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TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED & BLACK ...and harrassed

By Alex Zamiat
Student Adviser

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 and a nicely dressed lady heading your way looks you in the eye and then crosses the street but you realize it's not to get to the other side. You're in a store downtown, rushing to get presents around the holidays, and three people get waited on before you but you realize it's not because you were last in line. You're followed around a store by a salesperson and you realize it's not because he wants to help you.

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

"There's two types of racism," said Senior Karega Bennett. "Blatant racism and undercover racism. I'd rather a white guy call me a 'nigger' to my face than have him act and think a certain way around me just because I'm black. This type of undercover racism is the worst type because there is nothing you can do about it."

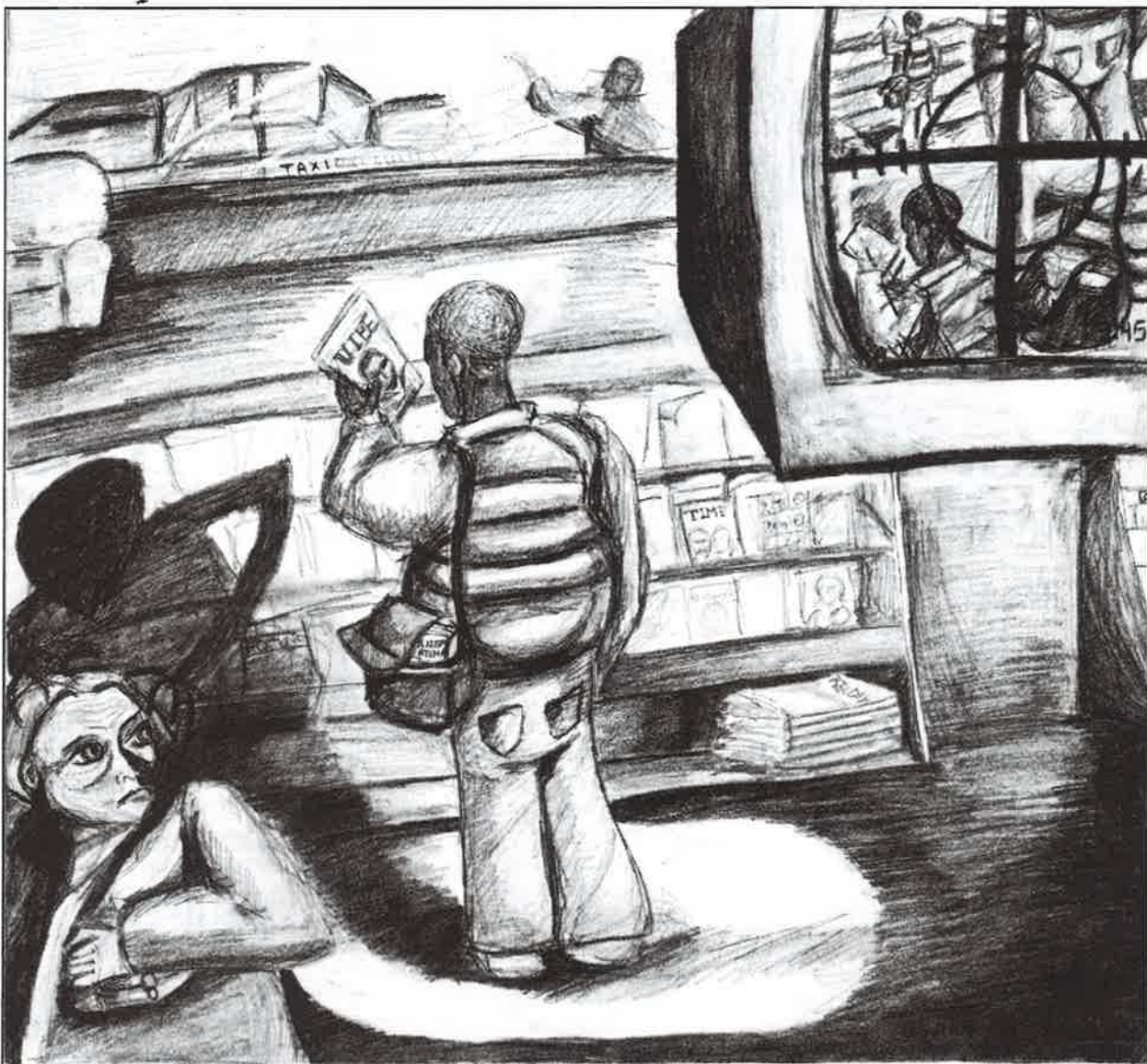
Many black U-High boys feel they have been subjected to undercover racism by police though they cannot prove it.

"One night coming home with Kennie Ebie ('97 graduate) from Indiana, I noticed a maroon car following us about three blocks from my house," Senior Justin Slaughter explained. "Kennie went a couple of houses too far and backed up a little 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 in 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 the men what we did wrong and they said we were moving forwards and backwards rapidly in the street."

"At this point my dad came out of the house and because he used to be a D.A. one of the men knew him. Their mindset totally changed and I knew their reasons for pulling us over was B.S. They said to my Dad, 'We understand they're good kids.' Most would not be so lucky to have they're dad being a lawyer and be in front of their house."

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



Art by Emilie Varlet

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

Black U-Highers say they find their experiences so painful they cannot freely talk about them to white friends, much less publicly. Some who initially agreed to writing a First Person column for the Midway and were considering submitting an article to a daily newspaper decided not to.

"People who don't know or understand what it's like to be black might take what I say the wrong way," Karega 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 to say."

"I don't want to be a lab rat, having people to feel sorry for me, constantly coming up to me saying, 'Oh I read what you said in the Midway. 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 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 are personally committed to teaching in primarily black schools in disadvantaged areas where they feel they are most needed. Many faculty members also see a need for more black teachers.

"I ask why do we only have four black males in the freshmen class and why we only have one parttime black male teacher in the High School?" said Phys Ed Teacher Ronald Presley. "I don'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 scarce."

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

"Young people are better risktakers than adults and need to stop being tourists and get more involved," Mrs. Moore-Bond said. "Today's racism is different because people are smarter about it and it is 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."

(Also see editorial page 7.)

Seniors want nicer lounge, faculty wants a lounge

By Debra Guttler
Associate Editor

Huddled around a table, sprawled out on couches or even relaxing on a hammock, seniors enjoy their lounge. And though it's a place to relax, a place to spend free time, it may not work as a place for students to get work done.

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.

"I brought up the seniors' petition at last month's faculty meeting," Ms. Goldschmidt told the Midway. "I wanted it to be taken very seriously—as seriously as the seniors took it. Some teachers mentioned that the seniors are lucky to have a lounge. Then faculty began discussing the general disrepair of some areas in the school."

Administrators say installing significantly improved 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, administrators point out, seniors could still buy some lighting now.

"We're weary of buying lamps," responded Senior Class President Erica Aronson, "because one student brought an alarm clock into the lounge at the beginning of the year and had it stolen. 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 senior lounge is dirty, say students, because last year's class misused the space. Two years ago seniors unscrewed light bulbs to keep the

lounge dark. Because each senior class has wanted the lounge lighted differently, administrators have been cautious about budgeting major changes. As for teachers, they point out they don't even have a lounge and the school needs repairs far beyond the seniors' space.

"I'm in favor of students having a nice lounge," said Physics Teacher David Derbes, who expressed his concern with the schools' condition at the faculty meeting. "I'm also in favor of the faculty having a nice lounge and they don't even have a lounge. But more importantly, I'm in favor of both students and teachers having a nice place to work. This place is a dump."

"I have a hole in my ceiling, the Science Office has been painted only once in 12 years and the desks in my room have been here since the building was built. I don't blame the administrators, though."

"This isn't a Lab School problem. It's a U. of C. problem. The University defers maintenance here. I'm sure they wouldn't ignore the Law School or the libraries like this. We are second-class citizens."

Some faculty members feel the physical condition of the school has become a public embarrassment.

"It would be really nice for us to have a big room with a college resource center," said College Counselor Mary Lee Hoganson, "where we could add computers and have a place to play video tapes. But as it is, the college workshops are already so crowded."

"A lot of times colleges ask us to host college fairs here but we don't have 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 colleges host their meetings here but we don't have a space we can bring visitors to in the school that I think is appropriate. People come from all around the Chicago area. I'm embarrassed. I'd rather use a room in Judd."

"Once, I scheduled to have a college meeting in Gerstley Center. All I wanted was for the trash to be picked up. When I got there, though, not only was the trash not collected, but the garbage bags were piled right outside of the room. I had to drag some of the bags away myself. I was completely embarrassed."

Because of the school's affiliation with the University, proposals for major repairs or improvements must go through a required process involving at least three price bids. The approval process can take as much as three years, administrators and faculty say. Even getting a light bulb changed can take three weeks, teachers say.

"There are certain minimal services that the University is supposed to do and personally, I don't think they're enough," Assistant Director David Stafford told the Midway. "Maybe they're appropriate for a college campus with adults but not for a building with children and upwards of 1,600 people a day."

"The appearances of the school is a great concern of mine. There are times and sections I find particularly dirty myself and we've tried to improve the atmosphere but sometimes the building just isn't conducive to spit and polish. There's only so much you can do to get any spark."

"Students could help us, though, in keeping this place clean."

(Also see editorial page 7.)



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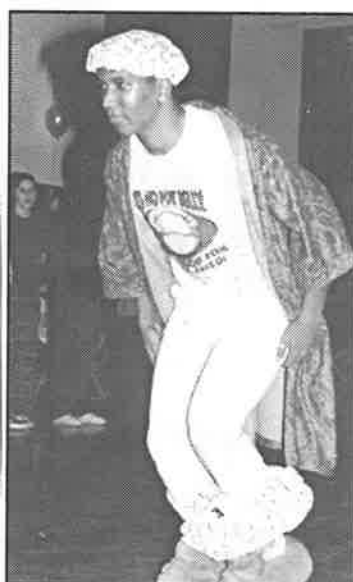


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Photo by Brooke Casadaban

More than 80 people turned out in nightwear for Cultural Union's Pajamarama, Nov. 21 at Ida Noyes Hall. From tiedie jumpsuits to Tweety- Bird

slippers and flannels, the bedtime fashions proved amusing. Lonnie Hubbard (center) won \$50 in the Best Pajama contest. In a full length brown cotton

robe with her hair decked up with white hair-curlers, Marie Geffard took second. Michael Johnson won third. Also in photos, from left, are

as follows: Alexis Mitchell, Faith Baxter, (Lonnie), Emilie Varlet and Kelly Williams. Junior Jason Camp provided the music as the evening's d.j.

S.C. invites other gov't reps to brainstorm

Condom proposal among table topics

By Joe Fischel
Student Government Editor

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

in activities.

Randy also plans to see if any of the other schools have tried condom distribution because he wants to understand 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 nurse to distribute condoms was rejected by administrators after parents complained that the proposal did not include safe sex and abstinence education.

S.C.'s course evaluations proposal was approved by the faculty at its Nov. 4 meeting after a sometime heated debate.

Proposed in the Communications Committee last year by Marc Hoffman '97 as well as Seniors Garron Segal and Pat Spann, Communications Committee president, the evaluations became an S.C. project this year.

The approved proposal allows students 15 minutes to write evaluations at the end of each quarter, according to Pat. If students want to type the evaluation they will have a week to do so and put it in teacher mailboxes in the U-High office, he said.

"Although the faculty passed the evaluation, teachers must still take the initiative and implement it," Pat explained. "Each teacher can change the evaluation. We tried to make it clear that this was not a teacher evaluation and that only the individual teacher would see what students wrote."

S.C. is also planning to introduce three new

mascot proposals during a Wednesday assembly next quarter: The Maroon Maniacs, the Huskie dogs and the mythical Phoenix bird. S.C. plans to buy a banner of the winning mascot and suspend it in Sunny Gym.

Following the Wednesday assembly Oct. 29, 80 out of 100 students who voted rejected a woolly mammoth, according to Randy.

Another S.C. project, a two-week penny drive, has been planned for February. The class which raises the most pennies will have a class lunch funded by the pennies as well as S.C.

"We want to continue where previous councils have left off..."

-Randy Sawyer
S.C. President

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Exotic break destinations beckon

By Maria Perkovic
Associate Editor

Nepal and Australia top exotic destinations for U-Highers heading out for winter vacation beginning Friday.

Journing for two weeks in Nepal, just north of India, Senior Tamar Kipper and her family will hike with a program called "Trekking and Tigers." The program will include long hikes, camping out and safaris.

"Having the opportunity to travel somewhere like Nepal is really exciting," Tamar said. "My mother loves to travel, so she does a lot of research to find programs in countries many people don't have the chance to visit. Over the past couple of years, my family and I have traveled to Thailand, Denmark, Kenya and Ireland. I am particularly looking forward to this trip because going on a hiking trip in Nepal is so uncommon and hopefully it will be really memorable."

Traveling to Melbourne, Australia, Senior Sam Kass will be involved in a baseball program tour-

ing around the country, competing with different Australian baseball teams.

"The baseball team is called 'Field of Champions' and most of the players on the team are from Wisconsin and Illinois," Sam said. "It's basically going to be two weeks of touring around Melbourne, playing different club teams in Australia."

Not only do I get to play with different Australian teams, but I have the opportunity to stay overnight at a wildlife preserve and visit a Penguin Refuge. I've never been overseas and I'm really looking forward to experiencing the cultural differences between America and Australia."

Living in Fife, Scotland, during winter quarter, Math Teacher Paul Gunty, his wife and two daughters plan to travel throughout the country. He received a fellowship from the University of St. Andrews in Fife last year.

"I'm looking forward to sitting in on Fractal Geometry and Astronomy classes. My family and I will spend a long weekend in Copenhagen and return to Chicago on March 27."

Model U.N.ers head for Harvard

By Ameer Saleh
Midway Editor

In two days, 19 U-High Model United Nations members will venture to Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. for four days to participate in their first conference. Representing Peru and The Seychelles Islands, the U-Highers will be among nearly 2,000 delegates from across the nation. They will debate issues ranging from political prisoners to genocide to world finance.

Looking to receive numerous awards as in the previous seven years U-Highers have attended the conference, Model U.N. members have met twice weekly beginning in October with History Teacher Earl Bell, Model U.N. adviser to prepare speeches and position papers. Starting their work last summer, Head Delegates Jenny Roizen and Cara Passman, juniors, have been working with Model U.N. President Josh Dankoff, senior, to find ways of easing the tension on students attending the challenging Harvard conference.

"This is one of the best and toughest conferences with an emphasis on speaking," Josh said. "There are some aggressive East Coast students and we must try not to succumb to them."

The U-Highers also plan some sightseeing and dinner Saturday evening, probably at Boston's famous Durgin Park Restaurant.

Other Model U.N. meets will include the U. of C., Jan. 29-Feb. 1; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Jan. 15-18; University of California at Berkeley, March 4-7; and the National Model U.N. Conference in New York City, March 23-27.

The club boasts more than 100 members. "We do a lot of fun things, like visit college campuses and deal with international relations and other topics that the school usually does not," Mr. Bell said.

Other travelers going to Harvard are as follows: Seniors Vanessa Carr, Claudia Cyganowski, Josh Dankoff, Julie Epstein, Nicole Saffold, Randy Sawyer, Pat Spann; juniors Cheesa Boudin, Ari Himmel, Lea Mosena, Cara Passman, Jenny Roizen, Elizabeth Shaw; sophomores Isham Bhabha, Daniel Feder, Isaac Kohn, Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, David Zimmer; freshman Ismail Khalidi.

Journey traces history

Civil War trip uncovers past

By Johannes Beeby
Associate Editor

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, 1,200 mile trip south on Interstate 57 into Kentucky and Tennessee to visit famous battle sites and other landmarks.

"Because the SATs and theatre production were the same weekend," said Mr. Horton, "it 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 at a two-story, 300-room America's Best Inn in Paducah, Kentucky, we were able to roam the mall and other outlet stores, which was all that you could see in Paducah.

"It was a weird little town, especially since it was Halloween," Senior Forest Himmelfarb said. "Teen-agers in town were either cruising around in their cars or in costume, trick-or-treating."

Waking up the next morning at 7, we trudged through a downpour to the van. With the opening of deer season, the countryside was filled with hunters in pickup trucks as we drove to our first stop at the Moonshine 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" outside of the museum.

Protected from the increasing rainstorms, we drove a half-hour to a working farm called the Homestead, dating back to 1850. 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," Forest said. "They were cooking dinner, building a fire and tending to the oxen and horses."

With a 15-minute drive to Fort Donelson, Tenn., I became anxious 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 Bekkouche. "I was surprised to find out it was a fort constructed out of 10 feet tall mounds of land that encircled an area of three miles."

Becoming hungry for some down-home Southern cooking, Mr. Horton took us to a special barbeque place called Rick's Barbeque, he had visited before. I devoured my ribs and finished off the meal with a sweet piece of a Southern speciality, called chess pie.

Noticing the ominous line of storms following us, we hurried over to our last stop of the day, South 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 South Union just as it got dark out, we hustled to the warmth of the main house of the village, to escape the cool of the night.

"We didn't know much about the Shakers when we got there, we found out they did not believe in

following up 3

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Photo by Rachel Shapiro

At a site of the Civil War in Tennessee, Johannes Beeby stands, overlooking the Cumberland River, where Union fleet ships were defeated during the battle at Fort Donelson.

having children and segregated men and women," Forest said. "The only way they got members was by adopting children and recruiting adults."

That night we stayed up in our Fairfield Inn room watching the thrilling movie, "Conspiracy Theory." The next morning we woke up to another drizzly chilly day. After 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 battle field and picture what had happened."

Visiting the last site at Perryville, which was a Confederate graveyard, we read about the man who owned the land and how he buried over 400 Confederate soldiers. Just thinking about the number of soldiers that had died made everyone a little sad.

Earlier in the year Mr. Horton had told us of how two percent of the U.S. population had died in battle at the end of the Civil War in 1865.

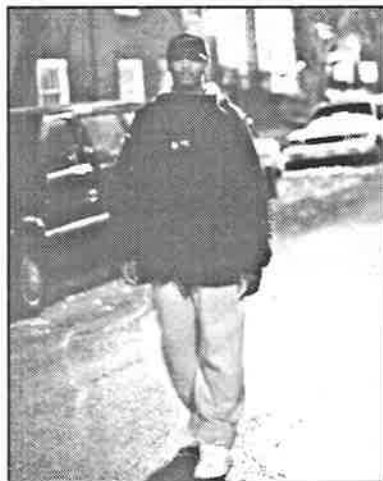
As we drove back towards Chicago on Route 65, we sat in the dark and rainy night, we listened to music and were wrapped up in our own thoughts.

"It was a great trip. I am glad I went," Forest said. "I feel like I have learned a lot about the war that I couldn't from just reading about it."

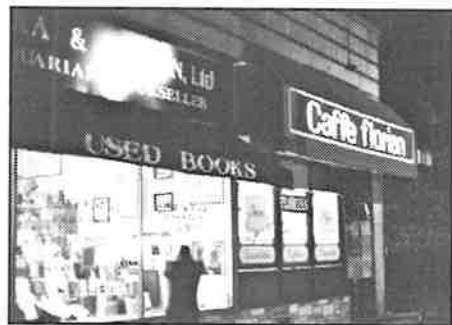
Midway wins multicultural award

Honored for coverage of ethnic organizations and formation of the gay and lesbian discussion group last year, the Midway has received a 1997 Multicultural Journalism Award from the National Scholastic Press Association. The award was announced at the association's convention Nov. 13-16 in St. Louis then presented it to the staff at the Nov. 18 weekly assembly. The 1992 U-Highlights previously won the award.

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Indian techno music blared in Sunny Gym as Hansa Sawlani, left, and Rusha Desai performed a traditional dance, celebrating the Indian Festival of Lights, Diwali Nov. 5. The presentation was part of an Asian Students' Association program which also included a brief history of Diwali, a traditional Indian song and a fashion show of traditional Indian costumes.

Airplanes fly, teams soar

Science, Math, Chess Teams rack up wins, awards

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

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

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

Also winning both of their meets this year, the Chess Team has battled and won over Marist High School Nov. 12 4 1/4-8 1/2 and over De LaSalle Nov. 19 4-1.

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 Jonathon Heckman, sophomore. "That's why we have to win this year. We have to prove that we haven't lost it over the years."

Paper airplane competition winners are as follows: **Plane Performance in All Four Events:** Maryjo Wood; **Greatest Number of Winning Planes:** Kohki Yamaguchi; **Vanilla Accuracy Contest,** for planes made of only paper: Maryjo; **Mocha Truck Award,** planes made with weighted objects attached: Peter Kracke; **Longest Vertical Drop:** Preethi Seshadri.

Scores not mentioned for the second NSML competition November 12 are as follows:

First Place: Yuki Yamaguchi, oralist; sophomore team; senior team and the whole team. **Second place:** junior team.

Battle for safety

Two groups wage wars on crime

By Richard Raz
Community Editor

HOping 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 (ISALAH) and the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS).

Formed in March by a coalition of 15 religious congregations, ISALAH focused at its first meeting Aug. 13 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 where people live," said ISALAH supporter the Rev. Linda Hawkins, minister of the United Church of Hyde Park. "We try to find winnable and doable 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 21st District Police Commander Wayne Milla. Among them being to get funding for better lighting on 53rd Street, gang awareness training for members, curfew enforced in the community and getting gangbangers removed from the church area."

Prior to its November meeting, ISALAH 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 ISALAH, CAPS has organized members of the community to discuss social issues. At a Nov. 4 meeting at Kenwood Academy, members 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. Toni Preckwinkle and a '70 U-High graduate. "The essence of CAPS is that the people who are in control, who have power are the people you meet and talk with."

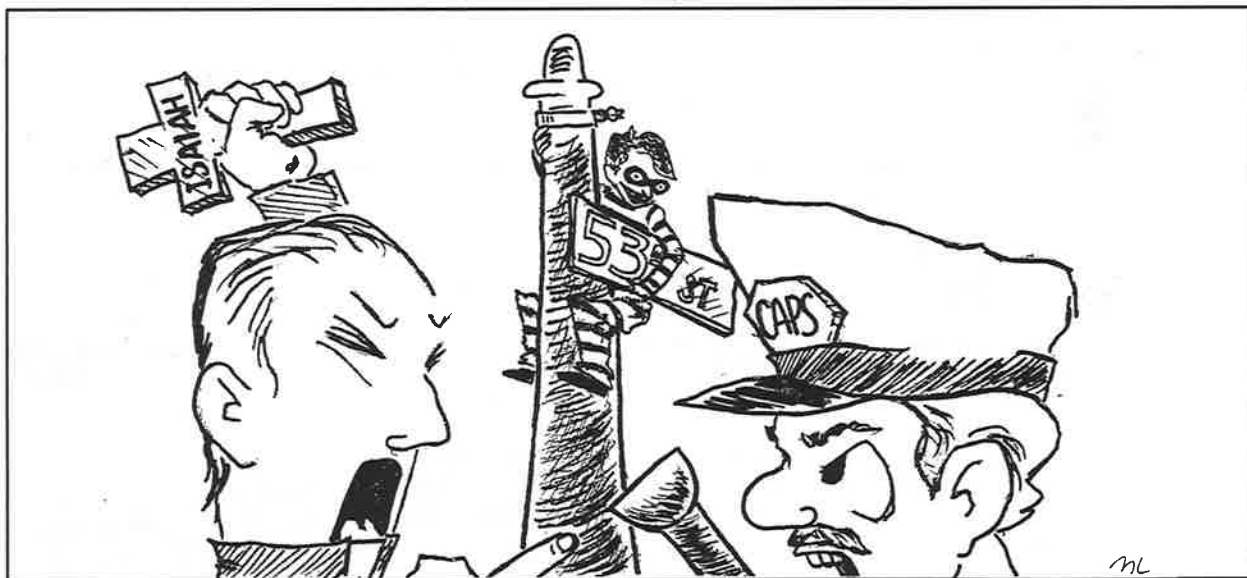
CAPS and ISALAH have been described as adversaries in some newspaper coverage.

"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 ISALAH's methods.

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Art by Mike Lebowitz

"At ISALAH 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 fences on 53rd Street. ISALAH's 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 ISALAH members have said," Ms. Janowitz said. "However, I get more accomplished than they do. Their opinion is to go for the throat to get the big job accomplished. This is short term and attracts a lot of attention."

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

"There are chronic concerns that this community has," the Rev. Johnson explained. "You can't expect to sweep the streets clean at one time. ISALAH 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 ISALAH program."

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. Among new stores starting in Hyde Park are Leona's Restaurant on 53rd and Kimbark and Wok 'n' Roll on 53rd and Dorchester. Already open for business are Tony's Sports Store on 53rd and Kimbark, Eurobath on 53rd and Cornell, I 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 Sherr, 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 generating. 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

By Arielle Levin-Becker
Midway Reporter

Reviewing 75-year-old ideas about art and education as a way of examining their own teaching methods today, 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 art, a sense that it is all complete," said Ms. Meadows, who began the group here after leading a similar one at Francis Parker. "Art hits 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-two boxes of food including 500 cans of food and boxed goods were collected in the Black Students' Associations annual food drive in October and November. The contributions were delivered before Thanksgiving to the St. Martin de Porres Women and Children's Shelter at 6423 S. Woodlawn Ave. 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 Natalie Bump, "but I was a bit disappointed however that there weren't as many as there could have been. I think it really depends on how the school is feeling. It takes the whole community for the drive to work, not just the sophomore class or the Lower School."

Teacher opens Museum exhibit on lifestyles

Addressing 500 teachers at the Field Museum last month, History Teacher Charles Branham discussed the effects of environment on an individual and his or her lifestyle to open an exhibit at the Field Museum titled "Living Together."

Mr. Branham participated in preparing the widely-publicized exhibit more than two years.

"I was describing the various ways people accommodate themselves," Mr. Branham said, "whether through the home or their grooming."

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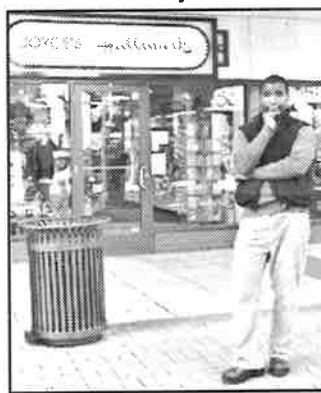
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Helping others

Senior brings holiday spirit of giving to life yearround

By Lena Clement
Midway Reporter

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

Copresident 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 the homeless and hungry both food and dignity and provide resources for self-sufficiency. She also volunteered weekly at Christopher House, a day care and afterschool 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.



Photo by Karen Leff

**SENIOR REENA HAJAT
Committed to service**

"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 Burr 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."

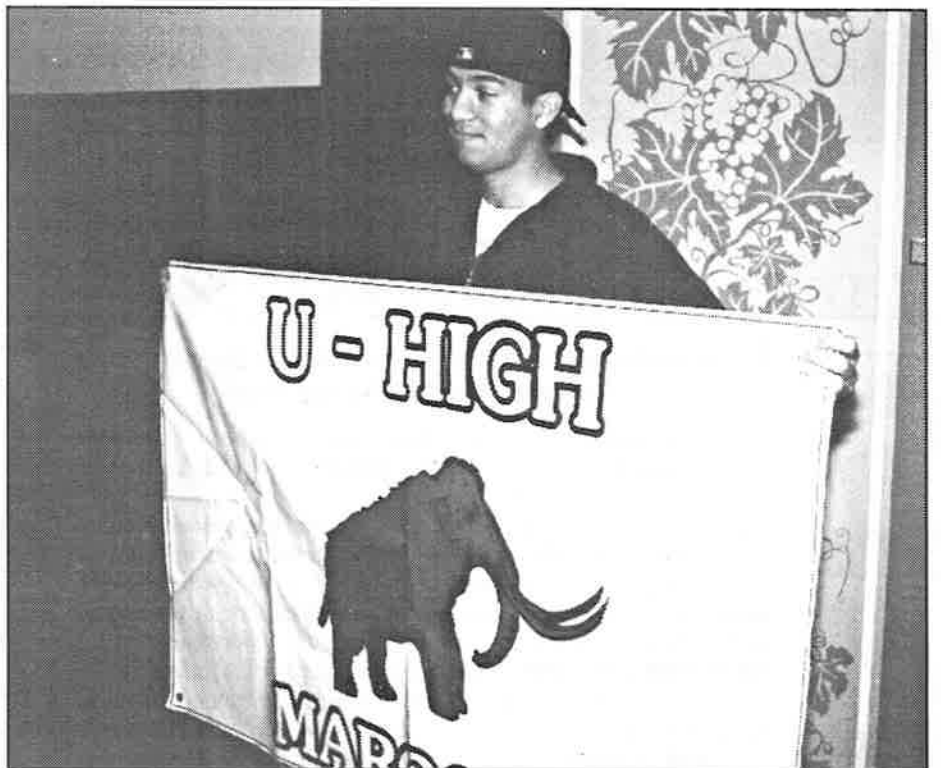


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**SENIOR PAT SPANN
A banner year for getting involved**

Spann the Plan Man

By Joe Fischel
Student Government Editor

Class 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 lanky body during a lunchtime interview. "I started the Investment Club because I am interested in economics and thought it would be good to bring 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 and get their opinions heard and represented."

Pat believes the first step in approaching a task is seeking other people out. "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 5th grade I think I have gained an appreciation for Lab Schools. The school has provided me an academic life but it has also shown me there is 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 civilizations."

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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

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 CARRASCO, 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 studious people such as myself focus on our academics if we must stay 'til all hours of the night trying to get court time?"

LIZ MULLER, sophomore: "I want a 400-meter track. It's ridiculous that the track team has to practice five blocks away. We would have more spectators if we had meets at school."

AMY GORUN, freshman: "I think we should build a wave pool because then we could practice lifeguarding better. I think the kids would have more fun in the pool."



Sara



Amy



A BC-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).

Religion with a twist shows faith in quality

IN THE TRADITIONAL black robe and white collar, Father Ray stands before his Catholic congregation. In a serious yet calm tone he ponders aloud 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 only hear thunder when its actually the voice of God?"

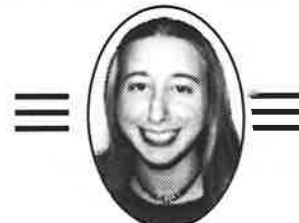
The open-minded attitude Father Ray (Kevin Anderson) displays as he questions conventional Catholic beliefs sets the tone for the innovative ABC-TV drama "Nothing Sacred," (7 p.m., Thursday, channel 7). Part of a recent trend toward shows about religion, this show sets itself apart by dealing with these issues directly and thoughtfully. While the Christian Coalition has expressed disapproval because the ideas in the show are divergent from traditional views, the show has received consistently rave reviews.

"Nothing Sacred" focuses on the leaders of an innercity 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 the show explored 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 draw simplistic conclusions but instead give varying perspectives. They tend to make the

Tube Tales



Elissa Blackstone

priests more likable and sympathetic than their opponents, there by favoring their opinions.

Though the doctor is a stereotype, when dealing with the priests the writers show more skill. They don't accept Catholic beliefs but they aren't exactly liberal. They are in constant conflict over what to believe in their search for answers.

Despite the show's low ratings, ABC-TV has announced a second full season of episodes. Hopefully this brave, poignant program will find an audience.

Honor codes only reflect reality Dream or nightmare?

AS I WATCHED two junior boys plagiarizing a friend's math homework during 8th period in the library, I dozed off and started dreaming. In my dream I was in a U-High of the future, a U-High with an Honor Code. As I watched I saw a friend turn the plagiarizers into the Honor Council for violating the code.

Waking up, I wasn't sure whether I'd had a dream or a nightmare. I do know for some of the people who want an Honor Code here, if they can just get enough people to sign on, the school magically will become honorable. All plagiarizing, cheating and class cutting—however much or little there may be—will end.

But signing a piece of paper doesn't transform a dishonorable 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 problems rules don't, too. Already, we've heard statements that if people are honorable they will sign the Code. But many people might not sign the Code for honorable reasons.

For example, they may not believe students enforcing the discipline of other students is healthy because it re-

sults in some having power over people who should be their equals. Or they may not like that many Honor Codes expect students to snitch on other students.

Some people are aware of an Honor Code attempt nine years ago which fell apart when the framers circumvented student government's authority, they themselves not acting honorably in trying to get their proposal passed and the so-called Honor Court hearings turning sour because the process and the judgments seemed questionable.

That's not to say an Honor Code couldn't work. But before it can, the school has to live an 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 them."

It can't make the dream come true.

Dios Mío



Richard Siegler

God maketh the charts bigtime

Two singers vaguely inspire

WALKING DOWN the halls of U-High you wouldn't hear students say "I just ran out and bought Barbara's Streisand's new inspirational album 'Higher Ground.'" Now along with LeAnn Rhimes's 'You Light Up My Life', my inspirational album collection is complete!

Yet inspirational albums have been recently been occupying first place on the music charts.

Ushering in the inspirational boom, Rhimes's album set a national sales record, debuting at number one on country, contemporary Christian and pop charts over both Janet Jackson and Mariah Carey. Dedicated to the memory of President Clinton's mother, Virginia Clinton Kelly, Streisand's inspirational album "Higher Ground" also debuted at number one on popular charts. With similar plum-colored covers, the albums look alike.

Vintage Streisand, the quality of singing in "Higher Ground" is top notch, perfectly balanced with an exceptional instrumental accompaniment. With songs such as "I Believe" and "You'll Never Walk Alone" Streisand compels listeners to "keep the faith," but never clarifies 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 inspi-



ration message, as the two divas strain to out-sing each other.

While exhibiting a well-trained and flexible voice, LeAnn Rhimes sings the songs on "You Light Up My Life" robotically as if oblivious to their religious meaning. Her detached approach to potentially moving songs like "I Believe" leaves the listener as unclear of the album's message as they were with "Higher Ground."



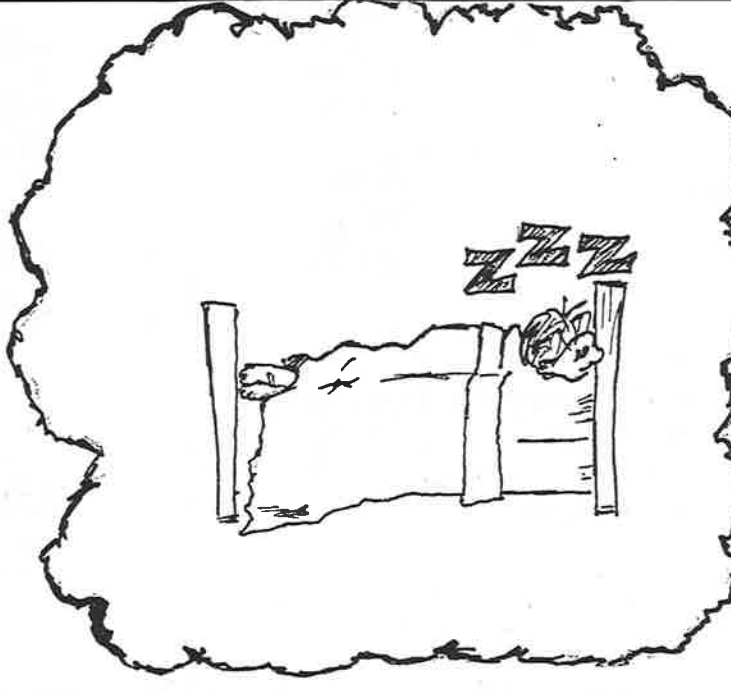
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BETTER MOVIE THAN BOO K

'The Rainmaker' pours out its plot provocatively

AS A BESTSELLING author and successful screenwriter, John Grisham knows how to generate hits. But while he has a stranglehold on the public's affection, it takes a director like Francis Ford Coppola to make critics bow down to him as well.

Paramount Pictures' acclaimed drama "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" doesn't compare to Coppola's 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, entertaining film.

Set in Tennessee, the film centered on Rudy Baylor (rising young actor Matt Damon), a young lawyer, just out of law school. Unlike most Grisham protagonists, Baylor did not graduate at the top of

his class. During a school workshop he acquired a case against an insurance company which he uses to help get a job at a sleazy law firm. But after his boss was arrested he was forced to take

had hired and tried to win big money for his poor clients.

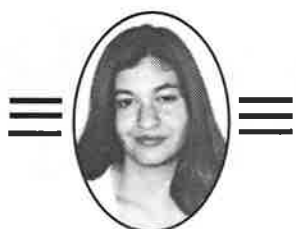
Coppola's biggest improvement on the novel is to make Baylor more insecure and bungling. Because he is no match for the defense's experienced lawyers the case becomes more compelling. His chances of winning the case depends on the justice of the legal system instead of his fascinating courtroom tactics.

A subplot about Baylor's involvement with a battered wife (Claire Danes) is by the far the weakest link in the film. Because the subplot is never fully integrated into the film it ends up just detracting from the general storyline. And by making Rudy into the crusading Knight in shining armor, the screenwriters are just reducing him to a two dimensional stereotype.

As "Rudy the Rainmaker" (the term refers to a lawyer who bring cases to his firm), Matt Damon gives a convincing performance. His smooth Southern accent and earnest expression do the job but he doesn't really make the character his own. To be fair, Damon is often left playing the straight man to the script's wide variety of peculiar characters. Danny DeVito as Baylor's assistant and Jon Voigt as the head opposing lawyer are particularly fun to watch as they squeeze every last ounce of entertainment out of their supporting roles.

"The Rainmaker" is fairly predictable and, at times, slowmoving but its offbeat humor and engaging characters make the film worthwhile. Coppola has turned mediocre material into absorbing, if not thought-provoking, cinema.

Reel Deal



Leigh Goldstein

on the highly-paid lawyers the insurance company



In "John Grisham's the Rainmaker," Danny DeVito, right, plays a morally shady paralegal who helps young lawyer Matt Damon prosecute a corrupt insurance company. The film improves upon the book.

Midway Mailbox

Another perspective on 'Another Perspective'

From Nick Pangere, sophomore:

I AM RESPONDING to the Midway editorial in the November issue about the "Another Perspective" conference. I agree a number of problems existed in the conference, one being the fact that there was no "other perspective." But the real problem with the conference was that it separated students, instead of bringing them together.

The school believes itself to be openminded and works hard to reach this goal. The Wednesday assemblies are one of the many ways the school tries to open the students' minds to other cultures, such as the Tibetan dancers.



Nick

However, I do believe that the Another Perspective groups were not as productive as they should have been. In my group, Affirmative Action, there was trouble breaking away from two specific arguments; either it was beneficial to humanity, or it was a curse. The two arguments were stated many times in many different ways, but they were still the same arguments. 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 prepare U-Highers for real life, I believe that we must look into opening their minds possibly in a different format than we've used.

Black versus white is also a recurring subject in our school, however it is phrased. The Lab Schools' 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 well with the rest of the community.

One problem with this diversity, however, is that people use it while trying to make points about other places in the world. The students have already made up their minds who they are, who they hang around and whether they want to date other races. At the Lab Schools, these are minor issues that are easily sorted out by students. The school, however, is forcing these issues into the spotlight.

U-Highers have mixed 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 this race, this color and this identity. 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 chess, 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. That is the key to a truly open minded school.

AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

A n 'A' for evaluations

Sitting in your math class trying to understand the logarithms written on the chalkboard, you wish you could explain to your teacher that just writing problems on the board doesn't help you understand the material.

Well, next quarter you'll be able to. A project of Student Council (S.C.), course evaluations, will give U-Highers an opportunity to evaluate courses anonymously.

Implementing the evaluations represents a big step in communication between students and faculty. Many teachers who already use course evaluations in their classes say

they are sometimes unaware of a classwide problem with the material and so they usually take students' suggestions.

Teachers who do use the evaluations, however, caution that evaluations may not always fix a problem. They are concerned that students who write that there was too much homework will expect that the next year the homework will decrease. That magic won't always happen.

Some students fear that teachers will be offended by a comment they make on the evaluations if they recognize the person's handwriting or writing style. Some teachers fear that students who worry about their

grades being lowered will not be honest.

One solution is to create a box for turning in evaluations in the Principal's Office and giving evaluations to teachers after grades are turned in. The box would help prevent students from worrying about their grades and would prevent teachers who might be tempted to lower students grades from being able to.

Concerns about the evaluations naturally exist. But the historic student leadership and initiative involved in creating them is both commendable and trailblazing. The evaluations can truly prove a step toward better communication in the school.

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A mess becomes mundane

When a problem thrives within a society long enough, people tend to forget about it, learning to avoid and ignore it. Constant complaining, they learn, is ineffective and not worth the effort.

Forgetting about a problem seems to be what's happening at U-High.

Students and teachers used to complain about the roaches that crawl through our lockers and in the cafeteria. We used to run from the numerous mice racing behind garbage cans throughout the cafeteria. The stains and discoloration on the carpets throughout the school used to make us shriek.

But things have changed.

In fact, in one area of the school, the mice have made friends with the teachers and stu-

dents. Food is fed and relationships are built. Now, instead of cleaning up a dirty table, we sit down right next to it, maybe pushing it aside but certainly not cleaning it up. And not using U-High washrooms has simply become routine.

Even with the Senior Lounge students have stopped complaining about the living filth. A new problem has risen; seniors have made objections to the lack of light in the lounge but the filth seems to have escaped them.

So, friends, don't forget about how the bathrooms are filthy, how mice crawl out of every nook and cranny, how tiles are falling from the ceiling. Take a stand. Pick up the garbage you see on the floor, clean up after yourself in the cafeteria and every once in a while just let your friendly administrator know that your school is a mess.

This Christmas, give a friendly ear

This is the season to be jolly. Or so they say. But being followed around a department store by a salesclerk while shopping for holiday gifts or being pulled over by the cops on the way home from a holiday dinner for no apparent reason is hardly something to celebrate.

For people who are unaware of the racism many black Chicagoans 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 always 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 police 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 sympathize. So, especially this holiday season, be a good friend and listen. Your friend may have something important to say.

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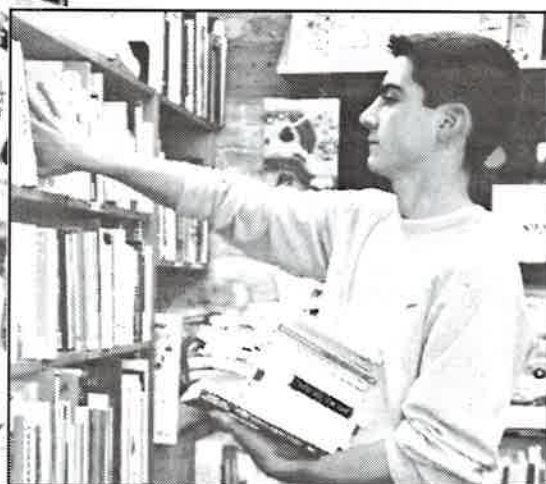


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Working to pay for

U-Highers dig in so they can give out

By Dana Cohn
Midway Reporter

Using tables to babysitting, Banana Republic to Bloomingdales, U-Highers are taking jobs anywhere they can find them so they can shop anywhere they like to and get gifts for relatives and friends.

Ambitiously looking for employment or putting in extra time at jobs they already have, U-Highers are willing to put nose to grindstone so they can trek to the Loop or North Michigan Ave. and enjoy the lights, decorations and spending.

Traveling to the Loop from as far as Northern Indiana, many U-Highers see shopping on Michigan Avenue as a tradition started in their childhood.

"I live in Hammond, Indiana, and it doesn't get as festive as Chicago," said Junior Andy Rosenband. "I am used to making trips to the city because even I was little my Mom would take me to see the win-

Michigan Avenue, and it's fun too because there is so much going on," said Senior Christina Cantwell, who travels to Chicago from her home in Munster, Indiana, 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.

Shopping 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 Liz Richardson 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 live so close it really is no hassle for me to get downtown 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 Keene 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 prove most practical.

"I work at the Jewish Community Center in Hyde Park during winter vacation," said Junior Lily Koppel. "I have a good 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 working during the holiday season," said Senior Josh Kalven. "It really puts me in a festive mood and gets me into the spirit. Shoppers are nicer and I really like it but sometimes it gets

"It's a whole different feeling working during the holiday season. It really puts me in a festive mood and gets me into the spirit."

-JOSH KALVEN, senior

dows at Marshall Fields on State Street."

"It's easy to go downtown because everything you could possibly need is right there and you don't have to run all over. It's only like a 40-minute drive down to Chicago, and it is definitely worth it to take one trip and get all of the stuff we need."

Some Hoosiers travel to Chicago so much for holiday shopping the Loop is almost their second home.

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Shoplifting raises price on holiday spirit

By Caroline Chanenson
Midway Reporter

Shopping on Michigan Ave. represents a Christmas ritual for many U-Highers, who travel from as far away as Indiana or the North Side suburbs to shop.

VISITING Water Tower Place is always fun for Sophomores Liz Richardson and Aaron Scott (photos from left), examining the selection of prewrapped gifts at Lord and Taylor.

PONDERING Christmas cheer, Victoria's Secret style, Senior Max Mearsheimer takes a glance at the windowfront scene of Santa and his elves.

FROM WORKING as babysitters to busboys, some U-Highers take jobs just for the holidays while others just work more during their break. Clocking in twice his normal time, Senior Josh Kalven shelves books at 57th Street Books.

Bringing five sweaters and five pairs of jeans into a dressing room at the Marshall Fields on State Street, a senior girl checks each item for an electronic tag. She picks a black \$50 sweater and a pair of \$60 jeans and snips off the electronic tags with a blade she carries in her pocket. Throwing the items in her backpack, she casually exits.

Shoplifting rates often rise during the holidays, say many area businessowners. In winter weather, they note, people wear bulkier clothing and can more easily conceal stolen merchandise. People also shoplift more because they need gifts they cannot afford to purchase.

Teenagers sometimes shoplift at holiday time on a whim, to see what they can get away with, psychologists say.

And both adult and young people may shoplift anytime of the year because they suffer from Kleptomania, a compulsion to steal.

The senior girl justifies shoplifting by saying that she can't afford the department store's high prices. "Large chains have a monopoly over the industry," she explained, "and as a major resource they can raise their prices. I feel cheated and can't afford to pay \$60 for a pair of jeans. And I shouldn't have to. I need to shoplift so I can have the things I want and if that means that other people will have to pay for it, so be it."

A representative of Marshall Fields acknowledged that the firm could never afford the necessary security to prevent shoplifting, particularly in areas such as dressing rooms.

In Hyde Park, many businessowners chalk up shoplifting as part of the cost of operating, with that cost usually passed on to the paying customer. A Midway check found shoplifting estimates ranging from three percent of sales at a card shop to two percent at a bookstore to \$50 a month at a supermarket.

Kleptomaniacs account probably for about half the shoplifting in the nation, some experts believe.

"Kleptomania is a form of stealing that takes place outside of a person's consciousness," explained Psychologist Alan Jaffe, assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at Northwestern University. "Kleptomaniacs are usually unaware that they are stealing. People who suffer from this always have other emotional disorders. Some people just have temporary lapses in judgment."

Businesspeople find young and older people steal for different reasons.

"Kids between the ages of 10 and 14," explained University Market Manager Kirsten Schley, "steal whatever they can get their hands on because it's fun and middleaged people, like panhandlers, steal expensive things that they can resell."

If a store chooses to prosecute, a teenager caught faces serious consequences, a representative of the Chicago Police Department said in a phone interview. Offenses go on a permanent record and offenders are held by the Police until their parents come get them. And their troubles may really just begin.

'Tis the season to be depressed

By Libby O'Neill
Midway Reporter

Surrounded by visions at Christmas of the perfect family instilled by T.V. programs, friends and school, some U-Highers, like their parents before them, begin to feel that their experiences can never match the ideal pictures they see. And they become depressed.

Others approach Christmas with dread because family members died at holiday time or other tragedies occurred. The coming of Ole Saint Nick fills them with anticipation of dread, not delight.

Still others feel Christmas weighing down heavier and heavier as Dec. 25 approaches because they are non-Christians in a predominantly Christian nation.

And many adults feel disappointed at holiday time simply because present reality can't live up to past memories.

"Christmas holds fantasy and magic for children," explains Psychologist Alan Jaffe, assistant profes-

sor of clinical psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University. "It's common when Christmas rolls around for people to realize how jaded they are and experience a sense of loss of their early childhood family experiences."

For some U-Highers their family experiences at holiday time are filled with tension rather than joy because their parents are divorced or separated.

"I don't see my Dad," said a freshman boy who asked to remain anonymous. "But my little brother does. My brother spends Christmas with my Dad and I'm with my Mom. I think Christmas should be a family time but without my dad and brother, it's not."

As for being non-Christian at a time when Christian symbols beckon from virtually every streetcorner and lamppost in the Loop and holiday specials on T.V. nearly wipe out the regular schedule, some U-Highers find the experience trying.

"On Christmas I feel left out," said Sophomore

Ilana Greene, "because it's just a typical day for me but for Christians it's one of the most important days of the year."

"Friends would describe their Christmas experiences to me and I would wish I could experience it. But I also feel like I'd be denying my religion, so Christmas is an experience I'll never have."

Although some non-Christians feel they can't celebrate Christmas and also practice their religion faithfully, others have begun celebrating Christmas for nonreligious reasons. Whether it's because they enjoy giving presents or respect the religion of their friends, many non-Christians who celebrate do it for fun and say celebrating is a perfect way to fight Christmas depression.

"When my parents came to the United States, they decided to celebrate Christmas," said Senior Pavan Makhija. "My religion is very open to other religions but we don't see Christmas as religious. We get a tree, we don't go to church. It's just fun to do the whole Christmas thing."

holidays

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

Some inventive 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 bus-sing tables," said Junior Mike Zabel. "I enjoy spending time away from the city during my vacation and I have fun while making money."

Others annually trek out of town as part of family

"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

traditions.

"I go down to Miami, Florida, where my Mom's family lives," Christina said. "It isn't as decorative and festive as Chicago and because it is warm and not cold it doesn't really feel like it's Christmas. Regardless of that I still have a great time relaxing, shopping, laying on the beach and spending time with my family."

Shopping on the road

Some U-Highers who travel away from Chicago annually get their holiday shopping in out of town.

"For the past three years I have gone to Park City, Utah, and I ski and hang out with my family," said Junior Lea Mosen. "I usually do my holiday shopping there at all of the little cute shops. It's different and I love trying out new stores and making my presents unique."

But many U-Highers are content to enjoy the holidays at home sweet home. You can sleep til noon no matter where you are, after all.

Do You BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

Compiled by Matt Block



ADRIENNE YASUNAGA, senior: "I don't believe in Santa Claus because when I was young my Mom made me wrap the presents."



CONLEY JOHNSON, sophomore: "I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I started asking myself 'wouldn't he get his suit dirty going down the chimney?'"

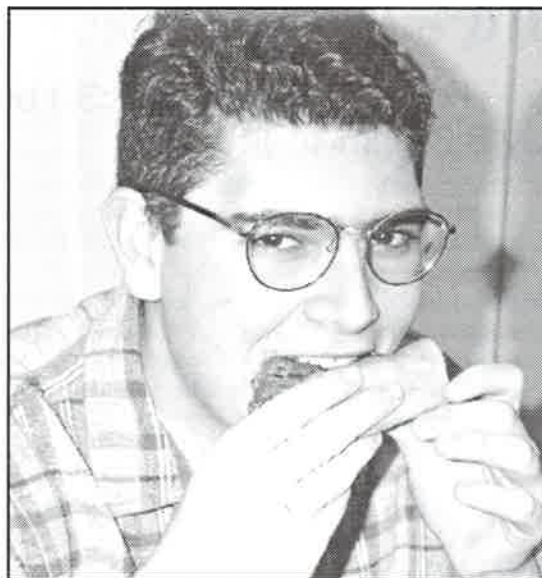


ADRIENNE CLARK, freshman: "Of course, doesn't everybody?"



KIAN DOWLATSHAHI, freshman: "I haven't believed in Santa Claus since I saw my grandmother with a sack of presents yelling 'HO HO HO!'"

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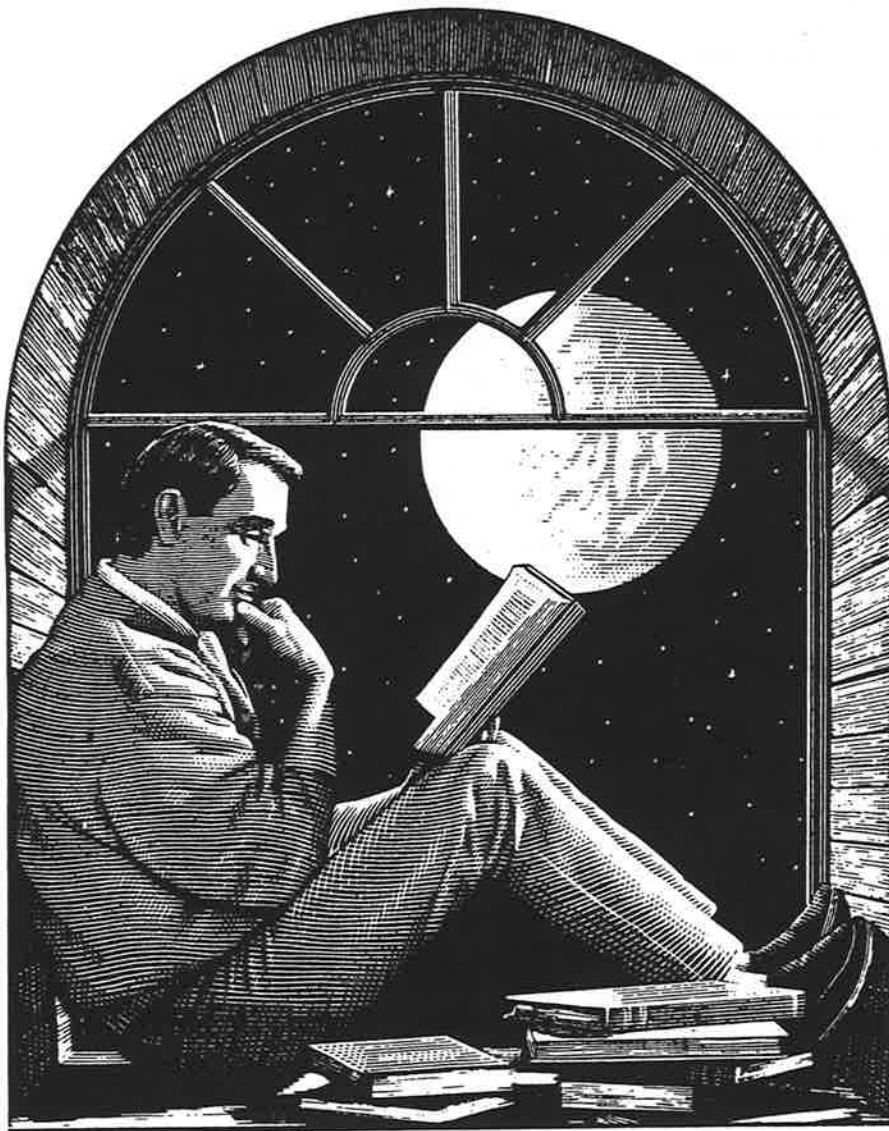
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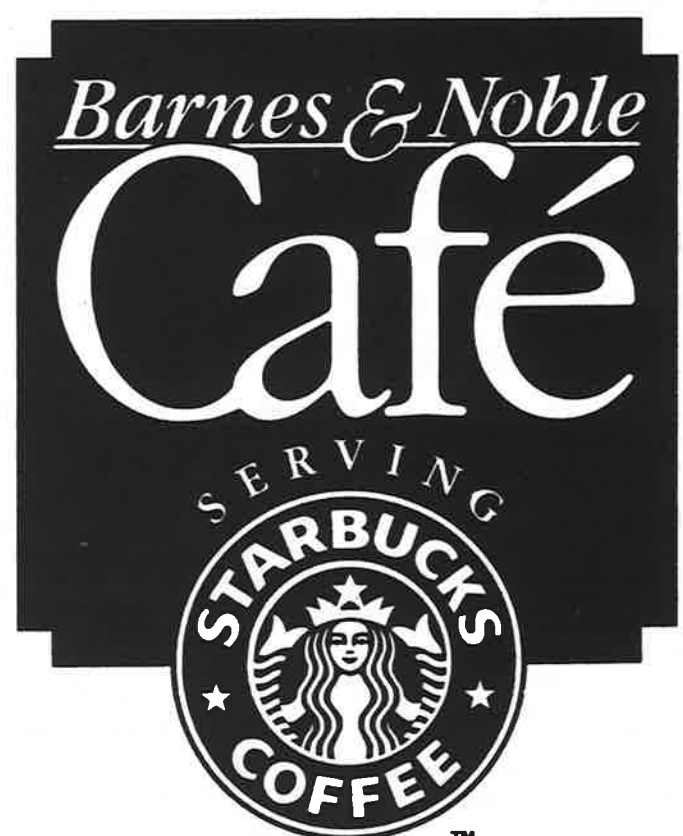
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RHYTHM OF LIFE

*A native dancer
honors her heritage*

By Sonia Mittal
Midway Reporter

A hush comes over thousands of spectators at the Hartford Civic Center in Connecticut, gathered 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 the midst of all the commotion stands Junior Willow Abrahamson, furiously slide-stepping to the beat, dancing in her own private world.

New to U-High, 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' jingle dress category. Willow has also performed for about 100 celebrities including Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and James Earl Jones at the Golden Plate 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 lots 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 in a drug and alcohol-free environment. Through regular chapter meetings and a national each year, 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 even be able to introduce my culture to the school community by dancing."



JUNIOR WILLOW ABRAHAMSON
Spirited dancer

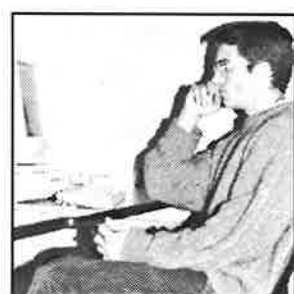


Photo by Claudia Cyganowski
and Tai Duncan

JUNIOR KARLIS
KANDEROVSKIS
Winning writer

SET member has
been 'produced'

By Arielle Levin-Becker
Midway Reporter

Assisting directors and choosing pieces for the Student Experimental Theater (SET) production, Junior Karlis Kanderovskis plans to bring his experience as a professionally-produced playwright to this year's SET board.

Following last year's SET performance of his play, "Fifty Years After," about a jazz musician who gave up his opportunity for fame, Karlis submitted it to the Rocky Mountain Student Theater Project Contest at English Teacher Darlene McCampbell's suggestion.

"I was surprised when the piece won second place and was produced," Karlis said. "It was the first play I'd ever written. I wrote it sort of on a whim." The top four entries were performed by the Golden Nugget Theater Company in Telluride, Colo. in August.

"The play was painful for me to watch," said Karlis, who saw the production on video. "The director didn't really understand what was going on in the play. There were originally four male roles, and in the Colorado version there were two men and two women."

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Fanciful, Flavorful CHINATOWN

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

By Alice Blander
Associate Editor

Walking down the street, Senior Mike Hoy passes 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 dine out every day, 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).

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

—MIKE HOY, senior

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 my 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 alleys where all the restaurants' garbage is."



Restaurants, gift shops, groceries and dozens of other enterprises offer a tantalizing selection of attractions in Chicago's colorful Chinatown.

SCOOPING OUT A ladleful of Cantonese-style crab (photos clockwise from left) two chefs prepare a takeout order in Won Kow restaurant at 2237 S. Wentworth Ave.

TEA, RICE AND OTHER Oriental delicacies crowd the shelves of Dong Kee, a small bakery at 2252 S. Wentworth Ave.

FROM LOBSTER TO SALMON STEAK, fresh seafood entices gourmet-lovers to the Chicago Food Market at 2245 S. Wentworth Ave.

BRIGHT SIGNS BECKON visitors to Cantonese and Mandarin restaurants on Wentworth.



Photos by Mike Hoy

Other than restaurants, many U-Highers enjoy Chinatown's wide variety of small shops which sell items ranging from books to food to decorative trinkets.

"My family and I go to this Chinese bakery called Chiu Quon sometimes," said Junior Kathy Lin. "They sell really delicious traditional Chinese pastries."

One of Chicago's last cultural enclaves, Chinatown stages numerous festivals each year to celebrate Chinese culture and holidays.

"Sometimes there are parades celebrating different holidays," said Junior Rishard May, Chinatown resident. "I really enjoy those because there are dragon dances and music, other traditional Chinese dancers and sometimes they even have Kung Fu

demonstrations."

With most Chinatown residents speaking Chinese dialects and the majority of stores selling Chinese merchandise, many U-Highers feel that entering Chinatown is like going to a whole new world.

"When you go to Chinatown," Mike said, "it's like putting yourself in a very different and secluded world."

"The community is very independent; kids grow up and live and die there. Some people go to school there, then once they're older they open up a business and basically never leave."

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Senior Chris Liu

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"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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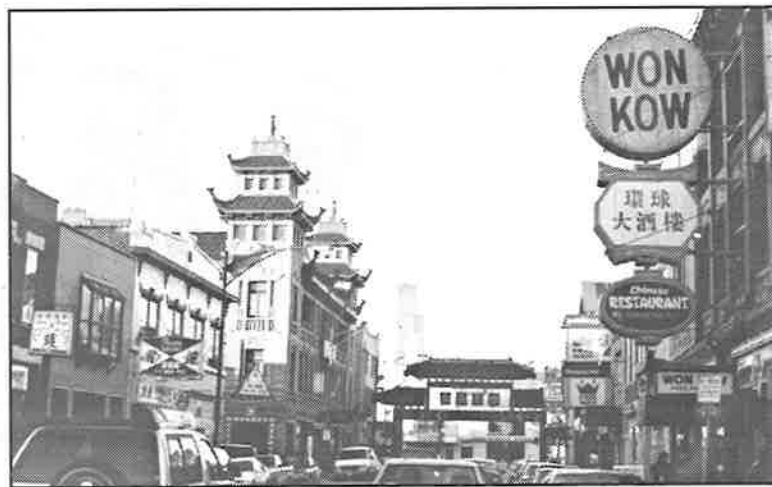


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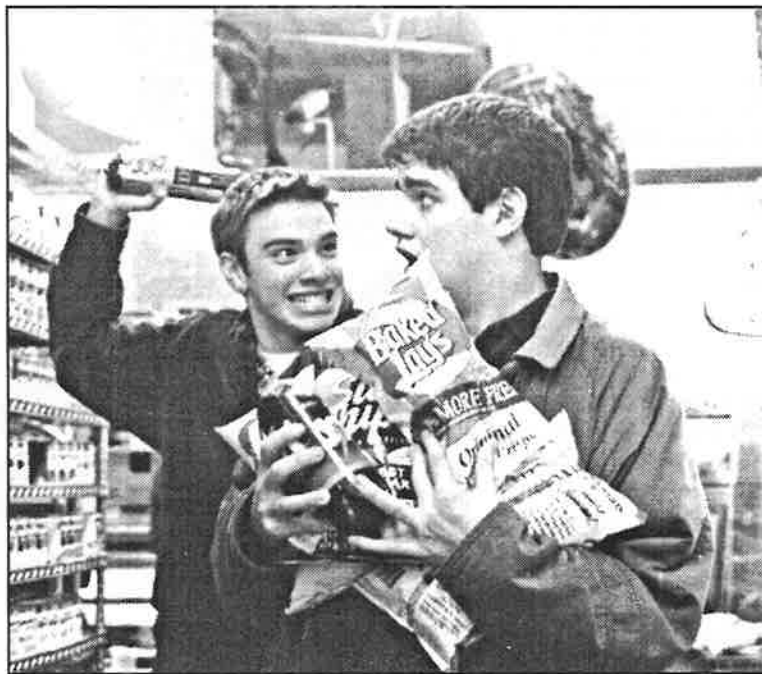
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Boy cagers take on Caxys powered by returning stars

By Bobby Stokes
Midway Reporter

Hopeing to take advantage of Lake Forest Academy's starless 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 Slaughter, former Independent School League (ISL) Player of the Year, Karega Bennett and Junior Jason Camp, varsity hopes to boast more size with addition of new.



Justin

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."



David

Coming after seven practices, the first varsity game against Fenger at Mather on Nov. 24 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 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 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, j.v. is hoping to repeat with the help of Sophomores David Wilson, Aaron Scott and Bobby Stokes.

"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 Dyrá is looking forward to his year as freshmen basketball coach. He coached basketball at Taft.

"I see this team winning because of perseverance and togetherness," he said.



Photo By Sarah Geis

With bragging rights at stake, Mather teacher Susan Buckwalter and Junior Rebecca Zemans go for the kill in the faculty-volleyball game at the Nov. 12 Wednesday Assembly. Many students noticed irregularities in the scoring and officiating. That was all intentional to give the "geezers" a chance at a much-desired win.

Girl cagers push winning streak

By Judith Disterhoft
Midway Reporter

Carrying a five-game winning streak against the Caxys into today's 4 p.m. game at Lake Forest, j.v. girl basketballers hope to make it six.

Led by Sophomore Sarah Schlessinger, j.v.ers hope 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 Joyce Stiles says Sarah brings key components to the team.

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

With strong individual players, Coach Stiles feels that overcoming weaknesses will be a manageable task.

"As a team, everyone's energetic and ready to play every game," explained Coach Stiles. "But there are definitely major improvements which need to be made. Because of inexperience, we're starting from the basics like drilling offensive plays."

Varsity Maroons see growing as a team



Sarah



Catherine

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 playing. Our goal is to build as a team and individuals with each game and I believe we're doing that."

Junior Catherine Chandler, only starting junior at varsity's Nov. 20 loss against Woodlands, 42-48, feels the team must show intensity to win.

"We need intensity no matter who we're playing," Catherine said. "We need to treat every team as a challenge, no matter what school they are."

"Catherine is a strong player," said Coach Moses. "She's good at penetrating, layups and passing."

Playing aggressively on offense, Catherine feels heated emotions during game time are beginning to cause conflict among players.

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

With already half of the six wins last year's varsity compiled, Coach Moses is content with the team's current standing in skill level.

"All around, we have a fundamentally sound team," Coach Moses said. "Each area of skills; rebounding, passing, shooting and defense, are well represented. Our talents blend. The different pieces of the puzzle are coming together."

Bring on the champs

Swimmers face IMSA in season opener

By Willow Abrahamson
Midway Reporter

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

Dedicating 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 swim events they've never swam 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, Mac. "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."

During 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 it'll be 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 hope they gain something good out of the season, whatever it may be."

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Mr. Sunny

Bob Cobb takes care of the gym and the people in it with style

By Mike Hoy
Midway Reporter

"Where in the smoke you been? We gotta radiator 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 newest problem, Mr. Bob Cobb looks up, points to a radiator and shouts, "Can't we shut that one off?! It's makin' the court 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 get a break.

"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 backwards in his chair after throwing in a load of suits, he reaches over to pour Athletic Director Karen Duncan a cup of his freshly brewed coffee. He chuckles.

At that moment, the next batch of towels is ready. Reaching over and plopping 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 nothin' for the experience I got in the Marines. But what I really regret is not gettin' my education

the way I should have."

Bringing his newly-folded pile of towels to the towel closet 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 heated the steel so it could be rolled."

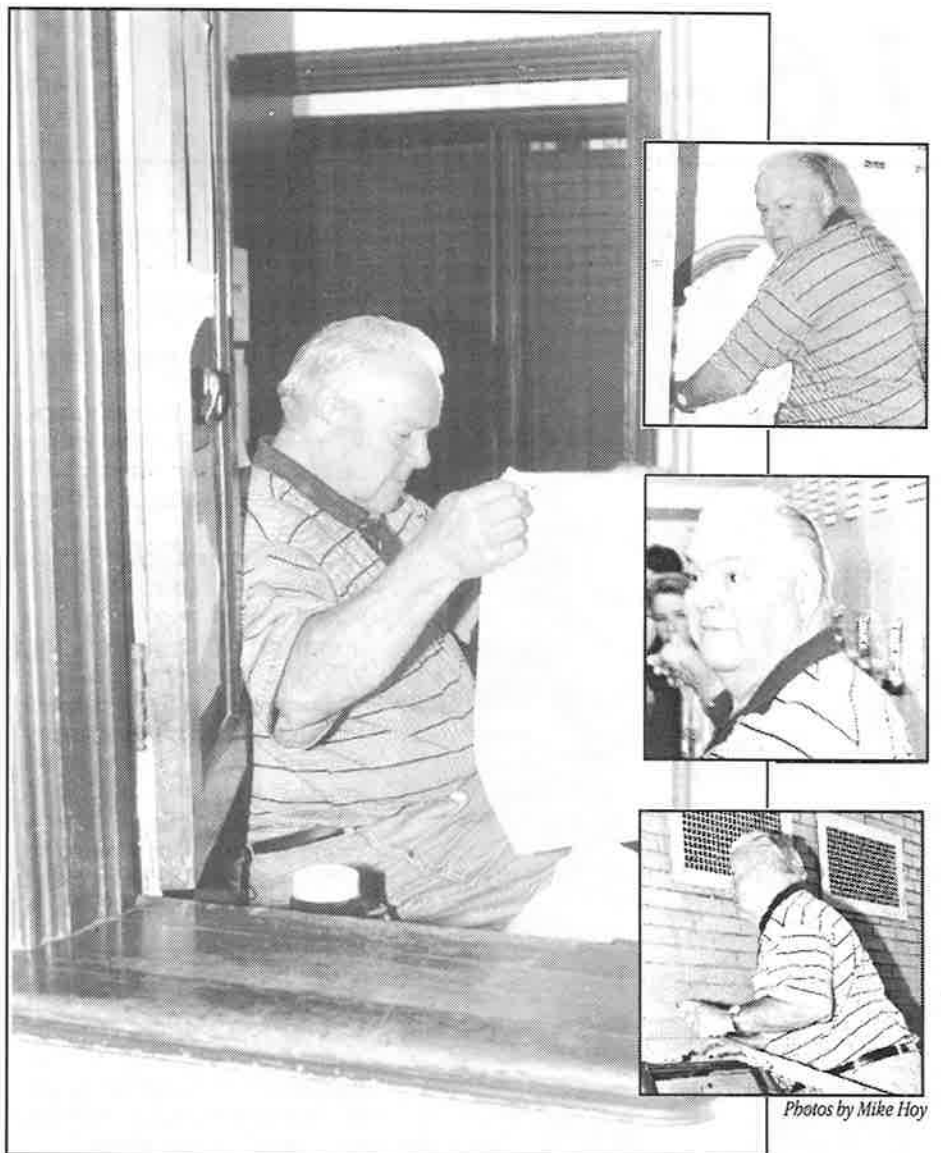
Reminiscing about his previous work experiences, Bob explains why he loves the Lab Schools so much.

"What I love about this place has gotta be the people. I couldn't ask anybody to be nicer to me ever. The kids, and the faculty. I never had any complaints about the way I've been treated."

Planning his retirement Bob feels that this will definitely be his last year at the Lab Schools. "I really wanna spend time with my family. I'd love to bring my grandkids to and from school, or just take it easy every now and then. My family thinks that if I retire I'll get lazy, but I'm ready to stop working."

"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."

Kicking 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 if I got somethin' to do I'm gonna do it."



Photos by Mike Hoy

MR. BOB COBB
Straightforward and to the point

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They're willing to be committed

Hearing all the crashing and grunting from the weight room, a U-Higher wanders up the stairs in Sunny Gym and glances in the door to see six members of the baseball team working out. In November!

In an era of 30-minute T.V. 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 turnout and intensity for each sport.

Recently out with a basketball, five members of the girls' basketball team played a keep-away drill until they all looked like they were going to pass out, stopping only to watch the boys' team pass on one of their many laps around the Midway. 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

its 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 even 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 schedule, many athletes manage to do two, even three, sports and love it. Regardless of the "no cut-policy" almost 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.

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Nate Whalen

Fall teams wind up winners

By Johannes Beeby
and Nate Whalen
Sports Editors

On their way to State, the girls' cross country team, led by the 10th-place finish of Junior Leah Drew, finished 4th of 21 at the Nov. 1 Lisle Sectional. Also qualifying were Senior Lucy Scharbach, Juniors Katie Sklarsky, Lena Clement and Katey Schein and Sophomores Anna Bloom and Shannon Gregory. Completing their season with a 16th place finish at the Peoria State meet, the team was again led Leah who finished 32nd overall.

Accompanying the girls' team, Sophomore Sandy Craig represented the boys with a ninth place finish in the Sectional meet and 64th 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 National competition.

Leading the third-ranked varsity soccer team in their Region to a 5-0 win

against Morgan Park Academy Oct. 28, at home, Junior Andy Rosenband, 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 Seniors Johannes Beeby, Nick Aulston and Josh Dankoff.

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 Trinity 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.

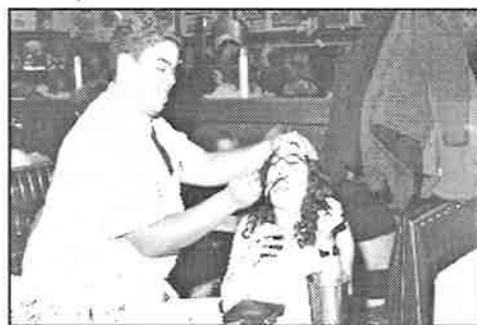
Video adds action to sports dinner

A video presentation of U-High athletes at play added a new dimension to the Fall Sports Banquet, Thursday, Dec. 4. More than 320 attended; a lasagne-pizza-salad buffet dinner was catered by Pizza Capri and parents provided dessert.

Coaches' Award winners were as follows: Cross

country, Sandy Craig (also ISL Athlete of the Year) and Lucy Scharbach (Mr. Bud James also was announced as ISL Coach of the Year); boys' soccer, Nic Aulston; volleyball, Ariel Gibbons; girls' tennis, Lizzi Heydemann and Adrienne Clark; and girls' swimming, Christina Cantwell.

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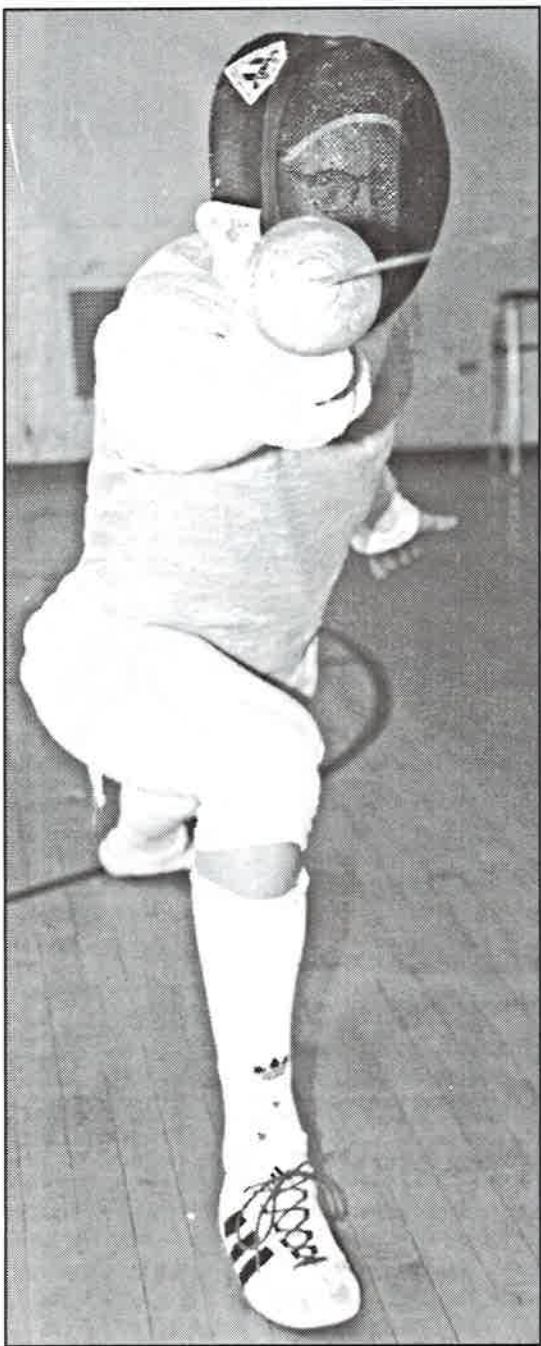


Photo by Jeff Hanauer

Foiled again, junior enjoys being en garde

Fencing for three years, new junior Philippe Pierre heads later this month 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.; Rochester, N.Y.; Louisville, Ken.; 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 Fiorenza Parsani,
Midway reporter

Gym campaign to kick off

By Johannes Beeby
Sports Editor

Kicking off a \$5 million campaign for the renovation of Sunny Gym and construction of a new gym an all-school program 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25 in Sunny will feature the Jesse White Tumblers, a parade of U-High athletes in uniform, a drum circle ceremony and prize giveaways.

Planned for completion at the turn of the century, work on the old and new gym will be funded through a \$5 million campaign, more than \$1.3 million of which has already been raised, according to Alumni and Development Director Eileen Epstein.

The new gym would 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 play-

ground is now," Mrs. Epstein said. "Pebbles will be pushed back over the tennis courts and the tennis courts will be placed in the corner of 59th Street and Dorchester Street."

Plans for the new two-story building include a basketball court on the top floor accommodating more than 400 spectators and badly-needed space for phys ed classes on the first floor.

"We are not positive about the specific plans for the first story 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 also is planned.

"The track that is in Jackman now will be leveled and reseeded 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."

Coming Up: Winter sports outlook

BOYS' VARSITY & J.V. BASKETBALL—Morgan Park Academy, Thursday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m., home; Varsity Holiday Tournament at Luther South, Wednesday Dec. 11—Sunday, Dec. 28; J.V. Tournament at Von Steuben, Monday, Dec. 22; Parker, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m., away; Latin, Friday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m., away; Holy Trinity, Saturday, Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m., home; Rich Central, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 4:15 p.m., away; North Shore Country Day School, Thursday Jan. 15, 4:15 p.m., home; Latin, Friday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m., away; Holy Trinity, Saturday 10, 4:30 p.m., home; Ridgewood, Wednesday Jan. 21, 6 p.m., away; Lake Forest Academy, Friday Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m., away; Morgan Park Academy, Tuesday Jan. 27, 4 p.m., away; Parker, Friday Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m., home.

BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL—Parker, Tuesday Jan. 6, 4 p.m., away; Latin, Friday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m., away; Holy Trinity, Saturday 10, 3 p.m., home; Latin, Saturday, Jan. 17, 11 a.m., home; North Shore Country Day School, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 4:30 p.m., home; Ridgewood, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 4:30 p.m., away; Latin, Friday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m., away; Holy Trinity, Sat-

urday, Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m., home; Parker, Friday, Jan. 30, 4 p.m., home.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL—Ridgewood Tournament, Dec. 22, 23 and 27, 6 p.m., away; Parker, Tuesday Jan. 6, 4 p.m., home; Latin, Friday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m., home; Willows, Tuesday Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m., home; Deerfield, varsity only, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m., away; North Shore Country Day School, Thursday, Jan. 15, 4:30 p.m., away; Deerfield, Saturday Jan. 17, 1 p.m., j.v. only, away; Lake Forest Academy, Friday Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m., home; Trinity, Saturday, Jan. 24, 11 a.m., home; Morgan Park Academy, Tuesday Jan. 27, 4 p.m., home; Parker, Friday Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m., away.

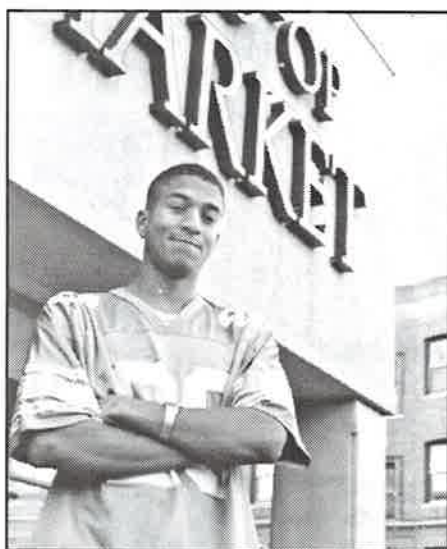
BOYS' SWIMMING—Shepard, Thursday Dec. 11, 5 p.m., away; St. Ignatius, Thursday, Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m., home; Riverside-Brookfield Invitational, Saturday Jan. 10, 12 p.m.; Latin, Tuesday Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m., away; Argo, Thursday, Jan. 15, 5 p.m., away; Mt. Carmel, Wednesday Jan. 21, 4:15 p.m., home; Evergreen Park Invitational, Saturday Jan. 24, 10 a.m.; Morton West, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 5 p.m., away.—Compiled by Johannes Beeby and Nate Whalen, sports editors.

Following Up: Recent scores

Editor's note: U-High score first, followed by opponent's; varsity results followed by j.v. in parentheses.
BOYS' BASKETBALL—Mather Varsity Tournament, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-3: Fenger, 62-69; Zion, 55-70; Mather, 65-64; Clemente, 88-67; Hirsch, 51-54. Ridgewood Freshman Tournament, Nov. 25 and Nov. 28-29: Scores unavailable at deadline, will be reported next issue; Elgin Academy, Dec. 5, freshmen only,

home, game ended after Midway presstime.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL—Elgin Academy, Nov. 18, home, 47-31 (35-5); Woodlands, Nov. 20, home, 42-48 (18-20); North Shore Country Day School, Nov. 21, home, (25-30); Trinity Junior Varsity Tournament, Nov. 24-30, Marshall, 18-48; St. Benedict 18-34. Morgan Park Academy, Dec. 2, varsity only, away, 34-30, Elgin Academy, Dec. 5, away, game ended after Midway presstime.

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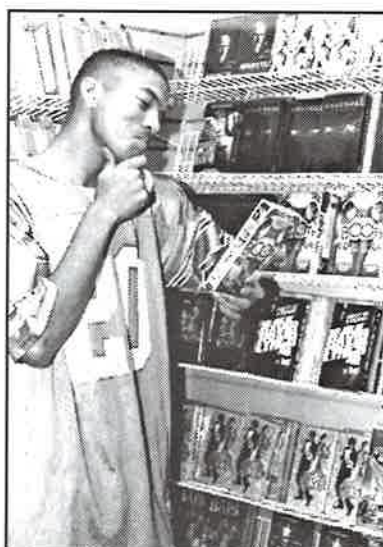
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