Board members see trust as goal

By Russell Kohn

Political editor

Trust in how fairly discipline in the school is handled will be nurtured by the presence of the new Discipline Board, believe its members elected last week by the student body and faculty.

Members are as follows:

Seniors—Jo Budzilowicz, Hannah Lantos and Tiffany Northrop.
Juniors—Chris Amos and Mike McGeehe.
Sophomores—Alex Chiu and Tess Lantos.
Faculty—Mr. David Derbes, Mr. Hal Hoffenkamp, Mrs. Mona Khalidi, Mrs. Andrea Marttonfy, Mrs. Rosa McCullagh and Mr. John O’Connor.

Any student up for suspension or expulsion can request a Board hearing. The Board’s decisions would be forwarded to the principal, who would make the final decision.

With students and faculty on the Board, Mr. Derbes hopes that the process will be more open and allow U-Highers to trust the Board.

“My goal for the Board for this year is to establish a sense of trust in how disciplinary decisions are reached,” Mr. Derbes explained. “It’s a process that both the students and faculty have put together and take equal roles in, which makes the process less covert and more open. There is a perception in the community, which may not be true, that in the past some disciplin ary decisions were reached based on who had committed the offense rather than the offense that was committed. I don’t think the new system allows for that kind of influence.”

Emphasizing the importance of the students on the Board, Alex expects the student Board members will help U-Highers trust disciplinary decisions.

“Ideally, the Board will be fair and just and will carry out the rules correctly,” he explained. “I plan to contribute vocally in the group. Having students on the Board allows U-Highers to trust the decisions of the Board more, because students trust other students. The students have a better view of the offense when dealing with students because we view them as peers rather than students, so we have to make our voices clear.

In addition to trust, Board members hope to provide more structure for the discipline process.

“At the moment we have no idea for the future, although I’d like to see people being more open and more willing to discuss the processes,” Alex said.

NEWLY-ELECTED Discipline Board members, from left, include Juniors Chris Amos and Mike McGeehe, History Teacher Andrea Marttonfy, Physics Teacher David Derbes, Math Teacher Rosa McCullagh, Senior Jo Budzilowicz, Sophomore Tess Lantos, English Teacher Hal Hoffenkamp, Sophomore Alex Chiu and Seniors Tiffany Northrop and Hannah Lantos. Absent from the photo are Library Chairperson Mona Khalidi and English Teacher John O’Connor.

That way, the decisions will make sense and be predictable. People should know how cases will be handled every time.

While providing structure for the decisions, Chris hopes the Board will keep outside influence out of the decisions.

“Hopefully the students will be judged fairly, because the perception is that punishment has been based on reputation in the past and that isn’t fair,” he said. “U-High Board members aren’t given information about the student’s past, hopefully they won’t take into account the information they know. And if they are making it into account, another Board member can help them be objective.”

Unanswered questions about the former discipline process were a contributing factor in the creation of the Discipline Board.
Fall farce offers Wilde comedy

Mistaken identities, secrets spice 'Importance of Being Earnest'

By Nick Hill

Lies, deception and mistaken identity combine to create hilarity in "The Importance of Being Earnest," the fall production.

The famous farce, written by Oscar Wilde in the late 1800s, will be performed 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26; Friday, Oct. 27; and Saturday, Oct. 28, in Belfield Theatre. Set in 19th century London, the story tells of two young men who create false identities to escape their social situations and retreat to the arms of their loved ones.

The play was previously produced as the fall production in 1974. Drama Teacher Lucija Ambrosini, who also directed the previous production, said she decided to do the play again because "We had run through scenes from the play in classes past years and it was exciting to see the enthusiasm and fun the actors were having with it. This play has great words, structured upon witty lines and facial expressions. We decided it would be a great play to start the year off with."

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Working to recreate the look of the period, Makeup Head Novah Arkin will emphasize pale skin and rosy cheeks. "Makeup is going to be pretty basic," Sa­ rah explained. "We obviously will use more on certain characters to reflect their personalities, however, makeup should be at a minimum because people didn't wear a lot back then."

The setting will serve scenes taking place both in the city and countryside, explained Senior Jo Budzilowicz, tech­ nical director.

"We kept the setting to a really basic look for this play," she said. "Since the set is going to be really basic this year, props such as chairs, tables and any other furniture will really create the atmosphere of the scenes. The set's only func­ tion is to provide a platform for the ac­ tors to freely express themselves on, es­ pecially because this play is based more on words, characters and acting, other than lots of movement."

Assembly changes ahead?

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Although people complained about the assemblies from the beginning, Mr. Brasler believes that some of the initial goals were accomplished.

"Students' behavior improved dramati­ cally," he said. "We met our goal of hav­ ing students meet outside people they otherwise would not have met. "Some of the student-planned assem­ bles were great and some were not so great. But having every assembly ad­ orded was not a goal, much less a pos­ sibility."

After two years, Mr. Brasler and Ms. Piane left the planning committee feel­ing assemblies had run their course.

"I felt the assemblies had stopped being a way to explore and celebrate our differ­ ences," Mr. Piane said. "They started to become sort of preachy. If assemblies were going to go in that direction, then I didn't want to be a part of them." Ms. Gomez remained chairperson and was joined by Science Teacher Sharon Hossstinger and Music Teacher Ellen Everson. When Ms. Gomez left in June, Ms. Everson became chairperson.

"Assemblies are part of the schedule, so for this year, we are committed to them," Ms. Everson said. "We're trying some different things. We don't expect to please everybody, but we hope that people who feel they are not what they would like them to be will get involved and volunteer their time, en­ ergy, and ideas."

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tried to cut it out," Mr. Minelli said. "They do many corporate outings which stress cohesive­ ness unity, order and teamwork which I think Student Council would benefit from.

Do ing activities which are demanding both physically and socially will let us get to know each other's capabilities." Freshmen officers elected at their class re­treat last month are as follows: President, Alexis Maule; Vice President, Sarah Arkin; Secretary, Matthew Becker; Treasurer, Nicky Zaudkevich; Historian, Katie Tully. Group activities stressing teamwork, trust and leadership, along with the challenges of

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A break from the daily grind in place of weekly assemblies is just one idea Lab Schools Director Lucinda Lee Katz is con-
ing in an attempt to focus more on the
individual by bringing spirituality into the
school community.

Mrs. Katz stresses the difference between religion-specific beliefs and spirituality—a
approach to life. Referring to U-High, she says, “Often spirituality isn’t
what she’s trying to do, she asserts.

Setting up an environment where, if stu-
dents are stressed about school or just going through a rough day, they can have somewhere to go to take a break represents a
major part of her concept of spirituality.

Mrs. Katz explained.

A healthy community is a place where you
feel like you belong and where people care
if you get hurt or are having some
troubles,” she said. “Here at Lab, one of our
main responsibilities is to focus on aca-
demics but sometimes students can’t be-
cause they are frustrated or worried about other aspects of school. Therefore, I would like the High School to help students find out who they really are and who others are. “Building
these relationships within the
community will prove a critical factor (for) ideas
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If we can get the community’s support with this then we can start to ask some specific questions,” she said. “Can we have a place for each student to find a spiritual retreat? Would teachers want or benefit out of some time like this as well? The answer is yes, we can find a way to tie it all together so that everyone can relate to each other.

If the students can share with the teachers what’s stressing them out or making
them feel at ease and the teachers can share what’s worrying them or what is making
them happy, everybody would get a better opportunity to know who they are and who others are.

Building these relationships within the school is an essential piece of the puzzle and I’m just thinking about how spirituality can help get us there.”

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Despite having only four months to reach its conclusion, Ms. Feldman believes sign-
ficant progress will be made, particularly when committee members visit other schools to research how they employ technology.

“Mr. Knapp believes the senior
should
be less like the rest of high school—in terms of homework and tests—and offer more of a transition into college. ” Near

dents to take more classes corresponding to their areas of interest. Giving seniors the opportunity to leave school in January to pursue
the committees will look into.

“We should think about making the
Assembly period, using it in a more flexible way might be a perfect idea,” Mrs. Katz explained. “Students
should be able to do whatever gives them some contentment during this time and whether it’s reading a magazine, chatting with friends or

Make the most of your precious double lunch!

Seeking to do away with the
same old same old during their double lunch
period on Thursday, Hannah Lantos and Adrienne Umeh decide to try something new.

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"Finally..."

By Debbie Traub

Associate editor

A t first glance, it looks like just another C.D. star. But a closer look at "Finally..." shows one of the faces belongs to High School Office Secretary Elaine Robinson. The group, "Endowed," members of which include Mrs. Robison and close friend Mrs. Regina Brownlow, has just released its first album, which includes 12 original songs.

A mutual friend of Ms. Robison and Mrs. Brownlow introduced them to their first producer, the first step in making their album. "One of the girls helping us at rehearsal told our producer, Walter Jones, about us," Ms. Robinson said. "He came to listen to our rehearsal and liked our sound and when the idea of a C.D. was brought up, he said he knew a recording studio that could help us out and he helped audition musicians for the C.D."

Featured on the C.D., Ms. Robison's husband, Mr. Joe Robison, who works as a business manager and lead guitarist for the album, wrote one of its original songs. "I've been a musician for 15 or 16 years, so I knew what I was doing," Mr. Robison said. "I played for Dan Willis and the Pentecostals of Chicago, where Elaine and Regina both sang."

"As far as writing songs go, 'Music Talking' was my first completed song and we chose that one to go on the album."

Working nearly a year, two to three hours a week and six hours on weekends, at S.G. Recording Studios in northwest suburban Wheeling proved de­manding, both singers said. "Chaos," Ms. Brownlow said. "It was total chaos. We would go in prepared thinking we could just knock the song out in an hour, but it took four or five. You would think you did well, but if you were flat on one note, you'd have to sing the whole thing over.

"Since the music tracks were laid down before the vocals, we had to match everything up perfectly. Plus, John Gieb, the owner of the studio, digitally added in the symphony you hear in the background. That magic was accomplished with a synthesizer. Mrs. Robison hopes the C.D. will bring her a professional singing career."

"I've been singing with the Christ Temple choir for over 30 years," she said. "The group has also sung live at the House of Blues and the Gospel Fest in Chicago. I've basically been singing all my life and I eventually want to go into the business full time. Right now, we're just sending out our C.D. and hop­ing a record label will pick it up."

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"Finally..." is a story is planned for next issue.

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Assistant editor

Greeted by students as they walk to class, Security Guard Michael Cephus, in Kenwood Lobby, monitors incoming traffic and signs in visitors after 9 a.m. Mr. Jesse Ward does the same in Blaine Hall.

Their positions were instituted last spring as part of a school program to improve security. Both men quickly became familiar with people in school by name and, in turn, many students quickly began greeting them in the halls and cafeteria.

Officer Cephus has been part of the U. of C. Police Department three years. A Marine in Danang, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, he received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered when he was hit with shrapnel when a grenade exploded.

"I want to work here because I enjoy being around the students, as I learned from my experience working at the U. of C. Law School on weekends," said Officer Cephus, father of five. "I feel great getting respect from the students and feel lucky that I can share my experiences with them."

Officer Ward, a Chicago policeman 29 years, also worked during 14 of them as a security guard part-time at Englewood High School. "I enjoy working with the students here," he said. "I know that they are increasing security here and I am happy to be a part of that process. After my day ends here I relax at home with my wife and daughter, play golf, and try to go to church as much as possi­ble."

Editor's note: A third security guard, Mr. George Thompson, a retired Chicago policeman, was stationed last week at the west end of Boldfield Hall, where he will remain through the quarter until the entrance to the gym is reordered.
Madonna still on the edge with multifaced 'Music'

WHILE THE RAP scene continually follows the predictable pattern of diamonds and jewels, guns and girls and the genre is flooded with group after group of blonde teens singing of "love from above" and of a "Genie in a bottle," it can be hard to find a truly original artist who跨越 the boundaries of his or her genre while challenging listeners to experience new things. It's a relief that an artist such as Madonna can continually change with the times, appealing to both young, new generations while maintaining her already large fan base. And this time she has done it again with her newly-released album "Music," on her own label Maverick.

The title-song, single shot straight to number one on the charts and the album followed shortly thereafter. Looking at the cover of this, her 14th album, one might be fooled by an image of Madonna that can only be described as a pin-up cowgirl. Well, surprise, surprise, this isn't no country album. Madonna dares again to experiment with the sounds of electronic, techno and trance, all forms of underground music gaining a wide array of audiences, mainly on college campuses. However, this is not Madonna's first venture into computer age music. She experimented with it on her '98 Grammy-winning album "Ray of Light," collaborating with producer William Orbit.

With songs based not only on lyrical content but also on the musical dynamic of synthesized blurbs, loops, dips and dives, the album allows the listener to experience something of a musical ecstasy. Tracks such as "Music," "Impressive Instant," and "Runaway Lover" all possess the sounds of digital.

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Like a Rolling Stone

"Famous" rolls rewarding ride

WRAPPING FAME, rock music and love into a realistic film set in 1973, Director-writer Cameron Crowe's autobiographical film "Almost Famous" proves worthy of its box office success.

Disguising his voice as an adult on the phone, 15-year-old William Miller (Cower, portrayed by actor Ryan Gosling) and an aspiring musician, convinces the editor-in-chief of Rolling Stone magazine to allow him to tour with and cover a new rock group called Stillwater. Having never been out of his hometown of San Diego, Miller promises his overbearing father another one to the very end, the scenes, be they angry, somber, or happy, are of beautiful landscapes and routes that capture the fun and cheerful atmosphere as well as the darker aspects of the story. But for all its beauty, the fast-paced movie makes the viewer experience the thrill of the life of rock stars.

Music by Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Led Zeppelin helps Crowe capture the excitement and passion of the 70's generation in "Almost Famous," a praiseworthy film for today's generation. ("Almost Famous" is rated R.)

Blackies bolsters burgers, fries 'n skins

ENTRENCHED IN four-and-a-half hours of A.P. History reading, I decided to take a break and venture out for an evening snack. As I headed downtown from the North Side, I called upon sophomore Benji Fisher and Shmug to go out for burgers and hot dogs at Blackie's restaurant.

Arriving at Grand and St. Claire we met approximately at 6:30 p.m. and were seated within five minutes. The menu offers dishes ranging from grilled chicken sandwiches to garbage salads, cheeseburgers and hot dogs. Then there's the appetizers. We decided upon a round of crispy steak-style French Fries, and Bostocks' famous spuds, potato skins with melted cheese. After Benji ate most of the fries, Shmug and I got most of the spuds, four to an order, which we all agreed were deliciously greasy. Passionately satisfied with our appetizers, Benji and Shmug ordered cheeseburgers, while I ordered a char-grilled hot dog.

With a bump in the middle of our waitresses brought us our order and a fresh round of Cokes. While the cheeseburger was normal size, the hot dog was big, about two inches in diameter. We dispatched with the burgers and the hot dog in no time and needed a few minutes to digest the huge meal.

Which was inexpensive. The bill came to just under $30, not including tip.

We decided against dessert because we were too full to eat anything else, so we headed for Boston Blackie's own parking lot, a big convenience when dining downtown.

It took the guys back to Hyde Park and then headed back to the North Side to finish studying. (Boston Blackie's, 164 E. Grand Ave., (312) 938-5955.)

I ordered a char-grilled hot dog, Nick Epstein ordered cheeseburgers, and Shmug ordered a cheeseburger and fries at Boston Blackie's.

Thought Full

Hazing's gone but so is something else

WALKING DOWN the hall to my classes every day, I've taken note of the absence of a certain fear normally instilled in freshmen and sophomores. What's missing is the once-hallowed U-High tradition of hazing. Although certain formalities remain, such as respect for seniors, the once-common beatings and verbal harassment are gone.

Defined by High School rules as "the verbal or physical intimidation of younger and/or smaller students by students who are older and/or larger," hazing has taken on many forms in the past. When I was a freshman, hazing was rampant. One might even say that hazing was a way of life. As freshmen, several of my friends and I anticipated the daily measles in which we were forced to accept quick yet ruthless punishment from our "superior" seniors.

In fact, my favorite activity as a freshman was watching the petting of my fellow classmates with a plethora of penguins whenever they walked by the Senior Lounge.

Although that might seem a sick, twisted form of amusement, I was not really laughing at my classmates' pain, but rather at the way these "victims" handled the situation, which was too straight to become former "Sheriff," Principal's Assistant Paul Carty.

Personally, I would have just picked up all the penguins and bought myself an extra snack. I couldn't afford it. Because of the cafeteria's inexcusable price increases for those already outrageously priced items.

But those days are gone. And I'm not suggesting they return. But there is something to be said for hazing. It brought the older students and the younger students together in a bonding, sibling-type relationship. The absence of hazing in this sense leaves a vacuum. At least the adults are happy.
The way things get done at U-High!

When six U-High students were caught cutting assembly, they all knew that there had to be some way to get out of doing work detail!

SHOCKED AT THE NEW "enforced" discipline at U-High, Katie Tully, Lee Shevell, Erica Pitcher, Sola Oni, Kill Marinski and Jo Budzilowicz attempt to negotiate the terms of their punishment with Dean of Students and Faculty Larry "Mac" McFarlane. But calm is restored when Kill pays Mac off with an offer he simply can't refuse.

MAC: You boys and girls are in a lot of trouble now. Finally, my big chance to make an example out of students who cut assembly. When I'm through with you, no one will ever miss another assembly again!

KATIE: But all the seniors last year cut all the time and never got into trouble! Why can't we cut just a few times?

JO: But Mac, we're seniors! Since we are all members of the Class of '01, we'll just get out of it, right? I mean, c'mon, that's how everything usually works!

MAC: Sorry, Katie, you and your friends all have to realize that just because you're seniors doesn't give you the freedom to skip assembly. You missed out on the world class jump-roper today!

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JUST WHEN IT SEEMED AS THOUGH MAC COULDN'T BE PERSUADED, KILL STEPPED IN:

KILL: Okay, look Mac. Today is your lucky day because I'm going to cut you a deal you can't refuse. I'll give you this delicious turkey sub that I just purchased from University Market, but you have to let us all go without doing work detail!

MAC: Turkey with bernaise sauce? My favorite. You got lucky this time, Kill, but you and your friends better make sure you bring back some more delicious U.M. subs next time you decide to cut class!

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Golfers fall just short of goal

By Jules Federle

Sports editor

Disappointment remained on their faces for days. Not a single member of the six-man golf squad sent to Regionals last Wednesday qualified for today’s Sectional tournament. Led by Senior Daniel Solow, Golf Club president, the U-Highers held high expectations for last Tuesday’s tournament, even though the club is relatively new.

“We traditionally do pretty well at Regionals,” Daniel said. “Last year two guys advanced to the Sectional tournament, but this year we played our hardest.”

The 2-4 club was missing one of its dominant players, Senior Mike Lamb, because of an injury. This summer Mike won the Chicago Amateur Championship. He is also the only member of the club to have made the Sectional tournament.

“For the majority of this season I’ve sat out from tournaments in order to allow my broken fingers to heal,” Mike said. “I was looking forward to Regionals as an opportunity for me to come back strong and get to State. Unfortunately, each school can only send six guys to the Regional tournament. It was only fair to send the guys who had played the whole season.”

The contract and the coaches

From the Faculty Association Executive Board:

In the ARTICLE “Search for coaches runs down the wire” in the Sept. 11 edition, statements were made to the effect that the coaches of the Independent School League matches this week. The soccermen wrap up the season on Senior Day Sept. 25, routing the Maroons 4-0. The 6-7 regionals are only six candidates to apply for open positions. If no faculty member is available, the Schools are free to advertise and hire from outside the faculty. If the process is implemented in a timely manner, there is no reason why positions can’t be filled.

We believe that this contract provision adds to, rather than detracts from, the stability in the coaching staff. In no way do we feel that cohesion is more likely to commit themselves to the program for the long term. There are numerous examples of coaches doing an outstanding job who have given great service to our schools over many years. In addition, we believe faculty coaches’ involvement in the Schools makes it more likely that they will attract more athletes and have a better understanding of the many demands on students at Lab. Faculty coaches are also more available if athletes need assistance or guidance in matters other than the sport.

We recognize that to affect a change like this will require a lot of time and effort. However, the Student Council is devoted to representing the students. Your feedback as well as any other thoughts on the issue would be appreciated. (Contact Dick Hearn at ext. 108.)

To the U-High community from Student Council President Michelle Krohn-Friedson:

I would like to begin the Faculty Association Council’s ICE thread by addressing concerns of the study body. I would like to inform you all of an issue brought up for discussion. With the new school year has now arrived, we’re excited to use the facilities. Our sports teams are playing their first games of the year, and the gym and athletics are working hard.

We believe that in order to participate in athletics generally practice 10 to 15 hours a week. The current p.e. requirement allows students about three hours. This discussion is not only for open positions, but also for coaching staff. We would like to correct this impression.

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—Athletic Director Karen Duncan (about this afternoon's dedication of Kovler Gym)

All in the Lab family  
■ Five Pianes, one school

By Jordann Zachary  
Associate editor

Nearly five years after graduating from U-High, Mr. Tom Piane is back. But this time things are different. Tom is no longer a teenager rushing through the halls trying to get to class on time. Now he's the one marking students tardy as a new member of U-High's faculty.

After graduating from Ripon College in Wisconsin last December, receiving degrees in physical education and athletic training, Tom, 22, became a substitute at the Lab Schools. Hired as a fulltime phys ed teacher this year, he joined the rest of his family already working at the school. They include High School Music Teacher Dominic Plane, Lower School Teacher Kathy Plane, Lower School Assistant Teacher Marc Plane and Lower School Assistant Teacher Lisa Harrison.

As the first member of the Plane family at U-High, Mr. Plane came in 1992. Ten years later, his wife joined him as an assistant Nursery School teacher. She later became a fulltime 2nd-grade teacher. Graduating from U-High in 1992, Mr. Marc Plane attended Knox College in downstate Galesburg, where he earned a degree in music.

“I had about five or six majors in college, but music was the only one I finished” Mr. Marc Piane said. “I studied education in college as well and now I’m exploring the possibility of going to graduate school for that.”

Soon after, Mrs. Lisa Harrison, Mr. Marc Plane’s wife as of Sept. 2, heard about positions available at Lab Schools.

“Marc told me about Lab and said it was a great school to work at,” Mrs. Harrison said. “I applied and was hired as an assistant to 2nd-Grade Teacher Spike Wilson.

In addition to being a phys ed teacher, Mr. Tom Piane coaches both j.v. boys’ and varsity girls’ soccer.

“I had a lot of fun being my dad’s assistant coach to the girls’ varsity team last year and I plan to do it again this spring,” he said. “I also took the job as j.v. boys’ soccer coach this year because I thought it would be a lot of fun to run my own team since I have a lot of soccer experience.”

Although she says she never imagined her sons would choose to become teachers at the Lab Schools, Mrs. Plane now regards their return as nothing ordinary.

“Neither of my sons planned on returning, it just kind of happened” she said. “Initially it was a huge surprise to me but a lot of students who attend Lab come back to teach.”

As for Dom Plane he says he’s glad he had the chance to work with them instead of always being “dad.”

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-Cultural Union President Tiffany Northrop

THE DANCE FLOOR filled quickly at the Homecoming Dance Saturday night at International House. Unlike previous years, when freshmen arrived at the crack of 8 p.m. and seniors dragged in at 9:59.9 p.m. (doors close at 10), most of the more than 300 U-Highers and guests who turned out were on the floor by 9:30 or so. High Flyin' Entertainment received praise for its nonstop music with something for everyone.

More than 300 people jammed the ballroom at International House for the Homecoming Dance Saturday evening. By 9 p.m. most of the crowd had already arrived, a departure from previous years when people were still coming in at 10. During Spirit Week Oct. 2-6, which led up to the dance, the junior class won the hall decorating contest Monday, the pie-eating contest Wednesday and the cereal drive cosponsored by Community Learning Peer Leaders for St. Martin De Porres Women's Shelter. In Tuesday's contest, the award for the most people in school colors went to the seniors. From miniskirts and tube tops to elegant evening gowns, U-High girls turned out in a rainbow of colors for the dance. Guys showed up in classy suits, khakis and shirts, and at least one dress.

White and maroon streamers and balloons adorned the ballroom filled with the well-received music of High Flyin' Entertainment D.J. Javier "Dj X." Torres. Each class elected a Homecoming Queen and King, with all classes selecting the seniors, as follows: Seniors Liz Rhodes and Mike Drew; juniors Betsy Kalven and Josh Levine; sophomores Tess Lantos and Richard Komaiko; and freshmen Marina Levin and Larry King.

Other candidates were as follows:
- SENIORS: Erica Pilcher, Michelle Krup-Friedson, Tiffany Northrop, Ayinde Bennett, Amos Soleh, Nick Hill
- JUNIORS: Caitlin Geary, Claire Stewart, Sonia Sharma, Jason Marsh, Lyndel Wain, Chris Amor
- SOPHOMORES: Ingrid Mitteindorf, Laura Steele, Nicole Bauman, Benj Fisher, Ryan Sturgill, Nick Pagona

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“All Hail the Homecoming Royalty!” U-Highers attending the dance elected a queen and king from their class and students from all classes chose senior royalty. Nominations were made during Spirit Week as people bought dance tickets. Kings and queens from top left are Seniors Mike Drew and Liz Rhodes, junors Josh Levine and Betsy Kalven, Sophomores Richard Komaiko and Tess Lantos, and Freshmen Marina Levin and Larry King.

Fashions ranged from elegant to wild at the dance. Among the wildest (photo at right) were these ensembles sported by new senior David Yaylai and his date, Vanessa Dibenedetto from Glenbrook South High in west suburban Glenview. “We thought everyone would like look this,” David said.

“Stylishly Simple Dresses” found a lot of favor at the dance but many girls went the route of total elegance in evening gowns, most of them in vibrant colors. Sophomore Anne Jordan’s delicate evening dress (photo above) glowed in a rose-petal pink. IT WAS THE senior girls who went for the wildest looks. Bree Boulware’s cowgirl-inspired costume (photo at right) was all in fun but also just what is being seen in the clubs, not to mention the videos. Madonna, dear, you have nothin’ on our Bree!