

College Counselor leaving after 27 years

By Vikas Singhal
Editor-in-Chief

A hunt for a college counselor to replace Mrs. Mary Lee Hoganson, who is leaving U-High after 27 years, is underway.

Mrs. Hoganson handed in her resignation on May 22.



Mrs. Hoganson

She has gained national acclaim for her work as a counselor and for serving associations including the College Board and the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC). She has received numerous honors including the John B. Muir Award given by the NACAC for the numerous articles she has written on educational and admission counseling.

And while Mrs. Hoganson says she attributes much of this success to U-High, she also feels she can't pass up the opportunity offered by Homewood-Flossmoor High School, where she will help develop the college counseling program.

She also said that a policy statement on college counseling written and approved by a subcommittee of the Lab Schools Board last year also influenced her decision. The Board drafted the policy to make the college process smoother and easier for parents and students, according to Mr. Bob Zimmer, cochairperson with Ms. Deborah Epstein.

Mrs. Hoganson says despite her expertise in the college counseling field, neither she nor U-High's other college counselor, Mr. Bill Tracy, was consulted when the policy statement was drafted. And both feel that most of the goals outlined have already been accomplished with great success.

"Given my long experience with the college ad-

missions process and standing in the college counseling profession," Mrs. Hoganson said, "I found it unacceptable to be held accountable to a Board subcommittee with limited knowledge of college admissions."

Board members, however, told the Midway that the subcommittee and the policy statement were in no way directed at Mrs. Hoganson.

"The whole question about the way the school handles college counseling," said Mr. Zimmer, "was brought to the Board by the Director, along with many other topics. The Board policy was not meant to be critical of anybody. We just used it to give some kind of direction. I wanted Mrs. Hoganson to be one of the leaders in helping us."

Mr. Tracy says ideas such as revising the school profile sheet, for which the Lab Schools Board hired an educational consulting firm, would be useful but also says a different approach should have been

taken.

"They probably entered with good intentions and then just overstepped their bounds," he said. "I think the biggest mistake was that we were never involved."

Mrs. Hoganson says that the actions of the Lab Schools Board were not the only factors leading to her decision.

"I am grateful for the support the Lab Schools has shown and thank them for bringing me the success I have gained," she said. "But it is time to move on. I have admired Homewood-Flossmoor for years and have always wondered what would happen if they just had an experienced college counselor."

As for the incoming seniors, Mrs. Hoganson says she is trying to leave things in perfect order and is willing to come in next year on occasion.

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Photo by Tai Duncan

Pursuing a loose ball, Catherine Chandler hustles in the May 15, 1-0 loss to Latin at home.

Illiana gets revenge in Regionals as baseballers fall short of goal

By Nate Whalen and Johannes Beeby
Sports Editors

Although the varsity baseballmen fell short of winning three games in Regionals, most of the preseason goals were accomplished as the Maroons finished the regular season ranked second in the city (Class A), Independent School League champions (12-0 league), and 20-3 overall.

Avenging their second round loss in last year's Regionals, the number two-seed Illiana Christian baseball team beat the Maroons, May 23, by slaughter rule in the third round of Regionals, 17-4 in five innings at Illiana. Falling short of their State expectations, the Maroons felt their hopes of continuing on in the playoffs slip away early in the game.

Up to bat first, the Maroons scored two runs to take the early lead until the bottom of the first inning when unforced errors allowed eight runs to score.

Never looking back, Illiana went on to score nine more runs in the

next four innings and held the Maroons to just two more runs.

"Losing to Illiana was a heartbreaker," said Senior Nic Aulston, starting second baseman. "But we can't overlook how well the rest of our season went. We accomplished most of our goals that we had set out for."

Largely because of the pitching staff who held opponents to a just over two runs a game and batting that scored an average of 10 runs a game, the team finished with one of the best ever records for a baseball team in U-High history.

Although the season is over, most of the team will join up to play in a summer league, the Babe Ruth League, representing Hyde Park-Kenwood.

"It's always fun to play together," said Junior Xander Meadow. "This team has a lot of energy and the most skill of any team I've ever been on. I just wish the seniors could come back for another year, we amy need them."

the team managed to finish 8-4, ending second in Conference and Sectionals and had all three doubles teams named All-Conference. Along with Mike and Robby, the team of Senior Richard Raz and Junior David Katz and the team of Bobby Stokes and George Yamauchi-Wied were named.

One of only 30 Sectional champions in the State, Mike and Robby set an example of commitment and dedication.

"Let's just say this," Coach Larry McFarlane said. "Only three players showed up for every practice and every meet and two of those were Mike and Robby. The other waws David."

Just barely missing State qualifying, Junior Matt Shelton fin-

One goal away from the title

By Johannes Beeby
Sports Editor

After finishing 8-9 last year, the varsity girls' soccer team, with only three players not returning from last year's team, proved to everyone that they aren't a .500 team but that they are a threat to everyone they play with their 12-3-2 overall record and their 8-2-2 Independent School League (ISL) record.

For the first time since the creation of the Independent School League (ISL) for girls' soccer, in 1992, the varsity soccer team looked as though it was bound to pull off the title. Going into the Woodlands game, May 20, away, the team needed a win to win the title, a tie to be cochampions with the Woodlands team but a loss would put them in second.

Still riding high from the May 19 win against Lake Forest Academy, 3-1, at home, the team came into the game confident about its chances. More than confidence, however, is needed to win the game. Striking early on a penalty kick, Sophomore Hannah Levine put the Maroons on top 1-0. Hoping to increase their lead, Senior Jaime Duguay scored another goal to put them on top 2-0. However, the officials reviewed the play and discounted the goal, leaving the score at 1-0.

After the halftime break, momentum shifted and Woodlands scored two unanswered goals and won the game and the title.

"After the first Woodlands goal, it seemed as though the team gave up," said Jaime, the team's leading scorer with eight goals and two assists. "The officiating wasn't that good, we know it's no excuse but it still effects the team emotionally."

With the memories of the close loss to Woodlands fresh in their minds, the Maroons failed to pull off the upset of the eighth ranked Queen of Peace team and loss 3-1 in the May 22 game away.

Although the ISL titled slipped away in the last moments of the season, the Maroons still were very pleased with the outcome of the season and look for revenge next year.

"We had a really good season," said Junior Rebecca Cohen, right midfield for the varsity team. "Next year should be a good season. We are losing most of our defense but are gaining a lot of experience in the offense and our midfield. Our goalie also will have a year under her belt."

"We improved a lot through the course of the year," said Coach Tom Piane. "But we still have some improving to do. Next year should be a good, solid team."

Doubles team represents U-High at State after Sectionals sweep

By Nate Whalen
Sports Editor

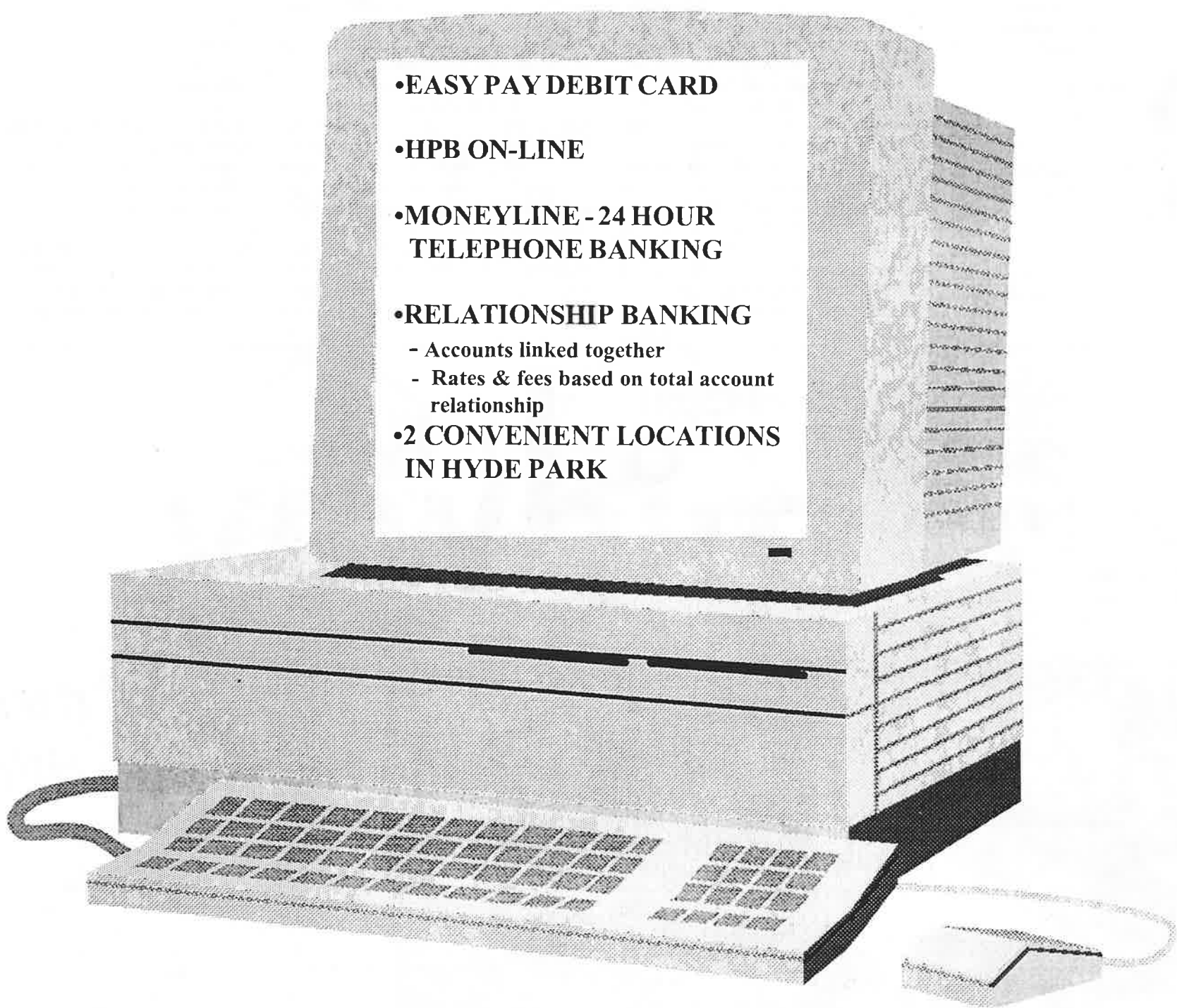
Continuing the trend of qualifying players for State, for the 10th consecutive year varsity tennismen managed to qualify at least one member to State. Sweeping Sectionals without losing a set, the Doubles team of Junior Mike Leibowitz and Freshman Robby Willoughby, also named All-Conference in the Independent School League (ISL), qualified for State, May 28, easily.

With early season problems with commitment and injuries,

ished fourth in Sectionals, which formerly automatically qualified a player for State. But now all the fourth-place finishes are reviewed by Sectional judges and only a few are chosen on merit of their record up to that point.

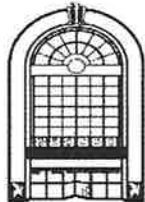
Never quite having a full team, the tennismen suffered internal problems as more than five players were kicked off the team or quit for lack of attendance.

"Midway through the season, people just stopped coming to practice," Richard said. "It was partially because we had a lot of makeup games due to rain and very little practices and it seemed like people just lost interest."



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Public radio host, '79 grad, to address '98 commencement

By Arielle Levin-Becker
Midway Reporter

A familiar voice from National Public Radio, María Hinojosa, class of '79, will address the Class of '98 at its commencement, 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11 in Rockefeller Chapel, 59th Street at Woodlawn Ave. Commencement will culminate yearend events including Senior Prom, the Awards Assembly, finals and a trip to Great America. Remembered fondly by those who knew her at U-High, the petite Ms. Hinojosa still resembles her high school-self.

"I saw María in New York a few years ago," recalled Librarian Mary Biblo. "As usual she was talking, with a crowd of people around her. She was always like a livewire, always talking and energetic, always very involved and inquiring about everything."

Involved in theater and the arts while at U-High, Ms. Hinojosa went on to Barnard College and a career in radio broadcasting in New York. In 1990, she became the first Latino woman to host a prime-time news show, the call-in program New York Hotline. Now the host of the National Public Radio show "Latino USA," Ms. Hinojosa also designs altars, some of which have been displayed in museums.

Leading the processional of 119 expected graduation candidates, Lab Schools Board members, administrators and faculty will enter Rockefeller Chapel in robes and hoods representing their schools

and majors. Music Teacher Gary Jensen will accompany the processional on the chapel organ with the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar.

Senior speakers Pavan Makhija and Michael Lebovitz, in a joint talk, and Vanessa Carr were chosen by the senior steering committee from a group of eight candidates. Class President Erica Aronson will deliver the class response.

As they receive diplomas from Senior Advisers Larry McFarlane and Laura Lantinga and English Teacher John O'Connor, former class of '98 adviser, seniors will be announced by Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz, Principal Hanna Goldschmidt,

Assistants to the Principal Tom Minelli and Paul Gunty and members of the Laboratory Schools Board.

To Benedetto Marcello's "Alle Breve," the newly-pronounced graduates will leave the chapel with the tassels of their caps on the left side, signifying they are no longer seniors but graduates.

Sponsored by junior parents in the Parents' Association, a reception for graduates and their guests will follow at the Cloister's Club in Ida Noyes Hall.

Hoping to create an "Unforgettable" senior prom, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Sheraton Hotel, 301 E. North Water St., senior steering committee members plan to decorate the hotel's Chicago Ballroom in silver and black.

"When we were thinking of songs and looking through prom books for ideas, 'Unfor-



Photo by Adam Hamburg

In a joint talk, Mike Lebovitz, left, and Pavan Makhija will be two of three senior speakers at commencement June 11 in Rockefeller Chapel. The third will be Vanessa Carr.

"María was always like a livewire, always talking and energetic, always very involved and inquiring about everything."

—Librarian Mary Biblo

gettable' was one we agreed on," explained Erica, an organizer for the event. "We chose silver and black for decorations because they seemed like the coolest colors."

Playing the theme song "Unforgettable" as well as a wide mix of songs, Disc Jockey Carlos Avalos will provide music. An elegant dinner will offer roasted chicken or vegetarian pasta. At the end of the evening, promgoers will receive favors, which are a secret.

Highlighting the last week of school between prom and commencement is the annual Awards Assembly, 9-10:45 a.m., Monday, June 8 in Sunny Gym. Math and science finals will take place, 9-11 a.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

After science finals a senior luncheon noon at Ida Noyes Hall will be followed by commencement rehearsal, 1 p.m. in Rockefeller.

Student Council will sponsor an all-school Great America trip that afternoon.

Among several faculty yearend events, Motivator Samuel Betances, invited by the People of Color Committee, will speak to faculty and staff about diversity 2:45 p.m. today in Judd 126.

A party for retiring faculty in the Theater Room of Ida Noyes will follow. A faculty and staff luncheon will conclude the year noon, Friday, June 12 in the cafeteria.

"When we were thinking of songs and looking through prom books for ideas, 'Unforgettable' was one we agreed on."

—Senior Erica Aronson

Faculty, staff departing

Retirement beckons librarians

By Rachel Shapiro
Associate Editor

Sitting up straight in a wooden library chair, Mrs. Mary Biblo giggles innocently as a '92 U-High graduate in town for the week tells her how cruel she used to be. "I remember when people used to be afraid to go in Mrs. Biblo's section of the library," says the alumna. "They used to wait until she was supposed to leave school and then tiptoe into her section to see if she was still there. Everybody knew that if you were in Mrs. Biblo's section you had better be silent. I bet you're still the same as you were 10 years ago."

Still giggling, Mrs. Biblo yells at some sophomore boys to "quit fussing."

"See what I mean?" says the alum.

One of three Lab Schools faculty members retiring this year, Mrs. Biblo, 28 years, as well as Librarian Mary Burks, 20 years, will take advantage of a retirement offer from the school that includes bonus pay. Lower School Teacher Gloria Needman is also retiring after 36 years. Sunny Gym Supervisors Jean Kimble and Bob Cobb will also retire this year after 12 and 10 years respectively.

Moving to Cedar Falls, Iowa, History Department Chairperson Paul Horton is leaving the school after eight years. German Teacher Dawn Neukirchner will also leave, after four years, returning to her home in Austria. Science Teacher Jan Housinger will take a year off after 34 here.

After being asked by the head librarian to come to the Lab Schools four times in 1970, Mrs. Biblo finally agreed.

"I think when I came here, the faculty thought I was outspoken," Mrs. Biblo said. "I was the adviser of the Black Students' Association and I used to be real involved in the union and the politics of the community. I think some of the other teachers feared me because I related so well to students."

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Th-th-that's all, folks!

■ AWARDS—Senior Pat Spann has received honorable mention in the Illinois High School Association's annual all-state team honoring excellence in athletics, academics and activities.

Sophomore Jonathan Cambry won two first place medals and a \$500 scholarship in an NAACP program for classical and contemporary piano. He now moves on to national competition this summer in Atlanta.

Sophomore Conley Johnson has received a Kapnick Foundation scholarship to continue through the rest of his high school years for music instruction at select programs including the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra initiated the grant program; Baldwin Pianos will provide Conley with its premier Artist Grand piano. Conley was among three high school and college pianists selected for a private master class May 15 with famed pianist André Watts.

■ EVENTS—A "poetry wrap" will take place Thursday morning in Blaine Courtyard, using ribbons which wrapped the facade of the new Symphony Center last fall. U-Highers are invited to post poetry—their own or a favorite piece—in the Courtyard as part of the program. The U-High Ku Club presented a "Poetry and Pizza" program last Thursday featuring poet Lee Gurga.

And the Band and Choir presented two morning concerts last Wednesday for Lower School audiences.

■ YEARBOOK—Graduating seniors will receive letters at home next fall when the 1998 U-Highlights is ready for pickup. They can also arrange to have their copy mailed.



Photo by Kaley Schen

Two librarians and two Sunny Gym caretakers enter the carefree life of retirement next week, but all plan to stay busy. The librarians, left, are Ms. Mary Burks, top, and Ms. Mary Biblo. The Sunny Gym caretakers are Ms. Jean Kimble and Mr. Bob Cobb. All say they will miss being at school but welcome a change of pace in their lives.

Midwest rules as U. of I. draws most U-Highers Color Champaign Maroon

By Lena Clement and Dana Cohn
Midway Reporters

It's the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana by a hair! Seven of the 119 members of the Class of '98 will attend the home of Fighting Illini this fall, the largest number of any school.

Oberlin in Ohio is runnerup with six U-Highers. Five each will go to Harvard in Massachusetts and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. About half this year's graduating class will be attending schools in the Midwest, compared to about half in the East last year.

Excited about being close enough to frequently come home, Mario McHarris elected U. of I. mainly because of its location.

"I applied to a lot of schools all over the Midwest," Mario said. "It's a great school with a fun campus. It also has a wide range of courses, it is close to home and it enrolls a diverse student body."

Enthusiastic about being near familiar faces, Stanley Hill, who will attend the University of Michigan, finds comfort in knowing other U-Highers will be there as well.

"I knew when making my decision that I didn't want to be extremely far away," Stanley explained. "University of Michigan is definitely where I want to be. I am really excited that four of my classmates will be attending the same school as me. It's comforting knowing I won't go there not knowing anyone."

Seniors will attend schools as follows:

Augustana, Rock Island, Ill.: Tiffany Harper; **Ball State, Muncie, Ind.:** Elizabeth Tomasek; **Barnard, New York, N.Y.:** Anna Hamburg-Gal; **Beloit, Wisc.:** Sara Shirell; **Bryn Mawr, Pa.:** Elizabeth Allicco, Garon Segal; **University of California, San Diego:** Malik Dohm; **Carleton, Northfield, Minn.:** Abigail Levine, Kurt Scott; **University of Chicago:** Andrew Lindner, Richa Sharma, Justin Slaughter; **Claremont-McKenna, Claremont, Calif.:** Josh Milberg; **Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.:** Josh Kalvin; **Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.:** Inger Burnett-Ziegler, Marie Geffrard, Stephen Hagan, Pat Spann, William Stokes; **Duke, Durham, N.C.:** Vikas Singhal; **Emory, Atlanta, Ga.:** Karega Bennett, Jamie Duguay, Kirsten Steele; **Fisk, Nashville, Tenn.:** Kyle Brazile;

Florida A & M, Tallahassee: Wayne Goodall; **George Washington, Washington, D.C.:** Ariel Gibbons; **Goucher, Towson, Md.:** Maria Perikovic; **Grinnell, Iowa:** Katie Hanck; **Harvard, Cambridge, Mass.:** Vanessa Carr, Claudia Cyganowski, John Manley, Kris Mendez, Nicole Saffold; **University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana:** Emile Cambry, Caroline Chanenson, Angela Keene, Mario McHarris, David Stokman, Joseph Vogt, Adrienne Yasunaga; **University of Illinois, Chicago:** Matt Brent, Albert Chan, Christopher Liu.

Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, Ill.: Samer Haddadin; **University of Iowa, Iowa City:** Jennifer Clary; **Kalamazoo, Mich.:** Alix Tonsgard; **Kenyon, Gambier, Ohio:** John Pick; **Loyola University, New Orleans, La.:** German Kogan; **Macalester, St. Paul, Minn.:** Faith Baxter; **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Mass.:** Dyanne Phillippe; **University of Maryland, College Park:** Jocelyn Reid; **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor:** Nic Aulston, Vanessa Bekkouche, Todd Belcore, Debra Gittler, Stanley Hill; **New York University, New York, N.Y.:** Kyla Calvert, Lucinda Sharbach;

Northwestern, Evanston, Ill.: Hansa Swalani; **Oberlin, Ohio:** Joanna Bauer, Hannah Gottschall, Michael Leibovitz, Richard Raz, Mearah Quinn-Brauner, Emilie Varlet; **Occidental, Los Angeles, Calif.:** Reena Hajat, Anthony Williams; **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia:** Binita Barai, Christina Cantwell, Stephanie Lichter, Randy Sawyer; **Pomona, Claremont, Calif.:** Forest Himmelfarb, Meghan McFarlane; **Princeton, N.J.:** Julie Epstein; **Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind.:** Kristoff Homan; **Reed, Portland, Ore.:** Rebecca Meredith; **University of Redlands, Calif.:** Pavan Makhija; **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.:** Justina Lakinger; **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I.:** Daniella Rosner; **Sonoma, Calif.:** Damon Wolf; **University of San Diego, Calif.:** Lonnie Hubbard; **University of Santa Cruz, Calif.:** Timothy Spencer; **Scripps, Claremont, Calif.:** Claudia Meyer; **University of Southern California, Los Angeles:** Michael Hoy, Steva Maram; **Stanford, Calif.:** Erica Aronson, Andrew Chang, Yuki Yamaguchi;

Syracuse, N.Y.: Alexander Zamir; **Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.:** Tamar Kipper; **Tufts, Medford, Mass.:** Seetha Srinivasan; **Tulane, New Orleans, La.:** Jeff Hanauer, David Palmer; **Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.:** Joseph Owens-Ream; **Vassar, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.:** Andrea Schnitzer; **University of Virginia, Charlottesville:** William Dorsey; **Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.:** Swathi Arekapudi, David Johnson; **Wellesley, Mass.:** Emily Art, Rusha Desai, Dina Moskowitz; **Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.:** Joshua Dankoff, Silpa Katta, Kavitha Reddy; **Western Illinois, Macomb, Ill.:** Hannah Scherberg; **University of Wisconsin, Madison:** Johannes Beeby, Jonathan Leung; **Yale, New Haven, Conn.:** Akua Murphy.

The following seniors are undecided:

Etan Hadaya, Samuel Kass, Rachit Mendi.

The following seniors have plans other than college next year:

Max Measheimer, the Americore program of volunteer work; **Florenza Parsani**, here for a year on exchange, returning to Italy to finish school.

Editor's note: The Midway compiled its college list by contacting every senior and gathering the information from each individual. The list is subject to change.



Photo By Adam Hamburg

May Festival rings bell

Perfect weather drew large crowds to the Rites of May, May 14-16, with what may have been record attendance Friday night. Though the "Seinfeld" T.V. series finale cut into the Thursday night crowd, "Twelfth Night," the Festival play, drew big and appreciative audiences Friday and Saturday. Among new attractions was this climbing wall in Kenwood Mall. Climbers who reached the top could ring the little bell just under the Stars and Stripes.

S.C. may split Code, Council

By Joe Fischel

Student Government Editor

Feeling the Honor Code has a better chance of getting the go-ahead from the student body as a separate proposal from the Honor Council, Student Council (S.C.) President Tarik Scott, junior, will recommend the concepts be presented for approval individually.

Student government members hoped to conduct a vote on the Honor Code this year but many students said they would not approve the proposal if the Honor Council were also involved because they did not feel students could fairly judge other students who had violated the Code.

"I do not want to drop the Honor Code idea,"

Tarik explained. "I feel it is our job to pursue projects which serve students and many students had problems with the idea of an Honor Council."

With \$2,000 remaining in the student government budget, S.C. members decided to fund a trip to Great America after finals Wednesday, June 10.

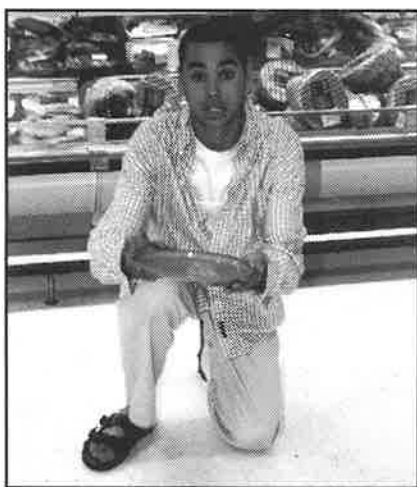
"We decided to spend the money on the trip because if we do not spend all our money there is no guarantee we will get that much money next year," Tarik explained. "Also we thought it would be nice way to end the year."

The Phoenix mascot approved by the student body will appear on a banner in Sunny Gym and as a costumed performer at games and other school events in the fall, Tarik said.

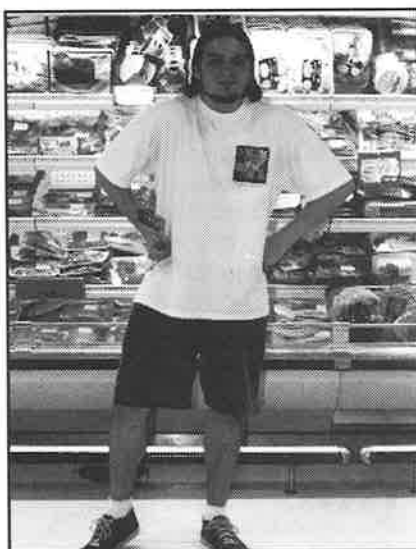
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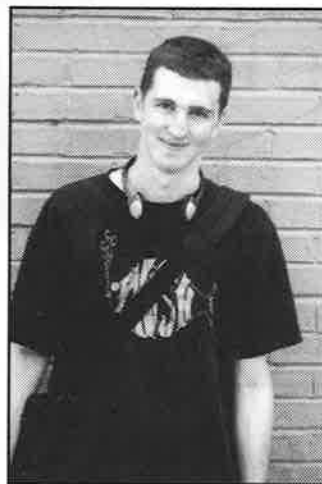
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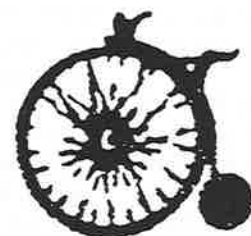


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Art by Mike Strong

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A cheer here for assemblies

I GRUMBLED, you grumbled, we all grumbled when we heard last year that the schedule had been changed so there were no more late Thursday mornings and instead we had a COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY.

Oh no, we thought, anything but that. Nothing could replace our late Thursday mornings.

And the Community Assembly hasn't replaced that extra 45 minutes of sleep in the least. But I have to say that I have been very impressed with the effort in organizing the assemblies. I have finally admitted to myself that I don't have that extra time on Thursday and so instead I have learned to look forward to the Wednesday Assemblies.

Looking back on the year we've had a great bunch. Who can forget the Diwali celebration or the videos of Diana Ross or the woman who played Harriet Tubman? While I admit I was originally skeptical of the merit of these assemblies, they have really taught us all about cultures and phenomena we

had no prior grasp of.

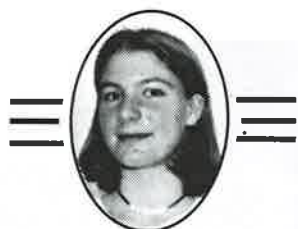
So they weren't all great.

Nothing's perfect. But of those few assemblies that didn't grab our attention, there were twice as many of them that did. And we learn for next year. I am sure that the assemblies will get better and better as the years go on.

The assembly organizers, Community Learning Coordinator Lucy Gomez, chairperson; Journalism Music Department Chairperson Dominic Piane; and Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler deserve a big thank you. They've given me and many others something to look forward to in the middle of the week, a break from classes and a chance for the whole high school to spend some time together.

I can't wait to see the first Wednesday Assembly of next year.

As I Please



Rachel Shapira

School loses in more ways than one

TRADITIONALLY, WHEN someone is dynamite at what they do, people kiss-up to them and cater to their desires. That just makes sense. But this year in Chicago, there are two notable situations where a dynamic duo is being blown apart by the dynamite of those in power.

The first: Superman Michael Jordan may be leaving the Bulls and the National Basketball Association because Bulls' management mistreated his sidekick Scottie Pippen. I forget, how many championships has he led them to?

And the second: Super counselor Mary Lee Hoganson recently quit her job at U-High partially because of actions by the Lab Schools Board, leaving behind equally-good Bill Tracy, and is instead taking up a better-paying job at a reputable public high school closer to her home. Remind me, how many students under her guidance have gotten into their top choices in the past 27 years she has been at U-High? Too many to count I'm sure.

While it may be too late to change Mrs. Hoganson's mind, I would like to tell my tale about working with this admissions genius and about why it is going to be a gloomy day when she takes her final steps out of the gates of U-High.

Such a job is about heart and I have seen how big hers is. When I got deferred from the school I applied early to, she was more consoling than even my parents were. Honest.

What amazes me about her, though, is that she really gets around. Her resume is a complete seven pages long, full of articles she has written, conferences she has attended, associations she has led and awards she has won. It is impressive, let me

tell you.

It seems like she is connected with someone at every school. She always had a friend on the admissions committee or close to the top with which she could consult with. I don't think I know as many people period.

Anyway, she offers straight up, no-games advice. If she doesn't think a certain school is in range, then she'll say so. She won't stop you from applying but she won't build your hopes either. And she is certainly the easiest person I have come across to talk to at U-High. She always has answers.

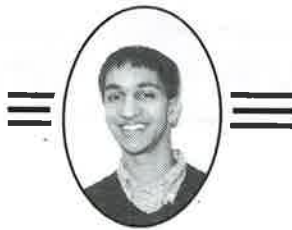
Wherever she goes and whoever she helps, will succeed.

There is certainly no question about that.

But I just don't know what to say to the incoming seniors who got unlucky.

Except maybe: Boom.

Traffic JAM



Vikas Singhal

U-High midway

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AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

Gov't, assemblies gave school new mood

Perhaps the most recognizable faces around U-High belong to the bodies of the Student Council and Cultural Union presidents.

Now, that is an unusual occurrence at U-High.

But this new found fame hasn't occurred only because of the officers' stunning looks and charismatic character.

Much of it has to do with Student Council's ingenious attitude to create new traditions around U-High. And—of course—the Wednesday Assemblies, at which the presidential duo updated U-Highers about upcoming events.

Student government accelerated to the front and didn't give predictable U-Highers a chance to moan and groan about a boring U-High.

This year, C.U. brought the first Homecoming Week to U-High in 17 years, trying to create enthusiasm for athletic teams. Credit goes to C.U. for the Homecoming dance, which instilled a sense of community and togetherness among U-Highers right from the start.

The S.C.-C.U. team was truly prepared and dedicated to make some changes. Their Honor Code and course evaluations ideas gave students some say in how the school is run and classes are taught.

While the Honor Code didn't get passed—it didn't even make it to the voting stage—it forced U-Highers to brainstorm about whether a true sense of community is present at U-High.

And the Council's course evaluations idea did get carried out, though unfortunately not every teacher cooperated in following through on the plan.

While the Council's valiant effort to create a much-needed school mascot hasn't caught fire yet, the idea is still alive and surprises can be expected next year.

But beyond just the activities student government has provided U-High this year, it seemed to have done much more. Most evident is the change in attitude around school. The word on the street is that U-High is a much friendlier place to go to school. A fun place, not just a place impressively grinding out academic excellence, as it has been some years.

The energy of Student Council and its new adviser certainly deserves a lion's share of the credit for raising the school's spirit. And credit, too, goes to the hardworking students and faculty advisers who resurrected Arts Fest and all the clubs which sponsored special events.

The upbeat tempo also can be credited to the new weekly all-school assemblies. U-Highers are worked hard—that goes without saying—and the all-school assemblies provided a welcome weekly break from their busy schedules.

But the assemblies allowed for much more. Besides just the obvious growth students achieve by hearing and talking with informative speakers and enjoying singers, dancers and other performers reflecting a broad variety of cultures, they also gain a special sense of comfort with their peers.

They sit and mingle with members of their class and those of others for 45 minutes a week. And make friends of strangers.

Perhaps the reason there haven't been any suspensions this year is because of student government and the assemblies.

Perhaps the reason the only serious behavior problem at U-High has been hazing at the beginning of the year is this new sense of community. But even hazing in some ways serves as a means of coming together.

Whatever the reason, U-High has been a better place to go to school this year.

Step up to the



M I K E

Compiled by

Mike Hoy



Erica



Ari

"What's your favorite memory of this year and why?"

ERICA PILCHER, freshman: "One day this year a bunch of my friends and I were going to ditch school and go to Great America. But, we didn't. It would've been cool though."

ANJU MAHAJAN, sophomore: "Sophomore Retreat was awesome because we all had a lot of free time together. Really, though, my favorite memory has been 'Stepping Up to the Mike.'"

ARI HIMMEL, junior: "Junior Retreat was my favorite memory this year because I mooned everybody."

PAT SPANN, senior: "Track team this year was awesome. My favorite memory was of when we won the ISL Championship and we all acted like a bunch of fools."

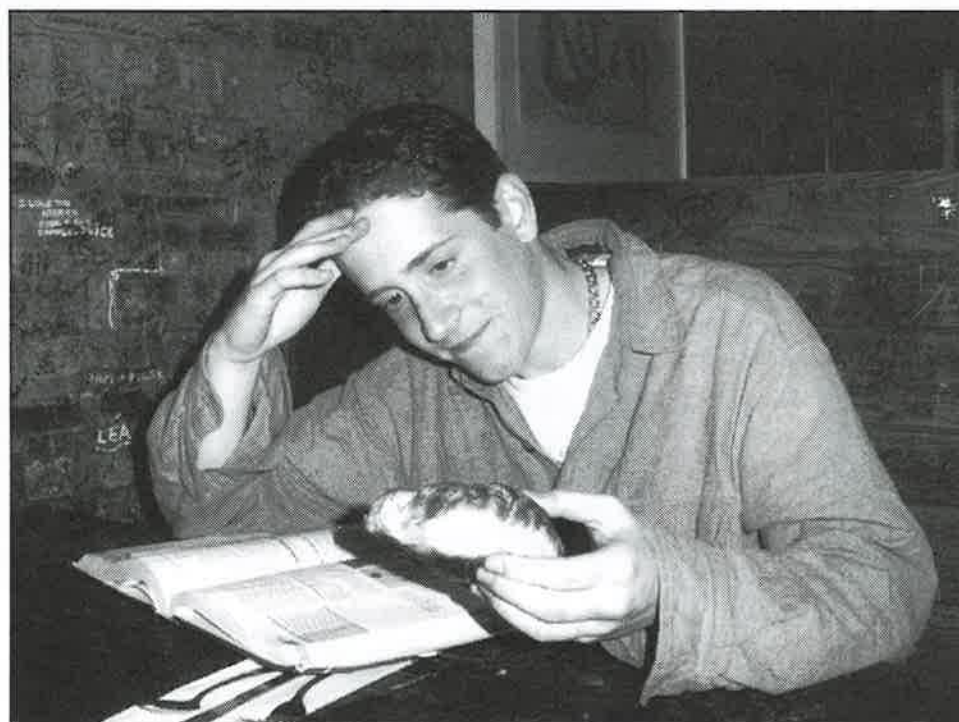


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Journalists get more honors

Four members of the Midway staff took the top awards in their categories in the Illinois Women's Press Federation's annual high school newspaper contest, among numerous honors announced for staff members of student publications in recent weeks.

The IWPA front-runners were as follows:

Senior **Kyla Calvert** for her feature on censorship of the student press; Junior **Leigh Goldstein** for her film reviews; **Karl Olson, '97**, for front page design of last year's pullout feature section; and Sophomore **Sarah Geis** for photography. Karl went on to win honorable mention in the National Federation of Press Women's annual competition.

Other awards were as follows:

SECOND PLACE—News, Maria Perkovic; **sports**, Michael Hoy.

THIRD PLACE—Features, Rachel Shapiro.

HONORABLE MENTION—News, Debra Gittler; **design**, Debra Gittler.

Six members of the Midway staff have won First Place awards in the annual newspaper contest sponsored by the Eastern Illinois (University, Charleston) School Press Association. By category they are:

Front page design, Senior Debra Gittler; **sports story**, Senior Richard Raz; **reviews**, Leigh Goldstein; **advertising**, Senior Alex Zamian; **editorial cartoons and cartoon strip**, Senior Mike Lebovitz; and **hand-drawn graphics**, Senior Emilie Varlet.

Other winners were as follows:

SECOND PLACE—News story, Richard Raz; **feature story**, Alex

Zamian; **column**, Rachel Shapiro.

THIRD PLACE—Editorial, Kyla Calvert; **cartoon strip (for another entry)**, Mike Lebovitz.

The Midway took third place in overall design, with two issues of another University High paper, the Gargoyle from Champaign-Urbana, taking first and second place for separate issues. Based on awards won in individual categories, the Gargoyle also placed first as Best Overall Newspaper, with the Midway placing second.

The 1997 U-Highlights also won the second-highest rating, the Silver Medalist, from the Columbia (University, N.Y.) Scholastic Press Association. The judges praised the yearbook's coverage, reporting, writing, photography and theme but deducted scorebook points for the absence of headlines in the People section.

The 1996 U-Highlights has received an Award of Merit from Taylor Publishing Co. in Dallas, Texas, for coverage and design and will be included in the anthology, "The Yearbook Yearbook 1998."

In previously-announced awards in Columbia's Gold Circle awards for the 1997 Renaissance Magazine, Daniel Coleman should have been included as a second-place honoree in the Essays category for his piece, "Father."



Photo by Ari Himmel

Gospel truth

Award-winning gospel singer and acclaimed organizer of motivational events for residents of public housing in Chicago, Miss Kim Stratton proved a dynamic audience-rouser at the May 6 Wednesday Assembly. Overcoming a troubled childhood and adolescence, Ms. Stratton said she was inspired by her faith in God to conquer her troubles with song. Encouraging her audience to do the same, she preached that "Trouble don't always last." Other year-end programs included the following:

Math Teacher Paul Gunty, May 13, NASA mission to Jupiter; Mr. Michael Hefler from Amnesty International speaking on gay rights, May 20, sponsored by Amnesty and Gayla; U. of C. Prof. Paul Serano, internationally-known paleontologist, May 27, on dinosaurs; and Dr. Samuel Belances, today, on diversity.

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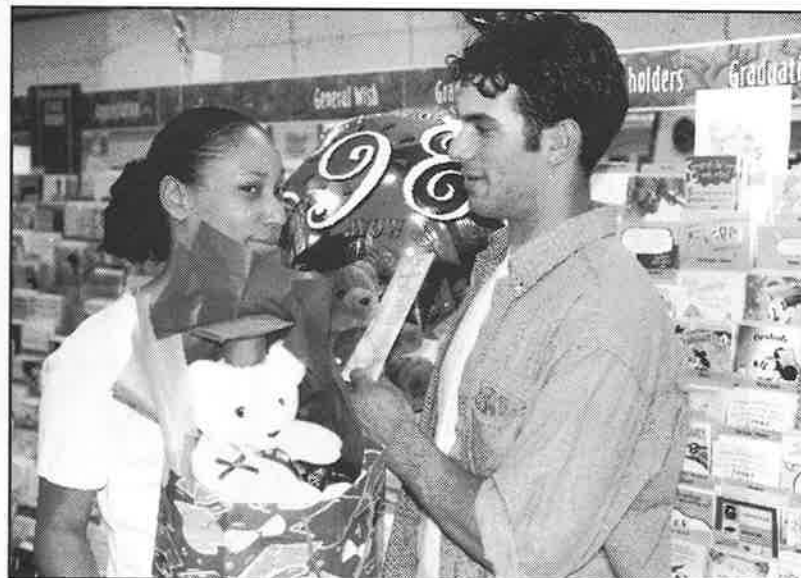


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Community Learning sites offer expanded experiences

By Alice Blander
Associate Editor

Helping out at a grocery store for people with HIV or AIDS, preparing and serving food at a kitchen for the poor and reading to children in a church-sponsored program, sophomores have enjoyed volunteering at one new and two revived community learning sites this year.

Providing food meeting the dietary needs of people with HIV or AIDS, Open Hand, 3902 N. Sheridan Rd., was introduced as a Community Learning site in January as a replacement for Inspiration Cafe, a restaurant for the poor.

The Cafe already had sufficient volunteers at the times the sophomores could serve there, said Community Learning Coordinator Lucy Gomez. The U-Highers worked there two Thursdays a month 6-7 p.m.

Participants found interesting differences in the two experiences.

"There wasn't as much personal involvement at Open Hand as there was at Inspiration Cafe," said Sophomore MC Oxtoby, "since you don't really interact with the people. You just fill a shopping bag with their groceries and hand it back to them. I still enjoyed it but it was a really different experience."

The U-Highers served at Open Hand 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

A newly-revived site, the Living Room Cafe, 6422 S. Cottage Grove Ave., provides meals and support for the homeless and otherwise needy. It had been dropped as a site because sophomores had not been able to fit the time they were needed there into their schedules.

U-Highers have worked there 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

"Living Room Cafe worked out excellently," said Assistant Community Learning Coordinator Stuart Rhoden.

"Students working there really connected with people at the site and enjoyed being there. The Cafe was very appreciative; they sent students who volunteered in the fall and winter quarter cards and gift certificates."

Hug-a-Book, part of the Head Start program at the First Presbyterian Church, 6400 S. Kimark Ave., has also been listed in previous years and involves students reading books to preschool-aged children.

Sophomore Charles Srisuwananukorn took part in the program, reading to the children during a visit to the school 3rd and 4th periods every Tuesday.

"It's always difficult to schedule kids at Hug-a-Book," Mr. Rhoden said, "so it's difficult for students to volunteer there."



Photo by Sara Geis

Peer Leaders Emily Art and Andrew Leventhal conclude the Community Learning Appreciation Luncheon May 7 at Ida Noyes Hall with a presentation of souvenir water bottles. Peer Leaders and site sponsors were honored at the luncheon. Ms. Kimberly Green, a patron of the Living Room Café, spoke of her moves toward independence.



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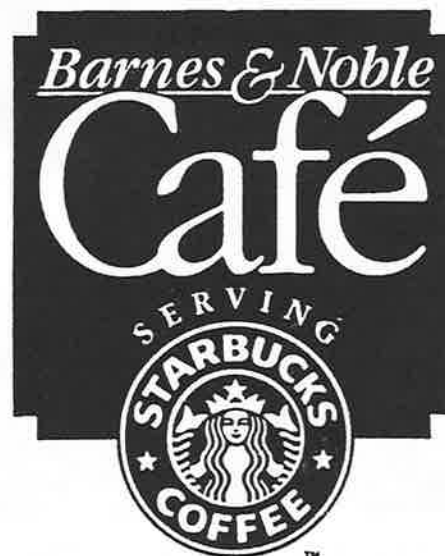
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8-9 sports

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Track relays lead way to State

By Johannes Beeby and Nate Whalen

Sports Editors

Continuing their reign as Independent School League (ISL) champions, both track teams managed another rout, winning almost all events at the May 18 Conference Championship.

Girls won 12 events and placed in two more. Led by their relay teams, the Maroons won three of the five relays and one, the 4x800 meter relay, Senior Lucy Scharbach, Junior Leah Drew and Sophomores Anna Blooma and Elisabeth Muller qualified for State, May 25. Freshman Adrienne Umeh also qualified.

"It was pouring rain, to start off," said Junior Katie Skalarsky, the alternate in the meet. "Second, the teams there were amazing. And last, one or two of the runners had a couple of slight injuries."

Although the relay team did not meet its expectations, Adrienne surprised the other teams with a second-place finish. Her personal best would have gotten her first place.

Finishing just as well in the Conference Meet, the guys team won four of the five relays and placed in

all but two events.

With high expectations riding into the Sectional meet, the team finished second and qualified a relay team for State and still wasn't satisfied.

"Sectionals was a terrible disappointment," said Junior Brad Anderson. "We had a lot of injuries, one of the runners fell in one of the relays and it was just all around not as good of a run as we expected."

Qualifying for State, May 28 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, was the 4x800 meter relay team of Senior Josh Dankoff, Junior Bryan Birnie and Sophomores Ian Cummings and Rogan Birnie.

U-High games not previously reported, with U-High scores first, are as follows:

BOYS' TRACK—Lisle, May 9, away: 2nd of 6;

BASEBALL—Morgan Park Academy, May 8 away: 17-

14; Lake Forest Academy, May 12, away: 15-3; St.

Benedict's, May 14, home: 5-2; Elgin Academy, May 15,

away: 13-3; Latin, May 16, home: 13-1, 24-2; Luther South,

May 19, home: 22-4; Parker, home: May 21, 13-1.

GIRLS' SOCCER—Latin, May 15, home: 0-1; Lake Forest

Academy, May 19, home: 3-1.

BOYS' TENNIS—Elgin, May 1, home: 3-2; Latin, May 4,

home: 3-2; Brother Rice Tournay, May 8-9: tied 1 of 4;

Nazareth, May 12, home: 2-3; Morgan Park Academy,

May 13, away: 4-1.

RETIRING AND LEAVING

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Students' Association and I used to be real involved in the union and the politics of the community."

Part of a "commuting marriage" for the past 10 years, Mr. and Mrs. Biblo travel back and forth from where he lives in Stonybrook, L.I. to Chicago. Mrs. Biblo will be moving to Stoneybrook.

"It's really been fun," she said, "but I have to move on. I have not been as involved in the school recently and I have a life outside of Lab School that I want to pursue. I'm thinking about going into the area of outreach. Either I'd work with young kids, teaching them to read and work computers or I'd work with teenagers who have had their years cut short because of poverty or early pregnancy."

Becoming a librarian in the spring quarter of 1978, Ms. Mary Burks has been a member of the Lab Schools community since 1962.

"I've watched three kids go through the Lab

Schools, all Lifers," Ms. Burks said. "My eldest daughter began in 1962 and I've been part of the Lab Schools ever since then.

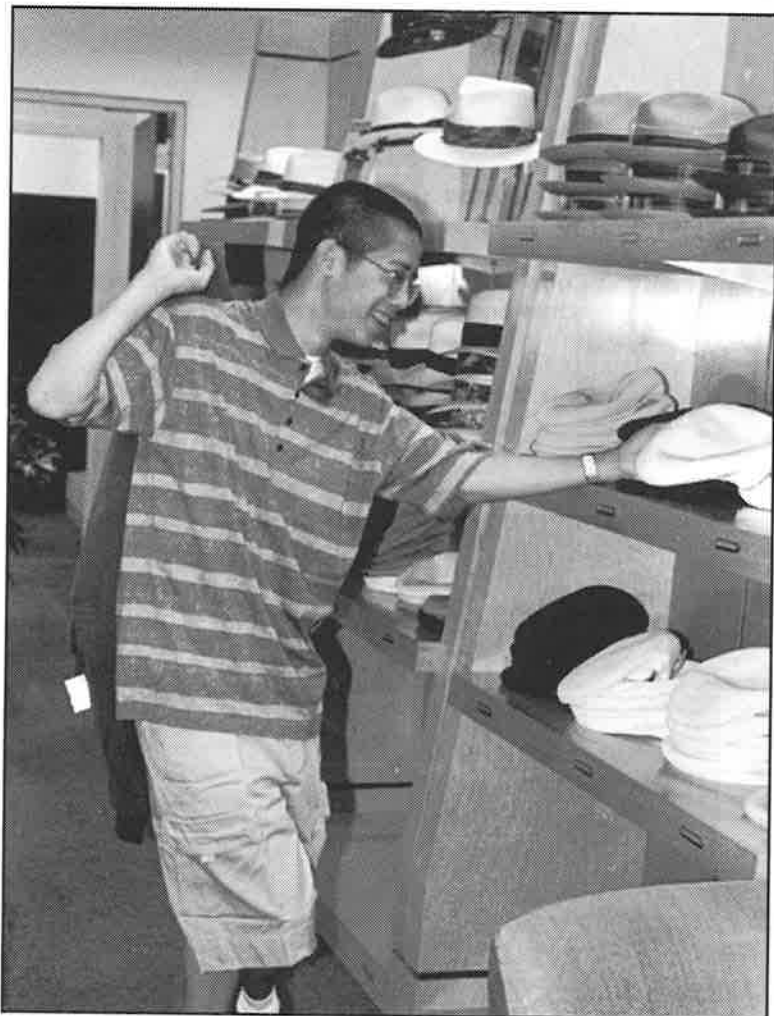
Leaving to take advantage of the retirement package, Ms. Burks said, "Oh I'll be busy. I think I'll probably get into community stuff. I've already signed up to be on the Art Fair board for this year."

The two Sunny Gym caretakers plan on doing in retirement all the things they've always wanted to do. For Mrs. Kimble that means sleeping late.

Taking a job at Malcolm Price Laboratory Schools in Cedar Falls, Mr. Horton will be working with former U-High Principal Wendall McConnaha.

"I'm sad to leave the school because I honestly believe these kids are the best students in Chicago," Mr. Horton said. "But when I was offered the job, my wife and I discussed it and decided that it was a cheaper place to live and a nicer area to raise our one-year-old son Taylor in."

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Scoring, spiking and stopping, Angie Keene and Justin Slaughter combined agility and grace from the Midway to Sunny Gym as they led their teams with dedication and enthusiasm. Angie and Justin proved themselves as leaders both on and off the field.



Photo by Katey Schein

Two heads above the rest

By Johannes Beeby and Nate Whalen
Sports Editors

Whether it's on the court, field or track, Seniors Justin Slaughter and Angie Keene have led their teams to win after win and, in some cases, title after title. They are the Midway sports editors' choices for Senior Athletes of the Year.

Playing four years of soccer, basketball, volleyball and one year of track, Angie has helped most of the teams to winning records. Not only playing on the teams, Angie was captain of both the volleyball and soccer teams this year.

"She was a really good leader," said Senior Jaime Duguay, who played on both the soccer team and volleyball teams with Angie. "All she does is pump people up. She makes you want to win."

Excelling as a student, Angie was chosen for the Willye White Award for her outstanding achievement in academics and athletics.

"Angie is a great and dedicated athlete," said Athletic Director Karen Duncan, one of Angie's biggest fans. "She is a good team leader and has lots of energy."

Not only has Angie excelled in sports, she has been an all around student and will attend University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Popular among her fellow students, Angie was crowned Semiformal Queen.

"My main goal is to put time into academics," Angie said. "Just in case sports won't take me anywhere."

Staying in Illinois, Justin Slaughter will be close to home, attending the University of Chicago. Justin, like Angie, participated in almost every sport possible. Three years of track, four years of basketball and soccer.

"He's a top type of kid," said Mr. Bud James, who coached Justin in track for three years. "He does everything that he is supposed to do and more. He uses his brain and will surely succeed."

Already winning plenty of awards, Justin won the Coaches Award for basketball for the last three years. Named Player of the Year in the Conference his sophomore year, Justin won the scoring titles his sophomore and junior years and was named first team All-Conference sophomore, junior and senior years.

Not only a basketball standout, Justin also played soccer for four years and took a role as goalkeeper and one of the captains on this years team.

"I think I was a pretty good leader," he said. "A leader, to me, is someone who stands on a pedestal all by themselves and takes the criticism and compliments. I think I did a pretty good job of taking them both."

Attending summer basketball camps, playing in summer leagues and any other time he can find free, Justin has worked hard to get where he is.

"It hasn't come easy," he reflected. "It was a lot of work going to the camps and summer leagues but I gained a lot of experience."

A job well done... and with class

ALTHOUGH SHE DID graduate from Tasmania, she's not a devil. Introducing words such as "piffle" in our vocabulary and showing up at all the sporting events she could, Athletic Director Karen Duncan, in her first year at the position, has shown U-High a bit of Australia and a lot of class.

When she first came to U-High as a substitute five years ago, Ms. Duncan offered some fresh blood to the students and the faculty. She came here partially because her husband, Arne, was a U-High graduate.

"He told me how to get to the school," she said.

After one, or one-and-a-half—she can't remember which—years Ms. Duncan was given a full time position. Four years later, she was appointed the new Athletic Director.

Combined with her friendliness, she is able to do something that few other teachers do, show up to a game, or a match or

a meet, even if she isn't involved and even if she doesn't have time.

She's introduced U-High to its first highlight video at the sports banquets and in return, we introduced her to baseball. She's given the athletes and the coaches the schedules they want, we've given her Sam Kass. The list could keep going and going and going, but what she has given far outweighs what she has gotten.

Forever working on next year's schedules and rescheduling rainouts, Ms. Duncan has added a hardworking, caring adult into an environment where one was greatly needed.

The next time you're in Sunny or at a game, just go over to this sandy blonde lady with the Australian accent and say two simple words: "Thank you."

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Nate Whalen

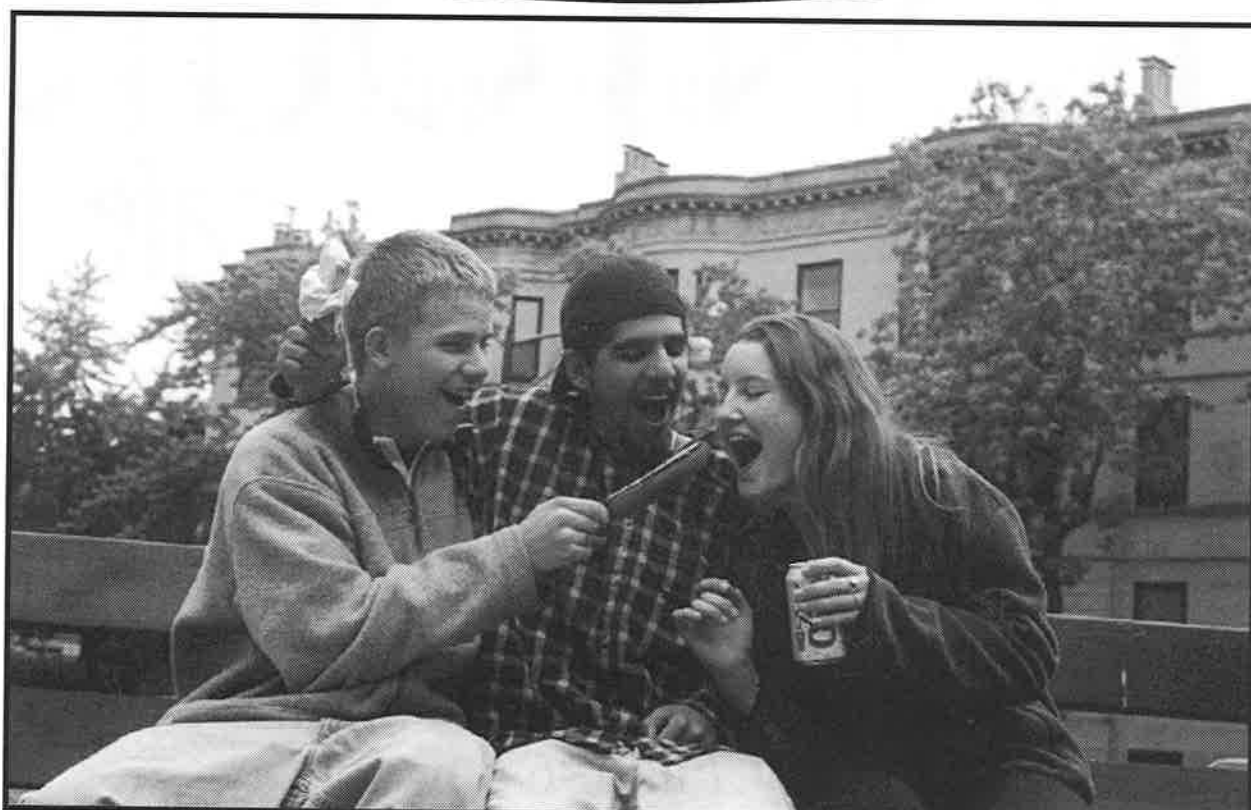
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