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Newcomers find welcome ...sometimes

By Sonia Mittal

Editor-in-Chief

Most newcomers this year say they've found making friends and fitting in surprisingly easy. But not everyone.

One factor in their fitting in quickly, many new students say, is joining extracurricular acivities.

Five new freshmen ran for Student Council offices and two were elected.

"I expected to make a small group of friends but everyone has been really welcoming," said new freshman Nick Epstein, elected Homecoming King. "The no-cut policy encouraged me to join things and I met a lot of my friends though clubs."

Many of the 24 freshmen, two sophomores, three juniors and one senior discussed their experiences with administrators at an Oct. 22 discussion forum for new students.

"It all comes down to freedom," said new Freshman Shilpa Rupani. "Because I live an hour away I was worried that I wouldn't meet my classmates. I'm so happy we get to choose how to spend our free time because I can make new friends and hang out with them."

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It's easy to make friends here, many parents of newcomers believe, because the student body is so diversified.

"I think that the ethnic diversity of the students at Lab makes it an easier place to fit it," said Dr. Sujaya Rupani, Shilpa's mother. "It seems easier to make friends because there are so many different students to be friends with."

Many newcomers say they've found that U-Highers who have been in the Lab Schools since kindergarten like meeting new people

meeting new people.

"I think a lot of the Lifers are looking forward to getting a bunch of new freshmen," said new Freshman Anna-Maria Vasilij. "That makes it easier for us to make friends. My friends like to hear about my old school because they only know about this school."

But, in letters on their class board and in advisory discussions, some sophomores new last year indicate they still don't really feel part of their class.

"When I first came here last year I talked to a bunch of people and thought I was building something meaningful," explained Sophomore Max Lennartz, one of the letter writers.

"But I soon realized the only reason most people talked to me was to kill time. We'd talk about a test or something but we'd never talk about anything important. To me that is not friendship. It seems to me that sophomores here are afraid to be different and talk to different people."

Still, most of this year's newcomers say they've made friends quickly.

"I made friends so quickly that I don't usually feel like the new kid," said new Freshman Jessica Hung.

"One time someone said they were going to U.M. and I said, 'What's U.M.?' He couldn't believe I didn't know but, hey, I've only been here for two months."

"Over the last 10 years, parking has become impossible. If you get here after 8:30, you're dead."

Losing the parking game

By Cyrus Dowlatshahi
Associate editor

month ago, my scheme to elude parking problems at

You see, I used to have first and second periods free and, as experienced U-High drivers can imagine, when you're arriving just before 9:45 a.m., there aren't too many parking spaces left. Even the Midway...even the third Midway all the way down by Woodlawn... is completely filled. But it didn't matter.

I had a plan. My plan was simple: Ever since the tennis courts were moved to their current location on 58th street, the old driveway which used to lead into Jackman Field has been blocked off. In other words, it is useless to have a tow zone there.

I figured that whoever hands out tickets would realize this and pass me over to ticket Senior Joe Fischel, who again was rebelling against the City of Chicago and double parking in Kenwood Circle.

Alas, after many days of parking in the driveway, I was ticketed. So I did what any kid who grew up watching "MacGyver" would do: I backed up into the vacated space behind me, took a Polaroid of my now legally parked car and sent it,



WHEN PUSH COMES to shove, some people just park in no parking zones like the Circle, hoping they can get back and move before they get a

along with a strongly worded letter to the City of Chicago, thus dodging a \$30

Mr. Paul Gunty, assistant to the principal, and Principal Hanna Goldschmidt have a different, more legal plan.

"On the few occasions that I know I'll have to leave school during the day," Mr. Gunty said, "I make arrangements with Ms. Goldschmidt. I drive to school and park, usually on the Midway, and when I need to go, I borrow her car.

"I do this because she has a parking permit and can park on Kimbark outside of Judd Hall. Sometimes, though, I even have a hard time finding a spot for her car back in the lot. Still, this is the only way I know of going out during the day and finding a parking spot Photo by Dan Hoffman ticket or, worse, get towed. Joe Fischel moved his Jeep right after he posed with it for the photo.

in less than a half hour when I return."

One thing is sure: It immensely brightens one's day when one happens to find, during normal school hours, a legal spot in Kenwood Circle. You'd just better hope you don't find it at the same time as someone else, because competition over spots can become fierce.

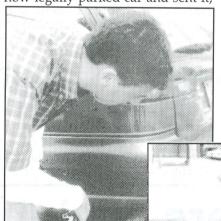
Another strategy for parking is just parking illegally, hoping that you won't get a ticket.

And according to Lab Schools Associate Director David Stafford, cars blocking school fire lanes won't only be ticketed; they will be towed.

Still, Mr. Stafford acknowledges that parking has been becoming increasingly difficult. But, he said, there really isn't much that can be done.

"A faculty parking lot over on 60th street with a shuttle bus was the alternative that was suggested many times over the years whenever parking becomes an issue," he said. "But in the evening, returning to the lot becomes a security concern."

Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler, who's been teaching at U-High for 37 years and driving to school every one of those years, said, "Over the last 10 years, parking has become impossible. If you get here after 8:30, you're dead. A faculty parking lot with a shuttle bus open until, say 5, could work. It's better than walking to and from 61st street."



Photos by Dan Hoffman SOMETIMES (photos from top) you get a space but no space. Josh Jackson finds he's hemmed in.

OH, GREAT. Liz Richardson admires a parking ticket.



Get out those suits 'n skirts

Next dance puts U-Highers in the swing of things

By Joe Fischel

Student government editor

From a three-piece-suit to a poodle skirt, U-Highers can show off their sense of retro style during Cultural Union's swing dance, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19 in the third-floor ball-room of Ida Noyes Hall.

Tickets, \$5, go on sale this week in the High School lobby.

Following the popularity of last year's swing dancing assembly, C.U. President Ian Kysel, senior, predicts the dance will attract a large crowd.

"We thought we could vary the types of dances we have in order to attract a larger portion of the student body," Ian explained. "We know that not every-

one knows how to swing so for the first hour of the dance student government members will be offering lessons so that everyone knows how to dance a couple of basic steps."

Pizza and soft drinks will be available in the reception hall in a sales project of the Senior Class Prom Committee.

A swing band on stage will set the musical moods for the evening.

"We thought that since this is a themed dance a band might be better than a d.j.," Ian said. "Right now we are choosing between two bands. A band should serve our music needs because we are not looking for a wide variety of music but rather music from a specific genre."

Inside Story

2 Adding it up



Ten U-High parents, three Lab Schools Board members, two administrators, four faculty members and

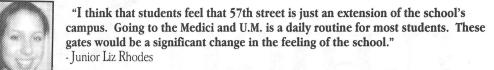
seven students discuss security.

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Varied Voices

When it comes to school security, everybody has a different opinion

By Bobby Stokes

Editor-in-Chief

Seated in a semicircle facing Lab Schools Board Members Mark Johnson and Marcy Schlessinger, 10 High School parents, another Board member, two administrators, four faculty members and seven students met for an Oct. 20 discussion on Lab Schools security sponsored by the High School Council of the Parents' Association.

Displaying an architect's drawing of the new athletic complex, including gates at the north and south ends of Kenwood Mall, administrators and Board members explained the school's plans.

"The gates will go up in November," said Ms. Eileen

Wrought iron fences at both ends of Kenwood Mall, a doorbell at a locked entrance to Blaine Hall and a door monitor in Judd Hall are among measures the school is contemplating to improve

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JOINING in the discussion, Lab Schools Board member and parent Marcy Schlessinger and Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz.

Epstein, director of external affairs. "The architect's plans for the athletic complex always had the gates in there. They are a decorative addition that will also serve the purpose of keeping young kids out of the street. As to what else they'll do or whether they will be locked is still under discussion. We'll take a lot of input from everyone for the decision and we will be sensitive to the needs of the High Schoolers."

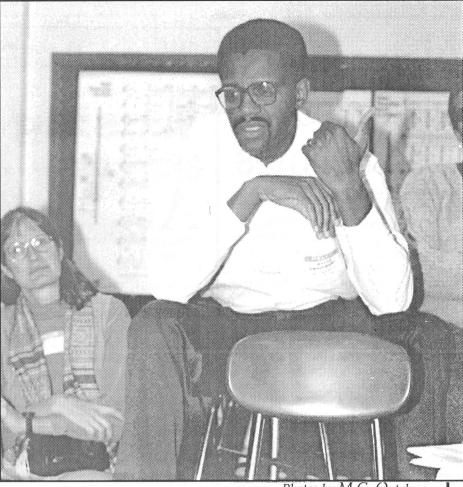
Commenting that the security measures could violate the school's sense of freedom, three Student Council members passed out the results of a student survey.

"I think that students feel that 57th street is just an extention of the school's campus," said Junior Political Representative Liz Rhodes, who wrote the survey. "Going to the Medici and U.M. is a daily routine for most students. These gates would be a significant change in the feeling of the school. Students don't want the gates, but I guess there's nothing we can do because they're going up anyway."

Some faculty members worried that the gates might actually compromise the security of students.

"We need to examine the gates in all circumstances," Computer Teacher Alan Haskell said. "While they're there to protect the students, what's going to happen if there was a fire? It important that these gates





Photos by M.C. Oxtoby PARENT LESTER HEMINGWAY contributes to the security discussion.

work in all situations."

Feeling that administrators and the Board are not approaching security in the best way, some people at the meeting said the Board needs to reassess its strategies.

"It seems the school went aim, fire, ready in terms of the gates," Physics Teacher David Derbes said. "Some Lower School parents were concerned about their children's safety, as they should be. What is crazy about the whole thing is that the school is trying to do this on their own."

Some parents who attended the meeting questioned the value of coming because it seemed administrators and Board members had already decided many of the relevant issues.

"There seemed to be little need for this meeting," said Mrs. Diana Stokes, U-High class of '59 and mother of Senior Bobby. "The discussion mainly involved the installation of fences and gates on Kenwood mall, which had already been decided."

How U-Highers see it

Many U-Highers see no advantages to new security proposals according to the results of an S. C.-sponsored survey Oct. 19 written by Junior Political Representative Liz Rhodes. Three hundred and eighty-three of the school's approximately 450 students replied. Ninety-one percent say they feel safe in and around U-High; 61 percent think an act of violence could occur at U-High; 10 percent recommend putting up fences around Kenwood Mall. Seventeen percent feel wearing I.D. cards and using them to gain entrance into the school would ensure a more secure environment and 21 percent feel outdoor security cameras would ensure a more secure environment.

Faculty waits, wonders, weighs moves

By Arielle Levin Becker

Editor-in-Chief

As administrators plan to bring in a mediator to ease tensions between the faculty and themselves and the Lab Schools Board , faculty members plan to send a position paper to Board members restating their concerns following their Oct. 4 vote of no confidence in Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz.

Waiting for a response to the vote from Board members, some faculty members wonder how effective their vote will prove. But, according to Lab Schools Board President Susan Sher, the vote is unlikely to affect any decisions the Board has made.

Following the vote, faculty members sent letters to each Board member, stating the vote's results. As of last

Wednesday, the faculty had not received a response.

After an Oct. 19 High School faculty meeting, an ad hoc committee of faculty members was formed to write a position paper restating the faculty's concerns for Board members.

According to Counselor Bob Bachand, High School faculty chairperson, the paper would include an expected reply date for Board members, but committee members have not decided what to do if Board members do not respond.

Though they have not planned a written response, Board members and administrators say they do plan to address faculty concerns about communication with Board members by bringing in Dr. Michael Thompson Nov. 23 to mediate a meeting between faculty and Board members.

A psychologist who has written extensively about independent schools, Dr. Thompson has visited the school before

Many faculty members have questioned the effectiveness of the no-confidence vote in off-the-record interviews with the Midway.

Without a response from the Board, faculty members do not feel anything has come of their actions, Mr. Bachand said.

"There is a general uneasiness that people don't have a sense of closure," Mr. Bachand said. "People don't see that something is going to happen."
But the Board's responsibility is not to carry out all the faculty's requests,

Ms. Sher said.

"The vote seems to have been a reflection that a number of teachers were expressing their dissatisfaction with Mrs. Katz," she explained.

"But it's the Board's responsibility to make decisions on the Director of the schools and we made that decision when we signed Mrs. Katz up for another three year contract. This vote isn't going to change that. This particular decision is not reversible."

Instead, Ms. Sher hopes a mediator will help increase communication and clear up uneasy feelings between the Board and faculty members.

"I hope we will be moving forward and administrators, Board members and faculty members will work better together for positive results," Ms. Sher said. "I hope this can be seen as something we can learn from and go forward on together."

Aimed at increasing communication between faculty members of all schools, a proposed all-faculty assembly is being discussed by faculty members, according to Faculty Association President Bob Kass, Middle School teacher.

While faculty members have discussed the body at meetings, no clear process for establishing such an assembly exists, Mr. Kass added.

A Dollar's All You Need



From soda, chips and candy, to watches, titans and keychains, Cornell Dollar has it all. And for cheap. Here, Senior Charles Simmons checks out a wool hat in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

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Brief-ly

Model U.N. to try new destinations

Traveling to the University of California at Los Angeles for the first time, eight Model United Nations Club members will represent Cuba.

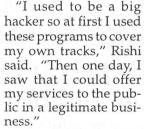
"We feel that we've shown we can excel at all the conferences we've been to so it's time for a change," said Model U.N. President David Zimmer, senior. "We see a lot of the same kids each year and other schools know about us before we even get to conferences. It's so much more exciting to go to conferences where no one knows you and no one expects anything of you before committee has even begun. This will be a great opportunity for this almost entirely underclassman delegation to learn on their own because we've never been to this conference before."

Head delegates are Michael Strong, senior and Sarah Arkin, sophomore. The other delegates are Sophomores Shilpa Gulati, Rachel Lee, Caroline Nelson, Jessie Sklarsky and Walker Thisted and Freshman Nick Epstein.

NEWSMAKERS-Featured in the Sun-Times Oct. 22, Sophomores Rishi Bhat, 15 and Antonio Guillen, 16, subsquently were taped at school by a Fox News Channel crew after a major sale made by their internet company.

Writing a software program that provides confidentiality to people surfing the internet, Rishi and Antonio will make major earnings from an idea that

started through personal experiences.



Programming computers since the age of seven, Rishi came up with the idea for the program this summer. Once he had worked out the glitches, he

Antonio

brought in Antonio to build a web page for the company they formed, SeigeSoft.com. After advertising with free banners on other frequently visited web pages, Rishi was approached by the president of Rocca Resources, a company which owns small internet corporations, to sell the program.

Rishi now is working on developing another program which will allow people to access a Windows-like desktop online.

■ D.C. BOUND-Visiting the National Holocaust Museum's archives and exhibits, taking a tour of national monuments and visiting Georgetown, 12 juniors and seniors in History Teacher Susan Shapiro's Holocaust class will travel this weekend to Washington D.C. At the Museum, U-Highers will research their final papers in its library.

This is the fourth trip to the Museum.

ALUMNI HONORS—Two of U-High's most famed graduates will be honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards at a dinner Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct. The dinner is sponsored by the Alumni Association

The recipients are world-renowned author and composer Ned Rorem, '40, and pioneering medical research Dr. Janet Davison Rowley.

Mr. Rorem's books includes memories of growing up in Hyde Park. Dr. Rowley, a cancer specialist, is the Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor in Medicine and Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology at the University. She is also a former U-High parent.

Invitations have been mailed to alumni.

day of Diwali was to be shared by the Asian Students' Association in this morning's assembly with traditional costumes from various regions of the country.

"Indian people are so diversified," exxplained Senior Anju Mahajan, ASA copresident with Senior Nirav Shah. "This was a chance to expose people to Indian culture and show people there's



Photo by Jeremy Chavis

Dedicated to, for artists

STUDENTS, graduates, faculty members past and present, family and friends joined Oct. 22 to dedicate the new David Scheunemann Gallery. A talented writer, musician and composer, the '92 graduate's name will

a difference between each region. It's also just really entertaining for U-Highers to watch a fashion show."

drama production photo in the Oct. 19 Midway should have been credited to Satya Bhabha.

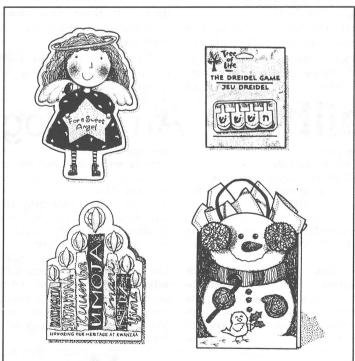
For readers wondering about the odd Midway nameplate and other odd type faces in the issue, an error occurred in the transmission of type faces from the Midway's computer system at school to the printer's computer system at the printing plant. The Midway staff could not send all pages completed and printed out for the printer as usual be-

now overlook the work of current Lab Schools artists. Among the speakers were David's classmates Sarah Rose and Stephen Sittler. Music was provided by Leonard Furris (in photo), Jim Stamison and Marc Piane, '92.

cause the computer system at school went out of commission deadline night. Instead the Midway staff had to send some pages on disk and that is when the errors occurred.

In the story on people feeling the school needed to end inconsistencies, the statement that History Teacher Susan Shapiro's class contract did not include punishments was incorrect. Some readers felt Mrs. Shapiro's contract did not represent an inconsistency just because it was established by one teacher and noted that several other teachers are developing similar contracts.

As the holiday season rolls around...



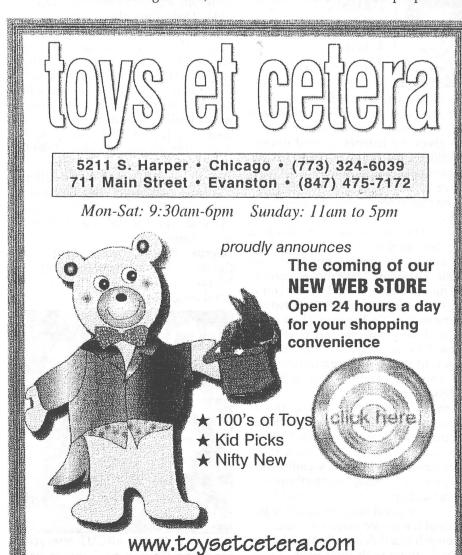
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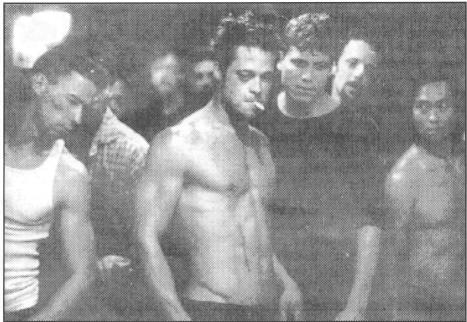
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LED BY TYLER (Brad Pitt), "Fight Club" gathers for their weekly boxing event.

Violent but clever

'Fight Club' makes you think

ALTHOUGH CRITICS AND moviegoers have criticized "Fight Club" for its violence, the movie's bold humor and wit leave audiences with a strong impression, whether good or bad.

Based on the novel "Fight Club" by Chuck Palahniuk, the film's startling story was adapted for film by screenwriter Jim Uhls.

Encouraging the members of their cult-like underground boxing club, "Fight Club," to reject material standards of society, two 20-something friends, Tyler (Brad Pitt) and the narrator (Edward Norton), force their "everyone's equal, inspire people through fear" philosophy onto the rich corporate world of contemporary society, making profound political statements by vandalizing and occasionally destroying public property.

Under the direction of David Fincher, both Pitt and Norton shine in convincing interpretations of fascinating characters. Adding their own character quirks including a Midwestern drawl and nervous eye twitches, Pitt and Norton pay attention to the details which are so easily overlooked. Effectively using eye and body contact and fast-paced dialogue, they create astounding chemistry which intensifies the storyline and interactions between the characters, pulling in the audience to experience the emotional consequences of their dangerous activities with them. They strike a balance of both obnoxiously loud and quietly subdued, which adds to the depth and complexity of their characters.

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Precise cinematography and editing, including surprising computer-generated twists add to the aesthetic beauty that Pitt and Norton's faces bring to the screen. There is a forceful, in your face energy to "Fight Club," probably due to the adrenaline and determination of Pitt, Norton and their fighting ensemble. The entire cast seems to exude a strange rush of chauvinist masculinity which, although at times is offen-

warm feelings. "Fight Club" is rated R (Under 17 requires parent or guardian) for violence, profanity and nudity.

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n apology

From Ralph Ahn, Student Council president; Ian Kysel, Cultural Union president;

and George Weid, senior class president: AT THE ALL-SCHOOL community assembly Oct. 20, Student Council presented a short film introducing the Nov. 19 Swing Dance and the Student Council Film Festi-

The film included some material which offended certain members of the community. Student Council would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the inappropriate material and language found both in the video and in the comments found in

Please understand that Student Council did not intentionally include this offensive material. We understand that in any community members have vastly different comfort levels. Some things, in disturbing some community members, affect the balance and comfort of the whole.

Student Council, in apologizing, would like to assure all members of the community that, in the future, we will guard against those things that disrupt ance. In closing, Student Council would like to reiterate our apology and thank you for your time.

YOUR SAY IN THE MIDWAY

Compiled by Ameer Saleh

As cold weather sets in and winter approaches, what are you looking forward to?



Sydney

Annie

SYDNEY LAWSON, freshman: I'm looking forward to the Ski Club retreat because I've never skied downhill before in my life.

SATYA BHABHA, sophomore: Hopefully we will have some more blizzard days like we had last year so that maybe school will actually close for

ANNIE PADRID, junior: I'm really excited about spending time with my friends and playing on the girls' varsity basketball team.

CHARLES SIMMONS, senior: I look forward to dominating everyone with the 1999-2000 World Varsity Hoop Squad. We are going to be off the hook.



Satya



Charles

un(ction) in shoes

ALTHOUGH U-HIGHERS MAY sacrifice comfort for fashion when it comes to shoes, styles this fall are simple, funky and have become so comfy you can keep your unique style without the



Fashion

Natalie Hoy

Comfort has become a large issue for the average female. Walking around all day in three-inch heels is kind of ridiculous while trying to balance the weight of a massive backpack or messengerbag at the same time. Working with fall shoe designs, a simple wedged heel is more realistic and less painful than attempting to scale flights of U-High stairs in order to get to class in massive heels just to add a little height.

Classic styles such as the Mary Jane, flats and pumps are made funky with molded heels and fuzzy textures. "In" colors for this fall are shades of red, black and shades of gray that are seen in multiple magazines (like my favorite, called "Shuz"). Shoes have become more Prada-like with bright colors, odd curves, unusually shaped heels and molded bottoms at stores like Kenneth Cole, Bebe and Esprit. These stores are also reasonably priced in comparison to Prada's \$300-\$400 price range for a simple but definitely unique shoe.

Although women are known for their incredibly large closets of shoes (a pair

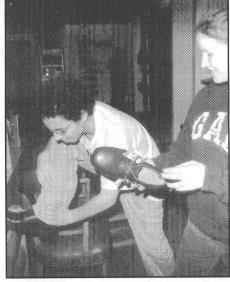


Photo by Daniel Hoffman

ADMIRING A PAIR of ankle boots by Kenneth Cole, \$155, and brown shoes by Ecco, \$150, Chris Perez and Anne Jordan look over the winter collection at the Shoe Corral, I506 E. 55th St.

for each outfit), men often don't hesitate to buy multiple pairs either. Mens' shoe designers are beginning to experiment with new looks and textures, using shapes and materials worn frequently by women. Oxfords with an oblique toe, molded bottoms, ankle boots with thick rubber soles and even pony hair is seen on male models to vary from the norm.

Shoes, though not necessarily the first thing to catch the eye, can definitely, in the world of fashion, make or break an outfit. Expressing personal taste and willingness for something different, shoes can be seen as a way to get an idea of personality, just by their shape and style. Inflicting pain on yourself wearing high heels no longer has to be an issue for personal expression.

Transition in reggae Aswad's music good in '70s, bad in '80s

EVERYONE LOVES A C.D. that has no bad songs. The first disc of "Roots Rocking: The Island Anthology," a compilation of Aswad's greatest tracks, is one of those C.D.s. But the second



Music

Cyrus Dowlatshahi

disc of the set, which includes their later songs, is a completely different style of music. Thus, "The Anthology" also gives the listener a good understanding of the transformation British reggae has undergone since the 1970s.

After 15 albums and almost 25 years on the music scene, Aswad is still one of the best-loved reggae bands in the world. The band formed in 1974 in a neighborhood of west London, and was among the first examples of how reggae music could take root in Europe.

'The Anthology" follows a trend that's common among British reggae bands: In the '70s, the music had a traditional Jamaican sound that only reggae has: an offbeat rhythm emphasis, lots of guitar and organ, strong vocals and lots of references to heavy marijuana use.

In the '80s, however, it was transformed; the artists began using a lot of electric synthesizers, which I guess were the high-tech thing back then. With these machines, they could usually produce sounds and rhythms that a band with real instruments could not. This lack of good taste no doubt was a result of the heavy marijuana use.

Their self-titled debut album, released in 1976, along with their next album, "Hulet," released in 1979, contain most of the songs that are on the first disc of the Anthology.

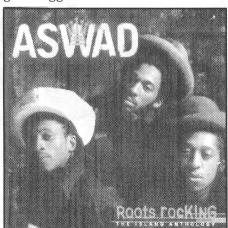
Also on the first disc are some great live recordings of some of their later hits. The second C.D. is full of trashy, '80s "non-reggae" reggae music, which most of their hits from the '80s and early '90s were. The second C.D. is terrible. Unfortunately, you have to buy it if you want the first one.

Still, there's one thing sure about Aswad: if you listen to it often, it grows on you. At first, it will be playing, like when you're riding in my car where reggae is the preferred choice, and you won't really pay attention to it. But then you start liking it. And you start depending on me for rides. Take this example:

Friend: PLEASE! Give me a ride home! Cyrus: Adam, you live half a block from school.

Friend: But I really want to listen to some Aswad!

Cyrus: Adam, don't be cheap. Go to the store and buy Roots Rocking: The Island Anthology. It has some damn good reggae.



ASWAD SINGS ABOUT everything from the Ghetto to Ganja in Roots Rocking: The Island Anthology.



"As colder weather and snow approach, I'm looking forward to making pretty snow angels."

-Senior Elizabeth Richardson

Cheap but good

Pete's offers tasty variety

Editors' note: Here's a new addition to the Midway menu, a restaurant review col-umn jointly written by Editor in Chief Bobby Stokes and Associate Editor Ameer

WITH THURSDAY LUNCH already halfway over, our lunch spot decision was going to be crucial. Consulting my homie Ameer, we decided in order to



Dining

Bobby Stokes and Ameer Saleh

get our food on the hurry up with our limited loot situation, we would have to head south.

Hopping into the ride of Senior Cyrus Dowlatshahi with fellow Senior Charles Simmons, we peeled out. Bumping music down Stony Island we reached our destination, Pete's Italian Beef on 79th and Stony, in less than 10 minutes.

Parking in the adjacent parking lot, we paused in front of the small yellow building to peep the menu which



Photo by M.C. Oxtoby

WITH CHEAP EATS, a convenient location and an interesting atmosphere, Pete's Italian Beef on 79th an Stony Island is a winner.

boasted of a hundred wings for \$33. Walking into the 24-hour establishment, the menu included a variety of delectable treats from your standard three wings for a dollar to the 50 cent corn on the cob which the menu guaranteed would be dripping in butter.

Counting his change, Cyrus ordered the \$2 chopped steak sandwich with fries. Making my last-second decision, I asked the cashier to hook up the \$3 dollar triple cheese burger through the plate of bulletproof glass. Ameer, being the most monetarily endowed of our entourage, ordered a philly cheese steak, three wings and a grape Mistic, coming to \$5.75. Charles was all about the \$3 gyros with fries.

Chillin' with our tickets, we passed the time checking out "Super Fly" which was playing on the T.V. behind the glass. Calling out our numbers in less than five minutes, we strolled back to the ride with food in hand.

Entering 8th period Bio class with my triple cheese burger and Ameer's three wings, we were slightly delayed as Mrs. Housinger persuaded us to partake in that day's lab. With Ameer's cheese steak being so filling, he was

gracious enough to hook up me and my boy Senior David Straus with two wings.

Following our lunch adventure we could only agree that we were blown away by Pete's. With some of their lowest prices on the entire South Side, we were satisfied that our wallets were still intact. Deciding that there would have to be some return visits, Ameer and I concur that Pete's definitely throws down on the flame grilla.

ecurity question: afety really in gates?

SECURE THE PERIMETER, pull up the draw bridge, start digging the moat because U-High is under attack. Not really but maybe you would think so if you listened to all the proposed security measures.



Opinion

Bobby Stokes

I understand the needs of some Lower School parents to keep their children safe. But not all the security measures are going to accomplish what they are supposed to.

Put up seven foot gates so everyone feels safe, right. It seems to me that a little bit of aesthetic security is going on here.

While the gates may not even be locked, I know I would be able to climb them anyway. These issues have, of course, been thought out. But the school is pressing forward to get the

fences up as soon as possible, to quiet parents as quickly as possible.

Making everyone feel better really doesn't hurt, but the effect that these "improvements" have in the look and feel of the school should be looked into.

One of the major things I hate about our North Shore nemesises Parker and Latin is the enclosed castle feeling they have. I always feel that they just lock their kids away during the day to escape all the "bad" people out there.

When they come to our school for basketball games I'm always happy they're nervous getting on and off the bus. It makes them know they don't belong in my domain.

Recent school violence nationwide that has catalyzed the passionate feelings about security in the first place was done by students. So none of our school's proposed security steps would have any effect on the violence that the school is most afraid of.

So as the campus is "secured," every one should hold on to the last moments of having our own identity as an open school. Before we become like everyone else: LOCKED UP.

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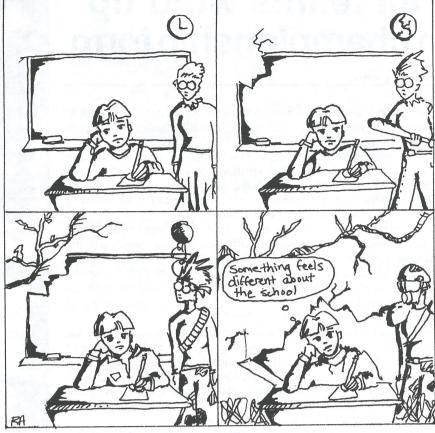
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AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT



Art by Ralph Ahn

Business as usual

One reality is certain after the faculty vote of no confidence in Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz: The daily life of the school has gone on as usual.

For many faculty members, administrators and Lab Schools Board members, the past three months have proven tumultuous, filled with emotional meetings, uneasy feelings and high tensions. But for most U-Highers, school has been running as usual.

Sure, there were some questions when the no confidence vote was reported in the Chicago Tribune, Sun Times and Hyde Park Herald. But by keeping adult business out of the classroom, faculty members and administrators showed their commitment to the best interest of the schools.

Much of the tension between the faculty and Board results from perceptions that actions are taken contrary to the Schools' best interest.

But often the faculty has not been informed of the reasons behind administrative and Board decisions. Often, in turn, the Board has not heard faculty viewpoints.

Board members, administrators, faculty members and parents often have different conceptions of what is in the best interest of the schools.

Communication between all parts of the community, allowing everyone to understand the motives behind decisions and offer their input, would help to alleviate the anger associated with school decisions.

Plans to bring a mediator in set a precedent for future interaction and understanding. But the adults in the school already have set a worthy precedent, making clear that for all sides the best interest of the schools really does come first.

Why drive? Take a hike instead

Two U-Highers living in Hyde Park wanted to continue their tradition of a before-school McDonald's breakfast run on Thursday mornings. Unfortunately for them, it came to an end this year because they couldn't wake up early enough to get breakfast and be at school by 7:30 to find

It has indeed, in the past few years, become increasingly difficult to drive to school and find parking spots anywhere in the area. Whether it is because of an increase in the enrollment of the University of Chicago, or just the six billion people on Earth making their impressions on Hyde Park, alternatives to driving are the best ways to go.

Whether they're holding spaces for

their friends, switching license plates to avoid parking tickets 'cause they couldn't find spots, or parking miles from school, U-Highers might want to ask themselves whether they really *need* to drive to school.

It is understandable that some North Side students and those living in Indiana may need to drive, but come on, there really isn't much point to "driving to school" if you have to walk 10 miles to the building after you park.

So if you're getting up at 7:55 and hopping into the car to drive a few blocks then maybe you should tie up those designer kicks and hit the sidewalk about 10 minutes earlier.

After all, a little exercise never hurt

to decisions Open the gates

Security has become a touchy issue within the school community.

Without significant discussion with the student body, faculty, parents or people in the community the school quietly decided to install wroughtiron gates at the north and south ends of Kenwood Mall as part of the new athletic complex.

The story is the gates were always part of the plan for anyone to see, which is true, but few people were ever told about them.

So people now feel their views were not solicited or heard.

The school is making the right move by opening discussion on security before any more decisions are

The gates are going up and no one is going to change that.

But there is still time to weigh all the options in security decisions still to be made so everyone feels heard and, more importantly, valued. That's always a secure feeling.

Fall teams wind up in championship form

By Mike Lamb

Sports editor

With three Independent School League (ISL) championships in the bag, fall sports teams came through with strong showings in state tournaments as well.

After winning the ISL, tennis girls advanced a monumental five girls to State and cross country runners advanced the entire girls' team to Sectionals, with the lone boys qualifier Senior Sandy Craig. If the runners made it past Sectionals last Saturday, after Midway deadline, they will run at State this Saturday.

Continuing to impress with an ISL title, 3rd place in the prestigious Prospect Invitational and a 2nd place finish at Regionals, the girls also dominated the individual competition at Prospect as Senior Anna Bloom and Junior Becky Levine swept the first two spots.

At Regionals Oct. 23 at Aurora Christian, all of the girls qualified for Sectionals, but their 2nd place finish stopped their string of four consecutive Regional championships.

An insufficient number of runners made placing impossible for the boys in many events this season, including Prospect and Regionals. Nonetheless, Sandy got 2nd at Prospect and qualified for Sectionals for the fourth time and hopes to qualify for State for the second time. "I'm definitely running better than I was last year when I qualified for State," he said. "It's my senior year so I hope to do really well if I make it to State."

Despite their success, tennis girls still look at this year as a learning experience. "Even though we sent five girls to State, I'm looking at this year to build for next year," said State qualifier Jenny Heydemann, sophomore. "We'll have everybody back and I'm looking for all of us to go to State."

Playing tough first round opponents, Jenny, first singles, and Sophomores Mara Ravitz and Emma Barber, second doubles, lost their first round matches.

But the first doubles team of Junior Adrienne Clark and Sophomore Shilpa Gulati advanced to the second round.

With a disappointing regular season over, the 10-10-1 (6-5-1 ISL) varsity soccermen weren't able to recover in last Tuesday's Regional game against Chicago Christian at home.

"We just couldn't get the job done when we needed to during the regular season," said Senior Reid Tokarz, cocaptain and goalie. "Three of our conference losses were only 1-0 and we could have won all of those games, our heads just weren't in it."

Scoring 26 goals, Freshman John Oxtoby proved the lone offense threat for most of the season. But near the end of the year, his scoring decreased, because opponents started double and triple teaming him starting at midfield.

The 8-1-3 (6-0-2 ISL) j.v. soccermen wrapped up their fifth consecutive ISL title with a clinching victory Oct. 19 at Latin.

"They surprised me," Coach Ron Presley said. "We've been through some tough times off the field so I'm pleased that we got it done on the field."

A Regional victory last Tuesday did all it could to lift varsity volleyballers from a disappointing 6-12 regular season and a 4-8 conference mark.

"I thought we'd do a little better than we did, but our lack of experience killed us," said Varsity Coach Joyce Stiles. "Wins against North Shore and Lake Forest Academy, though, gives us confidence for next year."

After winning its last three games, j.v. volleyballers rounded out their season at 7-9 (5-7 ISL).

An Oct. 26 home victory against Nazareth Academy put girl swimmers in good spirits heading into Regionals Nov. 13 and more importantly next season.

"I'm really happy with the way the team went about things this year," Coach Marty Billingsley said. "At this point, winning wasn't as important as finding leaders for next year and I think I've found one in Emily Dorman.

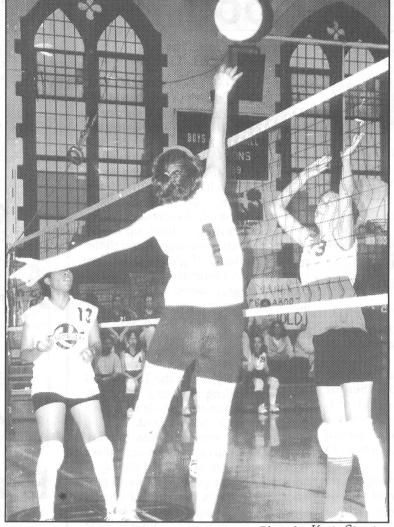


Photo by Katie Shapiro

A DETERMINED Emily Palmer spikes this one on a Raider defender in the Maroons' Oct. I5 I5-0, I5-8 home domination of North Shore. Sports Briefs

■ ONTO OZ-After playing a 24-hour fundraising game with his Chicago-Milwaukee baseball team Sept. 18-19 at Fort Sheridan, Freshman John Oxtoby will sell raffle tickets to raise more money for its trip to Sydney, Australia, in December.

Sponsored by Champions International in cooperation with major league scouts, the 35-member team-part of a national high school program to promote baseball in Australia-split in two and played 112 innings, equal to about 12 major league games.

John arrived three hours late from playing a U-High soccer game. "I played for 12 hours and slept for only two hours,' he said. "Then, I played the last six hours, and the game ended at noon the next day.'

The team will play high school squads in Australia. ■ HOLE-Y COW!- With a February 14-18 trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, already in the works, the new Ski Club is planning other trips to midwestern sites such as Devil's Head and Cascade Mountain.

"The whole point behind the trips is that we knew only a few people could go to Wyoming," said Senior Cyrus Dowlatshahi, trip organizer, "so we are planning other trips where everybody can

Cyrus founded the club with copresidents Sonia Mittal and

Gold season, hot outlook

By Mike Lamb

Sports editor

anner seasons frame the picture for winter teams, as Conference championships are expected from both boy and girl varsity hoopers, with the leagueless boys swimmers predicting success built on experience.

Looking to repeat last year's 12-0 undefeated Independent School League (ISL) season, varsity boys hope to start the season off right at the Mather Thanksgiving Tournament.

"It's always hard to go undefeated any season, but especially back to back," new Varsity Coach Ron Presley said. "The Latins and Elgins will be gunning for us, but the Mather Tournament will set the tone for the season."

Losing practice time in Sunny Gym to girls as a result of a move to make the boys' and girls' practice time at school and the Y on Stony Island more equitable, the boys vow to

use the change as a challenge "After proving both our dedication and talent, I was very disappointed to discover that our precious gym time is going to be stolen by a team that has readily shown themselves to be ostensibly less dedicated and talented," Senior David Straus said. "But despite this extremely unfortunate obstacle, one of many faced by this particular group of ballers, I am

supremely confident that we will prevail as the best team in U-High history."

The mission begins with practice on Monday and the Mather Tournament two weeks later.

J.V.ers, led by coach Dan Dyra, open their season 4:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at home against St. Gregory.

"After a month of practicing, we should be ready for St. looking forward to building on the things we learned last year, because it's the same group of guys."

As of last week, no freshman team had been formed, but if enough people show up, one might be added.

Practicing for the first time yesterday, after a month of conditioning, girl varsity ballers feel prepared for the season.

"I'm really excited for the season to begin, because I think we might have a shot at winning the ISL," said returning star Junior Annie Padrid. "However, I think the boys are right that they've been more dedicated, because when we condition, only five people show up. They condition every day before school. They can't compare us talentwise, though, because it's a different league."

Varsity Coach Joyce Stiles agrees that an ISL title is a possibility.

"We're shooting for an ISL title, but it's still too early to predict things," she explained, 'although we do have three returning jun-

Only two weeks remain before their first game Nov. 17 in the Madonna Tournament, so the girls will have to get crackin'.

Repeating last year's championship is the goal for j.v. girls, says Coach Rick Leese. "I'm looking for tough competition from Latin and Parker, but I don't know enough about the players on our team to talk about it.

Conditioning since early October, boy swimmers hope to build on experience gained in last year's strong 6-3 season. With most of last year's squad returning, they'll start practicing Nov. 22 for their Dec. 7 meet at Lake Forest.

"We have some good swimmers coming back and I think we can build on what we gained towards the end of last year," said Coach Larry McFarlane. "Our experience will probably Greg's," Mr. Dyra said. "I'm make this year a successful one."

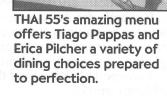
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Keeping Score

U-High score first: varsity games listed first followed by i.v. in parentheses.

BOYS' SOCCER-Latin, Oct. 19, away: 0-1; Morgan Park Academy, Oct. 20, home: 2-0; Regionals, Oct. 26, home: 1-2.

VOLLEYBALL-North Shore, Oct. 15, away: 15-8, 15-0, (15-11, 12-15, 15-12); Shepard Tournament, Oct. 17: last; Lake Forest Oct. 19. home: 15-3, 3-15, 15-7, (15-5, 15-11); Luther East,

Oct. 21, home: 16-14, 15-9, (3-15, 6-15); Regionals, Oct. 26: 15-2, 15-0; Oct. 28: 3-15, 3-15. GIRLS' TENNIS—See story this page.

GIRLS' SWIMMING-Regina, Oct. 15, home: 34-58; Morton, Oct. 19, home: 78-101; Nazareth, Oct. 26, home: 38-56

CROSS COUNTRY-Luther Prep Classic, Oct. 15, girls 1st, boys 4th; Prospect Invitational, Oct. 20: girls 3rd, boys no score; Regionals, Oct. 24: girls 2nd, boys no score

J-HIGH MIDWAY 🗖 🥌 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 19

Winter Games

BOYS' VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL (times indicate start of j.v. game)—St. Gregory, 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, home; North Shore, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, home; Elgin Academy, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, away.

North Shore, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, home; North Shore, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14, away; Luther South, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, home; Morgan Park Academy, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, home; Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21, home; Morgan Park Academy, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, away; York, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, away; Parker, 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, home

Parker, 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, home.
Latin, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, away; Parker,
4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, away; Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8,
home; Latin, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, home;
Holy Trinity, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12,
home; Elgin Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday,
Feb. 15, home; St. Benedict, 6 p.m., Saturday,
Feb. 19, home.

ADDITIONAL BOYS' VARSITY BASKET-BALL-Luther South Holiday Tournament, Wednesday, Dec. 15-Tuesday, Dec. 28; Regionals, Monday, Feb. 21; Sectionals, Tuesday, Feb. 29.

ADDITIONAL BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKET-BALL-De La Salle Tournament, Monday, Dec. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 29; North Lawndale College Prep, 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, home.

BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL (tentative)—Ridgewood Tournament, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22-Wednesday, Nov. 24; De La Salle, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, home; St. Gregory, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, home; Elgin Academy, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, home; Chicago International Charter, 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, away; Cristo Rey, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16, away.

North Lawndale College Prep, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, home; Luther South, 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, home; Chicago International Charter School, 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, home

Parker, 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, away; De La Salle, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, away; Latin, 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, home; Holy Trinity, 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12; Elgin Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, away; St. Benedict, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, home. GIRLS' VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL (times indicate start of j. v. game unless otherwise noted): Madonna Tournament (varsity only), Wednesday, Nov. 17-Friday, Nov. 26; Trinity Tournament, Monday, Nov. 22-Saturday, Nov. 27 (j.v. only); Elgin Academy 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 (away)

Academy, 4:45 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, away. Holy Trinity, noon, Saturday, Dec. 4, home; Woodlands Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, away; Willows, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, home; St. Scholastica, 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, home; Luther East (vasity only), 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16; Ridgewood Holiday Tournament, 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 20-Wednesday, Dec. 22

Providence St. Mel, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4, home; Cristo Rey (j.v. only), 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5; Latin, 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, away; Morgan Park Academy (vassity only), 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11; North Shore, 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14; Francis Parker, noon, Saturday, Jan. 15, home; St. Gregory, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, away; Luther South, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, away; Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21, home; Morgan Park Academy (varsity), 4 p.m., (j.v.) 5:30 p.m., home; Francis Parker, 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, away;

ISL Varsity Finals, 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, home; ISL J.V. Tournament, time to be determined, Saturday, Feb. 5, away; Regionals (varsity only), Monday, Feb. 7.

BOYS' SWIMMING—Lake Forest Academy, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7; Riverside-Brookfield, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, home; St. Ignatius, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5; Riverside-Brookfield, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5, home; St. Ignatius, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5, home; Riverside-Brookfield, 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, away; Illinois Math and Science Academy, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11, home; Argo, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, away; Evergreen Park Invitational, 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, away; Morton, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, away; Latin, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, home.

Evergreen Park, 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, away; Lake Forest Academy Invitational, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, away; Kenwood Academy, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, home; Sectionals, Saturday, Feb. 19; State Meet, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26.

The things that count

"1. GOD. 2. FAMILY. 3. FRIENDS."
These three things aren't merely parts of Mr. Dan Dyra's life, but the foundation of his life.

"My firm belief in God is probably the basis for my life," explained Mr. Dyra, who is entering his third year here. "I always try to keep my religion and morals in the back of my head when I make decisions. When I was growing up, the mainstay in my life was religion through the Catholic community."

When Mr. Dyra says he grew up in a Catholic community he isn't kidding. He is a product of the Catholic Schools from his first day until he graduated from Notre Dame High School. With a degree in business from Loyola he's now working on a masters in school leadership.

In recent years, Mr. Dyra said, he has come to realize that what he does in life should be what he loves. He didn't follow up on his business degree but became more involved with his passions: basketball and teaching.

"The game of basketball has given me so many good things," he said, as he himself was a standout hooper for the Irish. "My other passion is to teach and as I was coming to a crossroads in my life, I got a tip from a friend about a position at Lab. I didn't have much of a choice, because I was starting a family, so I might as well do something I love. I moved back to Edgewood, and started at Lab."

This year, he moved up from his freshman position of two years to coach j.v. basketball. Although his record wasn't stellar, I can tell you from personal experience that doesn't reflect the coaching job he does on and off the court.

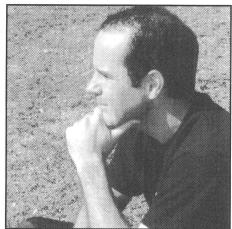


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MR. DAN DYRA
Two passions

"I'm looking forward to my second year with the same group of guys," Mr. Dyra commented. "I like to think of myself as a player's coach as I always try to look at things from a player's perspective, because I remember being a player my-

self."
With five children, his parents had to work two jobs each to

Sports Mike Lamb

put food on the table.

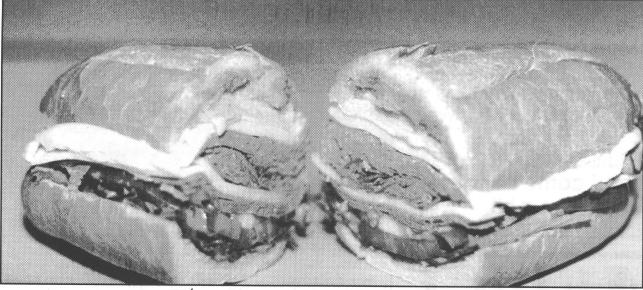
"My parents showed me that in order to succeed, you have to work hard. I try and carry that over to what I do now. I'm trying to get the community more involved in the athletic program by organizing events like last year's Latin game where we had a packed place and the alumni came back. I'm just trying to show them what basketball was at my school."

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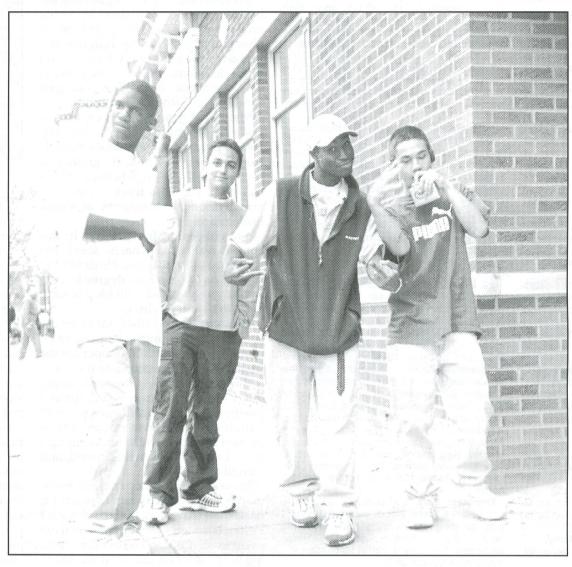
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