftly. Parents would be called, teachers met with and tutoring sessions planned.

After grading U-High on a report card which the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in New York City recently used to rate schools nationwide, the Midway found the school is failing four of the seven subjects.

Grading school systems and independent institutions on the basis of how gay and lesbians are protected and supported, GLSEN employed a seven-

## This school would get an interim

subject report card with the following categories:

Protecting students from discrimination; protecting staff from discrimination;

protecting staff and students from harassment; providing staff with workshops and training; providing accurate and age-appropriate information in school libraries; supporting extracurricular student activities and clubs; and offering an accurate and inclusive curriculum.

## Schools rate poorly

Nationally schools averaged a D grade, with most districts scoring Fs and Cs.

"What the average D rating means," Ms. Kate Frankfurt, GLSEN director of advocacy and public policy, told the Midway in a phone interview, "is that most schools are providing hostile environments for gay students."

"When teachers hear students using language that is derogatory to gays and lesbians 97 percent won't stop the kids. This tells students it's okay to use these words. The hostile environments schools

provide is part of the reason there is a 28 percent drop out rate among gay and lesbian high school students."

Seventeen of 25 schools in the Chicago area received Fs. Two ranked high, Oak Park River Forest (OPRF) getting an A and Morgan Park Academy receiving an A-minus.

Both schools have adopted policies protecting bisexual and homosexual students and faculty members. OPRF's policy protecting staff and students is eight years old while MPA's has been in place 12 years.

## School reflects community

OPRF's inclusive environment is a reflection of the community's values, Dr. Frank Danes, associate superintendent, told The Windy City Times, a weekly newspaper for the gay and lesbian community, in the Sept. 25 issue.

"I know that all schools are not in a community like Oak Park," Dr. Danes said. "It's a diverse, liberal community."

In contrast the Lab Schools' surrounding liberal environment is not reflected in the school. U-High filled three of GLSEN's criteria, protecting students and staff from harassment, providing information in the library and supporting extracurricular student activities and clubs.

Though the Student Handbook includes rules against harassment, including harassment on the basis of sexual orientation, there are no rules forbidding discrimination against any group.

"We don't have policies specifically protecting gay students," said Principal Hannah Goldschmidt, "because no one deserves to be harassed or discriminated against, including gay and lesbian students. They shouldn't have to be singled out. I hope the school would be supportive of any student."

## Harassment happens here

Regardless of existing rules against it, students say

harassment does happen at U-High.

"I don't think there's a lot of open harassment here," said Senior Sara Shirrell, copresident of Gayla, the gay and lesbian discussion group with Junior Aroussiak Gabrielian. "But I have been harassed by people saying negative things about bisexuals and homosexuals when they know I can hear them."

Despite unkind comments of some fellow U-Highers, many gay and bisexual U-Highers say they don't feel threatened about coming out here, even if at times they are uncomfortable.

"Being bisexual has never been a problem for me," said Senior Joanna Bauer. "I've never felt threatened being out at school. Sometimes I don't know whether to tell people though, because you never know how someone is going to react. I know some people who are afraid to tell teachers because they think they'll get lower grades. I've thought that from time to time, too."

## Curriculum weakest

The weakest area in schools, GLSEN found, is inclusive curriculum.

"Gays and lesbians have been erased from the world," Ms. Frankfurt said. "There is no evidence for students that they existed or have contributed to society. We hope that antigay biases will decrease if students are aware that gays and lesbians have been part of society for hundreds of years."

U-High has no gay or lesbian course content.

"The curriculum is left up to each department and teacher," Ms. Goldschmidt said. "If a history or English teacher thinks a person's sexual orientation is relevant or it might lead students to a deeper understanding of that person's actions or writing, it's their choice to bring that up."

The library has offered some books on sexual orientation and a graduate started a fund to purchase them, but often the books disappear.

Gayla members hope to educate U-Highers about

gay issues.

"Gayla's main purpose," Sara explained, "is to help people learn being gay or bisexual is not a choice someone makes and regardless of your belief about the moral aspects it's part of who they are and has to be tolerated."

"We're talking about bringing in a speaker to tell about what it was like for her to come out in high school. If people hear how hard it can be maybe they'll begin to feel, or at least act, differently."

## Parents a problem

"One problem we've run into, though, is parents who don't want their children to hear this stuff," Sara added. "It's mostly the parents of underclassmen."

"They pay for their kids come to school here and the parents don't want them learning about something they are uncomfortable with."

"Also, I think a lot of parents are afraid their children will become gay if they learn and talk about sexuality, which is ridiculous."

The issue of parents being reluctant for their children to be exposed to or discuss gay issues, particularly self-identity, poses a particular problem because the suicide rate among gay teenagers is high.

## Three times more likely

According to figures published in the Oct. 15 issue of Outlines, another weekly newspaper for the gay and lesbian community, the suicide rate is 28.1 percent among gay or bisexual males and 20.5 percent among gay or bisexual females while among heterosexual males it is 4.2 percent and among heterosexual females it is 14.5 percent.

The average gay teenager, Ms. Frankfurt, is around three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual counterparts.

Some observers might consider such figures a cause for alarm. But not, evidently, at U-High. Even though the school is in danger of failing,

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## Anything You Want To Be



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## A safe place

# Social group offers

By Alice Blander  
Associate Editor

Grabbing another boy by the wrists and pulling him off a couch, a teen with greased-back hair wearing platforms starts dancing to the salsa music blasting from a stereo in the corner of the room.

Spread thinly through the spacious but cozy room in groups of twos and threes, other teens glance over, smiling as the dancing boys spin each other around.

Meeting Tuesday through Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons in a converted apartment building in a North Side residential area, a social and discussion group sponsored by the community agency Horizons provides a safe place for gay, lesbian and bisexual people aged 14-23 to feel comfortable about their sexuality, according to Youth Group Coordinator Erschel De Leon, a young woman with short dark hair.

"There aren't always serious discussions," Ms. De Leon said. "This place is just somewhere where people can be themselves, even if they aren't 'out' anywhere else. The other night, for instance, we just put on some music and danced."

Today, a cloudy, chilly Thursday, attendance is slim. Other than the two teens dancing, three boys are playing Nintendo excitedly, sitting behind one of the room's five worn couches. A boy seated at a small table in the corner eats soup from a styrofoam container.

Seated by the rainbow-colored banners hanging from the ceiling to the floor on one side of the room, two girls in oversized tee-shirts and jeans try to hold a conversation over the music.

Ms. De Leon stands near the door, waiting to sign people in. On busier nights, she says, there can be up to 40 people at meetings.

"I feel really relaxed when I'm here," a short blonde-haired girl says as she nods her head

# Is coming out 'in' now?

By Seetha Srinivasan  
Associate Editor

With celebrities coming out on T.V. and stories abounding in newspapers and magazines about gay culture, some adults worry teenagers may come to believe it is considered chic to declare oneself gay.

Yet many U-High students and faculty members say if anything students are pressured to label themselves as heterosexual to avoid negative reactions from the community.

"I don't have a sense of there being pressure on students to declare themselves as gay; actually I believe it is quite the opposite," said Counselor Bob Bachand.

"The encouragement is to be straight. But if students aren't really straight and are unsure of their sexual identity, it is more acceptable to be bisexual."

"That way parents believe that there is still a chance for the child to return to being straight. Parents may perceive being bisexual as a half-step for their children."

Bisexual and homosexual are both regarded as abnormal lifestyles by many religious and political groups, most loudly the Christian Coalition. At U-High they may not be generally considered abnormal but they are also not considered chic.

"It is ridiculous to think people are pressured to declare themselves as strictly homosexual or bisexual in this community," said Junior Aroussiak Gabrielian.

"The majority of the population is against anything that is not a normal, girl-boy relationship. Being bisexual does not give one an advantage, for people still view it as an abnormal thing."

For girls, declaring oneself gay might be easier than some people feel.

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**W**hat are your thoughts about celebrities such as k.d. lang, Ellen Degeneres and Elton John publicly declaring their homosexuality?



ever they go.

**DAVID PALMER, senior:** I couldn't care less, but if I was them I would try to avoid coming out because it seems to me that they are taking a chance of being condemned in public and harassed where



like as a person, not just a celebrity.

**ALBERT AKUA-MOAH, junior:** I think it is probably in their best interest to let their fans know who they really are. When they announce their homosexuality then their fans who view the celebrity as a role model get the complete picture of who they are and what they are



sorts of feedback.

**BEN LAUDERDALE, sophomore:** I think that they do it for ratings or sales or whatever. It shouldn't be that big of a deal but they should be prepared for all



okay to be gay.

**LISA EZAKI, freshmen:** I think it's good that celebrities who come out use their popularity for a good cause by showing people it's

## way to widen horizons

to the music.

"Nobody's judging me for being gay, nobody's ostracizing me and they're all going through something similar to what I'm going through.

"It's always a comfortable environment and it's just a lot of fun."

Sinking into a small couch, one of the teens who had been dancing smiles exhaustedly. The other stands behind the people playing Nintendo, watching the screen distractedly.

By the door a boy looks around to make sure no one's looking before darting his hand into a bowl of condoms surrounded by pamphlets on AIDS awareness and sexually transmitted diseases.

Over on the other side of the room, a dark-haired boy sucking on a lollipop who has just arrived is talking with another boy.

"I haven't told my parents or most of my friends yet," the dark-haired boy says, shifting around in his seat.

"My parents would probably kick me out or something and I don't even know whether a lot of my friends would still stay friends with me, you know?"

Brightening up, the dark-haired boy remembers something he wanted to tell the other boy.

"I have the funniest story," he says, taking the lollipop out of his mouth.

"I told this straight friend of mine—who knows I'm gay—that I was going to alternative night at this dance club and she was like, 'Great, can I come along? I love alternative music.' I had to keep hinting to her that it wasn't the music that was alternative."

*Horizons Services is located at 961 West Montana. The youth group meets 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, and noon-2 p.m. Saturdays. Information is available by telephoning (773) 472-6469.*

## Not here, people say

"I think it is more acceptable for girls to come out because there is a greater population of supportive lesbians and female bisexuals at Lab," said Junior Mike Zabel. "Also, guys might feel discouraged to openly declare themselves as gay because they don't have as strong a support. They are placed under greater pressure to hide their sexuality because of a stronger rejection from the community."

Some people do feel society encourages confused adolescents to choose homosexuality as a way of being fashionable.

"To a certain extent, declaring oneself gay has become a fashionable thing to do and so people who are in doubt are encouraged to think they are gay," said a junior boy, who asked to be anonymous. "Because there is an increasing acceptance in society to be gay, if anyone is in doubt they are invited to join the bandwagon."

Perceiving sexual identity as an innate quality,

some people say that who you are is irrelevant to choice or pressure and will not change.

Science has yet to weigh in definitively on the matter. Different studies have come to different conclusions.

But many people who feel simply declaring yourself gay does not mean much believe that many avowed bisexuals are hiding their true sexuality, gay or straight.

"Being gay is not a decision," says Ms. Etelka Lehoczy, features editor of a weekly gay community newspaper, The Windy City Times. "It is something that you develop early on in life and there is no choice. It is simply who you are."

"Teenagers who are gay fear coming out, which is why there is such a high suicide rate among them. Coming to terms with sexuality is a scary moment where teenagers who are gay are frightened of rejection from their friends and parents."

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### Missed opportunity 'Gattaca' has big aspirations but ends up full of air

**S**PLASHING INTO the ocean to begin one of their frequent swimming contests, brothers Vincent (Ethan Hawke) and Anton (Chad Christ) grimly stare at the expansive, grey ocean in front of them. As his arms cut through the choppy waves, Vincent breathes heavily and watches his older brother go past him. A narrator then begins explaining the deep emotional significance of this moment.

Filled with overlaid symbolism and syrupy melodrama, Columbia Pictures' new futuristic drama, "Gattaca," never lives up to its inventive premise, despite the rave

#### Reel Deal



Leigh Goldstein

reviews it's garnered.

Set in the "not-too-distant" future, the film, written and directed by newcomer Andrew Niccol, depicts a world ruined by technology. People are unemotional while discrimination is a fundamental part of society. This era's discriminations are based on genetics, the fact some people ("Valid") are actually born superior to others ("In-Valid"). These inherently premium individuals are born through genetic engineering, while everyone else has to resign themselves to their natural conception.

The film focuses on one of the flawed many. Vincent Freeman dreams of leaving earth and becoming an astronaut. But to get into Gattaca, the top space program, he would have to be the most perfect of

the genetically engineered. Through an underground gene-broker, Vincent meets Jerome (Jude Law), a reclusive, crippled member of the elite. Vincent supports Jerome in exchange for genetic samples that will get him past Gattaca's security. The agreement works perfectly until one of his eyelashes is found in the Gattaca building during a homicide investigation. The person whose eyelash was found, unidentified by the police, is then suspected of the murder.

Visually mesmerizing, the movie portrays a clean yet glamorous society. There is no garbage, loud colors or disorder of any kind. While the furniture is black, sleek and minimalist, a conventional sci-fi look, the costumes curiously harken back to the '50s.

Unfortunately the rest of the movie is nowhere near as creative and intriguing. The plot lacks momentum and tension, quickly becoming tedious. Each scene is overflowing with overstressed images and unendurable dialogue.

As the protagonist, Ethan Hawke is competent, if bland. On the other hand, Jude Law, as Jerome, not only gets the best lines of the mediocre script, but manages to make some dialogue almost witty. He consistently steals scenes from Hawke.

If the best scenes are between Hawke and Law, the worst are the ones with Uma Thurman and Hawke. As Irene, the genetically-engineered love interest of Vincent, Thurman is amazingly beautiful but completely devoid of emotion (even when the character calls for it). Thurman and Hawke have no chemistry and their relationship is left unbelievable and empty.

Considering the amazing possibilities of its fascinating premise, "Gattaca" is a terrible disappointment. The combination of the script and most of the acting have shown that film needs more than a great premise to succeed.



**V**incent (Ethan Hawke) uses someone else's genetic samples to get into an exclusive space program and falls in love with Irene (Uma Thurman) in the sci-fi misfire "Gattaca."

### Midway Mailbox

#### 'No big deal' is a big deal

From Karen Duncan, athletic director:

I REGRET NOT making a comment at the Town Hall Meeting Oct. 15. I simply found myself lost for words: a rare situation for me! But now I am back to normal and have plenty to say again.



Mrs. Duncan

To hear some members of our senior class talk about respect in such a distorted manner disturbed me. I do respect the seniors in our school (along with all other students) and recognize that they are a special group. In fact I feel a certain envy of them: my senior year in high school was certainly on of my best!

We do offer our respect by extending privileges to seniors that include a senior lounge,

for many a more relaxed schedule and countless leadership opportunities in the school which include club presidents and athletic team captains. If a few (and it really is only a few) members of the senior class feel that part of this respect and privilege includes hazing/bullying younger students, they are sorely mistaken.

I cannot believe that the only person at the assembly who used the word "unacceptable" was Sam Kass. What is unacceptable is the behavior on this campus that is being referred to as hazing. Countless students stood up at the assembly (from all grades) and said "it's no big deal".

Well if it is no big deal then why does it continue to happen?

This senior class has so much to offer and look forward to and will forge many lifetime memories this year. I hope that hazing will not be one of the legacies of the class of 1998.



Art by Mike Lebovitz

### Let's have some peace, quiet

**T**oo much noise in the library. Too much ruckus in the cafeteria. That's the cry of both faculty members and students. What this school needs, they say, is some peace and quiet, or at least one place to find it.

The renovation of Rowley Library has proven too successful. U-Highers come to hang out, not just to study and research.

Meanwhile, students seeking quiet flee to the cafeteria where, despite noise, there are plenty of empty tables. Except at lunch. Then that small space is crammed and jammed with chatting students and the lunch line is often the scene of chaos. Teachers on supervision standing outside the line making sure the kiddies are lining up nicely are often oblivious to the riot scene on the line itself, with people barging in front of other people, coming in from the "exit" end and—counting on the chaos to hide what they are dealing—stealing food.

The key to sanity here is all teachers showing up for their cafeteria supervisory duty—a Midway check shows not at all do—and those on duty during lunch hour keeping a close watch on the lunch line.

As for talk about finding ways to attract more U-Highers

to eat in school rather than go out at lunch, it doesn't make much sense when the cafeteria already is a madhouse which can barely accommodate the people already there.

The library presents stickier challenges. The librarians are faithfully on duty at all times trying to create and preserve order. But they are valiantly and vainly battling a too-attractive location and environment.

Perhaps if e-mail and word processing weren't accessible at library computers, U-Highers who come to laugh at chain letters and recreational word-processing, in the process distracting students who want to study, wouldn't be welcome. And perhaps the magazine collection could be made less accessible so hordes aren't tempted to grab their favorite periodical and plop down to read horoscopes or humorous articles out loud to a friend.

After all, some schools don't allow students to enter their libraries without a pass from a teacher and a clearly stated reason for using the facilities. Such drastic measures are not in the style of *this* school. But making the library a bit more of a privilege and a bit less of an easy mark for any funseeking U-Higher might not be a bad idea at all.

### The last word on hazing: Don't

**B**etween advisory discussions, assemblies and Midway stories, U-High has certainly had its share of conversation about hazing. Many aspects of the topic have been overlooked, however, by many people: the danger involved in it and the Handbook rules.

While the question of whether hazing is morally "acceptable" has been raised countless times, the danger associated with it has not been addressed much. The possibility of a freshman being physically hurt because of hazing is not inconsequential.

More importantly, however, the school already has a rule about hazing: A no-tolerance policy stated in the Handbook.

It is important to allow faculty and administrators to

hear students' opinions on the sociology of hazing, as happened in the Oct. 15 Town Hall Assembly. It's no big deal, many seniors said. It's no big deal, a few freshman said, though outside the assembly what many other freshmen said was quite another story.

But the bottom line is, it's dangerous, it's against the rules, case closed.

Responding to issues raised in the assembly, a letter about hazing is being sent home to parents. The letter restates the school's official position on hazing, something students should have been well aware of before the assembly even took place.

No matter how people *feel* about hazing or their experiences with it, legally and morally the school can only condemn it.

### 'Other' missing from 'Another'

**I**n any science experiment, basic procedure indicates the necessity of a manipulative variable so that the hypothesis can be tested for different situations.

The Another Perspective program Oct. 8, designed to encourage U-Highers to share ideas on diversity, turned out well-organized and appreciated with one small flaw. The manipulative variable seemed to be missing. U-Highers were talking to U-Highers, as they do every day. For students to see different perspectives on issues, an effective addition to the program would have been representatives from outside the U-High student community. That could have included other people in the school.

Some U-Highers found it ironic to be having discussions about issues which they at most have had 18 years of experience with while a knowledgeable adult sitting in the corner gazed on mute, bound to silence.

Similarly disturbing for some students, including those

discussing cultural identity, was going for their midpoint snack and buying their cookie from the Latino cafeteria workers and suddenly realizing they might offer a perspective on diversity from a much different angle that certainly could have brought to any program "Another Perspective."

In many cases, U-Highers have been at the Lab Schools since they were kindergartners. Most U-Highers can make an educated guess about what other U-Highers' views are on a given issue. So devoting three class periods to hearing each other yet once again may in the end have proven more of the same old perspective.

"Another Perspective" was effective in many areas. It well thought out, well organized and a generally worthwhile and commendable idea.

But the conference fell short in one area. It shut out those other perspectives.



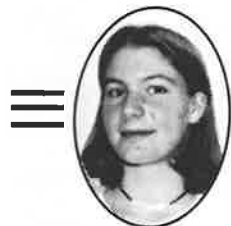
# Idea for U-High Mascot plenty woolly

## MAMMOTH MOMENT

I'VE BEEN inspired. I was recently told that U-High is getting a mascot, a woolly mammoth. Well, I was so excited about it that of course I wanted to help.

So I thought I'd write a woolly mammoth theme song. To start it, I sat at my desk and came up with a list of mammoth characteristics.

### As I Please



Rachel Shapiro

Let's see, they're big.... fat.... ugly.... smelly.... dumb.... and extinct. Hmm... those are some good parallels to U-High.

The fact is that a mammoth really doesn't represent U-High.

I was talking to some of the mascot conceivers and they told me that the only reason the woolly mammoth was picked was because it started with the letter M.

You know, Maroons starts with M, too. The other thing is that a mammoth has no motivational qualities.

One thing that you can say about mascots such as Romans and Colonels is that they are fast and aggressive, bringing a competitive edge to the school. Mammoths are just big and dumb.

So if U-Highers are mammoths, the only good quality that we have is that we take up a lot of space.

More than that, the inventors of this mascot haven't decided what exactly we are using it for.

Let's just hope they don't decide to put a mammoth on the front of our uniforms. We'd get laughed off the field.

The only good thing I can think of about having a mammoth mascot is to have a mascot costume. I admit that it might be kind of amusing to see a big dumb animal roaming the floors. And maybe, just maybe, it would increase attendance to the first couple games it appeared.

But all I can picture this mammoth looking like is a minisized version of Mr. Snuffalupagus.

Well, I guess if he needed a friend we could make a Big Bird mascot too.

## Oasis comes up dry on third album try

ACCLAIMED FOR its refreshing carefree melodies in its first two albums, the British alternative band Oasis reveals a serious, introspective side in its third album, "Be Here Now."

Candid about life's hard knocks, "Be Here Now" ranges from the saucy in-your-face lyrics of hit single "D'You Know What I Mean" to the mournful melody "Don't Go Away."

While cleverly-written the songs' depressing I-Hate-My-Life subject matter becomes repetitive and boring. Ending with the unexpectedly peppy "All Around the World," which sticks out awkwardly from the rest of the album.

### Listen Up!



Nicole Saffold

Formed in 1992 by Lead Singer Liam Gallagher, Guitarist Paul McGulgan, Drummer Tony McCarrol and Songwriter Noel Gallagher, the band's

first two albums "Definitely Maybe" and "What's the Story Morning Glory" ranked in Billboard's top 20 selling albums, made them widely popular in the United States and Great Britain.

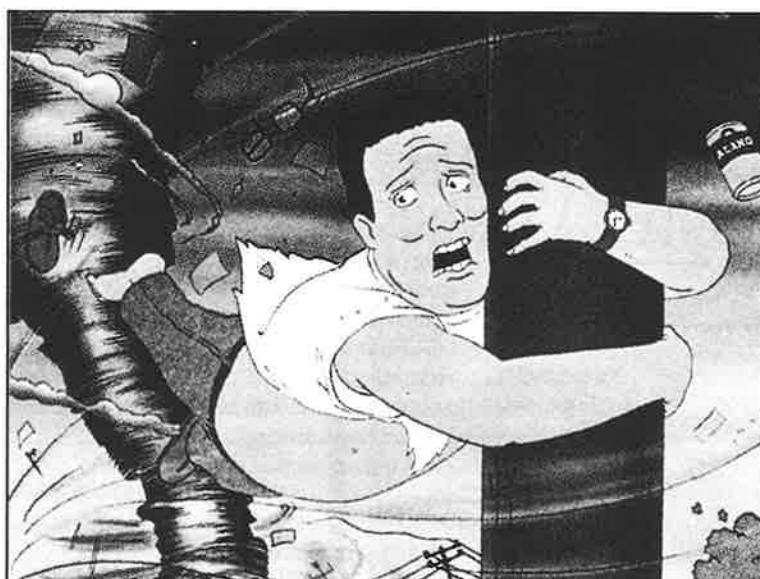
Oasis's change from carefree to serious marks what Singer-Songwriter Noel Gallagher says is a shift from style similar to that of their idols the Beatles to one more like the Rolling Stones.

For a group initially famous for what Rolling Stone Magazine characterized as "an optimistic outlook which serves as a breath of fresh air in the generally melancholy tone of British alternative groups," its change in style transforms Oasis into just another alternative group complaining that life sucks. Taken alone, the songs on "Be Here Now" are well written accounting for the fact "D'You Know What I Mean" reached second spot on the best-seller chart.

But melancholy moaning gets tired quickly and nice tunes can only go so far. After awhile, the album becomes oppressively monotonous, its songs begin to sound the same and they drag on too long.

Finally, if they are going to change style, the members of Oasis should stick to their guns, instead the album ends with "All Around the World (Reprise)" whose chorus is "Please don't cry, never say die."

Which one is it guys?



TEXAN DAD and propane worker Hank Hill of Fox T.V.'s "King of the Hill," considers himself an average guy. Weary of a liberal world, he longs for the world of his youth.

## Kings of entertainment

### Cartoonists craft quality T.V.

Consistently clever, amusing and original some of the most popular T.V. shows are prime-time cartoons. Crafty animators are presenting characters with lives so engrossing that one almost forgets they're not real. That's more than can be said for many live action programs this season.

From "Beavis and Butthead" creator Mike Judge and "The Simpsons" ex-writer Greg Daniels, "King of the Hill" (7:30-8 p.m., Sunday, WFLD-TV, channel 32) combines the best elements of these shows: subtly clever writing and lovably foolish characters.

Centered on Hank Hill, a close replica of a recurring character on "Beavis and Butthead," and his family, the writers poke fun at small town Texan attitudes without being cruel.

While on the surface they seem like stereotypes, dim-witted and prejudiced, they exhibit more complexity than average sitcom characters. Hank's relationship with his rotund son Bobby, for example, is endearing in its awkwardness.

Particularly amusing are Hank's three best friends. Dense and militant, they show up at Hank's house periodically with antipolitically correct rantings ("Guns don't kill people, the government kills people" one touts) pertaining to the episode's theme.

Another "Beavis and Butthead" spinoff, "Daria"

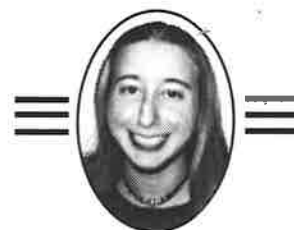
(9:30-10 p.m., Monday, MTV) offers yet more entertaining and intelligently-scripted animated programming.

The show focuses on teenaged Daria Morgendorffer, the thoughtful outcast Beavis and Butthead ridiculed. As our expressionless protagonist glares through thick-rimmed glasses at her fellow suburbanites, she seems stuck in an eerie parallel universe. Her self absorbed community of insane teachers, inane peers and clueless parents mystify Daria in their thoughtlessness.

Daria's sarcastic and monotone comments of and conversations with her friends and family are often hilarious.

Cartoons are not just for Saturday morning sugarcorned cereal fests anymore. The few but strong animated series aimed at an adult audience are definitely worthwhile.

### Tube Tales



Elissa Blackstone

## Talkin' to U

### What would you do about the noise in the library?

**DINA MOSKOWITZ, senior:** The librarians would be less picky. they would let people work together if the students wanted to. It makes things more hectic when the librarians get mad.

**CARIA GOUGE, junior:** I would add more comfy chairs. Then there would be more noise. What was the question again?

**VEN MOTHKUR, sophomore:** I would have Ms. Khalidi get rid of some of the people.

**BECKY MURRAY, freshman:** I would add more conference rooms. I would also change the desk arrangement so people would be less tempted to talk.



Dina



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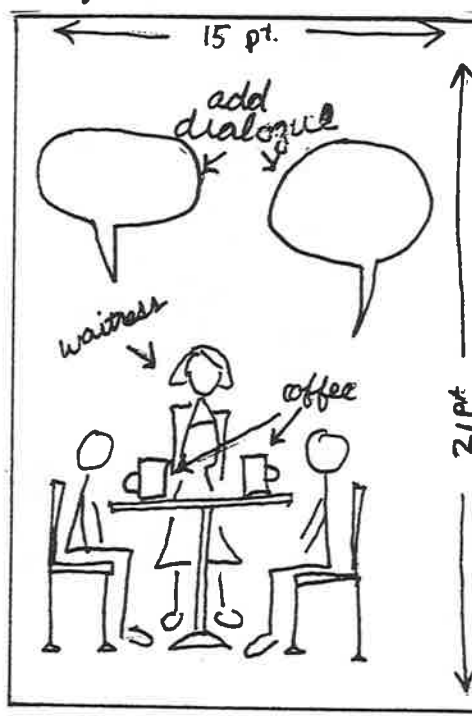


Caria



Becky

## The Camel's Back.....by Mike Lebovitz



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# With work, fall squads turn in winning seasons

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Sports Editors

Bolstered by strong underclassmen, fall sports teams have turned in winning seasons.

Rarely facing two meets in the same week, varsity girl swimmers used extra practice to their advantage in their 8-2 season.

Breaking the 400-yard freestyle relay record, the team of Seniors Hannah Gottschall and Christina Cantwell, Junior Kathleen Hahn (see photo) and Sophomore Hannah Levine set new time of 3:57.92, Oct. 9, at home against Maria.

In a highly-anticipated trimeet Oct. 6 against Kenwood at Whitney Young, victory came down to the final race.

"It was close and we were in 1st place," Hannah said. "It was up to us. We beat them by a lot and won the meet. It was a great meet considering most people thought we couldn't beat either of them."

Using juniors' three years of experience to guide them, the 6-2 j.v. hopes to join in achieving victory in a one-level meet tomorrow at home against Evergreen Park.

## State in Sight

Rearranging of the cross country Section and addition of strong teams such as Winnebago and Wheaton St. Francis, did not slow down the Maroons as they plowed over their Regional competition. Winning the Region and placing four of the top 10 runners, led by Sophomore Anna Bloom, 1st, the next stop for U-High is Sectionals and then, hopefully, State.

"State is within our reach," Anna said. "We have a good team and could send everyone to but we'll all have to work very hard."

Watching at the finish line, Coach Bud James grinned as seven of the top 13 runners Oct. 16 at the Latin Invitational were Maroons. Led by Junior Leah Drew, 3rd, the U-Highers finished 1st of eight teams.

Boy runners were led by Juniors Brad Anderson and Toru Mino to 4th place in the same meet, the last warmup before Regionals.

"I'm hoping the whole team makes it to Sectionals," Coach James said. "If the team doesn't make it, I believe Sophomore Sandy Craig shouldn't have any problems making it to State."

## Freshman State-bound

Freshman Adrienne Clark was U-high's only player making it past Semifinals Oct. 18 at the Morton West Sectional. But Adrienne lost in the second round to Julie Penn of Wheaton-Warrenville South, 6-1, 6-1, Oct. 24 at Prospect High School.

"We came close to sending everyone to State," said Junior Lizzi Heydemann, varsity second singles. "Even though Adrienne was the only player to make it past Semifinals, we still improved a lot this year."

Beating Latin for the first time in a decade Sept. 30 at Latin, the Maroons weren't surprised.

"It's not a shock we beat them. Latin was not as skilled as last year" said Senior Silpa Katta, varsity second doubles. "Regardless of skill, we played one of our best matches of the year."

## Packing the place

Finishing 2nd to Latin for the third time in four years, 10-14, (9-4 league), varsity volleyballers thrived on strong communication and big league victories.

Beating Lake Forest, Oct. 20 at home and Woodlands, Oct. 8 at home, the Maroons were assured second place.

"They were strong teams and big wins," said Senior Ariel Gibbons, cocaptain with Senior Mai Lynn Grajewski. "When we beat Woodlands, who we were supposed to lose to, that gave our team a great lift and I think it got us going."

Also giving the team a big lift, participating in a state contest called "Pack the Place," the Maroons were able to fill the gym Oct. 3 and become cowinners in the contest.

Finishing strong, the 10-7 (6-6 league) j.v. volleyballers broke the early season goal of finishing above .500. With strong net play by Junior Heather Brown and Sophomore Tai Duncan, Maroons won by dominating the front court.

## Destiny detours

With destiny in their hands, varsity soccermen, 13-5-1 overall, 9-3 league, lost their chance at the League title with a 2-1 loss to Latin, Oct. 17, home.

Early in the first half, the Romans cleared a ball to the Maroons' goal. Hearing the scream of "off-sides," Senior Justin Slaughter, goalkeeper, thought the play was over as Senior Mike Shiff scored for the Romans to give them a 1-0 lead.

Even with a second half goal by Junior Andy Rosenband, the Maroons couldn't overcome the Romans as a late second half goal by Junior Johannes Maliza guaranteed them the league title.

"We could have won it all with that victory," said Senior Nick Aulston. "But we just couldn't score and made two costly mistakes."

For the second year in a row, the j.v. soccer team allowed no goals on the way to an undefeated season in the league, 9-0-1.

Results of games not previously covered, U-High score first followed by opponents', varsity games first followed by j.v. in parentheses, are as follows:

**GIRLS' SWIMMING**—Evergreen Park Invitational, Oct. 4 away: 2nd of 14; Maria, Oct. 9 home: 57-37 (64-24); Morton, Oct. 15 away: 105-75 (90-68); Nazareth, Oct. 23 home: 65-29 (63-30).

**CROSS COUNTRY**—Lisle Invitational, Oct. 4 away: Girls 6th of 30, boys no score; ISL Conference Meet, Oct. 9 home: Girls 1st of 6, boys 3rd of 6; Latin Invitational, Oct. 16 away: girls 1st of 8, boys 4th of 8; Regional, Oct. 25, away: Boys, 7th of 10, girls 1st of 10.

**GIRLS' TENNIS**—ISL Conference, Oct. 3-4, away: tied for 4th; Elgin, Oct. 6 home: 4-1; Maria, Oct. 8 away: 5-0; Sectionals, Oct. 18 away: 3rd.

**VOLLEYBALL**—Morgan Park Academy (MPA), Sept. 29 away: 15-9, 15-5 (6-15, 15-9, 4-15); Willows, Oct. 3 home: 7-15, 15-11, 11-15 (15-7, 15-1); Luther North, Oct. 7 home: 15-7, 7-15, 7-15 (15-11, 15-13); Woodlands, Oct. 8 home: 14-16, 15-12, 15-12 (15-13, 8-15, 15-10); North Shore Country Day School, Oct. 9 away: 15-6, 15-11 (15-13, 7-15, 15-7); Lake Forest Academy, Oct. 20 home: 15-9, 15-6 (12-15, 15-7, 15-10); MPA, Oct. 21 home: 15-1, 15-7 (12-15, 12-15); Holy Trinity, Oct. 22 home: 3-15, 7-15 (15-5, 15-17, 15-6); Latin, Oct. 24 away: 2-15, 5-15 (7-15, 10-15).

**BOYS' SOCCER**—Parker, Oct. 7 home: 0-1; Elgin, Oct. 9 away: 6-2 (4-0); Latin, Oct. 17 home: 1-2 (2-0); MPA, j.v. only, Oct. 20: (5-0); MPA, varsity only, Oct. 21, away: 4-2; North Shore Country Day School, Oct. 22, home: 1-0

**"We could've won it all but we couldn't score and made two costly mistakes"**

—Nick Aulston, senior

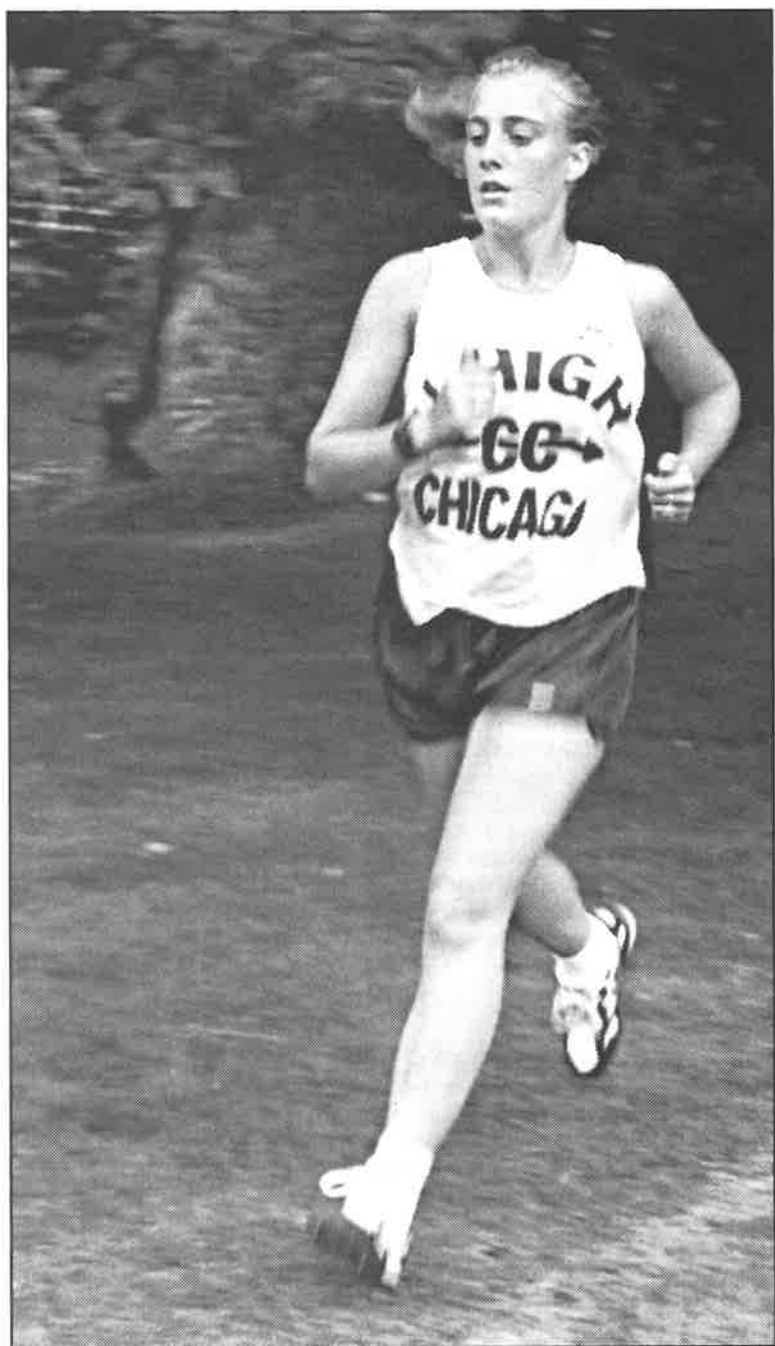


Photo by Sarah Geis

In a meet where seven of the top 13 runners were Maroons, Katey Schein heads towards the finish line as U-High takes 1st place at the Latin Invitational Oct. 16.

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(4-0); Elgin, Oct. 23, home: 3-0 (4-0).

Events remaining on fall team schedules follow:

**GIRLS' SWIMMING**—Latin/R-B, 4:30 p.m., Friday Oct. 31, away; Evergreen Park, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 5, home; Sectional, Saturday, Nov. 15, away; State, Saturday, Nov. 22, away.

**CROSS COUNTRY**—Sectional, Saturday, Nov. 1, away;

State, Saturday, Nov. 8, away.

**VOLLEYBALL**—Regionals, Tuesday, Oct. 28, away; Sectionals, Tuesday, Nov. 4, away; Super Sectional, Saturday, Nov. 8, away; State, Saturday, Nov. 15, away.

**BOYS' SOCCER**—Regionals: MPA, Monday, Oct. 28, away; Sectionals, Friday, Oct. 31, away; State, Saturday, Nov. 8, away.

# Still in love with soccer

*For Andy Rosenband, the game remains the thing*

By Johannes Beeby  
Sports Editor

Two years after being named Independent School League (ISL) Soccer Player of the Year as a freshman, Junior Andy Rosenband

still is pursuing the game with extraordinary focus, unending energy and a thirst to win.

First introduced to soccer when he was six, Andy recalls his first game with a smile.

"It was at a camp on the East Coast and I had so much fun playing," Andy said. "Ever since I have always wanted to play soccer."

Though modestly sized at 5 feet, 7 inches, Andy can rely on strong legs to sprint past opposing defenders.

## No disadvantage

"I don't feel any disadvantage," Andy said. "My skill makes up for the loss in size."

Hustling from his black Jeep Wrangler to his position on the field for practice on a recent day, Andy says he is always thinking about his game.

"I know I could have beaten those defenders but I'm just not doing it," Andy reflected about the 1-0 win Oct. 22 over North Shore. "I am going to have to fix that before the playoffs start."

## Neverending season

After the Maroons' soccer season ends, Andy is still working on his game near his Hammond, Indiana, home.

"During the spring and summer

I play for a team in Indiana called the Fort Wayne Citadel," Andy explained, moving about to keep warm on the practice field.

"Not only does it help me keep focused year round, but I can keep improving on my skills."

## Giving his all

With family and fans cheering him on at every game, Andy likes to give it his all for the crowd.

"My Dad usually videotapes all the games so I can show them to colleges," Andy gasped while chatting with a visitor on the Midway after an intense practice.

"It is also helpful to see where things go wrong during the games."

Already being scouted by colleges, Andy has given thought to where he wants to go.

"Indiana University and Earlham University are two of the top soccer schools and have showed some interest," he said, trying not to show his excitement.

"Personally I'd rather go to a school on the East Coast because the soccer atmosphere and education is much better."

## A lifetime of soccer?

Making the All-State team this year and the All-Section Team three years in a row, Andy hopes to pursue soccer after high school and college.

"Being ISL Player of the Year as a freshman and part of the state team this year, I feel that maybe I can go somewhere with soccer," he said with pride.

"Who knows? Maybe someday I can play in major league soccer."



Photo by Jeff Hanauer

One of numerous varsity swim record-breakers, Kathleen Hahn help beat the 400-yard freestyle time.

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Photo by Jeff Hanauer

**SOCCER STAR ANDY ROSEN BAND**  
A thirst to win



# Sunny Gym as it could shine? Stay tuned for details!



Ever since this drawing of an addition to Sunny Gym appeared on the school's annual report last month, the community has been itching for the details. Well, we'll all have to wait. A campaign to finance the new building and renovate the nearly-70-year-old Sunny, will be announced formally next month. Designed by Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay, who

designed the Middle School, the new building would extend south toward 59th street, with the playground area being moved to ground currently occupied by tennis courts.

One improvement already is in place. An electric curtain which drops from the ceiling to divide Upper Sunny has been installed, replacing the old dividing doors, which tended to stick.

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## Honestly!

*Sometimes the truth hurts but helps, too*

The school makes noise about its rules and enforcing them. But when it comes time to speak about enforcing them, not a voice is to be heard.

They say truth is stranger than fiction but sometimes at U-High, it's hard to tell the difference.

For example, about a month ago, two athletes were suspended from their respective teams for being reported as drinking at parties in late August, as reported by two adults. Which is a violation of the athletic policy which states: "Any athlete involved with tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs... will be suspended from their teams."

After being called into Athletic Director Karen Duncan's office and talking to both Ms. Duncan and their respective coaches, both of the athletes confirmed they had been drinking and were suspended for a week, which meant they were not allowed to practice with the team or play in any games.

That's the facts. But finding them out took a lot of time, especially for the Midway.

Two faculty members advised the Midway not to report the incidents at all. But since one suggested the paper state the athletes had "violated the ath-

letic code" as opposed to saying "they had been caught drinking."

The problem with stating there's a policy then hiding from the fact it's enforced is that people don't take it seriously.

As it is now, not many people know there were even suspensions, fewer know what actually happened and even fewer know what the punishments were. Mostly people heard rumors. But with rumors, it's hard to tell truth from fiction. If the school wants people to take the Athletic Code seriously, people need to know what happened and that there were punishments.

That's called being honest. And as we all know, honesty is the best policy.

**Skee**



*Nate Whalen*

## Fall sports banquet to feature buffet, U-High video

A catered buffet dinner will replace the potluck of recent years at the Fall Sports Banquet, 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4 in the Cafeteria. Tickets will be available from Athletic Director Karen Duncan until Nov. 25 for \$8. The evening will include a video of fall sports teams

shot by Mrs. Duncan.

"I plan to hopefully get a hold of some big screen televisions to present the video on," she said.

Coaches Awards and other honors will be revealed after the buffet. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. followed by awards.

## Far above par

*Golfers land in top 10 at State Regional Tourney*

Finishing 10th of 25 teams at the Illinois Regional Golf Tournament Oct. 12 at Elks Country Club in Kankakee, the Golf Club hopes to become a Golf Team.

"We all played well at Regionals individually," said Senior Michael Hoy, Club member. "Most of the teams had eight members while we only had six, which affected our placing overall."

"Even though we're not considered a team, we dress like a team and play like a team. We hope golf will eventually be recognized as a team at Lab and we're happy to be the pioneers of bringing golf into this school."

Regardless of the group's official standing, members are happy just to be playing.

"I'm proud of the golf club," said Junior David Katz, "because one year ago, we were nonexistent and now we are an established club that competes and practices."

The Golf Club plans to practice at the South Shore Country Club when the weather gets warmer again.

"In the meantime we'll just have to practice our mental game," Michael said. "Most people don't consider how large a role the mind plays in golf."

## Club sails north for Wolverine Invitational

Placing 6th of 11 teams Oct. 25-26 in the Wolverine Invitational at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the eight members of the Sailing Club enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from outside of the Chicago area.

"It was exciting to compete with different kinds of people at the Wolverine Invitational," said Sophomore Josh Jackson. "It really goes beyond the competitions of team sports in the school because we get to go to another state and meet a wider range of people."

Besides out-of-state competitions, the Sailing Club will compete against high school teams Nov. 27 at the Columbia Yacht Club.

## Unpredictable



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Modeling a handsome goose down jacket, Freshman Ayinde Bennett knows the jacket he's trying on will last through Chicago's harsh winters.

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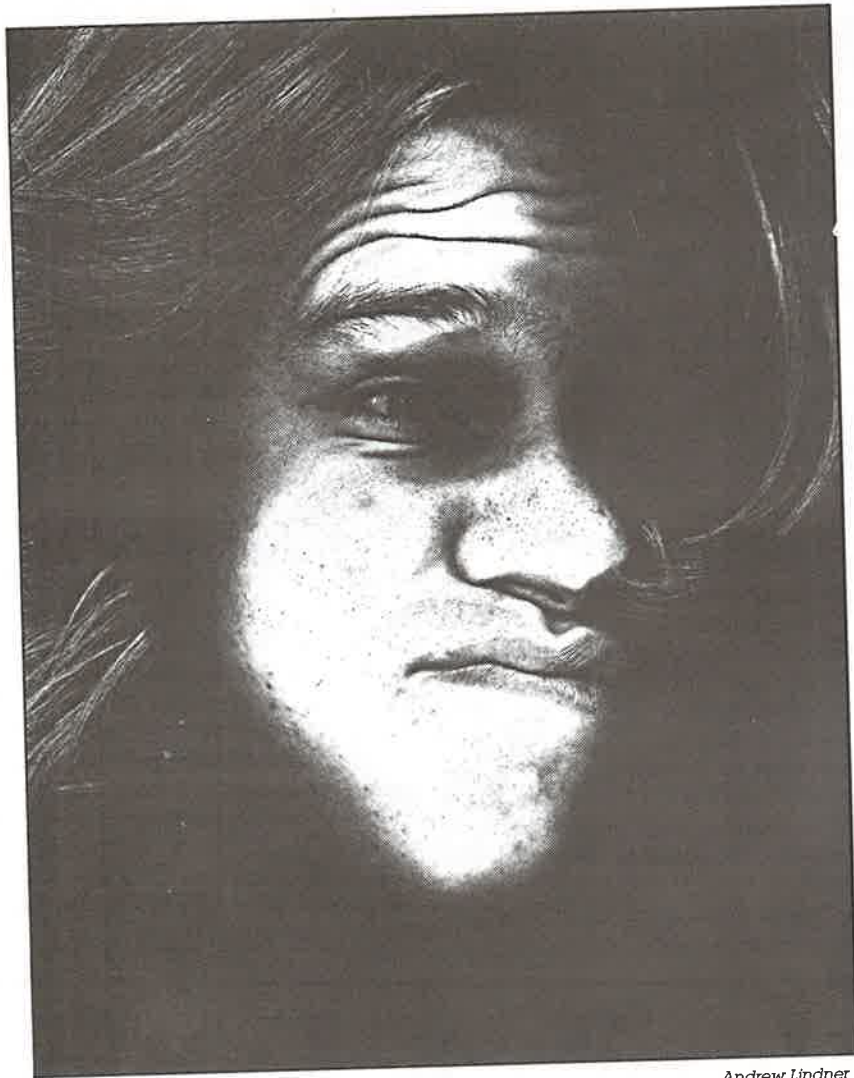
Strolling in out of the cold, Sophomore Jessica Lawson and Junior Wendy Goodall search for the right clothing to keep them warm. Looks like they found something, too—

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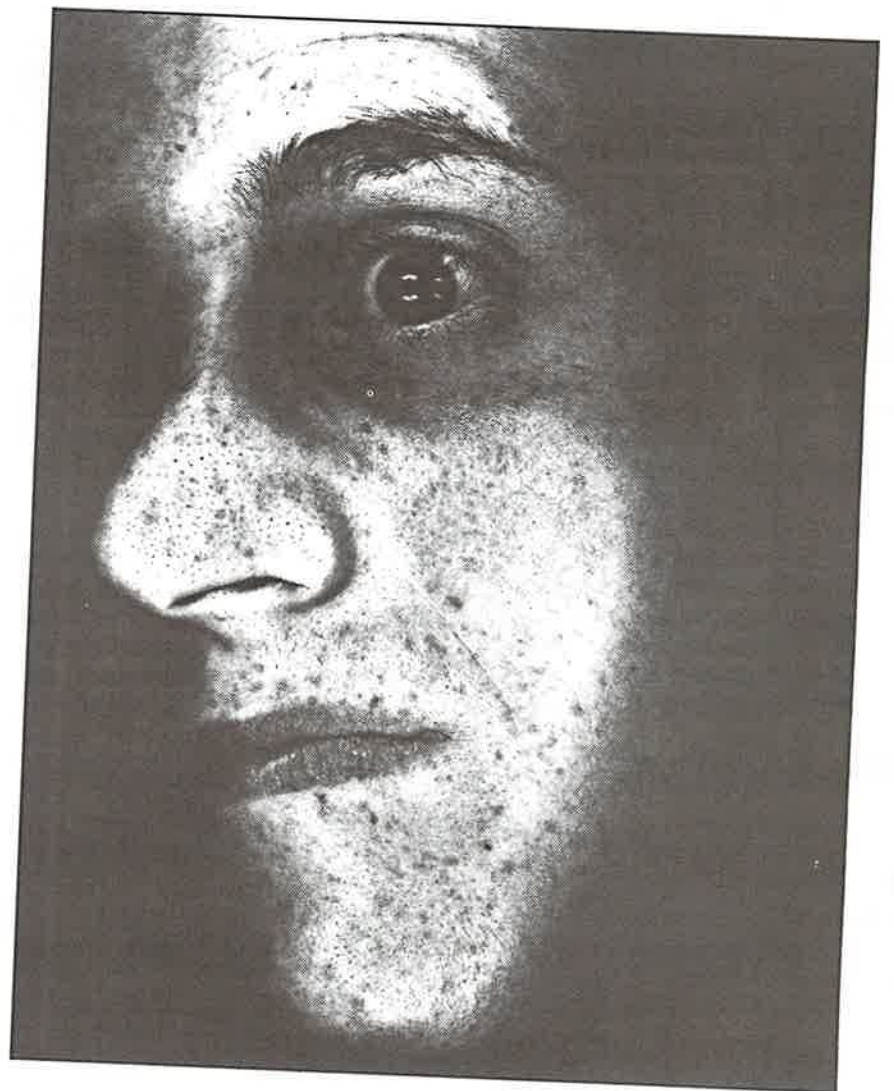


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