A matter of security

Concerns for school safety, traditional freedoms mix

By Lozan McBride
Community editor

Although U-Highers say they realize school violence across the nation means the Lab Schools needs to examine its security measures and perhaps make changes, many fear added security would make school feel more like a prison than the open home- away-from-home both students and alumni cherish.

In response to school violence nationwide and parents’ concerns about security here, a committee of parents, administrators and Lab Schools Board members began meeting last fall to consider security changes. A faculty subcommittee on security was formed this fall.

“We can’t ignore the issue of security today,” said Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz. “But it’s not something that should consume all of our energy. It should not be the only issue on our agenda but it is important, especially now.”

Receiving approval from the board, the committee has implemented security changes including securing the cafeteria delivery entrance, locking doggy facing Kimball Avenue after 9 a.m., posting “No Trespassing” signs on doors and playground areas, and installing a buzzer system at the Blaine Hall entrance on 59th street.

Wrought iron fences with unlocked gates will be in- stalled in December along 59th Street from the west edge of Jackman Field to the east side of Blaine Hall and from the north end of Sunny Gym to the entrance to Scammon Garden as part of the new athletic complex. The committee is considering recommending locking the gates during school hours and possibly issuing keys to U-Highers to open the gates, according to Mrs. Eileen Epstein, director of external affairs.

At a program sponsored by the Parents’ Association High School Council meeting 7:30 p.m., tomorrow, Oct. 20 in Judd 126, security committee representatives will discuss the security changes and plans and invite opinions and suggestions. Meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 27, the security committee will consider U-Highers’ opinions gathered by Student Council members through surveys taken two weeks ago.

Though nationwide violence such as the murder of 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., last May by two students has heightened awareness among U-Highers, many U-Highers say they still feel safe at their school.

“I feel like I should be scared after what happened at Columbine,” Junior Sam Biederman said. “But I can’t make myself. U-High is so small and I feel like I know everyone. It’s hard to think that the people you know could hurt you.”

Despite the need to increase security at the schools, many U-Highers say they nonetheless feel safe.

“I’ve been going to this school since Nursery School,” Junior Sim Khaladi said. “In all my time here, I have never felt my security threatened. That’s not saying I’ve never been unsafe. But I’ve never felt like I was.”

Some U-Highers do, however, say more security is sorely needed.

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**Gov't to kick off Film Fest tomorrow**

By Joe Fischel
Student government editor

Student government's long-awaited Film Festival will be introduced with a short comedic movie produced by student government members during tomorrow's Community Assembly.

Student Council President Ralph Ahn, senior, hoped to introduce the Festival last month with a spoof on "The Blair Witch" project but could not find a working camcorder.

The film will premiere coming school events.

"Since we have a full assembly period we will have time for a comedic video on Prom, the Swing Dance and the Film Festival," said Cultural Union President Ian Kysel, senior. "But we are not going to do a spoof on "The Blair Witch Project."

"We are also going to introduce S.C. members to the school," Ahn said.

U-Highers are invited to submit their own short films for the festival, Ralph said. The entries judged best by student government will be shown at an assembly later this quarter.

The three films voted best by the student body will receive prizes.

Discussing personal qualities that make good leaders, government members and members of club executive committees participated in a leadership workshop last Thursday.

The workshop was organized by Mr. Tom Minnelli, assistant to the principal, and Guidance Department Chairperson Patty Kovacs.

Participants also heard from Lab School Director Lucinda Lee Katz and Ms. Kovacs about being a leader. Students also talked about setting goals and executing plans.

Inspired by the popularity of last year's swing dance assembly, C.U. will sponsor a Swing Dance, Friday, Nov. 19, at International House.

Other dances planned for the year include Semiformal, Saturday, Feb. 12, and a Salsa Dance, Friday, April 7, according to Ian.

Student Ombudsmen Arielle Levin Becker and David Scheinfeld, both seniors, are student government's long-awaited Film Festival will be introduced with a spoof on "The Blair Witch Project."

"After talking with a lot of teachers and students we have found that a lot of people don't know much about what we are here for," David explained. "Besides going to a faculty meeting we are visiting freshman and sophomore advisors in the near future and we will have mediation training with Ms. Kovacs."

A government-sponsored trip to Fright Fest at Great America Oct. 15 was cancelled because but not enough faculty members were willing to chaperon, according to Senior Class President George Yamauchi-Wied.

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**Fourteen make Merit semifinals**

Counselor recommendations, evidence of community and school involvement and other factors will determine who among 14 seniors named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program will go on to finalist status.

Semifinalists were named based on scores on junior year Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests. About half the finalists receive scholarships.

Fifteen other seniors received Commended status based on high test scores, though not high enough for semifinalist status. Those cited are as follows:

**SEMIFINALISTS**- Ishan Bhabha, Andrea Bohanen, Dan Feder, Josh Jackson, Lilian Kass, Isaac Kohn, Ben Lowenstein, Arielle Levin Becker, Liberty Chien, Darryl Pfeffer, Yolanda Schulhofer-Wohl, Bob Biyun, Mike Strong, David Simmer.

**COMMENDED**- Ralph Ahn, Matt Cameron, Sandy Craig, Ian Cummins, Billy Davis, Morgan Fossey, Sarah Gass, Ian Kysel, Logan McKeel, Sonia Mittal, Anna Ochs, M.C. Oxtoby, Rachel Pliner, Chelsea Browmonaichon, John Wood.

U-High had no semifinalists in the associated National Achievement Scholarship program for outstanding black students. Two seniors, however, received Commended citations. They are Maria Arnold and Natalie Bump.

**PANELIST**- Should America recognize same-sex marriages? Junior Hannah Garber-Paul will participate in a roundtable discussion of that topic 2 p.m. Friday at the U. of C. Law School, 1111 E. 60th St. A reception sponsored by the Lesbian, gay and Bisexual Law Students Association, "Outlaw," will follow.

**GOOD LUCK CHUCK!** - The school is searching for a new substance abuse prevention coordinator to replace Mr. Chuck Klevgaard. He took a job this fall with Hazelden Corporation, a Minneapolis-based health care organization, training counselors in its new Chicago-area office in substance abuse prevention skills.

**CHEER START**- Learning team work and setting goals, freshmen enjoyed their Retreat Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Conference Point Center in Williams Bay, Wisc., says Andy Jemings, who was elected class president there. An evening dance, d.j. ed by Seniors Ralph Ahn, Student Council president, and Ian Kysel, Cultural Union president, proved a highlight.

As part of their experience freshmen made graphs of the ups and downs of their lives and talked about what U-High would be like.

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**LA VIDA MOO-A-Ten students from Seville, Spain, completed their part of an exchange Sept. 27-Oct. 11, staying with U-Highers who traveled there over spring break. The visitors attended classes and saw the city, including the now-world-famous "Cows on Parade." Do cows in Spain say "moo" too?

**RING THEIR BELL**- Parents willing to participate in this year's Community of Givers Phon-a-thon Sunday-Tuesday, Oct. 24-26, can still volunteer. The Parents' Association sponsors the annual fund drive. Parents can volunteer by contacting the following: Mr. Patricia Brichta, (773) 288-7642; Mr. Dan Heiman, (773) 288-7407; or Mr. Jim Leete, (312) 282-1969.

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**STUDENTS ARE becoming more active in anti-sweatshop activities. Ms. Hannah Fried of the Labor Rights Task Force of Sweatshops, said in an Amnesty International program Oct. 5. Large corporations which can well afford decent wages are involved in sweatshops not only in foreign countries but in United States, including Chicago, she said.**
One day I was rappin',
And I got mad thirsty;
So I bounced to U.M.,
To pick up a Sobe.
When I walked into the store,
I was entranced by the aroma;
I started thinking 'bout the deli,
And all its good fooda.

**FOODA?**

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"Random people could walk in off of the street and shoot someone, hurt someone, rob someone, abduct someone or all of the above at Lab because there is just no security." - Senior Sarah Schlessinger said.

"I think there should be security guards at every unlocked door who check identification when you walk in. I think all students, faculty and staff should have to wear their identification or at least have it on them at all times. That's what they do at Kenwood and all of the other public high schools in Chicago."

With security changes likely on the way, many U-Highers worry how they will affect the school atmosphere.

"The problem with gates is that they can make you feel like you are in a prison," Senior David Zimmer said. "It becomes more hostile than welcoming and you lose some of what a school is supposed to be. I hope that's not what it will feel like. I don't think I could go to a school that feels like a jail."

Other people wonder how gates will affect the way the outside community perceives the Lab Schools.

"If someone is going to do harm, they're going to do it regardless of gates," said Mr. Stuart Rhoden, associate coordinator of Community Learning and '88 U-High graduate. "I'd be disappointed in the sense that if Lab closes its campus, it's not a good sign for the openness of Hyde Park. Having a closed campus at a school with a spirit of an open campus is contradictory."

What do YOU think?
If you'd like to share YOUR thoughts on security in the Midway, you're invited to submit a letter for publication in the Journalism slot in the High School office. The editors will contact you and take your photo, too!

Adoringly, Seniors Liz Rich, Liz Heyer and Jesica Lawson watch as Sophomore Erik Voit BACKS HIS THANG UP to the Medici. The Medici has everything for your appetite. Whether you want some Fettucini Alfredo, a garbage pizza or even just a basket of fries. So BACK YOUR THANG UP...to the Medici.

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Faculty moves on dialogue

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would be her last year as principal. Before Ms. Goldschmidt found out, several parents and students already knew:

- The hiring of Mr. Craig Robinson, a Lab Schools parent, to coach the varsity boys' basketball team, instead of Phys Ed Teacher Ron Presley, who had four years of j.v. coaching experience and the support of the team. Mr. Presley won a grievance this summer but many faculty members questioned the schools' hiring practices.

The vote of no confidence reflected the faculty's frustration with administrators, according to Guidance Counselor Bob Bachand, High School faculty chairperson. The proposed all-faculty group, which would meet regularly led by a steering committee of teachers from all schools, is a way to increase the faculty's representation, Mr. Bachand said.

Significant number

"The vote showed a significant number of people with a major concern," Mr. Bachand said. "There is a sense the faculty is not allowed to be as involved as it could be in some decisionmaking and policy making."

"Many faculty members feel we are at a crisis stage. Because of this perception of crisis it is all the more necessary to include the faculty in some manner, and a dialogue with the Board becomes imperative."

We hope we will be able to create a regular dialogue with the board that would certainly include Ms. Katz. Faculty members have knowledge and experience that should not be overlooked, pointed out Faculty Association President Bob Kain, Middle School teacher.

Great concern

"The issue of faculty participation in decisionmaking is of great concern to us because the faculty's collective experience is the most substantial body of knowledge and experience in the school," Mr. Kass said. "It is imperative that faculty do not show up on that in decisionmaking.

We think we should be among the first people considered in most major decisions in the schools. The primary people in schools are students and faculty, and the faculty are the key representatives of the school for students on a daily basis.

"We recognize the administration is in place to provide leadership and to make certain decisions. But the more people you include in decisionmaking and the more expertise you draw on, the better the decisions will be."
Bleep!

Series puts bad taste into 'Action'

Most people think of the Jerry Springer Show when they hear about a show on Fox having a discretionary warning at the beginning. But now that Jerry is nowhere to be found, Fox has another offensive show in the spotlight.


Mohr plays Peter Dragon, president of Dragonfire Films. Dragon feels up over his recent box office flop "Slow Torture" and tries to find the next big hit. He decides to hire an escort, Wendy (played by Ileana Douglas) and a producer and Ileana Douglas his assistant with a history.

The characters all have the same crass, curt personality in different forms. They all have different characteristics of Dragonfire Films. Dragon feels upset over his recent box office flop "Slow Torture" and tries to find the next big hit. He decides to hire an escort, Wendy (played by Ileana Douglas) and a producer and Ileana Douglas his assistant with a history.

Among the interesting characters, comedian Buddy Hackett plays Lonnie, Dragon's uncle, chauffeur and security guard. Lonnie is an escort, Wendy who wears prostitutelike clothing, and Joyce, Dragon's assistant. Dragon is egocentric, sexually driven comments, to Wendy who wears prostitutelike clothing, and Joyce, Dragon's assistant. Dragon is egocentric, sexually driven and snooty French waiter at the "hot spot" restaurant where all the big names dine.

It comes down to education. And U-Highers inadvertently have been learning lessons they shouldn't.

True, U-Highers learn from classes, books and assignments. But they also learn just as much from the actions of Board members, administrators, teachers and other students.

And they're learning it is not necessary to include the opinions of all involved in making decisions which affect everyone. They are learning that it's all right to be less than truthful on college applications. They are learning that they don't need to face established consequences if they break any school rules. Instead, U-Highers should be learning that it's not all right to lie, to act unethically or to discount the opinions of their peers.

The aftermath of the no-confidence vote will provide a constructive opportunity, a chance to clean the slate and start tackling what really ails the school.

Perhaps it can also provide a lesson in accountability and the virtue of honesty. And everyone in the school certainly will profit from those lessons, painful as they may prove.

On a hunt for bones in the Badlands

Digging into the past

Editor's note: Midway readers are invited to share their experiences in First Person columns. The first contributor, Nick Epstein, is a freshman.

IN THE MIDDLE of the Montana Badlands are the remains of dinosaurs that roamed the earth 65 million years ago. hoopla.

A fossil hunter from the University of Chicago traveled to the Badlands to search for bone and rock in 95 plus degree weather. Next to me, Prof. Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago discovered an asparagus ear.

Getting a brief but extensive course in geology, astronomy, biology and the history of Native Americans in the Northwestern region of Montana, I was set to go on my first dig.

Unfortunately, I did not find anything quite as important as Prof. Sereno did. By then the sky was beginning to wane so we put plaster on the exposed bone to protect it from erosion until we finished excavating. After a relatively full 10 hour day I was tired and hungry and soaked in the small town feeling of Chateau, Montana, population 1,200.

Because of a tight budget, the train proved the most economical form of transportation. So it was worth the 29 hours to get from Chicago to Montana and another 29 hours to get back home.

The subtle changes in the land were no comparison to the changes in the physical and social manner of the people as I continually moved westward. People were more friendly and always seemed to offer me food even though it was 3 a.m.

The most fun part of the entire experience was meeting other students involved in the program. These other students were from a variety of South Side public schools, which resulted in an interesting mix of people. All in all it was a great and life-changing experience.

To tell you the truth

Maybe with all the turmoil that has emboldened the school in recent weeks a lesson can be learned by all. A lesson about truth.

We're taught it as soon as we get to kindergarten, and the school should apply it as well.

Tell the truth, discuss decisions before they are made, act unselfishly and basically treat others as you would like to be treated.

This all seems pretty simple when you're a little kid. But it doesn't seem to transfer to high school. What everyone needs to do is take a deep breath, look everyone in the eye and just say what they mean. True, the truth can hurt but in the end it pays off. And with it is a fresh start.

First Person

Nick Epstein

Nick Epstein (ankle bone) of a T-Rex-like dinosaur. This was the only fifth bone belonging to a carnivorous dinosaur to come out of the area called Egg Mountain.

This area is called Egg Mountain because of the extensive finds of dinosaur eggs there.

For three weeks this summer I worked with Prof. Sereno and his wife, Educator Gabriele Yule, in Project Exploration, a three week training session in paleontology.

The first week-and-a-half took place in a classroom and dinosaur lab on the University of Chicago campus.
Colorful Classics

Great Brits ‘Wiseguys’ deserve a hearing

‘American Beauty’ doesn’t paint a pretty picture

Orange hues brighten versatility of practical school fashion choices

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Focusing on suburbia, USA, television-comedy writer Alan Ball’s script tells the straightforward story of hardworking parents and their teen-ager daughter dealing with the everyday—and not-so-everyday—events of life. On the brink of a midlife crisis, smooth-talking Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) realizes his boring life may not be worth living. Rather than giving up, traveling in Europe, and anything like it before. That’s okay. I first heard their album this summer while being burnt orange, becoming more popular in U-High hallways. Going with all the basic colors, black, khaki, jeans, almost anything, orange明亮ens to uncover and digest the endless layers of funk, body-moving old school bounce the disc offers.

Over the course of 15 tracks, D.J. Tocche, the 27 year old mastermind behind The Wiseguys, pays tribute to all the different styles of music he says have influenced his life, such as jazz and classical. Still, all the tunes remain firmly rooted in a hip-hop format.

Wait a second. English hip-hop? Where is this coming from? Don’t lie—you’ve never heard of The Wiseguys before reading this. That’s okay. I first heard their album this summer while traveling in Europe, and I was like, “Darn! What is this?” I’d never heard anything like it before.

But I know what you’re thinking: a bunch of white dudes from England... they suck. Well, I’m trying my best to convince you otherwise.

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Fall production

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standouts lost to graduation, Senior Judith Disterhoft, assistant director with Senior Sarah Geis, believes the chorus gives newcomers suitable roles.

"A chorus will really help people to work collaboratively and learn from each other in a supportive environment," Judith said.

Designed by Mrs. Ambrosini's husband, Allen, the set had to accommodate three different settings within a highly confined stage space.

"The stage is going to be very abstract," said Senior Sarah Schlessinger, set mistress. "We can't build a stage representative of real life with three different plays and three different settings. We plan to create a set which would be believable for each play."

Costumes and makeup, however, will reflect each play individually, according to Senior Sarah Geis, costume mistress, and Senior Lauren Wohl, makeup mistress.

"We want to create a "Waterworld" type of feel for 'The Bacchae,"" Sarah said. "Very tattered, sort of leatherish."

Worn, hand makeup will complement the costumes, Lauren said. Formal, detailed attire will flatter actors in the turn-of-the-century Russian aristocratic style of "A Marriage Proposal," Sarah said, while Lauren plans to use elaborate, bright makeup. Characters in "Aria da Capo" will wear distinct, contrasting colors and textures in a Harlequin style. Relying on the vivid colors of the costumes, Lauren plans to stick to plain, basic faces for the characters.

Cast members are as follows:


Production heads are as follows:

Technical director, Sarah Schlessinger; production coordinator, Sheila Caveliere; theater manager, Lauren Wolf; house manager, Chris Pees.

Masters not previously mentioned are as follows:

Shop, Satya Bhabha; lights, Chris Art and Martin McCullagh; sound, Sam Glaison; publicity, Kim Glaison; box office, Sam Glaison; props, Satya Bhabha.

Crew heads are as follows:

Set, Jo Rutkowski and Sam Glaison; lights, Chris Art and Martin McCullagh; costumes, M.C. Oxtoby; makeup, Judith Danzoff; sound, Kore Tully; props, Daniel Levin, Becker; publicity, Matt Cornwell; house, Sam Glaison.

Writers' block

A SERIES OF PROGRAMS featuring writers is drawing aspiring U-High authors and literature and poetry lovers to the Writers' Center. Poet Susan Goldsmith Wooldridge, a '63 U-High graduate (photos from top), shared ideas with a receptive group last month. Then Mr. William Leslie Balan-Gaubert discussed Haitian poetry he has written with a fascinated gathering. Among those with Ms. Goldsmith were Lindsey Pettenger, left, and Lisa Jacobson.

Magazine lauds U-High grad

A 1978 U-High graduate is featured in the November issue of Vanity Fair magazine as one of "the day's conservative amazons." In his article "Damsels in Dissent," Sam Tanenhaus profiles Amity Shlaes among four of "a new breed of female conservatives who want to rock the country's hearts and minds, not its votes."

Ms. Shlaes is, at 39, the youngest member of the Wall Street Journal's editorial board. "Shlaes is possibly the right's most powerful female journalist," the article states. "She is a woman who has a strong voice, is articulate, intelligent, and is admired for her writing."

The article traces her growing up in Hyde Park, recounts her studies and work in Germany and Brussels, covers her new book "The Greedy Hand: How Taxes Drive Americans Crazy and What To Do About It" and includes a photo of her by high-profile magazine photographer Christian Witkin. At U-High Ms. Shlaes was a member of the Midway staff. Among her stories was a depth investigation of the societal reasons for girls assuming more leadership roles in the school.

"Anyone who knew Amy, as we called her then, back in high school certainly can't be surprised at her accomplishments now," said Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler. "She was already exceptional then, a definite individual with a first-rate mind and true wit. Many of us have watched her progress over the years with pleasure."
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that things are left so murky,” Mr. Bachand said. “There is no clear cut written policy that everyone knows. That leads to an uneasy feeling about how things are going to be handled. This leaves the impression of inconsistency. People speculate that not all people are treated in the same way.”

Room for interpretation

But policies need room for interpretation by administrators, Principal Hanna Goldschmidt believes, because not all offenses are equally severe.

“The reason a lot of policies in the Handbook gives discretion to deal with each case is because there are varied circumstances on every issue,” Ms. Goldschmidt said.

“No matter what the principal says, some people may not be happy with the result. We are caught in a situation where we have to be more specific or it leaves open the problems of accusations of being unfair. I see it as a no win situation. We are unable to be in a position of pleasing everyone.”

Since discipline is not always handled equally by administrators, faculty members do not feel supported by administrators when they enforce rules, History Department Chairperson Earl Bell said.

“Situations arise, teachers take positions that parents or students don’t like and it gets taken to a higher level,” Mr. Bell said. “That builds to the point where teachers don’t feel supported and people start to turn their heads. There is a general attitude of ‘I’m not sure what it’s going to be like when and if I do report something.’”

“I don’t know what it will be like when I go into that office. Without some clear indication that things will be handled in a way we find acceptable, teachers will look the other way.”

Inconsistencies in discipline can hurt teachers’ credibility with students, some faculty members fear.

“I feel discipline needs to be consistent and I don’t feel it has been,” Math Teacher Barbara Kuske said. “I try to be consistent but I feel the discipline in high school is inconsistent and the kids know it. That puts teachers in a bad position. I feel like if I don’t condemn it I am condoning it.”

“There is so much second-guessing of decisions. Decisions can be appealed by nontraditional routes and there is no process which is available to everyone. That makes it inconsistent and unfair.”

To clear up inconsistencies with faculty policy after the students sus­ pended for the Model U.N. trip were told their suspensions would not be reported to colleges, Lab Schools Direc­ tor Lucinda Lee Katz, Ms. Goldschmidt and College Counselor Lisa Montgomery deci­ dedy to change the school’s policy for one year.

For the class of 2000, college counse­ lors will write on all recommendations that they do not have access to stu­ dents’ files. Since the policy is retroac­ tive and for seniors only, the faculty policy will be enforced in the future.

“Because the Handbook seemed not to be sufficiently clear we have decided not to disclose any disciplinary action,” Mrs. Montgomery said. “Now that we think the policy is clear, the policy will be full disclosure.”

Believing the Handbook is not clear enough for consistent discipline, Mrs. Shapiro said her contract represented a means of ensuring rules are followed consistently.

“The contract I sent home basically is a statement that says there are certain rules and expectations,” she explained. “I do not want to put kids in a bad situ­ ation where they are rewarded for doing the wrong thing. The contract does not remove the possibility of students doing the wrong thing but it makes it clear what will happen if they do.”

“I am available and open to my stu­ dents at almost all times of day and night, as they will tell you. I am com­ mitted to finding every possible way to help them succeed. In the last year, however, I have found that I must ask my students to commit to certain prin­ ciples of behavior.”

Inconsistent messages

But Ms. Katz worries that unless a contract applies to all classes, parents may receive inconsistent messages from different teachers.

“Ms. Goldschmidt asked teachers to be as clear as possible about their ex­ pections regarding tardiness, tests and other things of that nature.” Ms. Katz explained. “In actuality, the Handbook covers these things but teachers need to reemphasize and co­ ordinate them. However, we cannot have one teacher send home inconsis­ tent messages.”

New UNICEF group backs helpful ‘treat’

U-High’s new UNICEF Club will for its first project join in “Trick or Treat­ ing for UNICEF” for Halloween.

UNICEF is the United Nations Children’s Fund.

“Each child who goes trick or treat would be asked to carry with them an orange box in which they would try to collect pennies,” ex­ plained Junior Joe Cho, U-High UNICEF presi­ dent.

“The money raised would then be donated to UNICEF to help them pro­ vide food, medicine and clean water for less fortunate children around the world.”

Over the past five decades, Joe said, young people in the United States have raised more than $100 million through the Halloween drive, with more than two million orange collection cartons distributed.

“I wanted to start a UNICEF Club at U-High because I thought it was a re­ ally good cause and helping children really is interesting, sort of thinking of the children as little sisters or brothers,” Joe said.

“When I asked friends if they knew anything about carrying the orange boxes around at Halloween most of them didn’t know about it and I was really surprised because I remember carrying them around as a kid when I was growing up near Toronto, Canada.”
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Presley happy that finally he'll coach boys' varsity basketball

I love what I do.

After 10 months of worrying, agonizing and self-analyzing, Mr. Ron Presley now knows that he will be varsity basketball coach this season.

His love for the students and coaching was what got him through what he says was a long and difficult grievance process.

Mr. Presley thought he'd be coaching last year, succeeding Mr. John Wilson. Because he was junior varsity coach, he had to move up to varsity. That was past practice. But the school made another decision.

A Lower School parent, Mr. Craig Robinson, an investment banker by trade who had been a high school and college basketball star and pro star in Europe, won instead.

Grievance upheld

Stunned by the decision, Mr. Presley says he felt extremely hurt but he knew he had to do the best job of coaching he could. Eventually, Mr. Presley filed a grievance with the school. An arbitrator ruled in August that administrators had broken the faculty contract, which dictated faculty members be given first chance at extra service positions.

Ruling that he had earned the coaching job, Mr. Presley has been enthusiastic since receiving the positive news.

"I was really hurt last year after the job went to Mr. Robinson," Mr. Presley said. "I was hurt because I made out on all the good and had that students bring. I had thoughts about not taking the job this year because it maybe wasn't worth worrying about. Feeling as if I have to measure up. I'm where I am right now because of God and the students. I'm going to do the best I can with this position.

Could have been different

Many people in the school and community believe the entire situation could have been handled differently both to the school's and Mr. Presley's advantage.

"I felt that even without the contract there is a reason for the past practice of hiring inside the school," explained Lower School Teacher Bob Kass, president of the Faculty Association, the teachers' union. "It makes sense for faculty to be hired. Coaching is not just coaching a sport; it is interacting with kids on a daily basis. To be able to help kids in and out of school.

Having never had a faculty member appeal a hiring during her time as Lab School director, Mrs. Lucinda Lee Katz says she believed she was getting the best person for the job.

"We went through our normal procedures," she explained. "No one has ever had a hiring overturned by arbitration while I've been here. We thought that Presley had his own j.v. coaching position. We were looking for someone who was a good role model and would bring in some new good ideas.

The grievance of Mr. Ron Presley for being passed over as varsity boys' basketball coach in favor of a nonfaculty member began with the hiring of Mr. Craig Robinson last October.

With advice of several people, including Faculty Association President Mr. Kass, Mr. Robinson appealed through several avenues to appeal the decision. For a time, concurrent appeals were in play from Mr. Presley and the Faculty Association.

To begin the appeal process, Mr. Presley sent a letter to Principal Hannah Goldschmidt Nov. 8 alerting the decision and asking to be reinstated as varsity coach.

Mr. Goldschmidt responded to Mr. Presley with a letter Nov. 20 denying the appeal.

Following the denial by Mrs. Goldschmidt, Mr. Presley and Mr. Kass continued the grievance process by sending a letter to Lab School Director Lucia Lee Katz Nov. 25. Ms. Katz, Mr. Presley, Mr. Kass and Associate Director David Staudt met to try and reach a settlement

Prior to the meeting, a representative of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, who was advising the union in the grievance, informed the school that the school-and-union contract signed in 1995 required the school to provide the union with input before administrators had the right to hire outside the school.

The meeting was held Dec. 10 to Mrs. Katz stating the contract ruling and then in a meeting Dec. 11, where Mr. Presley and Mr. Kass pled their case to Mrs. Katz and Mr. Staudt.

In response to the meeting, Ms. Katz sent a letter Jan. 8 to Mr. Presley requesting an extension before she made an official decision. Mr. Kass sent a letter back to Mrs. Katz denying the request for an extension. After waiting for a response to the denial of an extension Mr. Kass sent a letter to Mrs. Katz Feb. 4 saying the union was proceeding to arbitration.

The first step in arbitration was for both the administrators and union to put forth who we want to arbitrate on. This was done by arbitration by administrators and four by the union. Both sides turned down two candidates offered by the other.

Next the American Arbitration Association set up 15 possible names from which both sides would select candidates for the position.

The arbitrator took place Feb. 10 in the offices of the American Arbitration Association downtown. The union argued that the contract was fully incorporated into the decision. The School argued that the contract was not binding. The arbitrator also asked if we were happy with the decision. The arbitrator announced the decision April 25 that Mr. Robinson was the best candidate for the job.

The arbitrator delivered her decision Aug. 16 stating that the Employer acted arbitrarily in violation of the School's and Union's collective bargaining agreement for the head basketball coach position.

Katz denying the request for an extension

"I'm taking the job because of the student body and mainly because of the players. I really didn't like the controversy. It was never about athletics. It was about the contract that was not fulfilled.

Direction discussion needed

If the school wanted or wanted to make the hiring of coaches from outside the faculty a regular practice in the interest of having winning teams or specific sports program ethic, first a discussion on the direction of the sports program is needed, many people in the community believe.

"Hiring outside the school raises questions about the approach to athletics," Mr. Kass said. "I'm doing the best thing about going coaches from outside the school that is fine. But then they would have to change the contract the next time the job is re-negotiated.

Mr. Robinson still values time here

Though he won't be returning to U-High, Mr. Craig Robinson doesn't regret the time he spent here.

Mr. Robinson, who coached varsity basketball to an undefeated League championship last year and himself was named Coach of the Year, won't return because of an arbitrator's decision this summer. It upheld a grievance that faculty members who are eligible for curricular positions receive them before the school can hire people from outside the school.

One of the times

"The experience was easily one of the best times of my life," Mr. Robinson reflected. "I have spent a lot of time in the game from being to basketball to the pros, but this was the first time I was solely a head coach. What I learned was the highs are much higher and the lows are much lower. Seeing everyone struggling to win made the victories that much sweeter and the losses even easier to take away a lesson about life.

"I don't take the decision personally," he explained. "It helps us learn that life is not always totally based on who has the best qualifications. I will be okay. I'm used to ups and downs, accomplishments and disappointments. I have enough in my life that this is not the end of the world. The team should learn a life lesson: When you go out there in the world, things don't always go your way.

Will continue coaching

"I hope that I will coach again," he added. "I had a great time. I definitely want to coach somewhere. I think I'm good at it and want to keep doing it. When I became coach I went from having two kids to 12. It was great to impart life lessons that could be taken further than just basketball, but to the real world."
It ain't over yet
Soccer men still in game
By Mike Lamb
Sports Editor

Plagued by bad starts since the start of their season, U-High varsity soccermen never­theless aren't ready to give up the ghost. The Maroons last week stood 8-9-1, 5-4-1 in the league. Inability to score during the first half put the Maroons in 3-0 deficits against ISL opponents Lake Forest, Sept. 28, at home, and the first 15 minutes of the second game killed their spirits as they ended up losing 5-1.

Punch picks up
Scored 25 goals as of late last week, Freshman John Oxtoby has picked up the scoring punch, as three of his goals in a 6-0 victory against De La Salle, were on the team seemed to have turned the season around.

"After De La Salle, we know we can win if we're focused," commented Senior Chris Oakes, one of several captains. "We might even have a shot at winning Regionals." With an ISL title out of reach, the Maroons hope to build momentum heading into Regionals this Friday, where they expect a third or fourth seeding. A tough 3-1 victory at Lake Forest showed J.V. Coach Ron Presley that his team was determined to win. The Maroons' solid 6-1-3 (4-0-2 ISL) record states them as the ISL leader. Hoping to stop Coach Presley's reign of four straight ISL championships, Morgan Park Academy (M.P.A.) and Parker used varsity players, Parker was successful with a 1-0 win, while the Warriors only managed a 2-2 tie.

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Champion runners win dry conditions
By Ameer Saleh
Associate Editor

Heading into their last meet of the season Oct. 22 at Morgan Park, J.V. and the boys' cross country teams hope to follow up last year's strong showings.

"I'm looking to have a good meet," Varsity Coach Bud James commented. "Last year the girls won the meet, it is going to be a hard act to follow."

"We don't have the same amount of depth as last year combined with our competition getting better. I think that it is a reasonable goal for the girls to finish in the top three. For the boys, I think that Sandy Craig can definitely repeat last year's individual win."

At the Oct. 7 ISL Conference meet in Jackson Park, the girls took home the championship as Senior Anna Bloom won the individual race. The boys didn't have enough points and the team placed fifth.

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Swimmers ready to turn around
By Libby O'Neil
Associate editor

Hoping to turn around their 2-4 record by winning their remaining four meets, girl swimmers face west suburban Morton today when they meet Nazareth a week ago. Oct. 26, at home. Riverside-Brookfield follows, Friday, Oct. 29, away, and finally Evergreen Park on Nov. 2, away. All meets begin 4:30 p.m.

"We went undefeated against Morton and Nazareth last year and I think we can do it again," said Captain Lillian Kass, senior. "Our goal is to have a winning record this year and I think that's possible. We've had our situations and the weather has been bad back from behind."

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Keeping Score
For each game, the U-High score precedes the opposing team's score. Varsity games appear first followed by J.V. in parentheses.

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GIRLS' TENNIS--Sandburg: Sept. 14, away: 8-1 (6-1); St. Ignatius, Sept. 18, away: 5-1 (4-1); Latin, Sept. 20, away: 15-10; Latin, Sept. 22, away: 15-10, 15-10; Latin, Sept. 23, away; 4-1; Morgan Park Academy, Sept. 24, away: 9th of 11; Latin, Oct. 4, away: 5-15, 15-10, 8-10, 5-15; Loyola, Oct. 6, away: 5-15, 15-10, 8-10; Loyola, Oct. 8, away: 15-10, 15-10, 15-10; ISL Conference, Oct. 8-9, 2nd: Instant Heartace Tournament, Oct. 13, away: 8-10; Latin, Oct. 14, away: 9-10.

BOYS AND GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY--ISL Preseason Meet, Sept. 22, at Latin: boys, 3rd; girls, 1st; Disquiet Invitational, Sept. 25: in Lincoln Park: boys, not enough participants to score; girls, 2nd, Moscow Meet, Sept. 27: in Jackson Park: boys, 6th; girls, 2nd; Home Event, Oct. 3: enough participants to score, girls, 10th of 11; Home Event, Oct. 6, at Loyola: 1st; ISL Conference, Oct. 7: in Jackson Park: boys, not enough participants, girls, 1st.

State golf bid works, doesn't
After qualifying for Sectionals Oct. 5 at Manteno Golf Course, Senior Arjuna Reddy and Junior Mike Lamb attempted last Tuesday to become the first pair of U-Highers to make it to State in the same year. Both made it, one didn't.

Bolstered in serious contention for State going into the final hole, as Club President Arjuna finished with an 82 and had to win a six-man playoff on the last hole with Birdie Dowlatshahi, the Maroons couldn't get past Latin, in a 1-0 home loss Sept. 18. After the game, the Maroons proceeded to win three in a row, but came up short in their ISL title hopes.

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Tennis triumph
League champions now head for State competition

By Natalie Hoy
Associate Editor

T
riumphantly wrapping up the Independent School League (ISL) championship with a second-place finish Oct. 8-9 at the ISL Conference meet, varsity tennis girls now face their next challenge Saturday in the State tournament in Arlington Heights.

It is the first time in recent memory a U-High girls' tennis team has won the championship and the victory provided extra spark at the dedication of the school's new tennis courts last Tuesday. "Experience has really meant a lot to our game," said a more-than-pleased Varsity Coach Gerald Hanck. "It helped us overcome last year's second-place ISL finish and since we have six sophomores that played last year, there's more experience across the board."

With their only loss coming against non-ISL opponents Fenwick, the Maroons remain undefeated in the ISL at 8-0. "We have really good people on our team this year," said first singles player Jenny Heydemann, sophomore. "Personally gained a lot of experience from last year and because of that, we know what we're up against in the ISL and the State tournament."

With the j.v. record at 6-2, Coach John O'Connor has seen success with that squad, too. "We have an incredibly deep group of girls," Mr. O'Connor said. "They're really nice people with a great sense of sportsmanship. The ISL Championship will set a standard for years to come."

"The team is young," Mr. O'Connor added, "so they will be eying a repeat next year as well."

A different kind of homecoming
from player to coach

As an athlete, I've always wondered what it would be like to come back and coach a team based on what I'd learned as a player. That opportunity has been given to '96 U-High graduate Clarissa Booth.

As a Maroon, Clarissa was a standout athlete in volleyball and basketball, as she collected All-Conference honors, ISL Player of the Year runnerup and the Coaches Award for overall excellence during her senior year. "My accomplishments on and off the court give me credibility with my players," she commented. "It's so important to have someone who can give valuable advice from experience, because you can trust them and know that they've got your best interests at heart. Those types of people are the best coaches and were also my favorite teachers at U-High."

Besides coaching the j.v. volleyball team, Clarissa works as a truancy investigator in the Chicago Public School system, helping youths who seem to have lost their direction, while majoring in behavioral science at East-West University in the loop. She definitely has her priorities down, as helping people is a lifelong goal that she continues to strive for.

"I think having a figure that's been there before and experienced the same things that you're going through helps tremendously," she said. "I think of myself as a mentor rather than simply a coach or a peer. "They can ask me about teachers we've both had and school stuff in general. The fact that I was in their shoes only five years ago gives me respect, which in turn allows me to be relaxed, but still have that line they don't want to cross."

Through life lessons off the court and on it, in the sports world or life in general, Clarissa has definitely taken advantage of her opportunities.

Sports photos to go on sale

Attention U-High sports fans. Photos taken for but not used in the 1999 U-Highlights will soon go on sale.

"There are an incredible amount of great photos," said Senior Natalie Bump, one of last year's sports editors and this year's editors-in-chief. "We'll announce sales dates soon."
DEPARTING FROM the practice of previous years, all four classes at Homecoming elected Homecoming queens and kings, with students from all class levels voting for the seniors. Cultural Union President Ian Kysel announced the winners, who were then crowned with the assistance of C.U. Treasurer Anna Bloom. Royalty, from top left, were Seniors Liz Heyer and Ramez Haddadin; Juniors Robert Cantwell and Annie Padrid; Sophomores Chris Amos and Sonia Sharma; and Freshmen Nick Epstein and Ashley Kramer. Although everyone elected seemed surprised, since there were no nominations preceding the coronation, Nick Epstein had special reason to be surprised. He’s only been in the school for two weeks. Out in the lobby, not even aware of the coronation going on, he was confused why people kept calling his name.

"Homecoming was different from what I expected because I had more friends in the first three weeks of school and so I was able to mingle with people at the dance. It was nice because people want to have fun but don’t go overboard. People there knew how to have a good time."

—Freshman Anna Maria Vasiij

Elegance colors festive Homecoming

More than 250 people turned out to jam the ballroom at International House for Homecoming Oct. 2, according to Mr. Paul Gunty, assistant to the principal, who counted the tickets. Festivities began at 8 p.m., but the crowd only began building around 9. That number attending does not include the 30 or so people who arrived minutes after 10 p.m., when the doors—as previously announced—were closed.

While some guys wore khakis and shirts, many turned up in suits or sports coats and slacks. As for the ladies, fashions ranged from miniskirts and to full-length evening gowns and even a ball gown or two were spotted.

Colors for the evening seemed to be black and dark blue, but on the dance floor many beautiful colors joined to create a beautiful scene.

Yellow, white and purple streamers flowed overhead while balloons floated over the floor where dancers were propelled by the music of the Pro Music DJ company.

Latecomers missed the highlight of the dance, the coronation of class Homecoming queens and kings. Students of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes at the dance elected their royalty and students from all class levels chose the senior queen and king. C.U. President Ian Kysel crowned Freshmen Ashley Kramer and Nick Epstein, Sophomores Sonia Sharma and Chris Amos, Juniors Annie Padrid and Robert Cantwell and Seniors Liz Heyer and Ramez Haddadin. Faculty and parent chaperons praised both C.U.’s organization of the evening and the elegance of the U-Highers who attended.

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AS THE EVENING progressed and the crowd grew, Cultural Union officers realized they had a hit on their hands. C.U. President Ian Kysel and Treasurer Anna Bloom had plenty of reason to dance as they saw the happy crowd. Leis were available at the entrance to help provide a colorful note, further enhanced with streamers and balloons.

AS USUAL boys presented girls with corsages for Homecoming, but many girls also returned the favor with boutonnieres. Anju Mahajan and Ven Mothkur were among the elegantly-outfitted couples at the dance. Many couples enjoyed dinner beforehand and house parties afterwards, usually in the company of friends, making for a totally memorable evening.