May Project numbers down, hopes high

By Debbie Gartner
Assistant in Chief

May Project has long been a point of pride at U-High. Over the past five years, students, faculty, administrators and parents have celebrated the Project as an outstanding opportunity for seniors to replace or supplement their last four years of high school with college experiences, community service, or independent learning.

And yesterday, the Class of ’98 began the downward trajectory to graduation with the start of May Project.

But in recent years, the number of students going on May Project has declined. This year, 44 of 119 (37 percent) are going. The number has steadily decreased from 66 of 96 (77 percent) in 1994 to 44 of 110 (40 percent) last year. When the class of ’96 began the Project, however, 107 of 168 students (64 percent) went on May Project and in 1988/1989 of 136 (81 percent) went, the highest participation.

While some administrators, faculty members and students attribute the decrease to later Advanced Placement (AP) tests, U-Highers taking U of C classes, changes in the student body and pressures of college applications, some U-Highers say the process of preparing for Project is too demanding.

All seniors receive a May Project Handbook which specifies the qualifications for acceptance, guidelines and requirements for the Project by December.

The Project is not guaranteed to all students, but in a privilege for those of "good standing," reads the handbook, and students must be not be paid.

In February, eligible seniors must submit proposals to the Readers Committee, a group of seven to 12 faculty and administration, who evaluate the final draft and accept or reject the final draft in April. Seniors must choose an adviser from the faculty or administration, but no adviser may work with more than two students.

Projects are divided into two categories—indepen-
dent and sponsored. Sponsored Projects require students to sustain a standard of excellence in a specific discipline. Independent Projects, however, are conducted in total in one part without a sponsor. These Projects require a reading list to be kept and demand three meetings a week with the adviser while sponsored Projects require weekly meetings. Students doing Independent Projects have only permitted five credits to remain eligible. Seniors doing an independ-
ent Project are permitted two

All Projects must cover at least six hours each day. Students with good grades or poor attend-
dance may become ineligible before or after pro-
sals are accepted. Each student must keep a journal of their Project, complete an evaluation form, write a paper reviewing their Project and if, most seniors say they plan to go on May Project at the beginning of the year but get dis-
tracted by college applications which left little time to design a proposal. With A.P. tests from mid-
to May, many students no longer have time to go to school for review, but also have reduced course load after A.P. tests, with some seniors having only one class.

To revamped interest and increase participa-
tion in May Project, administrators and faculty have suggested presentations in advisory about possible options. In senior advisories, students discuss ideas usually before the first formal Project meeting.

"May Project is a time for students to do things by themselves," explained English teacher Michael Gardner, May Project coordinator. "They do the proposing and carry things out independently. Part of May Project is that teachers don’t suggest Projects and they don’t set up the Projects. It re-
sults to have a student initiative rather than faculty doing work for students.

I’m here if a student has questions and I’ve made calls to help them get through the process but I haven’t set up Projects.

If the school sets up the Project, what is the stu-
dent learning? The process of arranging anything is part of the learning process, learning about deal-
ing as an adult.

In 1988-89 school year, Mr. Gardner and Math Teacher Shirley Holbrook took over May Project at the program’s quality and reputation was then gno-
ed. Mr. Gardner said they worked so hard to make May Project could become something the Lab Schools could be proud of.

"We didn’t change a great deal in terms of the process," Mr. Gardner said, "but we did in over-
ight by making students do things on time and taking things seriously.

The only major change in recent years, Mr. Gardner explained, is that independent projects away from home are no longer allowed because the school’s risk of liability is too great.

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Merry mixups line up three nights of ‘Twelfth Night’ in May Festival

By Swati Mural and Anshul Sahni

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In case of rain, the courtyard games and food will be moved indoors to Lower Sunny Gym. The play will be performed on the next possible clear evening.

A 50-foot inflatable wall will provide a new attraction for the International Festival at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

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colored stage with elaborate dresses and pantomime rights, according to Junior EB Shaw and Sara, costume and makeup mister.

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"Although 38 people were assigned to assist with set production, the bulk of the work was done by a small group of students who worked every day on it," Joe said. "We wanted to get the stage up early to allow some of the newer actors more time to adjust to performing in such a large stage itself.”

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Grants, academic honors, team victories top awards

By Lens Clement

Two U-High seniors so far were announced National Merit Scholarship winners. Seniors Claudia Czynkowski and Yuki Yamaguchi are among 2,200 winners of $2,000 grants from 1,400 schools. Other finalists include Elizabeth Allcico, Steven Hagan, John Marley, Meghan McFarlane and Kes Mendes. More merit awards will be announced later this month. Claudia was named a Regional Winner in the Chicago Tribune’s All-State Academic Team announced in May this year. Becoming previously announced National Achievement Scholarships for outstanding black students, Seniors Nicole Stallish and Jaelle Turner also received the Black Star award for outstanding African American students, $75 grants.

Physics Olympiad finalists

Advancing to the finals for the United States team at the World Physics Olympiad in July in Hyeres, France, Seniors John Madley and Junior Chris Laumann are candidates for five positions. Two hundred and seventy-five students from 55 nations will participate in the Olympiad. John and Chris will train for a week at the end of the month at the University of Maryland. ‘About 1,200 students took the qualifying exam earlier this year,’ Chris. ‘Out of those students, 150 were asked to take a second exam. Then 25 students were chosen to go to Maryland, which is where John and I are headed.’

Competing April 18 at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, the Science Team earned 10th place in the State. The U-Highers were coached by Science Teacher Sharon Housinger and Math Teacher Barbara Rockley.

Individual awards are as follows:
- EXCELLENT DESIGN—First place: Elizabeth Allcico, Claudia Czynkowskla, Preston Zulch
- Second place: Richard Fain, Richard Shown, Wil Riddle.

More team honors

Math Team placed second in the Civil A competition at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) State Convention, April 25, at Normal. Sparta again took first place. Individual awards were as follows:
- FIRST PLACE-Media: John Marley, Chris Laumann, Abigail J. Necambi, Rachel Verba, Preston Zulch
- Second place: Elizabeth Allcico, Claudia Czynkowski, Preston Zulch
- Third place: Chris Laumann, Chris Allcico, Matt Lyna, Elizabeth Allcico, Preston Zulch
- Fourth place: Rachel Verba, Preston Zulch
- Fifth place: Rachel Verba, Preston Zulch
- Sixth place: Rachel Verba, Preston Zulch
- Seventh place: Rachel Verba, Preston Zulch

SUMMER PLANS

Several U-Highers have been honored with participation in special summer programs. Sophomore Verka Mothner will serve as a page in the United States Senate sponsored by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.).

‘I will be running papers back and forth while the Senate is in session,’ Verka said. ‘I’m also going to be copying papers and answering phones for the senators.’

Junior Kenny Smith will participate in the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program as an intern (continued on page 5).

Gov't puts its paper on hold

New officers to decide if project to proceed

By Joe Pischel

The paper is off the presses! That is what student government had decided to do with its previously announced newspaper.

Many people who promised articles did not write them and some of the articles written were judged to be unprintable, said Student Union C.C. Treasurer Vanessa Carr, who with Student Council (S.C.) Secretary Andrea Schabert has overseen the project. Both are seniors.

Putting out a newspaper requires a lot of work and effort by everyone who is writing articles,” Vanessa explained. “People are not doing what they are supposed to do and this has caused executive committee members to become frustrated and put the project on hold.”

Newly-elected officers will decide if they want to pursue the newspaper next year, Vanessa said. Gathering ideas for student government, Junior President Tark Scott, Sophomore President Sonia Mistal and Junior C.C. Representatives Dana Cohn and Adam Perch assembled the Illinois Association of Student Council conference April 29-May 1 at the Ramada Hotel on Michigan Avenue. They were among 1,200 delegates.

Three students and two faculty members participated in S.C.’s Blood Drive April 7. Newly-elected student government officers were elected May 4 as follows:

STUDENT COUNCIL—President, Tark Scott; vice presidents, Delia Aron, secretary; Sonia Mistal, treasurer; Alexi Mathias, assistant treasurer; GEOGRAPHY—President, Adam Perch; treasurer, Christine Bowers of Illinois.

Famished after finals, Chris Rummel yearns for bulgur light

To find a great burger he trekks to...

North Avenue Beach.

MUSIC AND DANCE entertained the 50 patrons of Cultural Union’s Coffee House April 24. The bill included: Gaebal Dad, Fedor (saxophone, drums) and Woodland Steve Galla and Lisa Dysart. Stevie Batsel and Bob Einstein performed together. Sam Gonsalves and the Lone Star Jazz perform together. Matt Good, Steve Spickerman, Jacqui Eldred, Bridget Mirlan, Rebecca Neth, Kelly Williams and Tokyo Williams.

Content, relaxed and carefree. Chris lies on the beach, soaking up rays after a satisfying visit to Ed Debevic’s new location.

Ed Debevic’s

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Earning its name, “Mission Possible,” this strange device took second place in the topology category of the same name at the Illinois Science Olympiad, April 19. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Will Stokes (photo) built and designed the machine’s 3 energy transfers with Richard Raz and Richa Sharma. Among the energy transfers, used to transfer energy from one level to another, a candy burned through a string to begin another motion which turned on a tape of the “Mission Impossible” theme song.

Photo by Daniel Moe

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cert April 29 in Judd 126 presented the heralded production
number, "A Jubilant Song," with Walt Whitman's words set to
music by John Leavitt. Nine faculty members joined the Choir
for the selection. About 200 people applauded heartily for the
featured number and other selections ranging from "Some-
where" from "West Side Story" to "Workin' On the Railroad."

Connected

Elegantly-dressed for an evening filled with fine dining and en-
tertainment, more than 400 parents, alumni, faculty and
friends of the Schools enjoyed the Parents' Association "Con-
nections" benefit April 18 at the Fairmont Hotel. The highly-
praised dinner-dance-auction will benefit the school's athletic
complex campaign. The Jazz Band, including Michael Hoy, left,
and Noah Meites, wowed the crowd.

GRANTS, HONORS

(continued from page 2)

the University of Virginia. Participants will take
classes related to the field of business and meet
and work with prominent business people.
Junior Steve Glipin and Chris Rumford will par-
ticipate for five weeks in the Summer Theatre Pro-
gram at Northwestern University in Evanston.
Sore previously participated in summer programs
sponsored by Second City and Steppenwolf the-
drems. "I'll be acting and doing tech work in one of
the eight plays this summer," Steve explained. "It's a
great acting opportunity and I'm also looking for-
toward to seeing how it is to be on a college campus."

Placeing third at North America's largest Pow Wow,
"Gathering of Nations," Junior Willow Abrahamson
placed ahead of the World Champion Pow Wow
Dancer April 24-25 at the University of New
Mexico. More than 78,000 people attended the competi-
tion of 20,000 dancers from around the world.
Attracting as special guests, Willow's family also
participated in the competition. Her father served as
Champion. Her mother placed second in the competi-
tion. "I got to see my old Pow Wow buddies," Willow
said, "and I got to make new ones."

(grants honors will be reported in the June 3 Midway)

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Holocaust assembly
prompts reflections

By Andrea Levison-Delcher

Scores and moved after the Holocaust Re-
membrance Day assembly April 22, students
and teachers shared their feelings and reac-
tions to the pictures, stories and music they saw
and heard in the double-period assembly spon-
sored by the Jewish Students' Association (JSA).
Telling of his experiences as a seven-year-old
Jewish boy in Poland during the Holocaust,
Chicago Businessman Aaron Elster traced his
journey from a peaceful town in Poland to the
atrocities of a Christian family's house to a new life
in the United States following the war.
Two other student groups participated in the
assembly. Members of Gayla read a scene from the
play "Best," describing the treatment of homosexu-
als in the Holocaust. Breathing excerpts from
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, members
of Amnesty International presented the document
made in response to the genocides. Six candles on
stage representing six million people who died in
the Holocaust were slowly lit for the readings.
"I didn't want to die," Mr. Elster told the en-
teranced, silent audience. "I saw that children who
were more good than I, more pure than I was, were
being killed and I am not a sadist."

A string quartet, including Orchestra Teacher Rhea
Basa, whose mother survived the Holocaust, pre-
normed opus written in concentration camp
while a video, produced by Senior Michael Hoy,
featuring footage of mass graves, crowds support-
ing Nazis and children wearing yellow stars, filled
the movie screen in the background. Michael also
put together a similar collection of slides, to which
Senior Abigail Levine and Sophomore Dan Fefer
accompanied the presentation on piano and cello.
The video includes footage of Elster's family as they
were rounded up and sent to the concentration camp.
Hearing from a survivor, helped 13: Feeling refreshed
to what happened.

In the beginning, the photogra-
graphs had a different effect on me than the
end," reflected Sophomore Sheila Carrico.
"The speaker's words made the images come to life and
made them real."

Others felt Mr. Elster's message could be applied
today. "It was powerful when he said that when
we start to hate each other, it's the beginning of
the end," said Senior Joanna Bauer. "It showed
that something like this could occur today and that
we can never forget what happened."

Duck and cover

With his annual observance of the state's
quarantined tornado drill, this year April 26, the
state's tornado drills are being viewed as impractical because
the school has no warning system. That will soon
be changed, however, as the city is complet-
ing installation of a new outdoor sirens and
speaker system to warn of severe storms and
other emergencies. Down in the cafeteria from
third-floor classrooms Assassidnia Gubelstein,
left, Arianna Giambone and Riana Sawfent protect
their heads during the drill. Actually, they are
supposed to be testing the wet, not outward.

For all the graduates, for all the memories,
for all the debates where to go for
Thursday lunch, for all the right reasons,
for all good friends,
just to tell someone you love them,
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soul.

Geez, I wonder what else is cheesy in this ad...

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When life's unfair

There's nothing fair about it

I NA WORLD where Michael Jordan is missing more than half of his shots, O.J. Simpson runs fast and goofy Vikas are 7/8, things may often seem a little back-wards or confused. Straight up upside down if you please.

I find that I am constantly responding to situations like these using the phrase, "That's unfair." When, for instance, I received a bad grade on my math test, I screamed, "That's unfair," even though I hadn't studied as much as I could have. Or when I got ranked from the tennis lineup, at the last second I might add—obviously resorted to the "that's unfair" line, though the person who took my spot could easily laugh me off the court. And when my history teacher forced me to come in during lunch because I was five minutes late to class, you know what I was yelling off my tongue. Sure, I could have skipped the last five minutes of lunching, but then, that would have been unfair.

But I didn't realize how fair my life is until I sat down and watched, of all things, the local news. Try it. Flip on NBC or the Jerry Springer show—either will work—and you'll see what I mean. Both shows focus on a bunch of lunatics engaging in wild plots and murder, sex and drugs. Most of them have experienced some sort of tragedy that put them in such a dilemma, something that is out of their control and is truly unfair. Take, for instance, the six-year-old boy who was gruesomely murdered by his playmate, a four-year-old. The parents didn't do anything wrong. It's not their fault that cute gurums, dart guns and plastic guns all look like handguns. It's not their fault that some unscrupulous adult left a kid a gun outside. And it's not their fault that their neighbor's son found the gun and pulled the trigger. It's not their fault. But it certainly is unfair.

Midway Mailbox

A partial picture?

From Holly Gill, '96

A FEW DAYS AGO, I read my first U-High Midway since I graduated in 1996. I was home for the weekend and saw the newspaper sitting on my kitchen counter.

For old time's sake, I decided to pick it up and catch up on the current happenings at U-High. I was really upset to find that I opened up the middle section of the paper, that the Midway would print such clearly one-sided reporting.

I feel that the recent "Depth Report" article in the Midway regarding "Grads who don't go on to College/Glory" was quite skewed. The Midway failed to interview any of the vast majority of U-High graduates who do go to school that are, without a doubt, the "right place." The Midway also failed to interview any of the vast majority of U-High students who do receive degrees. How is it appropriate to make a generalization that the college counseling department is not doing a good job, when only one side of the story is presented? The story only discusses that minority of students who do not go on to college, or if they do, do not succeed.

In my opinion, the college counseling department offered invaluable advice both to me and my parents. We asked many questions and always received accurate answers. We were proactive in the process.

U-High students are smart, right? They need to begin to take some responsibility for their own grades, questions to ask, deadlines and actions. In the end, the decision of where, when or if to go to college is up to the students, their families and the admissions department at the college.

In my opinion, the college counseling department is not only ineffective, but exemplary in its efforts to make students aware of their college options. They are expert at answering questions and offering advice. I feel that the article was one-sided and unfounded.

The Midway's editors reply that they took great care to include on introduction to the story recognizing the overwhelming majority of U-High graduates who in the school's long history have journeyed on to notable success at university, college and life after school, success which certainly reflects credit on the quality of the school's extensive counseling services. What the story was about was the small number of U-Highers who drop out of college and the expenditure they have to fork over, experiences for not towards because the school only now is considering assessing what happens to its graduates in colleges and beyond and why.

For the sake of the majority of the U-High graduates who have succeeded in college, stories which have been told several times over in the school's alumni and parent publications and in the city's newspaper columns, the Midway for the Midway to include them for the sake of fairness and balance would be like reporting the experiences of two U-Highers who were mugged last night and including the stories of the 448 who weren't.

Now, I realize that I am a single, one-sided, one-sided U-Higher who really gets upset when he reads the Midway. But I believe that the Midway has a responsibility to the students of the future, and it is not being fulfilled when it runs such stories.

Projects a privilege

It's exactly what John Dewey would have envisioned 100 years ago for his Seminary U-High. It's an educational project that provides students hands-on experience.

The year of its birth, in 1959, more than 60 percent of the senior class embarked on a real-world experience during the month of May. This year, however, fewer than 40 percent are leaving for May Project. But that's because the interest level has dropped. Most seniors say that doing a May Project stood high on their priority list when they were juniors. But when asked their leaders of the requirements for qualifying for a project they decided it was too much work.

Advanced, that's U-High

U-Highers in Advanced Placement (AP) courses often complain that their teachers haven't prepared them for the tests (the teachers, you can bet, have their own valid viewpoints on that claim), classes have moved too slowly and their classmates ask mundane questions.

But at least almost every student at U-High has the opportunity to take AP classes.

At schools around the country, according to a March 22 article in the Washington Post, high schoolers are being discouraged and even denied from taking AP classes. Educators at these schools often feel isolated from students in easier classes if they don't think the students can handle the AP course.

These educators fear the article explains, that if they let just anyone into advanced classes ("brighter kids") will become disinterested. They also fear that the percentage of students who pass AP tests will decrease.

So even in the face of nationwide criticism of U.S. history, that student might not be allowed into an A.P. U.S. History class if his grades aren't at the top of the curve. Another student, who has no particular interest in U.S. History but can memorize heaps of information without any trouble, might get in.

That doesn't happen here. U-High can be proud that it's ahead of the A.P. game.
A ‘Rock’ and a hard place

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henfeld’s Series Mag is just two days away
and NBC executives are frantically looking for
the right program to fill its all-important 8 p.m.
Thursday time slot.
These are the four front-runners:
\[\text{There's the popular 'Feather' but its strongest Tuesday show, NBC is reluctant to move it.}\]
\[\text{Powerhouse 'Friends' is too perfect at the 7 p.m. kickoff of 'Must see T.V.' to take Seinfeld's space.}\]
\[\text{Though getting a lot of attention, 'Just Shoot Me' is inconsistent and hasn't been around long enough to prove that it can hold.}\]
\[\text{So, the obvious choice is the wacky and wonderful '3rd Rock from the Sun.'}\]

Though its viewership is dwindling, "3rd Rock" (8 p.m. Wednesday, channel 5) is critically acclaimed. The sitcom displays consistently funny writing played by an energetic ensemble without a weak link. The show centers on a group of four aliens who inhabit human bodies to study life on earth firsthand. Living like a family in a small apartment, they dabble in various aspects of human existence with the naiveté of children. Group High Commander (John Lithgow) occupies the body of a budding, middle-aged physics professor in love with human Dr. Algriet (Joe Curtain), the middle-aged anthropologist professor who shares his office. Busting with energy, Dick is propelled by his desires and loquaciously expresses all of his emotions. John Lithgow acts brilliantly, breathing a touch of humanity into a cartoonish goofball. An equally charming character, Sally (Rhoda Johnstone), is a male warrior alien living as a 20-something, slim, blond woman. Her taciturn, emotionless aloofness, wearing eccentric, Harry (French Stewart) is yet another among this pleasing ensemble. Desired for cutlery, Harry is the underdog outsider, one can’t help but root for him in his outlandish weekly antics.

Tenetti (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), the eldest alien, who inhabits the teenage boy’s physique, also does an adept job. As he struggles with the trials and tribulations of adolescence, he cleverly mocks the humans he encounters. Granted, no show can properly substitute for Seinfeld. Yes, with raunchy comedians such as Lithgow and Curtin, inherently original and outrageous characters and unfailingly entertaining writing, "3rd Rock" is just crazy enough to work as the solution to NBC’s T.V. dilemma.

Compiled by Mike Hoy

Richard

Isaac

Kate

Chris

Far out! The wacky "Third Rock from the Sun" ensemble, from left, French Stewart, John Lithgow, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Kristen Johnson, may replace the beloved Friends from "Seinfeld" this fall.

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May Projects
take seniors far

By Justin Proctor

Building shepherd in Santa Fe, NM, studying Marine Biology in Hawaii and teaching in Washington, D.C., Seniors Alex Toomey, Britta Baud and Faith Hunter are among seven travelers of six seniors who started May Project yesterday away. Begun by the class of 1989, May Project allows seniors to qualify to replace some or all of their class time with career experiences, community service or independent study.

Staying with her aunt in Santa Fe, Alex will be building adobe houses with Habitat for Humanity. Designed by former President Jimmy Carter to replace communities which have been hit by natural disasters, the Habitat organization connects houses with members of the impoverished communities to improve their living conditions. "I did Habitat in Chicago a couple years ago," Alex said. "Ever since I took Mr. Horton's Four Corners Elective I've been interested in Native American studies. I thought Santa Fe would combine these interests and also be a fun place to go!"

Working with string rays and assisting in the visitation of dolphin-touch pools, Britta will serve as an intern at Seabird Park in Honolulu. "Marine Biology is something I've always wanted to do," Britta said. "But I don't think it will work out as a career. This is my opportunity to do it."

Faith will assist her aunt at a private elementary school. "I love kids," she said. "I've always wanted to be in a training environment on the opposite side that I'm used to - the teacher instead of the student. I thought it would be fun to try."

Repairing a 1968 Ford Mustang, Wayne Goodall will work out of his garage for May Project. Replacing the engine, brakes and interior of the car, Wayne will advance beyond the small menopausal he has done with his father for the past 10 years. "My father bought the car for me when I was eight," Wayne said. "He told me I'd have something to drive when I grew up. It's been sitting in my garage since then. It's the perfect car to fix up."

Other May Projects, by category, are as follows:


The following seniors will be participating in the following projects: Alex Toomey, Britta Baud, Wayne Goodall, Taylor Trentham, and Taylor "Tofu" Chin.

A Modern Day Fairy Tale at

Unbeknownst to Jocelyn, Prince Justin had also gone to Hyde Park Co-op to shop for the best groceries in Hyde Park and saw Jocelyn wandering the aisles. Seeing as how he had no date of his own he walked up to her and asked her out.

T was a time of mass hysteria. The big dance was nearing and the simple folk of Chicago were deciding who to ask.

Without a date, poor Jocelyn decided to let her dejected state linger and set about collecting food for a solitary meal at home.

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"Would you accompany me to the big dance?"

The rest is history.

May Project numbers down

While some students blame decreased involvement on the rigorous process, faculty members who have seen May Project attract its good reputation to Mr. Gardner's efforts but worry students aren't encouraged to follow their interests. "In the early years of May Project, we would have special awards of the Midwest as Projects," said Journalism Teacher Wayne Bradley. "These were journalistic experiences students couldn't have as a usual part of the journalism curriculum. I was told by May Project coordination these Projects would be permitted anymore because they weren't considered a new experience. But then I heard from other teachers that people were sick and tired of students spending summer time with me and didn't want them to return to May Project, too. "I know students say Mr. Gardner is tough but he saved May Project. Students were wanting it and he took it seriously. He really rescued it and marketed it as something worthwhile and serious. He was concerned that the experience be special and done with integrity."

Some students and faculty say that the types of Projects students are doing have changed and the ideals proposed aren't new experiences. "But a Project doesn't need to be dramatic to be worthwhile, Mr. Gardner believes."

Over the years, seniors have traveled throughout the world and stayed close to home, worked in hospitals, broadcasting stations, law firms and non-profits, served as government interns, artists and researchers.

Richard Adams, '75, studied mushrooms at the Field Museum. "I've established a mycological center," and Penny Poon, '81, built a microcomputer. "I was a computer," Todd Dupont, '89, studied wolves at a wolf sanctuary. "I've traveled to Italy for an archeological dig," Silvana Marrullo, '94, assembled and restored a motorcycle, and Chris Borch and Dan Harley, '95, took a literary road trip to New Orleans, stopping at famous authors' homes along the way.

And Bruce Gans, '99, worked as an assistant to Mike Royko at The Daily News and is now a professor of English at Wright College as an author of fiction. "When Royko took me on, it was a real job on the back and gave me more confidence in my writing," Mr. Gans explained. "He took me under his wing and gave me a chance. Royko gave me the sense that writing was something valuable, that it was valuable to society and valuable to myself."

This year, seniors' Projects include: internships at NBC, designing and constructing a climbing wall in the inner city, building houses in Santa Fe and volunteering in hospitals. "May Project is purely Dewey," said Lab School Director Lucinda Lee Katz. "It's really the essence of Dewey and what he had designed for the school. A hands-on education. And it combines Dewey's philosophy with a personalized curriculum and a practical means of achieving it all while still connected to the school."

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**10-11 sports**

**Tennis squad learns there's no 'I' in 'team'**

By Richard Sager  
**Section Editor**

**With their final match of the season today against Napier at 4 p.m. at home, varsity tennis Maroons’ season, for which they hoped of another 10-1 record, falls short of expectations.**

"We're struggling in the SSL because we need to get our act together," said Junior David Katz. "Out of our biggest problems is that team members don't show up for our matches for whatever reason and that has hurt us as a team."

Though the Maroons won over Parker and Latin at the Latin In-  

vitational April 15, they may have lost more than they won.  

Junior Matt Shetlen, first varsity singles player, was sidelined for three weeks with a severely pulled hamstring.  

Another problem: Rain led to seven cancelled matches.  

"Between the rainouts at the start of the season and in my injury, this season has been really tough," Matt said. "My being out has screwed up our rotation and forced everyone to play up spots."

Though the team did not boast any stars, coaches were quick to praise their work ethic.

"We don't have any standouts," Mac said. "But we do have a lot of players trying really hard, like Matt Shetlen and Robin Wilshoff."

The youth of the team proved another factor this season, with room for improvement but also promise for coming seasons.

"This year our best players are Bobby," said Junior Casey Manning-Sullivan, "and hopefully he will keep improving. I think it's great that he's just a freshman."

Previous matches not reported, U-High score first, followed by opponent's, with JV scores as parenthetical, are as follows

**Middletown South, April 17**

- 5-0 (5-10)

**Brevard**, April 24

- 3-2 (3-2)

**Seton Hall**, April 28

- 1-0 (1-0)

**Lake Forest Academy**, April 28

- 3-2 (3-2)

**Paeon**, April 29

- 2-1 (2-1)

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**Rippling backhand down the line, Mario McKinlay practices for one of the numerous makeup matches tennismen had to contend with during a rainy April.**

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**Baseballers pitch for a repeat**

By Bobbi Soder  
**Section Editor**

Looking to take advantage of Lake Forest Academy's (LFA) starless team, varsity baseball hopes to continue their undefeated 6-0 Independent School League (SSL) season, 12-2 overall. The Maroons are confident going into today's game against the Gators because they dominated them in their first meeting of the year, April 17, 27-5.

"Right now we are right where we expected to be," said Coach Jack Taylor. "We feel very confident in the SSL season because of all the work we have put in."

Pumped by an April 6, 6-5 win over the ninth-ranked class AA (more than 1,288 students) Mt. Carmel Caravan and consistent play, U-High received recognition as the fourth-ranked class A (less than 1,288 students) team in the Chicago area.

The U-Highers have been led offensively by Senior Emile Cambry (105 batting average in the league) and a confident pitching staff led by Senior Anthony Williams (40), who hope to continue their success into Regionals.

"The team is at a real good position because we are playing well and not peaking too early," Anthony said. "With the win over Mt. Carmel, we started to get the respect we knew we deserved. If we keep gaining confidence, there is no reason we can't go all the way."

Off to a slow start with three losses early to Providence St. Mel, Lane Tech and Mt. Carmel, it has bounced back with seven straight wins to 7-3 (14) in the SSL.

"I'm pleased with the progress of the team," said Coach John Wilson, Lower School Teacher. "With every win we become more of a team and I feel that we can win every game we have left."

The Maroons have been led by Junior Chesa Brudin, captain, one of four seniors on the team, with his said, play and experience.

"The team on the whole is well balanced," Chesa said.

"We have had some good pitching and pretty good defense. As the season moves on we can work a little on not standing runners and playing smart baseball."

Scores of varsity games not previously reported, U-High score first followed by opponent's, are as follows

**Tott**, April 11

- 1-0 (1-0)

**Marion Ponds Academy, April 15**, home

- 15-0

**Chicago Vocational School, April 14**, away

- 17-3 (7-1)

**North Shore Country Day School**, April 15, away

- 17-4

**Seton Hall**, April 15, away

- 15-0

**Lake Forest Academy**, April 15, home

- 14-5 (1-5)

**Paeon**, April 15, away

- 10-0

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Soccer girls title bound!

With their 6-1-2 (3-0-1 in league) record, varsity soccer girls need a win today at Parker if they hope of winning their first-ever Independent School League (ISL) championship to stay alive.

Led by Captains Christina Carrell and Angie Kenney seniors, the Maroons believe they have learned from last year’s mistakes.

“We are much more excited this year,” Angie said.

“We came into the season with a defensive attitude but now we play more aggressively.”

Last year we played too defensively, waiting until the other team scored to rise and score. This year, we play to score first and finish it.”

Before entering Regional Saturday, May 15, the Maroons have to get past Latin, who they tied earlier this season, 4-4, Friday at home, and Lake Forest Academy, Tuesday, May 19, also at home.

“Latin is definitely one of our biggest challenges,” said Coach Dominic Paine. “They have a solid team this year, and will be tough to beat.”

Also coming up is Sectionals, Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, Supersectionals, Tuesday, June 2, and State, Saturday, June 6.

With a strong midfielder leading the way, (I) hopes its strong start won’t fade as it goes head-to-head with Parker today at 4:30, away. Led by Sophomores Liz Richardson and Emily Carroll and Junior Jenny Rixen, the Maroons are an all-around solid team.

“We have a really positive and supportive team. They work hard to make themselves better,” Coach Mike Moses said.

“Everyone contributes to make the team the best it can be, and it’s one of the best in years.”

Communing last year’s success, (I) seniors like their chances of repeating as ISL champs.

“If our offense keeps scoring and the defense remains tight,” Coach Moses said. “We definitely have a chance of winning the ISL. We still have to beat Latin and Lake Forest Academy, but if the focus remains, we can pose a threat.”

Scores of recent games, U-High’s scores first and varsity followed by JV in parentheses, are as follows:

Woodlands: April 3; 0-0 (3); Latin: April 21, 2; 0-0 (2); Lake Forest Academy: April 21, 2; 1-0 (2); Woodlands: April 21, 2; 1-0 (2); St. Stanislaus: May 1, 0; 0-2 (0); North Shore Country Day: May 5, 0-0 (0).

Other upcoming games are as follows:

Latin: May 15, 4 p.m.; home; Lake Forest Academy: May 11, 4-0 (3); home; Regina: May 19, 3-0 (3); Lake Forest Academy: May 25, 2-0; 0-0 (2); Woodlands: May 29; 3-0; 0-0 (2); Regina: June 1, 5-0; 0-0 (2); Latin: May 5, 2-0; 0-0 (2); Lake Forest: May 5; 0-0 (0).

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