You get pulled over in your car by the police and you realize it was not for doing something wrong. You are walking down the street holding a bottle of water and the police are staring at you as you walk by. This is the worst type of situation because you are innocent but you are still being stopped and searched.

"That's for all black Chicagoans, a daily reality even their closest white friends may not be aware of because it can be so subtle."

-- Tina Zarzour

"There are theories of racism," said Senior Kaero Baptiste. "I don't think racism is a white woman's problem. I don't think racism is the worst type because there is nothing you can do about it."" Many black U-High boys feel they have been subjected to undocumented racism through their constant treatment.

"One night coming home with Kovie Ebi (97) graduate from Indiana, I noticed a man car following us about three blocks from home," Tina Zarzour explained. "Korie went out to a couple of houses nearby and backed up a little house to my house. When I got out of the car a bright light was shined in my face and two white men wearing bulletproof vests ran towards me screaming. ‘Now you've pissed us off.’ They never identified who they were.

"It was the scariest moment in my life when they surrounded me and asked me about seven questions. 10 seconds, to try to mess me up. Like, ‘what's your name, where do you live, how old are you, what are you doing?’ My only comfort was that it was in front of my house. I asked them what we were doing and they said we were meeting forwards and backwards rapidly in the street.

"As this point my dad came out of the house and because he used to be a D.A. one of the most important things he had on record was he knew the police and I knew how their roles for pulling over was B.S. They said to my Dad, ‘We understand they’re good kids.’ Most would not be so lucky to have someone to protect them.

A Chicago Police Department public relations representative told the midday department policy prohibits interviews with students.

"Students want nicer lounge, faculty wants a lounge"

By Delisa Gates

"Huddled around a table, sprawled out on couches or even resting on a hammerock, seniors enjoy their lounge. And though it's a place to relax, a place to spend free time, it may not be a place they want to get too.

The lounge is too dark, say seniors, who last month petitioned Principal Hannah Goldschmidt to bring couches from the lounge into the hallway outside the Guidance Office.

"We brought up the seniors’ petition at last month’s faculty meeting,” Ms. Goldschmidt told the Midday. “It was wanted to be taken very seriously as seriously as the senior took it. Some teachers mentioned that the seniors are lucky to have a lounge. Then faculty began discussing the general disregard of some areas in the school.

Administrations say installing newly purchased lighting in the senior lounge could cost upwards of $2,000 and would require budgeting for next year. With $200 still in the lounge budget this year, administration pointed out, senior could supply some lighting now.

“We’re weary of buying lamps,” Responded Senior Class President Erica Aronson, “because one student brought an armchair clock to the lounge and it was not working. But we don’t want to invest all our money just to have the lamps broken or taken.”

Cramped in a corner outside the faculty smoking lounge, the seniors lounge is dirty, say students, because last year’s class missed the cleaning.

"We don’t want the space so the college has to pay a security guard and we then use space in Judd Hall, which isn’t part of Lab.” It’s great public relations for the school to have the college meet here but we don’t have space so the college has to pay a security guard and we then use space in Judd Hall, which isn’t part of Lab.”

But that she could say all police officers receive sensitivity training. She said she would send the Midday information about the sensitivity program but nothing was ever received.

"Black U-Highers say they find their experiences so painful they can not freely talk about them to white friends, much less publicly. Some who initially agreed to writing a letter to the principal were scared of submitting an article to a daily newspaper.

"People who don’t know or understand what it’s like to be black might take what I say the wrong way,” Kario Baptiste explained. "They might think I’m a racist. I still need to get college recommendations from teachers and have to go to school here until I graduate. I don’t want teachers and students to be afraid of me or to avoid me in the halls because they don’t know what I say.

"I don’t want to be a lab out, having people to feel sorry for me, constantly coming up to me saying, ‘Oh I read what you said in the Midday. Does this really happen? I feel so bad. Is there any way I can help you?’ White people within the school might just take it as the wrong way and I don’t want to suffer for it. I don’t want my brother who’s a freshman to suffer for it. It’s like coming out and saying you’re gay and dealing with the consequences.

"Many black students say they would feel more comfortable at school if the faculty had more black members to provide role models, friends or just someone to talk to. The school has experienced difficulty attracting qualified black faculty members because many of them have personally experienced or teaching in primarily black schools in disadvantaged areas where they feel they are not needed.

"Faculty members also need a role model for more black teachers."

"I ask why do we only have four black males in the freshmen class and why we only have one part-time black male teacher in the High School?” said Phyllis J. Teacher Ronald Prestley. "I can’t have a hang-up on a black or white thing, but I feel we need better teacher representation for black males and females, as well as Asians and Latinos, to provide role models for students. Students here are sophisticated in a way that hopefully by the time their children and my children grow up racism will be gone.

"Honest dialogue about such issues is essential to eliminating prejudice, points out Learning Consultant Frances Moore-Bond, Black Students Association advisor.

"Young people are better bickering than adults and need to stop being tumtum and get more involved,” Ms. Moore-Bond said. "Our day’s racism is different because people are smarter about it and it’s more covert. I don’t have the solution to this problem but I know that we all need to get involved in order to solve it. The cycle continues if it is not broken.”

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SLIPPERs and flannel's, the bed-time fashions proved amusing. Lonnie Hubbard (center) won 150 in the Best Pajama Bird slipper contest. 

Rob with his hair decked up with white hair-curlers, Michael Gefffrard took second. 

as follows: Alexis Mitchell, Faith Baxter, (Lonnie), Emilie Varlet and Kelly Williams. 

S.C. invites other govt reps to brainstorm

Condom proposal among table topics

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Student government representatives from Francis Parker, Latin and Morgan Park Academy have been invited to lunch organized by Student Council (S.C.) President Randy Sawyer, Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Medici. Randy plans a discussion on how to increase student governments and ways to increase student involvement.

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to activities. Randy also plans to see if any of the other schools have tried condom distribution because he wants to understand how they have handled the issue.

The S.C. Executive Committee feels condom distribution is an issue that should be addressed by student government because of suggestions from many students, but mostly sophomores, this year, Randy explained. "We want to continue where previous Councils have left off and reach a proposal suitable to parents, faculty and administrators. We hope to do this by gathering input from parents and faculty as well as new ideas through the luncheon. We are not sure what we want to propose yet but we hope the luncheon will give us some ideas."

U-Highers tell Randy they want to practice safe sex but feel uncomfortable buying condoms. In 1994 a S.C. proposal to allow the name to distribute condoms was rejected by administrators after parents complained that the proposal did not include safe sex and abstinence education.

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Journey traces history
Civil War trip uncovers past

Cruising through hills covered by red and orange leaves, we made our way into the land where the Civil War is still not over. In a school van, with History Teacher Paul Horton driving, seven students from the Civil War class took a three-day, 1,300 mile trip south on Interstate 57 into Kentucky and Tennessee to visit famous battle sites and frontier landmarks.

"Because the SAT's and theater production were the same weekend," said Mr. Horton. "I was a lot smaller group than in previous years. It was easier for me because I knew where everybody was all of the time."

Spending our first night in a two-story, 500 room American Best Inn in Paducah, Kentucky, we were able to run the mall and other outlet stores, which were also a bit of a hit. "It was a weird little town, especially since it was Halloween," Senior Forest Himmelhuber said. "Teenagers in town were either cruising around in their cars or in costume, trick-or-treating."

Waking up the next morning, we ventured downtown to the museum. With the opening of deer season, the country side was filled with hunters in pickup trucks as we drove to our first stop at the Moonshiner Museum. Rushing inside out of the rain, we took 30 minutes to look around and learn how they made the alcoholic drink from the "Golden Pond" wade in the museum.

Protected from the increasing rainstorms, we drove a half-hour to a working farm called the Homemade, dating back to 1890. After watching a five-minute movie, we walked out into the farm. Luckily the rain had stopped.

"It was really interesting seeing the people in authentic costume, actually doing their chores," Foremski said. "They were cooking dinner, building a fire for the night and tending to the cows and horses."

With a 15 minute drive to Fort Donelson, Teen, I became curious to see where over 100 years ago, men and kids younger than I had died fighting for their personal beliefs.

We toured the museum, seeing the old flags, guns and even a doctor's kit, that consisted of tools that looked more fit for a dentist.

We then moved into a small room where we watched a 10 minute movie on the battle of Fort Donelson. Before leaving to drive around the three square mile area that the fort occupied, we bought a self-guide to the battle field on cassette.

Standing next to the huge cannons that looked down on the Cumberland River, I imagined how terrifying it must have been to fight there.

"When I first heard of the fort, I pictured a small stone fort with only a few cannons," said Senior Vanessa Belosko. "I was surprised to find out it was a fort constructed out of 10 feet tall mounds of Score not mentioned in any area of three miles."

Becoming hungry for some down-home Southern cooking, Mr. Horton took us to a special barbecue place called Rick's Barbecue, where he promised before we ordered my first round of the meal with a bowl of soup, specialty, called cheese dip.

Noticing the ominous line of storms following us, we hurried over to our last stop of the day, the Lousiana, Union, a Shaker village in Bowling Green, Kentucky. On the way we stopped briefly at the Jefferson Davis Memorial. To my surprise it looked like an exact replica of the Washington Monument.

Arriving to the Union at just as it got dark out, we hustled to the warm of the main house of the village to escape the cold of the night.

"We didn't know much about the Shakers when we got there, we found out they did believe in having children and segregated men and women," Forest said. "The only way they got men was by adopting children and recruiting adults."

That night we stayed up in our Parfait Inn room watching the thrilling movie, "Conspiracy Theory." The next morning we woke up to another cloudy day. At breakfast at the inn, we drove two hours to Perryville Battlefield. To our dismay the museum was closed, but we were able to get a self-guide brochure.

"As we walked from each site, we read what specifically happened there," Vanessa said. "You were actually able to look over the whole battlefield and picture what had happened."

Midway wins multicultural award

A national multicultural festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently. A multicultural arts festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently. A multicultural arts festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently. A multicultural arts festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently. A multicultural arts festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently. A multicultural arts festival in celebration of ethnic heritage and diversity was held at the Midway University recently.

Airplanes fly, teams soar
Science, Math, Chess Teams rack up wins, awards

Paper airplanes flew and around plastic hula hoops as eager U-Highers watched in hopes of winning the "Mocha Truck Award" or other honors offered by the Science Team as a paper airplane contest organized to encourage students to join the team Nov. 17-21.

More members, explained Junior Matt Ely, members, who will strengthen the team for the Regional Worldwide Youth Science and Engineering (WYSE) Science Olympiad Feb. 5 at St. Xavier College.

Spending hopes to continue its winning streak at tomorrow's third North Suburban Math League (NSM) meet.

Winning both of their meets this year, the Chess Team has earned and won over Manti High School Nov. 12 4 1/4-1/2 and over De LaSalle Nov. 19-1 4/4.

After dominating all their matches this year, the Chess Team's goals include winning the Catholic League and numerous tournaments over spring break.

"We weren't in the Catholic league last year but we were in it two years ago," said First Board Player Jonathan Heckman, sophomore. "That's why we have to win this year. We have to prove that we haven't lost in the years."

Paper airplane competition winners are as follows: Plane Identification in First Place: Mocha Truck Award: Intermediate Teams, 1st Place J. Spencer; Intermediate Teams, 2nd Place N. Sandifer; Intermediate Teams, 3rd Place J. Spencer; Intermediate Teams, 4th Place N. Sandifer; Intermediate Teams, 5th Place J. Spencer. A. Watkins. Intermediates and high school teams. Winners in the intermediate were: Intermediate Teams, 1st Place J. Spencer; Intermediate Teams, 2nd Place N. Sandifer; Intermediate Teams, 3rd Place J. Spencer; Intermediate Teams, 4th Place N. Sandifer; Intermediate Teams, 5th Place J. Spencer. A. Watkins.
Battle for safety
Two groups wage wars on crime

By Richard Ra
Community Editor

Having to unify the Hyde Park community in fighting crime, two community groups have been meeting to discuss community safety in the wake of an unusual string of robberies and assaults. The groups are the Interfaith South-Siders Allied In Action and Hope (ISAAMH) and the Chicago Alternative Police Strategy (CAPS).

Formed in March by a coalition of 15 religious congregations, ISAAMH focused its first meeting Aug. 15 on shootings in the Hyde Park area. The second meeting Nov. 2 centered on goals.

"Our strategy of getting safety in Hyde Park is built around an area where people live," said ISAAMH supporter the Rev. Linda Hawkins, minister of the United Church of Hyde Park. "We try to find waruable and double issues such as the poor lighting on 53rd Street. When an issue arises then we address it. Before our first meeting, which was in August, we asked a certain number of things to be done by Ald. Preckwinkle and 53rd District Police Commander Wayne Mills. Among them being to get funding for better lighting on 53rd Street, putting awareness training for members, curfew enforced in the community and getting gangbangers removed from the church area."

Prior to its November meeting, ISAAMH conducted more than 60 interviews with community members about neighborhood crime.

"Our basic goal is to take faith and values into action," the Rev. Hawkins said. "Simply feeding them is not enough. We need to go back to the roots of the issues present in the community."

Similar to ISAAMH, CAPS has organized members of the community to discuss social issues. At a Nov. 4 meeting at Kenwood Academy, member discussed issues including gun control.

"At our meeting in November we told people to write out their questions and hand them up so that one person would not monopolize the time," explained CAPS Member Rebecca Janowitz, assistant to Fourth District Ald. Lori Lightfoot and a 501-High graduate. "The essence of CAPS is that the people who are in control, who have power, are the people you want to talk and talk with.

CAPS and ISAAMH have been described as adversaries in some newspaper coverage. In terms of so-called friction between us and CAPS I don't see any at all," the Rev. Hawkins said. "In fact I see us working together. Our goals are the same even though we may disagree in ways to proceed."

Saying she believes in constructive argument, Mrs. Janowitz questions ISAAMH's methods.

"At ISAAMH meetings, nothing will be heatedly discussed," Ms. Janowitz explained. "They have a very limited agenda, no views are expressed and not a lot is accomplished, only street lighting and a few issues on 53rd Street. ISAAMH meetings are not democratic. Basically they are organizing the whole community so that you don't have to bother with democracy."

Mrs. Janowitz believes walking the streets is the only way to take back the community.

"I don't argue against the fact that I only do things in small increments, as ISAAMH members have said," Ms. Janowitz said. "However, I get more accomplished than they do. Their opinion is to go for the trash to get the big job accomplished. This is short term and attracts a lot of attention."

Though ISAAMH has united many of the congregations on the South Side, the Hyde Park United Church voted not to be a part of because of its values, according to its minister, Hyde Park-Kenwood Interfaith Council President Susan Johnson, also a U-High parent.

"There are is some concerns that this is a community has," the Rev. Johnson explained. "You can't expect to sweep the streets clean at one time. ISAAMH has organized themselves into a vacuum in a sense. They do not speak with the alderman's office. They call everyone to task and sort of say you must comply and then they blurt out a lot of complaints. Because I don't agree with this, it separates people who want to participate in community safety and it isolates us from the rest of the churches that are affiliated with the ISAAMH program."

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53rd St. blossoms

At least half a dozen new businesses are opening on 53rd Street as part of a long-anticipated renewal of the business strip along new stores starting in Hyde Park are Leon's Restaurant on 53rd and Kimbark and Wok and Roll on 53rd and Dorchester. Already open for business are Tamp's Sports Store on 53rd and Kimbark, Eurotrash on 53rd and Cornell, Dream in Color on 53rd and Hyde Park Blvd. and Bonjour Bakery on 55th and Lake Park.

"As a whole in terms of resale, nationwide chains do really well here, so many other stores want to do sale around here too," said Mrs. Irene Sheir, business district coordinator of the South East Chicago Commission. "People are starting to see there is a market in Hyde Park and interest has been growing. Right now there are positive association with Hyde Park, the market is very solid, meaning that Hyde Park is densely populated with middle and high income homes and also that there is a lack of competition."

Group talks Dewey

Byxtilie Lezis Becher
Midway Reporter

Reviewing 75-year-old ideas about art and education as a way of envisioning their own teaching methods 22 teachers are participating in a twice-monthly study group on the writings of Laboratory Schools Founder John Dewey. Led by Ms. Elizabeth Meadows, a former U. of C. School Mathematics Project Editor working on a dissertation on Dewey, the teachers explore Dewey's belief that experience and art should serve as educational tools.

"There is a unity in all, a sense that it is all complex," said Ms. Meadows, who based the group here after leading a similar one at Francis Parker. "Art has you in an immediate way and Dewey was saying that we can make experiences and education like works of art, with immediate and vital effects. It is helpful for teachers to be able to relate what they do in the classroom to these ideas."

BSA drive benefits needy

Twenty boxes of food including 500 cans of food and bread were collected by the Black Students' Associates annual food drive in October and November. The contributions were delivered before Thanksgiving to the St. Vincent de Paul's Women and Children's Shelter at 6421 S. Woodlawn. for distribution to needy families in the city.

"I didn't try to set a number on how many cans we could bring in," said Sophomore Natalia Romo, "but I was a bit disappointed however that there weren't any armies as there could have been. I think it really depends on how the school's feeling. It takes the whole community for the drive to work, not just the sophomore class or the Lower School."

One day Lonnie went out to find holiday gifts

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Helping others

Senior brings holiday spirit of giving to life yearround

By Lea Clement
Staff Writer

"When I need to get things done, I stress out. Lounging back in a library chair on a recent Thursday afternoon, Senior Reena Hajat adjusts the collar of her forest green sweater, scratches her shoulders and pushes back her chin-length, dark brown hair. As Reena relaxes, the subtle look on her face disappears.

Coprincipal of the Asian Students Association, busy Reena also was among planners of the "Another Perspective" Day, helped organize the Diwali assembly and has been a member of the tennis team since her freshman year. "Doing so much," Reena said, "I've learned to set aside a specific time for each extracurricular activity I'm involved in."

In addition to meeting school requirements for community service during her sophomore year, Reena volunteered last year at Inspiration Cafe, a downtown project to feed homeless and hungry both food and dignity and provide resources for self-sufficiency. She also volunteered weekly at Christopher House, a day care and after school program for children from lower income families.

"I learned to interact with children in a positive way," Reena said. "I came particularly fond of one little girl, Rose. She came from a poor family which was dysfunctional. Every week she came up and gave me a big hug."

Hoping to continue her volunteer work this year, Reena plans to explore an area of community service new to her.

"I would like to do some AIDS work. I haven't experimented with this type of work yet and would like to volunteer some of my time this coming year." Commuting to school everyday, Reena travels 45 minutes from her home in Bur Ridge, a southwestern suburb. "I think it has been helpful to go to school in the city. If I went to school in the suburbs," Reena said, "I wouldn't be able to experience different types of people. The suburbs are restricted to one type of person or lifestyle.

Spann the Plan Man

En Joe Fuchtel
Special Correspondent Editor

has course evaluations, the Honor Code and Investment Club—all these newly founded projects have one thing in common: Senior Pat Spann.

Serving as Student Council treasurer and Communications Committee president, tall, athletic, and sharply-dressed Pat says he always tries to get involved. "I do things for many different reasons," Pat explained, shifting his already busy during a luncheon interview. "I started the Investment Club because I am interested in economics and thought it would be good to bring in a new type of club to U-High. But this year I joined Student Council because I wanted to try and link student government with the Communications Committee and I also want to serve my peers and try to get their opinions heard and represented."

Pat believes the first step in approaching a task is seeking other people's input. "I think with a group of people anything can happen," he explained. "I always look for people to help and support me with my goals for the school, either by assuming a role or just giving support. It is a lot easier getting things done when you have the support of your peers."

"Going here since 9th grade I think I have gained an appreciation for lab work. The school has provided me an academic life but it has also shown me there are more to life than academics, like friends and activities."

Pat is considering a career in engineering or economics. "I don't know what my passion is yet," he reflected. "I'm looking forward to engineering because it will allow me to use my creativity to help others. I might also go into economics because it interests me and I have always enjoyed studying how economics affect civilization."

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Talkin’ to U

If you could have anything you wanted in the new Sunny Gym what would it be and why?

CHRIS LIU, senior: I would like to have a nurse’s office because there have been countless times when I have had to walk through the freezing cold and ice storms just to get some ice for myself.

SARA CABRASCO, junior: Another full court gym, because during basketball season it gets pretty hectic to share one court between so many teams; j.v. girls, varsity girls, freshmen boys, j.v. boys, varsity boys and sometimes even Middle School. How can standard size people such as myself focus on our academics if we must stay "all of the hours of the night trying to get court time?"

LEZ MILLER, senior: "The perfect kids’ gym. I mean, that track team has to practice five blocks away. We would have more spectators if we had a gym at school."

AMY GORIN, freshman: I think we should build a wave pool because then we could actually have some fun in the pool.

D Honor codes only reflect reality dream or nightmare?

A I WATCHED two junior boys plagiarizing a friend’s math homework during 8th period in the library. I dozed off and started dreaming. My dream was in a U-High and a U-High with an Honor Code. As I watched I saw a familiar face in the plagiarists into the Honor Council for violating the code. "Waking up, I realized I can’t get enough people to sign on; the school magically will become honorable. All plagiarizing, cheating and class cutting…however much or little it may be possible to control them."

But signing a piece of paper doesn’t transform a dishonest person into an honorable one. The school already has rules covering anything an Honor Code might. An Honor Code only works if people are already honorable. Honor Codes can generate more rules to solve problems; they don’t do it. Already, we’ve heard statements that if we don’t do it, this school has no honorable life. No cheating no class cutting. No stealing from the cafeteria. An Honor Code can only say, "We don’t do things like that and we don’t tolerate it. It can’t make the dream come true.

Richard Siegler

N religion with a twist shows faith in quality

I N THE TRADITIONAL black robe and white collar, Father Ray stands before his Catholic congregation. In a solemn yet calm tone he speaks about the value of even unconventional beliefs in God. "Which is crazier?" he asks them. "To think you hear God speaking when its only thunder or to hear thunder when its actually the voice of God?"

The open-minded father displays his belief in the variety of Catholic beliefs with the advent of the innovative ABC-TV drama "Nothing Sacred." (7 p.m., Thursday, channel 7). Part of a recent trendward shows about religion, this show sets itself apart by dealing with these issues directly and thoughtfully. While the Christian Coalition has expressed disapproval because it deals with ideas in the show are ever relevant and religious opinions. The show has received consistently rare reviews.

"Nothing Sacred" follows the story of an inner city Catholic church as they deal with the problems in their community. A recent episode featured Father Ray’s debate with an atheist doctor about the sanity of a young man who believed he was a prophet. At the same time he showed the character of another priest, Father Eric, and his identity crisis surrounding his friendship with a woman just out of rehab.

The show’s writers deal with each of the issues intelligently, they don’t dramatize simplistic conclusions but learn varying perspectives. They tend to make the characters more sympathetic to the right answers.

Elissa Blackstone

Two singers vaguely inspire

Two walking down the halls of U-High you wouldn’t hear anyone say "This ran out and bought Batten’s Streisand’s new inspirational album ‘Higher Ground.’" Now along with Leden Rhiner’s "You Light Up My Life" an inspirational album collection is on the list. For inspirational albums have been recently occupying first place on the music charts.

Listening in the inspirational boom, Rhiner’s album set a national sales record, debuting at number one on the country, contemporary Christian and pop charts over last weekend Jackson and Marcy Hagley. Dedicated to the memory of President Clinton’s mother, Virginia Clinton Kennedy, Streisand’s inspirational album "Higher Ground" also debuted at number one on country charts. With similar glowing reviews, the album looks alike. Streisand, the quality of singing in "Higher Ground" is top notch, perfectly balanced with an extraordinary instrumental accompaniment. With songs such as "I Believe" and "You’ll Never Walk Alone." Streisand compels listeners to "keep the faith," but never dictates what "faith" she is referring to. "In Tell Him," Streisand’s duet with Celine Dion, Streisand takes an unexpected turn to a popular love song, abandoning her album’s already unclear inspirational message, as the two divas strum out singing each other.

While exhibiting a well-trained and flexible voice, Leden Rhiner sings the song on "You Light Up My Life" romantically as if oblivious to their religious meaning. Her detached approach to potentially moving songs like "I Believe" leaves the listeners unsure of the album’s message as they were with Streisand.

Nicole Saffold

The Camel’s Back

by Mike Lebovitz

"Son, you have to get your applications in. You have an important decision to make. What are you going to do with the rest of your life?"

"ZZZ"

Sara 6-7 commentary

A BBC TV’s "Nothing Sacred" portrays the lives of priests and nuns. Among characters are, from left; Sister Maureen (Ann Dowd), Father Eric (Scott Campbell) and Father Ray (Kevin Anderson).
GETTER MOVIE THAN BOOK

A S A BESTSELLING author and successful screenwriter, John Grisham knows how to
generate hits. But while he has a streamline-
fold on the public's affection, it takes a director
like Francis Ford Coppola to make cities bow
down to him as well.
Paramount Pictures' acclaimed drama John Grisham's The Rainmaker stars Coppola
as one of his greatest films such as "The Godfather" and "Apocalypse Now" but still it is an
amazing achievement considering its origins. Through a
talented cast and humorous screenplay, a slow, unoriginal legal novel has become a quirky, enter-
taining work of art.
Set in Tennessee, the film centered on Rudy
Baylor (Kevin Costner) a young lawyer just
graduated from the University of Memphis
pre-law program. Baylor did not graduate at the top of
his class. During a
workshop he acquired a job at a
law firm. But after his
boss was arrested he
was forced to
Reel Deal
Leigh Goldstein

BETTER MOVIE THAN BOOK

Midway Mailbox
Another perspective on 'Another Perspective'

From Nick Pangere, Sophomore:

I AM RECENTLY rose to the Midway editorial in
the November issue about the 'Another Per-
spective' conference. I agree on number of prob-
lems existed in the conference, one being the fact
that there was no "other perspective." But the real
problem with the conference was that it sepa-
rated students, instead of bringing them together.
The school believes itself to be overenrolled and
works hard to reach this goal. The Wednesday as-
semblies are one of the many ways the school tries
to open the students' minds to other cultures, such
as the Tibetan culture.

However, I do believe that the
Another Perspective program was not as accur-
ate as they should have been. In my group, Afferma-
Civic Actions, there was trouble breaking away from
two specific arguments; ei-
ther it was beneficial to hu-
mankind, or it was a cure. The two arguments were
stated many times in many different ways, but they
were all the same argument. When someone tried
to bring in a perspective other than the obvious black
and white, that chain of thoughts was disregarded and the previous discussion arose again.
In essence, it signifies that U-Highers are open
minded as long as one person's open-minded Ideas are the same as another person's open-minded Ideas. But this only leads to the closing off of new and seemingly radical Ideas. In fact, the Ideas may not be radical at all, it is just that students have
never heard things organized like that in their life
and therefore choose to reject them. To fully pre-
pare U-Highers for real life, I believe we must look into opening their minds possibly in a differ-
ent format than we've used.

Black versus white is also a recurring subject in
our school; however it is a pimpl. The Lab School's
student body is extremely diverse to a degree rarely seen at schools. At U-High you have no
choice but to accept other people because if you do
not you do not fit in with the rest of the community.

One problem with this diversity, however, is that
people use it while trying to point made to others
about other places in the world. The students have al-
ready made jokes about people who are. They hang
around and whether they want to date other races.
In the Lab School, these are minor issues that are
easily ignored by students. The school however,
is forcing these issues into the spotlight.
U-Highers have mired as well as any kids could,
yet at the Another Perspective conference it seemed
like they were trying to separate the youth into
categories, saying "You are a race, this color and
this skin. You must fit in the slot assigned to you." This separation only caused students to be confused about their identity.
Many school clubs use similarities to bring people
together without looking at race or creed, like the
cross, sailing and investment clubs. I think that
this would be a more appropriate focus on future
assemblies and discussions. There is definitely less
friction between people who are similar than people who are different. This is key to a truly
open-minded school.

This Christmas, give a friendly ear

In the season to be jolly. Or so
they say, but being followed
around a department store by a
sales clerk while shopping for holiday
gifts or being pulled over by the cops
on a typical holiday drive, there is no
apparent reason is hardly some-
thing to celebrate.
For people who are unaware of
the racism many black Chicagians face
daily, such harassment may seem
the stuff of fiction. But numerous U-
Highers, especially black males, have
experienced such "undercover racism" (see story page one). But they don't all
ways feel comfortable talking about it.
Often they are worried about seeking
support from friends because they don't want to be "felt sorry for." Such fears are justified. Many U-
Highers who have been harassed and tried to discuss their experiences with others have been told the harassment didn't really exist. One teacher told a black boy, "Well, did you report the po-
cise to the police?"
And that's why, when friends have problems involving prejudice and need
someone to talk to, you need to listen. You may not fully understand the
problem, but you can empathize. So, especially this holiday season, be a good friend and listen.
Your friend may have something im-
portant to say.
Working to pay for Michigan Avenue, and it's fun too because there is so much going on," said Senior Christina Carroll, who travels to Chicago from her home in Muskegon, Michigan, to do her holiday shopping.

For U-Highers who live in Hyde Park and other parts of the city going downtown is both easy and handy.

Shooting traditions
“I love going up to Michigan Avenue and Water Tower to do my shopping with my friends, and we get all of our Christmas and Hanukkah shopping done at one time,” sophomore Latichardson said.

“There are so many great stores, like Crate and Barrel, Banana Republic and Niketown and I know I will find whatever I need. If I need a gift for a friend I go to the stores they like, for example Gap or J Crew. I guess because I love so close it really is no hassle for me to cut down to shop.”

As for getting the money to do all the shopping with, U-Highers are willing to take almost any kind of job. Babysitting is a favorite.

“I enjoy babysitting because I love kids and I make money,” Senior Angie Keele said. “I also use the money I make to buy presents for my family and friends. Some of the kids I sit for are not always well behaved but I grin and bear it. I mean I am making money and most of the time it’s really fun.”

Keeping it near home
Jobs in the neighborhood near to school and home are most practical.

“I work it the Jewish Community Center in Hyde Park during winter vacation,” said Junior Lily Keppel. I have a great time and it doesn’t occupy my whole day, so I still have time to relax and do what I want to and I have money to spend on Christmas gifts for my family and friends and sometimes I get clothes and new things for myself.”

U-Highers with yearround jobs on weekends or after school find working during the holidays no burden. Most students with steady jobs take advantage of the extra time off school to work longer hours and make even more money while enjoying the change in attitude that the holidays bring shoppers.

“It’s a whole different feeling during the holiday season,” said Senior Josh Kallven. “It really puts me in a festive mood and gets me into the spirit. Shoppers are nicer and really like it but sometimes it gets
holidays

hectic. Last year I worked Christmas Eve and it got kind of hectic. I also was really surprised at how many last minute shoppers there were."

Some in-patient U-Highers combine family trips out of town for the holidays with jobs.

"I go to my house in Eagle River, Wisconsin, and I work at a restaurant near my vacation house but I'm still in school," said senior Mike Zabel. "I enjoy working and going home for Christmas."

Other annual traditions include:

- "I love going up to Water Tower to do my shopping with my friends and getting all of our Christmas and Hanukkah shopping done at once." - Liz Richardson, sophomore

- "I go down to Miami, Florida, where my mom's family lives," said Caroline Chace. "It's not as decorative and festive as Chicago because it is warm and not cold. It doesn't really feel like Christmas to me."

- "I usually do my holiday shopping at all of the little cute shops. It's different and I love putting out new stores and making my presents unique." - Kian Downslash, freshman

- "I saw my grandmother with a sack of presents yelling "HO HO HO!"

- "My parents came to the United States, they decided to celebrate Christmas, said Senior Paul Nakbha. "My religion is very open to other religions but we do not celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday. We get a tree, we don't go to church. It's just fun to do the whole Christmas thing."
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RHYTHM OF LIFE
A native dancer honors her heritage
By Scota Mize
Wilton Bulletin

A nush comes over thousands of spectators at the Hartford Civic Center in Connecticut, gathering to watch a Native American holiday celebration packed with dancing, singing and competition: the pow-wow. A drum beats, echoing throughout the room, compelling the crowd to unconsciously sway to the beat. In midst of the commotion stands Junior Willow Abrahamson, furiously side-stepping to the beat, dancing in her own private world. New to UConn, Willow recently moved with her two sisters and parents to Hyde Park from the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho. Her mother is doing graduate studies at the U. of C.

While some Native Americans dance the pow-wow as their way of praying, Willow explained that she dances mainly for fun. "I get to make friends from around the country and hang out with them at pow-wows," Willow said. "I also like to win, and I would dance more if I could. I would also school at home if I could travel more because dancing is my life."

She ranked second at an annual competition in September in Hartford, Conn., in the teenaged girls' single dress category. Willow has also performed for about 180 celebrities including Bruce Willis, Doro Moore and James Earl Jones at the Golden Globe Academic Achievement Awards in June of 1996 at Sun Valley, Idaho.

Dancing has always been a part of Willow's life. "I was raised with dancing," Willow explained. "My family has danced for more than three generations. It gives me a chance to spend time with my family and it provides me with an escape from my problems."

Not all Native American youth have somewhere to turn to escape their problems because they are raised in already broken families. Native American culture has been diminished by increasing alcoholism and suicide rates. There are a lot of economic problems on the reservations such as unemployment and low education standards.

Willow is an active member of the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY), a youth group that promotes community service as a drug and alcohol-free environment. Through regular chapter meetings and a national annual, Native American youth share experiences with each other in a compassionate environment.

"This culture has lasted for so long in the face of such adversity," she said, "but now only a few of us take part in pow-wows and understand our heritage. Most Native Americans have now adopted a more modern way of life and no longer understand or relate with their origins. In addition to my work at UNITY, I hope that I will be able to introduce my culture to the school community by dancing."
city life

Fanciful, Flavorful
CHINATOWN

From great restaurants to winsome shops, tourist mecca offers a world of its own

By Anne Blumer

Walking down the street, Senior Mike Hoy sees brightly colored signs for half a dozen Chinese restaurants before stepping into a dim sum place for breakfast. Two or three hours later, he walks down the same block, now dodging groups of pedestrians, and chooses a Cantonese restaurant for lunch. For dinner, Mike decides to pick up a takeout order from a third restaurant.

While he doesn't realize it, Mike says that living in Chinatown on the same block as a dozen restaurants proves a huge temptation. Spanning eight square blocks on Chicago's South Side, Chinatown was formed by immigrants in the early 1900s and quickly became a thriving community and prosperous tourist attraction. With immigrants making up 70 percent of the population, Chinatown both preserves Chinese culture and helps immigrants adapt to the United States. Points out the Chinese American Service League (CASL), providing an endless selection of Chinese food: from dim sum to barbecued duck. Chinatown's more than 50 restaurants provide the mainstay of the area's economy as well as an attraction for U-Highers.

"It's fun to be able to go to such a wide variety of restaurants, especially when they're right outside our door," Mike said. "Occasionally I'll just go to a different place for every meal. And sometimes it smells really good because of all the food cooking. Then again, when you live there you realize that sometimes it smells really terrible, too, especially in the alley where the restaurants' garbage is.

"When you go to Chinatown it's like putting yourself in a very different and secluded world." —MIKE HOY, senior

Does Santa Really Like Milk and Cookies?

NOT THIS CHRISTMAS! Santa Claus shows down on an incredible feast of Dim Sum at Won Kow restaurant before embarking to deliver presents to all the little kiddies in the world (that includes U-Highers). Hopefully, Dim Sum won't spoil Santa's appetite!

"Don't worry, you can make it there and back on Thursday at Lunch. I've done it before... I'll do it again," Senior Chris Liu

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Boy cagers take on Caxys powered by returning stars

By Bobbie Stoker

Hoping to take advantage of Lake Forest Academy's understated basketball team, the Maroons hope to win big against the Caxys today in Sunny Gym. J.V. takes the court at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 6.

Led by Seniors Justin Stougher, former Independent School League (ISL) Player of the Year, Karga Bennett and Junior Jason Camp, varsity hopes to boost more size with addition of new.

"Having three All-Conference caliber players is a real luxury," Coach John Wilson said. "Each has the ability to create his own shot. That will help us early in the season as new players learn the offense."

In recent years, the Maroons have been run by guards playing no set positions. This year's team includes many players above six feet, allowing for a more traditional style of basketball.

"This team will be able to force other teams to match up against our new size," added Coach Wilson. "We can go big or have a lineup of guards and shooters like last year."

Coming after seven practices, the first varsity game against Penger at Mather on Nov. 22 resulted in a 62-69 U-High loss. A game the next day in the Mather tournament set the tone for a season with a crowded schedule and with many three-game sets and back to back games.

"The scheduling situation right now is crazy," Coach Wilson said. "I was able to move one game to Feb. 20 to lighten the middle of the season but the hard schedule can cause us to lose energy later in the year."

Even with their height, the Maroons still rely on Justin, a guard, to lead with his scoring ability and to be a leader on and off of the court.

"I am really excited about our versatility," Justin said. "This is my first year that we really have had a lot of size, which leads us to a more balanced attack. We were able to integrate some new players into the system during summer league." In its third year, Dance Troupe will perform for the first time this year Thursday at halftime of the varsity game against Morgan Park Academy. The 28-member Troupe will take center stage in the absence of a cheerleading squad this year.

"Coming off last year's ISL championship, it's nice to hope to repeat with the help of Sophomores David Wilson, Aaron Scott and Bobby Sikes.

"The key to this year's team is Bobby and Aaron," Coach Ronald Presley said. "They need to step up now that they are starting and become more aggressive. David is the leader of the team so far. He handles the ball most of the time and is setting the tempo for the whole team.

With the loss of key players from last year, J.V. players will have to push hard. "Overall, I think our team will be better than people expect," Coach Presley added. "We will be a thinking team that improves throughout the season. I think we will defend successfully."

David has proven himself as a smart ball handler and a scoring threat with his outside shot. "This year's team doesn't have as much individual athleticism as last year," said David before an early season practice. "So we have to compensate by being more team oriented. I think that the team has enough talent to repeat."

First-year Coach Dan Day is looking forward to his year as a freshmen basketball coach. He coached basketball at Taft. "I see this team winning because of perseverance and tenacity," he said.

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Girl cagers push winning streak

By Justin Dinstroth

Carring a five-game winning streak against the Caxys into today's 9 p.m. game at Lake Forest, J.V. girl basketball players hope to make it six.

Led by Sophomore Sarah Schlessinger, J.V. hopes to defend last year's undefeated title in the Independent School League (ISL). With only three returning players, the Maroons are particularly young, with nine freshmen, two returning sophomores and one returning junior.

"I think we have the potential of becoming a very skilled team," Sarah said. "But we lack experience, which can only be gained by playing.

Leading the team with assists, Coach Joie Sikes says Sarah brings key components to the team.

"Sarah is definitely a standout player," said Coach Sikes. "She's our starting point guard and has great ball handling skills.

With strong individual players, Coach Sikes feels that the incoming weaknesses will be manageable.

"As a team, everyone's energetic and ready to play every game," explained Coach Sikes. "But there are definitely major improvements which need to be made. Because of inexperience, we're starting from the basic drills of defense and offense.

Varsity Maroons see growing as a team equally important as improving their skills.

"We can have success as a team against any opponent," said Coach Mike Moses. "We just need a high level of intensity in our play." Our goal is to build as a team and individuals with each game and I believe we're doing that." Junior Catherine Chandler, the starting junior at varsity's Nov. 20, against Woodlands, 42-48, feels the team's game time are beginning to cause conflict among players.

"We're getting discouraged and discouraged a lot," Catherine explained. "We need to be patient and more relaxed, take each day as it comes."

"Half of the six game losing streak's varsity compiled, Catherine is content with the team's current standing in skill level. "All of us have been working on our game time and trying to build the team.

Bring on the champs

Swimmers face IMSA in season opener

By Willy Abrahamson

Facing regional champs Illini Math Science Academy (IMSA), boy swimmers will host the Titans 5:30 this evening in their first meet of the season.

Dedicated time to lifting weights, practicing strokes and learning individual strengths and weaknesses, the Maroons have been training for nearly five weeks. Some of the 17 boys may win events they've never swum before hoping to fill the 13 events and four different strokes needed for a meet.

"We don't know what to expect," explained Coach Larry MacFarlane. "We haven't seen IMSA swim yet and we have no idea of their strengths and weaknesses. I've only heard and read about how good they are. They were just added to the schedule this year, along with Morton West High School. I know IMSA will be a challenge for us."

Tonight's meet may prove a challenge for the Maroons but not their hardest. "St. Ignatius and Mt. Carmel will be the toughest teams of the season," Mac said. "They're more or less neighborhood rivals. They both have much stronger swimmers than us."

Christmas break the boys will be practicing at least three days a week in preparation for St. Ignatius, Mt. Carmel and other upcoming meets.

"There will be no easy meets this season," Mac said. "This season will be like a jigsaw puzzle. We might be a couple pieces short but if we lose our job to put the puzzle together and fill in the missing pieces. I hope the boys win a meet or two. If not, I'm sure they will gain something good out of the season, whatever it may be."
Mr. Sunny

Bob Cobb takes care of the gym and the people in it with style
by Mike Hoy
Military Reporter

"Where in the smoke you been?" We gotta radiation leak in Upper Sunny to take care of!"

Running up the stairs to the second floor along with a University engineer to check out Sunny Gym's new problem, Mr. Bob Cobb hooks up, points to a radon detector and shouts, "Can't we shut that thing off? It's making the center a mess. I got a volleyball class in here in five minutes."

In his 10th year as the Sunny Gym attendant Bob jumps from floor to floor, making sure that everything is running smoothly.

Back and forth from one side of the gym to the other, setting up volleyball nets, painting lines on Jackman Field, and making sure he's there for the beginning and end of every swim class, sometimes Bob can't keep up.

"I got a schedule to keep here. First of all, I can't be late. Every morning I get here about 10 minutes early, and I get the suits ready and the nets up. Then I make sure that I have enough towels and I make the morning coffee."

Leaning backwads in his chair after throwing in a few sets, he reaches over to pour Athletic Di- rector Karen Duncan a cup of his freshly brewed coffee. He chuckles.

At that moment, the next batch of towels is ready. Reaching over and picking up a mountain of cotton on his table he half sits, half stands and folds.

Having been in the Marine Corps, Bob mentions why he is so rigid with his schedule, and always gets things done. "I was 17 years old. Young, foolish, gung ho and all that other garbage. I wouldn't take no such for the experience I got in the Marines. But what I really regret is not getting my education the way I should have."

Bringing his cow-tailed pile of towels to the towel room he explains about his schooling. "I grew up in West Virginia, right at the bottom of the mountains, with my grandparents. When I was 17 my grandpa said to me, 'Bob, if you're gonna go to school, go to school. But if you're not, don't.' That's when I quit. Junior year in high school.

Bob just turns around, looks, smiles and says, "But I turned out all right... I was a Marine for three years, and after that for 19 years I operated cranes, and for the other 13 I heaved the steel in a coal company."

"I've been working for the last 45 years. That's enough for anybody. I haven't had the easiest jobs, nor have they been my boyhood dream to be a major league baseball player, but I've done my share of work for this lifetime. I'm ready to go."

Leaning back in his chair and flipping on the dryer, Bob takes a quick rest before his next adventure.

"I pretty much do everything as straightforward as I possibly can, I'm pretty simple. I'm the kinda guy where it's gonna be somethin' to do I'm gonna do it."

They're willing to be committed

Hanging all the crashing and grinding from the weight room, a U-Higher wanders up to the game room in the basement and knocks on the door to see six members of the baseball team working out. In November.

In an era of Midnight TV shows and even shorter term memories, sometimes we forget what commitment is. With the role models athletes have nowadays, such as players holding out until they get more money and signing with other teams with no loyalty except to the almighty dollar, it's even more impressive to watch the commitment that U-High athletes have for their teams.

It hasn't always been like this. U-Highers are proving themselves more competitive and athletic in their turnouts and interest for each sport.

Recently out with a basketball, five members of the girl's basketball team played a keep-away drill until they all looked like they were going to pass out, stopping only to wash the boys' team on one of the many laps around the Maryep. That was two months ago, also two weeks before their first scheduled practice.

With the tough pressures U-Highers have with academics, it's even more impressive so many people are able to balance being on a team, with their three-hour practices and three month long seasons, with school. Every athlete understands that U-High is known for its academics and that sports will always come second, if ever that. Maybe that lack of caring pushes them more. Maybe athletes want to make a name for themselves and show other schools the Maroons can and will compete.

Even with an incredibly hard U-High sched- ule, many ath- letes manage to do two, even three, sport and love it. Regardless of the "no cut-policy," all sports every athlete works as hard as they can and doesn't give up. That's commitment.

I'm not saying that all the athletes at this school deserve a medal for their devotion, hard work, blood, sweat and tears. But than again, maybe they do.

Video adds action to sports dinner

A video presentation of U-High athletes at play added a new dimension to the Fall Sports Banquet, Thursday, Dec. 6. More than 30 attended; a lavish pizza salad buffet dinner was catered by Pizza Capri and parents provided dessert.

Coaches' Award winners were as follows: Cross country, Sandy Craig; (also UH Athlet of the Year) and Lucy Scharbach (Mr. Bud Jones also was an- nounced as UH Coach of the Year); boys' soccer, Mr. Aulston; "volleyball, Ariel Gibson; girls' tennis, Lani Hedemann and Athlete of the Year; girls' swimming, Christina Cartwell.

Fall teams wind up winners

by Johannes Beeby
and Nate Whalen
Sports Editors

On their way to State, the girls' cross coun- try team, led by the 10th place finish of Junior Leah Drew, finished 4th of 21 at the state 1, Little Sectional. Also qualifying were Senior Lucy Scharbach, Juniors Katie Sklansky, Lena Clement and Kasey Schein and Sopho- more Anna Bloom and Shannon Gregory. Competing their season with a 16th place finish at the Pecora State meet, the team was again led by Leah who finished third overall.

Accompanying the girls' team, Sopho- more Sandy Craig represented the boys with a 16th place finish in the Sectional meet and 54th place finish in Peoria. Qualifying for the USA Track and Field Jr. Olympic Cross Country Meet held on Dec. 13 in Portland, Oregon, both Sandy and Leah have trained hard for their first Na- tional competition.

Leading the third-ranked varsity team in their Region to a 5-0 win against Morgan Park Academy Oct. 28, at home, Junior Andy Rosenbund, Independent School League (ISL) Player of the Year and honorable mention for the State team, had a hat trick to help the Maroons advance. Later that week, the Maroons faced the second-seeded St. Ignatius Wolfpack, who ended the Maroons' season with a late goal that broke a scoreless game. Also making All-Section were Se- niors Johannes Beeby, Nick Aulston and Josh Dackoff.

Ending their season in a heartbreaking Regional semifinal loss, varsity volleyballers saw their season come to an end after a three-game loss to Holy Trin- iity Oct. 30, 14-16, 15-7, 12-15.

Breaking the 200-yard freestyle relay, not once but twice, the relay team of Seniors Hannah Gottschall and Christina Cantwell, Junior Kathleen Hahn and Sophomore Hannah Levine that also broke the 400- yard freestyle relay record helped lead the varsity swimmers to a 7th place finish in their Sectional meet, Nov. 15.
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U. High modding, December 9, 1987

Foiled again, junior enjoys being en garde

Fencing for three years, new junior Philippe Pierre heads later this year to a world competition in Palm Springs, Calif.
Philippe started fencing at his former school, Chicago International, and became a member of the "Fencing 2,000 Club downtown.
"I immediately liked it even if in the beginning I lost many competitions," said the striking, tall fencer. "In fact, I won my first competition after a year. Now I can compete with people who have been competing for more than eight years."
Philippe practices four times a week and has participated in competitions around the country, in locations such as Santa Clara, Calif., Rockford, Ill., Louisville, Ky., and Boston, Mass. He has also competed in Montreal, Canada, and trained in Europe in Dusseldorf, Germany, and Paris, France.
"This is an expensive sport," Philippe said. "I have to pay for all the stuff and I don't get any money yet, but I do get pride, joy and happiness."
—By Fiorella Spinarski, Midway reporter

Gym campaign to kick off

By Johannes Reddy Sports reporter

Kicking off a $5 million campaign for the renovation of Sunny Gym and construction of a new gym an athletic program, 2:45 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25 in Sunny will feature Jessi White Tumbles, a parade of U-High athletes in uniform, a drum circle ceremony and prize giveaways.
Planned for completion at the turn of the century, the project will involve the addition of a new gym will be funded through a $5 million campaign, more than $1.7 million of which has already been raised, according to Athletic and Development Director Ellen Epstein.
The new gym will be erected just south of the present gym, with the two buildings connected by a glass-enclosed walkway.
"The new building will be where Pebbles playground is now," Epstein said. "Pebbles will be moved back over the tennis courts and the tennis courts will be placed in the corner of 59th Street and Doberman Street.
Plans for the new two-story building include a basketball court on the top floor accommodating more than 400 spectators and having needed space for physical educations on the first floor.
"We are not positive about the specific plans for the first floor of the building," Mrs. Epstein said. "We do know we want to put a small locker room for visiting teams and more gym rooms but where, how big and how many we are not sure of yet."
A regulation soccer field behind the gym is also planned.
"The track that is in Jackman now will be leveled and resodded in preparation for the soccer field," Mrs. Epstein said. "There will still be room for some small track events but not for a full track."