

U-HIGH MIDWAY

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U-Highers gore Bush in election

■ Even Nader gets
more votes here

By Nick Hill
Associate editor

With today's election too close to call, many would be hard pressed to say who will be the next President of the United States. But if U-Highers wrote the final chapter to this story, Gore would win by a landslide.

At least that was the case in the Midway's election, "Decision 2000," in which 260 U-Highers cast their ballots in support of Democratic Candidate Al Gore. Of 463 students, 389 cast ballots during advisory.

The thought of a fairy tale ending with

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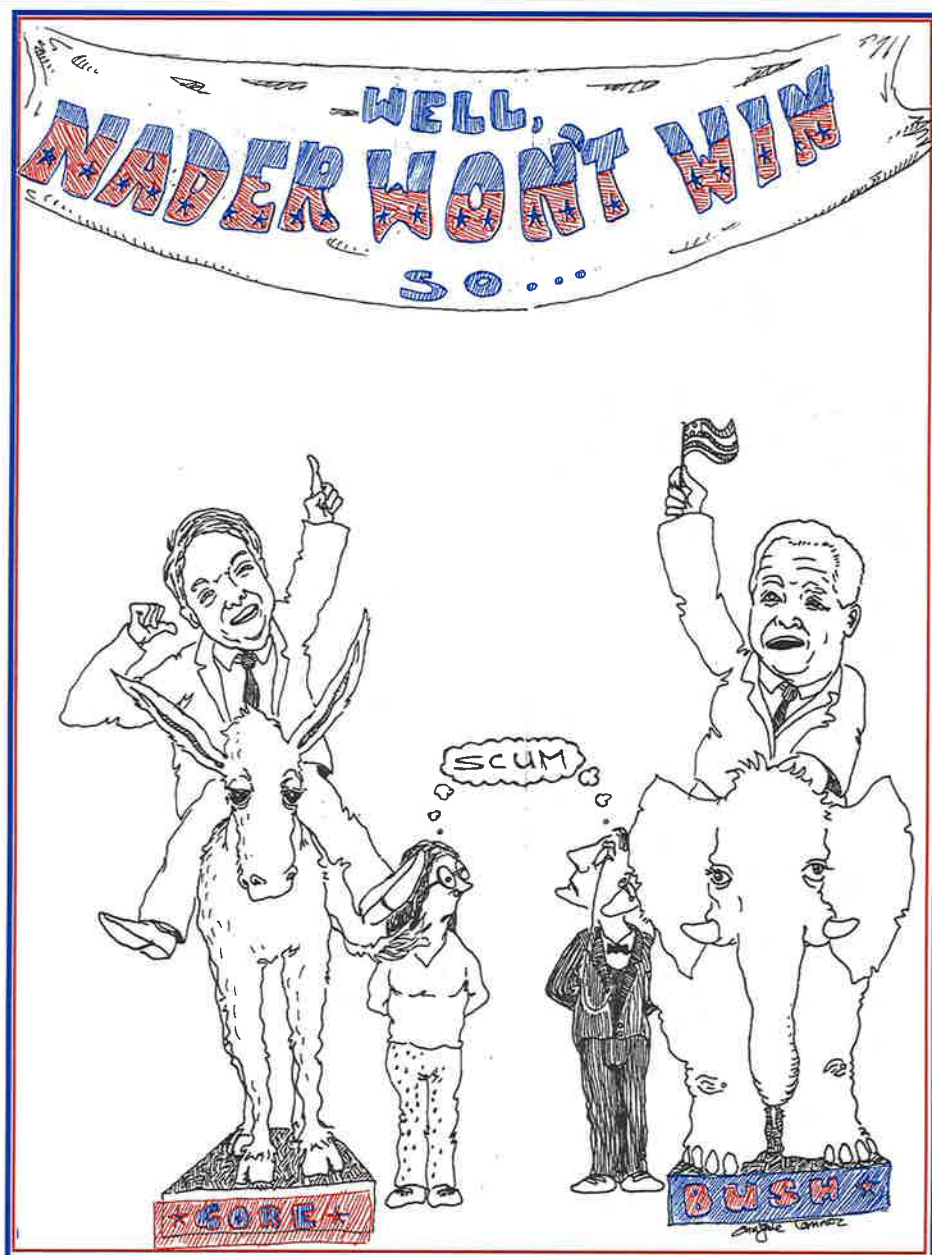
—KEIR HARRIS
sophomore

Gore sweeping over Republican George W. Bush today in the national Presidential election might be but a far-fathomed dream. With Green Party supporters' unbreakable loyalty to Candidate Ralph Nader, the race seems to be slowly slipping away from the Democrats.

Gore supporters such as Sophomore Keir Harris are voting not in favor of him, but in an attempt to ensure that Bush doesn't reach office.

"I've been watching the candidates on the news and I followed the debates and from what I have seen, they both seem like shady characters," Keir said.

"The way that they answer questions, they always seem to be coached as if they are just reading answers that somebody else prepared for them. There is really no reason that I like Gore, but he most closely represents my in-



Art by Enrique Lomnitz

terests. Bush would just cause a lot of problems for people like me."

Feeling that Gore is untrustworthy, Junior Chris Perez believes that Bush would bring honor and respect back to the Presidency.

"The debates have reconfirmed my opinion that you can't trust politicians," Chris said. "I would vote for Bush, though, because he seems to be the lesser of two evils."

"I don't believe Gore's plans to revive education in this country are possible. Sure Clinton and Gore did some good while in office, but they completely tar-

nished the honor and reputation of this country and I believe Bush seems sincerely dedicated to bringing it back."

With students feeling that more sides and issues could have been covered during the Presidential debate, Freshman Alexis Maule believes nonmainstream candidates such as Nader should be allowed to participate in debates.

"I think a lot of people are interested in the election process," Alexis said. "I have heard my friends talking about Ralph Nader and I was wondering why he wasn't allowed to participate in the debates. I think it is important

to hear the views and opinions of the candidates regardless of their chance at winning."

With Nader's presence, many Democratic supporters feel that he will have a negative effect on an already tight race. Senior Matt Block said that the Green Party has no chance of winning and should support the Democrats, the party politically closest to them.

"I'm a Nader supporter, but I'd vote for Gore," Matt said. "He most similarly represents what Nader does. To vote for Nader in a sense would be to vote for Bush. I like what Nader stands for; he has the most experience and is the most liberal on the issues."

One point many students and faculty agreed on is that this year's election did not give the nation a good choice in candidates.

"Overall I was not pleased with the candidates in this election," said Physics Teacher David Derbes. "I was hoping the election would be between Bill Bradley and John McCain, because I think they're principled and intelligent and offered a newer, fresher vision. As for Nader, I greatly admire him in his quest to give people the third party option, but for the good of the country I hope he will throw his support in favor of Gore."

The number of votes candidates received in the Midway's election are as follows: Al Gore, 260; Ralph Nader, 71; George Bush, 57; Pat Buchanan, 1.

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—DAVID DERBES
Physics Teacher

Students could also write in candidates and their choices included the following, by number of votes:

Four: Uncle Ben; three: "Goose" from "Top Gun"; Lil' Bow wow; Mr. Dan West; two: Steven King; Alexis Maule; Abe Feder; Inga Mittendorf; Bill Clinton; Michael Snidal; one: Sarah Jessica Parker; Sarah Arkin; Jennifer Sydel; Lindsay Strong; Mrs. Sharon Housinger; Ross Perot.

Chuck D; Michael Jackson; Colin Powell; Elmo; Cheech and Chong; Bobo, "The Butter Ball Clown"; Scooby-Doo; the Rev. Jesse Jackson Jr.; John McCain; "The Great Cornholio"; Mr. Jugger Nut; "Launch Pad" from "Duck Tales"; Mayor Quimby; J.J. Walker; M.C. Hammer; Ol' Dirty Bastard; Joni James.

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All 'real' U-High voters go for Gore

By Debbie Traub
Associate editor

For most high schoolers, this year's neck-and-neck Presidential election is just something to watch. But 10 seniors, all 18 years old, are qualified today to



Photo by Will Mittendorf

VOTING IN TODAY'S Presidential election, these four seniors, among 10 old enough to cast ballots headed for polling places including Ray School. Around the ballot box, from left, are Jeremy Schmidt, Mike Johnson, Chakka Reeves and Katie Spielberger.

cast their votes. All plan to vote for Democrat Al Gore. Seniors voting include Chakka Reeves, Katie Spielberger, Noah Meites, Alison Lesht, Max Schleusener, Bart Gewertz, Mike Johnson, Peter Kracke, Will Mittendorf and Jeremy Schmidt.

Although Seniors Jo Budzilowicz and Daniel Schatt both made the age cutoff date, neither is voting today.

"I missed the deadline," Jo explained. "I just didn't get to register on time. I really regret it now, because I'll have to wait another four years until I can vote."

Seniors feel confident about their votes partly because they have been following the political scene.

"I feel a lot of responsibility to know the candidates and to know what they stand for on different issues," Chakka explained. "At first I felt that I should vote Democrat because my family is, but now I look at the issues, not just the candidates. I'm really big on the whole education issue, which is basically Bush's cornerstone, but I don't like his ideas on charter schools; that's why I'm voting Gore."

Some seniors are voting for Gore because of what family and friends have said.

"I'm voting Gore mostly because I'm a Democrat," Katie said. "Most of my friends and family are Democrats so that has an influence on me. If I voted Republican, I'd really be stepping out of what everyone is doing. But outside ideas aside, I'd vote Democrat anyway because I agree more with their ideas."

Although Mike and Jeremy decided to vote for Gore because they want to keep Republican George W. Bush out of the White House, Alison cites other incentives.

"The main reason I'm voting for Gore is the fact that there's a really good chance that the next president will appoint Supreme Court judges," Alison said. "I'm also pro-choice and I don't really like Bush that much. He seems charismatic and all, but there doesn't seem to be much substance under there."

Many seniors, like Noah, decided to vote for Gore instead of Green Party Candidate Ralph Nader because of the tight race between Gore and Bush.

"At first I was deciding between Nader and Gore," Noah said. "If it wasn't going to be so close, I'd go with Nader, but since it looks like it's going to come down to the wire, it's my responsibility to vote for Gore. Voting for Bush never actually crossed my mind. To me, Gore is just the lesser of two evils."

(Also see editorial and column page 8.)

READ ALL ABOUT IT

The Discipline Board goes to work

SOONER THAN ANYONE EXPECTED, the newly-elected group gets its first case, and it's a doozy. **Page 2.**

Please don't disturb the inmates

SIGNS GO UP, signs get taken down and mouths stay shut. And no one gets upset. Very nice for a country club but this is a school, remember? **Page 8-9.**

He's cool as he takes the hot seat

DAN DYRA wanted the job. And he got it. But what a job. He's the fourth boys' varsity basketball coach in two years, his squad will follow two league champions and the team's history is filled with enough drama to fuel several large bonfires. But, remember, Dan Dyra wanted the job. **Page 10.**



"St. Martin Deporres Women's Shelter is a safe place for women to live. This shelter has been a site for which sophomores have done their community service for many years."
—Senior Sam Biederman
(chairperson of the Peer Leader cereal drive during Spirit Week)

Board takes first case

By Mike Lamb
Editor-in-Chief

When members of the newly formed Discipline Board told the Midway shortly after being elected that they hoped they would never have to meet, they had no idea that within two weeks they would hear their first case.

The details are as follows:

In early October, a prank phone call made by a friend of a U-High student to a faculty member was posted on a student's personal website. The caller claimed to be a parent accusing the faculty member of supplying pornography to their child.

Later that month, administrators were notified of the posting and on Oct. 20 the student's parents were notified by phone. A meeting between Dean of Students and Faculty Larry McFarlane, the student and the student's parents took place the following Monday. Two other students were called into the High School Office that same day. After administrators mulled their decision on Tuesday, they handed down a seven-day suspension to the first student and three-day suspensions to the other two.

While two of the students appealed to the Discipline Board, the other was escorted out of school by Mr. McFarlane that Wednesday. Quickly springing into action, the Discipline Board met Wednesday afternoon for roughly two hours, with reasons for the suspension presented by Mr. McFarlane and a defense of the students by a student and a faculty member.

After talking to Discipline Board members, the Midway learned that although a specific school rule wasn't broken, Board members agreed that a "line had been crossed." They lowered the suspension of the first student to three days and overturned the suspensions of the other two.

A school disciplining students for actions done outside of the school represents a bad trend on the rise, believes Mr. Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications for the Illinois division of the American



Photo by Mike Lamb

Chill time

LAST MONTH'S experimental assembly period without an assembly generally found favor, with most U-Highers choosing to relax in the cafeteria, where Seniors Mike Drew and Amy Gorun, and Junior Satya Bhabha (on alien turf) chat. "In speaking with students, I got an excellent response and in speaking with faculty I got a good response as well, so all in all I'd consider it a success," said Principal Jack Knapp.

Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

"I think incidents like this reflect a trend where schools attempt to punish in school for out of school actions," said Mr. Yohnka in a phone interview. "Our position has always been that it is appropriate for parents and their kids to handle these situations. The schools are just trying to control and discipline students and affect their lives 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that is not appropriate."

"Because U-High is a private school, however, there are different boundaries and equal protection and due process don't come into play."

Brief-ly

Two make finalist round of Hispanic Scholar program

U-High's two semifinalists in the National Hispanic Scholarship program, Seniors Robert Cantwell and Enrique Lomnitz, have been named finalists and are now eligible for scholarships in the program, sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

Based on high PSAT scores junior year, the following seniors have been designated Commended Students in the National Merit program and the National Achievement program for outstanding African American students:

MERIT—Matt Block, Mathieu Desan, Hannah Garber-Paul, Mike Lamb, Hannah Lantos, Alison Leff, Alison Lesht, Ana Pedro, Peter Scharbach, Adrienne Umeh, Brian Weiss, Robbie Willoughby.

ACHIEVEMENT—Nikiah Barnes, Adrienne Clark and Chakka Reeves.

YESTERDAY ONCE MORE—Inviting U-Highers to come dressed in the style of their favorite high school decade, Cultural Union will sponsor an "Old School Dance," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 in Ida Noyes Hall. Ticket prices are being decided. Record store certificates will go to dancegoers judged best-costumed.

The dance will feature music from the past four decades mixed by D.J. Javier "DJ X" Torres of High Flyin' Entertainment, who provided music for the Homecoming Dance.

Student Council will treat everyone to a pre-Thanksgiving break treat of pancakes with syrup 1st-4th periods, Friday, Nov. 17 in the cafeteria.

Triumphing over the freshman, sophomores and seniors, the junior class dominated Spirit Week, Oct. 2-7, winning the hall-decorating contest Monday, pie eating contest Wednesday and all-week cereal drive, finishing with a total of 25 points. Seniors finished 2nd with 15 points, winning the school color competition.

The cereal drive, cosponsored by the Community Learning Program, resulted in 50 boxes being donated to the St. Martin Deporres Women's Shelter, 6423 S. Woodlawn Ave.

FOOD DRIVE—The Black Students Association (BSA) will donate canned goods and other nonperishables to the Living Room Cafe, 6422 S. Cottage Grove Ave., in a drive ending Friday, Nov. 17. "We like the way the Cafe not only feeds people but tries to improve their lives," said BSA President Chakka Reeves, senior.

MUSICAL MORSELS—"Fruitcake," the High School Choir's most popular number, is a definite for the group's holiday concert with the U-High Orchestra 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6 in Judd 126. "One other certainly is a lovely French carol, 'Dans Gette Etable,'" said Choir Director Ellen Everson.

BRAVO!—Three freshman musicians have been named to the Illinois Music Educators Assn. District I Orchestra, based on auditions. They are cellist Abe Feder and violinists Wenfel Xu and Diana Zhou. The orchestra will present a concert as part of a district music festival Saturday, Nov. 18 at Lincoln Way High School in southwest suburban Frankfort.

In a master class Nov. 1, concert violinist Leila Josefowicz performed for Middle and High School Orchestra members in Gerstley Center and later heard students perform.

PHOTO SHOW—Striving to depict a country in the midst of transition, '97 U-High graduate Alyssa Scheunemann is exhibiting photos she took on a trip to Tanzania at the MacDaddy Salon, 808 West Randolph near Halsted. The monthlong exhibit closes Saturday.

On a trip to Central Eastern Africa with

her family three years ago, Ms. Scheunemann, a senior at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, photographed the native people, wild animals and the lush landscapes of Tanzania.

"I hope that people familiar with Africa and those with no knowledge of the land will visit my exhibition and come away enriched by the experience," Ms. Scheunemann said.

ALSO ON EXHIBIT—Photography by Junior Marty Kinsella from the School of the Art Institute's summer program is on display until the end of the month along with the work of 22 other artists among 300 students. The exhibit is located on the eighth floor of the Institute's Champlain Building, 37 S. Wabash Ave.

HONORED—Two faculty members have recently received national honors.

Math Teacher Jane Canright is among 28 recipients of the Edyth May Sliffe Award from the Mathematical Association of America. Recognizing outstanding high school math teaching, the award was presented by Principal Jack Knapp at the Oct. 25 all-school assembly in Kovler Gym.

Nominations came from the three highest-scoring students on the 60 highest-scoring teams on the American Mathematics Contest 12. U-High's high scorers were Senior Kohki Yamaguchi and 2000 graduates Ben Lauderdale and John Wood.

Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler, Midway and U-Highlights editorial and business adviser, is among 75 recipients of a Jubilee Award from the Columbia (University, N.Y.) Scholastic Press Association. The honor recognizes persons who have made special contributions to the Association's history, a letter from CSPA President Edmund J. Sullivan explained.

Mr. Brasler also has been notified he will be included in new editions of "Who's Who Among American Teachers" and "Who's Who in America."

FACULTY FACES FORWARD—Faculty members will continue their participation in the school's strategic planning project at a meeting after school next Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the cafeteria. The faculty and other participating constituencies will recommend school goals which in turn will be considered by the Lab Schools Board, according to a letter to the faculty from Ms. Rusty Hellman, U. of C. organizational development training consultant. The project also involves completing a mission statement for the school.

AYE, CAPTAINS—Foreign Language Teacher Steve Farver and History Teacher Chris Janus will serve as High School representatives on the Lab Schools' coordinating committee for its ISACS (Independent Schools Association of Central States) evaluation next year. The High School will undergo its NCA (North Central Association) evaluation at the same time. Both school coalitions urge members to conduct a self-evaluation every seven years. The program concludes with a visiting team of educators measuring what the school does against a self-study defining what it believes it does and tries to do.

WELCOME MAT OUT—The annual Recruitment Open House to which the public is invited to tour the school and learn about its programs will take place Sunday, Nov. 12. Each school department will have faculty representatives present and some, such as journalism, will have student representatives.

WELCOME, PART TWO—Mr. Al Cassanova has joined the school's Auxiliary Services staff.

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—English Teacher John O'Connor



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Double Play

English teacher blends love of words, music in C.D., book

By Abigail Newman

Associate editor

His eyes sparkle enthusiastically and his scholarly face glows with excitement as English Teacher John O'Connor speaks about his collaboration with students, former students and colleagues on a new C.D. and book.

Working with his students and fellow teachers is something Mr. O'Connor says he loves to do, whether he's coaching j.v. girls' tennis or sponsoring U-Haiku, the club for students and faculty interested in haiku.

"Collaborating with teachers and students is when I'm happiest," Mr. O'Connor reflected. "They help me see areas I know pretty well in brand new ways and give me new ideas and vantage points from which to consider the world. I think there is a great overlap in what my students and colleagues are interested in, but we don't often take advantage of it. One of the main reasons I started U-Haiku was to get faculty members and students to come together."

His new folk C.D., "Evenings and Other Beginnings," an expected \$15 on Secret Garden Records, was produced by his guitar teacher Barbara Barrow. The album features his former student Dan Feder, '00, on cello and Lower School Assistant Teacher Marc Piane '92, on bass guitar, accompanying Mr. O'Connor on guitar as he sings well-known poems he set to music and songs by his favorite composers.

Mr. O'Connor says his interests in poetry and music became intertwined seven years ago when his father died and he wrote his first song.

"I have always sung and I studied voice in college," he said. "When my father died, I would say the poem 'Let Evening Come' by Jane Kenyon over and over again to myself. It came out as a song. My original stuff since then has been at a very slow pace. Ten songs in seven years. I don't sit down and compose; I only do it if something strikes me."

Admiring Art Teacher Annie Catterson's students' woodcuts exhibited in the school, Mr. O'Connor asked if she would be interested in devoting a quarter in her mixed media classes to illustrating a book of his haiku poems, "Room Full of Chairs." She agreed to the project. The \$10 book is being published by Deep North Press of Evanston.

Although traditional Japanese haiku have 17 syllables, Mr. O'Connor believes haiku are more about a way of life.

"All around us there are thousands of discoveries that could be made that we've never noticed," he explained. "Haiku jar us into a heightened sense of consciousness and remind us to be fully alive and to live in the moment. Haiku are



"EVENINGS and Other Beginnings," English Teacher John O'Connor's new C.D., features his music, voice and guitar.

Photo by Jennifer Sydel

sort of snapshot images of the world. Ms. Catterson's students explain the world through visual language."



Fine and dandy

Photo by Claire Stewart

AN UNWANTED GUEST at the country home of Jack Worthing (Elliot Epstein, left), Algernon Moncrieff (Satya Bhabha) proves hard to get rid of, not to mention hungry, in one of the hilarious scenes from the fall pro-

duction, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." The comedy of manners and mistaken identities received praise for its split-timing acting, colorful costumes and ambitious settings.

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-Junior Jules Federle

ON A ROLL

Junior athlete copes with a bad break

By Julian Federle

Associate editor

It happened on a muggy mid-August morning on the Midway. The sun was burning bright on the east side of the field when Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach Mike Moses blew his whistle to signify the start of the j.v.-varsity scrimmage.

We were playing the game as if it were actually real. I was working on distributing the ball more effectively in the midfield when an overanxious j.v. defender took a swing at my right leg which was firmly planted on the ground.

I don't really remember what
Injuries not common



"Serious sports injuries aren't that common at U-High. Injuries like sprained ankles and muscles are common. It's your body reacting to the wear and tear of the game. Serious injuries are complete flukes. Only two contact sports are played at U-High so it's inevitable that injuries will occur."

-MR. MIKE MOSES

Boys' varsity soccer coach

Getting back into shape



"When a bone breaks there's bleeding around the fracture. The blood then solidifies into a gel and various tissues until bone forms. A fracture callus, extra bone, forms around the bone where the fracture occurred. This extra bone is remodeled by walking and running until the bone returns to its original shape."

-DR. JOHN WHITEHURST

Orthopedic Surgeon, U. of C. Hospitals

happened after that. I was told that I was cursing enough to make Bobby Knight blush. I do remember slowly rising and trying to walk off the field, but the pain was so excruciating I had to stop. As I took my sock off it felt as though a burning railroad tie was being hammered into my leg.

My shin guard was broken in two and there was a ridge under my skin about halfway up my shin, pulsing and swollen red. I rubbed some Icy Hot on my leg, took a handful of ibuprofen and tried to stand.

Mr. Moses pulled up to the sideline in his maroon Land Rover and drove me to the hospital. I spent the rest of the day in the emergency room.

The first week was by far the most difficult and I would cry myself to sleep thinking about the season that could have been and the dreams I could no longer fulfill. It tore me up to even think about soccer so I kept myself occupied by devouring books, sketching and watching movies.

I couldn't bare to stand, even on crutches, for more than seconds at a time. I literally lived in my bed. By the second week my back ached, I was sporting a lumberjacksque beard and I smelled really, really bad. My friends would bring bags of Harold's and Al's Italian Beef but none of it appealed to me.

The most devastating part of having a broken leg was the sense of help-



Photo by Satya Bhabha

THREE WEEKS after breaking his leg, Jules Federle explains to fellow Peer Leaders, from left, Michael McGehee, Peter Kracke, Nicky Singh and Daniel

Solow how it all happened at the Community Learning Workshop before school started.

lessness I felt. Simple tasks like showering, getting dressed, or even going to the bathroom were frustrating beyond belief.

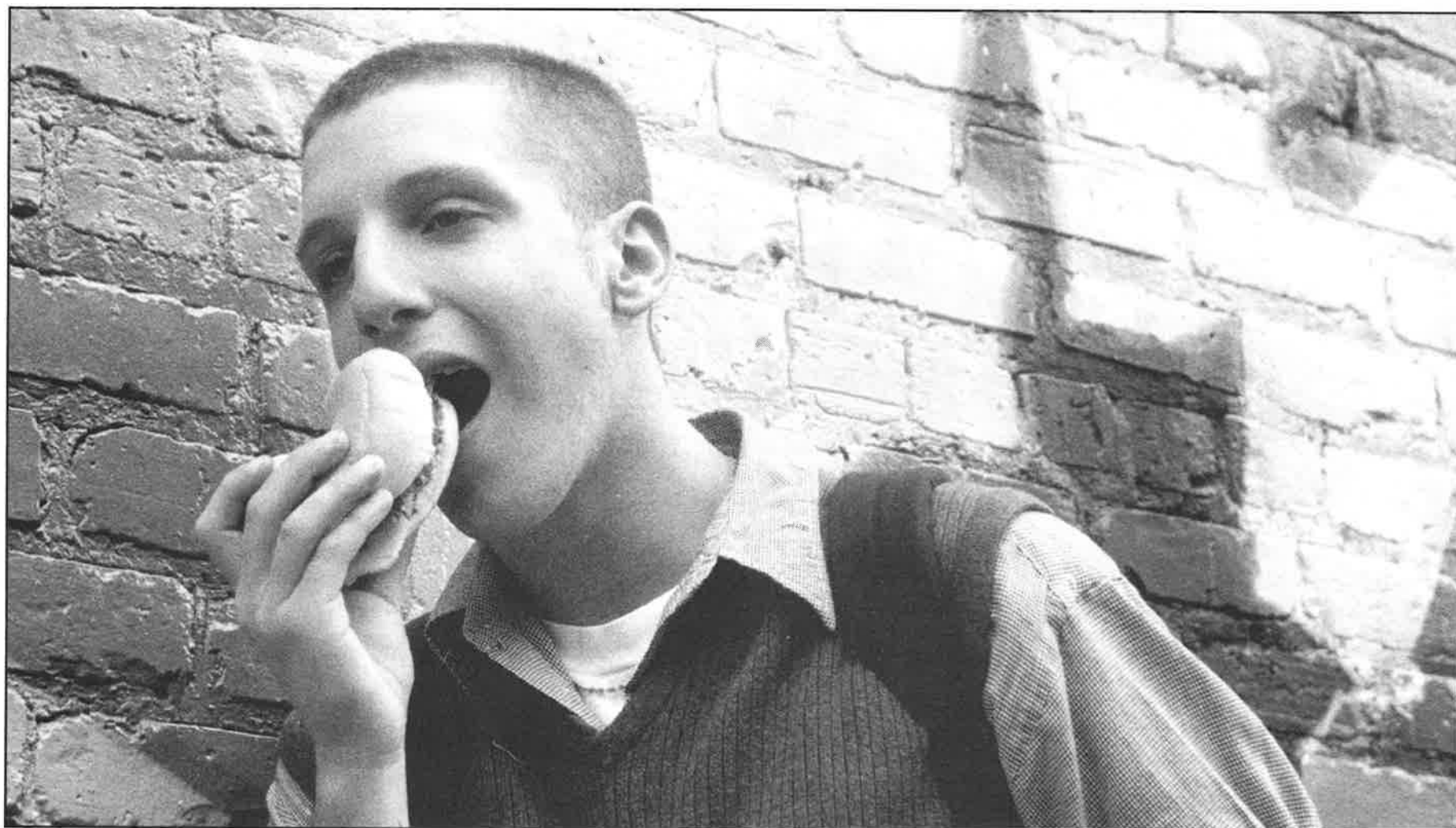
In the following weeks the pain subsided a little and I could move around without so much pain. Attending the Peer Leading conference three weeks after my injury was the first time I had left my house since the morning I broke my leg.

The fourth week signaled the first day of school which turned out not to be so difficult. I was surprised at how accessible the school was for wheel-

chairs. My classmates and teachers were unbelievably helpful.

Phone calls, cards, baked goods and visits from my friends made the entire experience a whole lot easier. All weren't as compassionate however. Some regarded me as a "burden" and told me I was "no fun to be around."

As I've slowly began to get back on my feet (literally of course) I've realized how dependent I am upon other people. If it hadn't been for my friends and family, I don't know how I would have gotten through it.



Sim Khalidi

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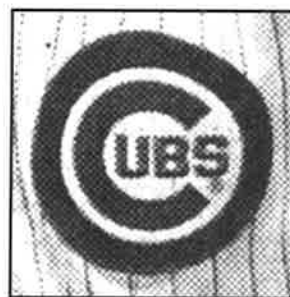
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"Living outside Hyde Park makes me feel like I actually have a life outside of school."
—Senior Michelle Krohn-Friedson.



W Touching all the bases in... WRIGLEYVILLE

■ Hot North Side neighborhood offers something for everyone



Coming into a neighborhood best known as the home of the North Side's favorite baseball team, U-Highers are sure to find much more. Spiraling out from the intersection of Addison and Clark streets, Wrigleyville is named after the baseball stadium on that corner, the Cubs' Wrigley Field. Passing by the historic stadium, known for its ivy-covered walls, you're bound to see everything from khakis to leather, sweaters to bowling shirts, especially on a Friday or Saturday night or a game day. From gay and yuppie residents to suburban baseball loyalists and music fans with everything from dreads to mohawks, Wrigleyville's got something for everyone.

"We get a bit of everything," said Rodrick, a bouncer at the music club Metro. "There's the yuppies who live here and the yuppies that don't. There's punks and kids from the suburbs, it seems like everyone's coming up here."

Appealing to all ages, the strip of Clark Street between School Street and Irving Park Road is known for its varied population. At any time there's sure to be 12-year-old skaters sharing the sidewalk with a yuppie couple and an occasional elderly lady walking her dog. Everything from concert venues to comedy clubs to cheap eats attract the many people from all around Chicago. Whether it's army surplus, incense or contemporary art, there's sure to be just about anything for sale, and food is no exception.

Recently, this neighborhood has become Chicago's latest restaurant row. With everything from Japanese to hot dogs, there's good food for just about any taste. With large signs to attract baseball and music fans alike, Cubbie Doggs at 3523 N. Clark St. and Wrigleyville Dogs compete for wiener eaters' attention on game day.

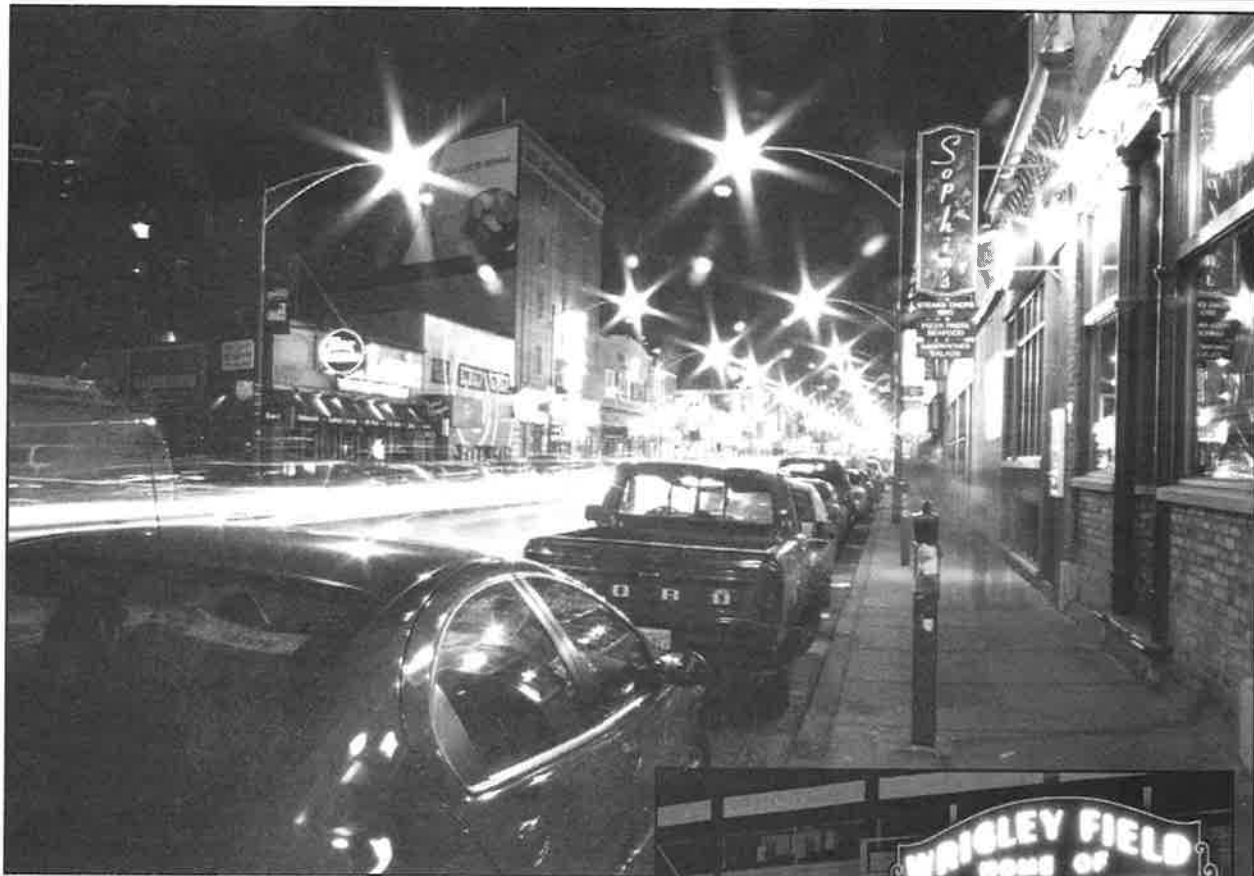
But if it's an international flavor you're looking for, don't worry. Addis Abeba offers Ethiopian cuisine at 3521 N. Clark St., without silverware, while mariachi music plays in Campeche just a block away. Just south of the L tracks is B.D.'s Mongolian BBQ. Grab a bowl, choose your meats, vegetables and sauces and watch with amazement as one of the trained cooks grills your food using giant chop sticks. Leave a tip and they'll ring the gong.

If it's a blast from the past you're looking for, follow the orange "EAT" sign to Salt & Pepper Diner, where the laidback staff decked out in 1950s attire will serve you a burger and one of about 20 flavors of shakes to the beat of some good old rock 'n roll. The food in Wrigleyville is a perfect picture of the neighborhood's varied activities.

"I love the neighborhood," said Senior Michelle Krohn-Friedson, who lives on Roscoe near Halsted. "Living outside of Hyde Park makes me feel like I actually have a life outside of school. It's great to live by so many restaurants. There's Cubs games and it's easy to get around. It's also nice to live around lots of people."

Whether you're looking for music or comedy, you'll find the show you're looking for.

At the Metro at 3730 N. Clark St., you'll find a different type of music every night. From D.J.s to punk and alternative, it's got just about any show in a great setting. Following the curved hallway, a music fan will find a large floor, filled with a large crowd on most nights. Upstairs is a balcony with boothlike seats for those who need to



SPARKLING IN THE NIGHT (above) Wrigleyville pulsates with the vibrant rhythm of a city neighborhood at a new zenith in popularity as its famous namesake (right) stands ghostlike in the night.



All those yuppies!

"There's a lot of people who live here and a lot who don't but hang out here anyway. The only bad thing is that when there's Cubs games it seems like it's you against the yuppie world."

—METRO BOUNCER RODRICK

Trash on the lawn

"I really don't like the neighborhood. There's a lot of people who go to the baseball games. It's pretty rough. I hate the Cubs fans. There's no parking, and you come home and find trash and sometimes even people on your lawn."

—WRIGLEY RESIDENT KEVIN



North to Wrigleyville



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It's tough getting into college but is it tougher for U-Highers?

As the college race heats up for seniors, as it does every year at this time, U-Highers again wonder if they have it worse than students at other schools.

No, they don't, say college counselors Lisa Montgomery and Patty Kovacs.

"Lab isn't different from other competitive high schools," Ms. Montgomery said. "It is different, though, from most public schools. Everyone at U-High is going to college. Everyone has the expectation that they are going to good colleges. There is the feeling that since people survived U-High, they deserve to go to good colleges."

Though the odds of getting into a good college are in U-Highers' favor, those odds provide their own pressure.

THE RIGHT STUFF

- 1 Your academics always come first.
- 2 Your passionate commitments to activities outside of school always come second.
- 3 Balance your health and time.

—Source: College Counselor Patty Kovacs

without appointments. The counselors and teachers know us well, so there are personal recommendations and advice from the counselors.

"The application process at U-High is more friendly than at other schools where I have friends, but there is more pressure at U-High because 100 percent of the students go to college."

Easing U-Highers' workload for college applications in any way possible, the college counselors make the process more manageable, according to Senior Greg Pelander, whose first choice is Dartmouth.

"There is less pressure at U-High over the college process than at my friends' schools because we have great counselors. We have the same amount of work, but the counselors make it easier."

Senior Eva Arnason, whose first choice is Boston University, adds that the counselors truly care.

"At U-High we have great college counselors. They are well-prepared and they prepare the students well. At other schools, I have friends who say that counselors don't care. Our counselors really care."

Though they may care, the counselors can only lighten the burden.

"With college, there are so many unanswered questions," Ms. Kovacs explained. "Students are afraid they won't be happy at their

school or that maybe they're making the wrong choice.

"Many students I encounter can't believe they're expected to make such an important decision. I know college counts for a whole lot, but it's not the end of the road. It's only the beginning."

THE WORST COLLEGE ESSAY EVER WRITTEN

The Midway asked College Counselor Lisa Montgomery to critique a college essay as she would for any U-High senior. But, friends, this is not just any essay, as you are about to discover.

Balancing school work, extracurriculars and a good social life is a lot like running straight down the middle in a football game. You never know whether or not you'll be knocked down. Being the captain of the varsity football team, the president of Student Council and also taking five advanced placement courses has put me in a tight situation for senior year. Luckily, I'm very well educated in the subject of time management.

Everyday I'm faced with challenge of finishing an exhausting practice with the football team, riding the two miles home on my Sharper Image scooter, eating dinner, doing my homework, and maybe, if I have time, watching some T.V. or talking to my girlfriend, the captain of the cheerleading squad, on the phone for a little while. I usually sneak in a few minutes practicing my fishing technique before I go to sleep because I really really like to fish. Since I am always so busy, it is no wonder that I treasure any spare minute I can find to relax and enjoy myself. I usually spend these rare moments doing one of two activities that I enjoy most: reading a good book or making models of monuments out of toothpicks, which is actually much harder than it sounds.

I have always loved to read, ever since my parents first brought me home my first copy of "The Berenstain Bears" last month. I like to consider myself well-read in all genres of literature. My all-time favorite book, however, is "The Ketchup on the Rye" by J.D. Salamander. When I first read that book, I truly connected with the rambunctious Holden Caulfield. Holden really showed me that the key to making the best sandwich is all relevant to the type of bread. When I first learned this, it made such a large impact on my life that I feel I am a more mature and responsible lad now as a direct result of Salamander's beautiful prose.

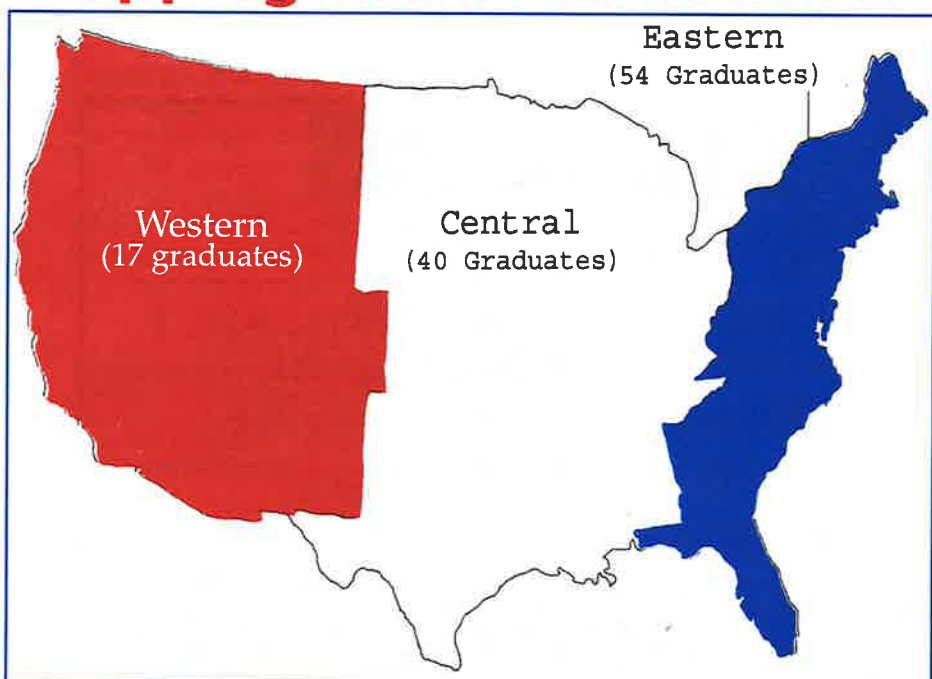
What causes me to be very responsible, however, is that my parents don't really care about me. I'm responsible for providing my own meals and clothing. While some people find this to be cruel on my parents' part, I find it to be quite good. If it weren't for my parents trusting me to find my own means, I wouldn't be the trained shoplifter that I am today. I started out small with petty things like a toothbrush and some food but recently I've been pushing some heavy merchandise. Last week I was fortunate enough to go on a "shopping spree" and get all the new clothes I needed for school!

Well, this is getting kind of long and I really have to go now. My sister is challenging me to a game of Candyland. She always thinks that she's going to win but she just doesn't realize that it's all in the roll of the dice. Kids just don't understand the importance of certain things in life, right? Oh, well, maybe I can impart some of the vital information that I know onto her virginal, 20-year-old mind.

MS. MONTGOMERY'S KINDLY COMMENTS

- Sounds a little Gumpish
- What, exactly, do you mean by "tight"?
- What?
- Add "the"
- I'm sure it is. You may need to go into more detail about this. Why it is enjoyable? How did you get started? And what happened to fishing as a favored activity?
- "Catcher in
- Salinger
- Holden
- Um, we need to work on this. Though children's literature is a legitimate topic for discussion, I'm not sure you are making any solid points (or any points at all) by mentioning it. And we need to talk about "The Catcher in the Rye." I'm not convinced you have a thorough understanding of the novel.
- I think you are revealing a bit too much here.
- Don't address the reader directly
- We need to talk, not so much about this essay but about your readiness for college. Do not mail this to anyone!

Mapping the Class of 2000



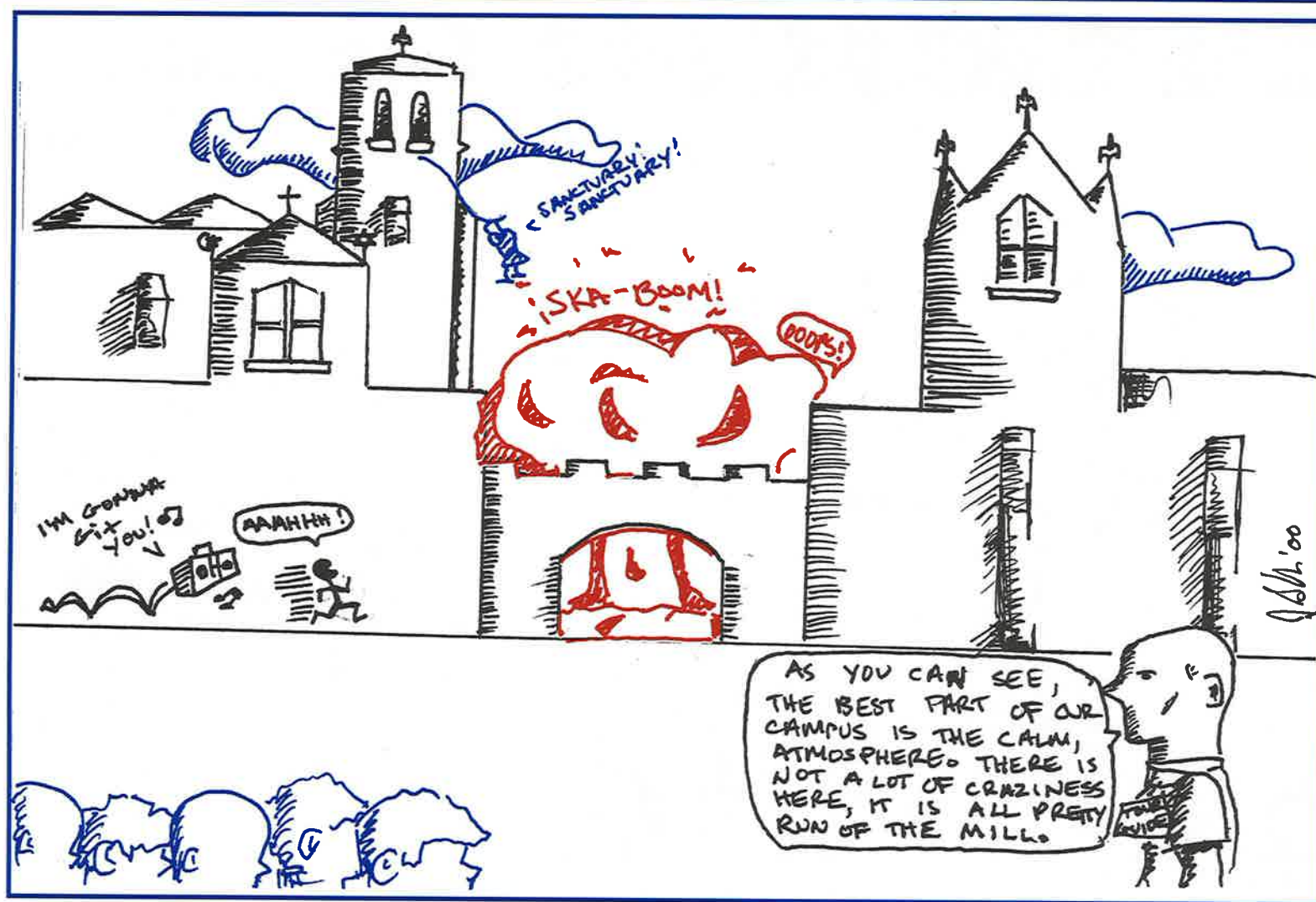
SPREAD THROUGHOUT the United States, 48 percent of U-High's Class of 2000 are attending schools in the East, 36 percent in the Central U.S. and 15 percent in the Western U.S.

One graduate, in Australia with his family this year, plans to attend Northwestern University next year. Of 112 graduates, 19 (17 per cent) are attending Ivy League schools.



"My impression, from friends at other schools, is that there is more pressure at U-High than at the average high school, but the pressure is similar to other schools of its class."
—Senior Jeremy Schmidt

the college race



Naked and proud of it. That's how Senior Ricky Townsend later described a Swarthmore College student who ran up to him in a dorm bathroom while Ricky was visiting there last spring.

"What's up dude? How's it going? Don't you see? It doesn't make any sense dude, none of it," the student exclaimed with no introduction. He then promptly entered a shower, leaving Ricky to contemplate this interesting experience.

Swarthmore has dropped off Ricky's list of colleges.

"I learned that the guidebooks exaggerate and the brochures put the school in the best possible light," Ricky said. "When I went to Stanford, the people there gave me the impression that it was a good academic school but that the students there are more laid back than the East Coast schools."

"They said almost the opposite at Cornell. They said the school is good academically, of course, but they also said the students are really hardworking."

Senior Annie Padrid also has something to laugh about when she thinks of her college trip.

Asked to visit by University of Michigan's varsity soccer coach, Annie recently went to visit the campus in Ann Arbor for a day accompanied by her mother.

"When I visited I was able to see the campus, the soccer practice, the facilities, the field and the houses where the girls on the soccer team stay," Annie said. "The whole experience was really exciting. When the coach was walking with

me and showing me the locker room, I did not see the hand dryer.

"I was staring at all the 'N Sync posters on the lockers and not paying attention to where I was going. When I turned around I whacked my head on the dryer."

"The coach began to laugh at me, and told me that it happens all the time. I was very embarrassed about my first impression because Michigan is my first choice."

Unlike Annie, who thought highly of Michigan before and after her visit, Senior Sola Oni didn't have high expectations of George Washington (D.C.) University, but came away with it as one of his top choices.

"This summer I took a trip to visit George Washington, Purdue, University of Maryland and American University with my dad, mom, two sisters and brother," Sola said. "I got to see the campuses, learned how people spend their free time and when they study."

"Another thing I got out of the trip was the feel of the schools and the feel of the students. The brochures for the school tell you information that does not help you decide whether you would like the school or not. You really have to go and see for yourself."

"I didn't really know about G.W. and now it seems like a really cool school and is one of my top choices. It has a really new residence hall and cafeteria. And a really big library and access to any resource imaginable. I would never have known about those things without visiting."

Whatever the experience, college visits remain important, said College Counselor Lisa Montgomery.

"While the students are visiting schools they should evaluate the school for themselves and see how they feel about the students and the atmosphere," Ms. Montgomery explained. "They have to take all the different aspects of the school into account and most importantly want to feel comfortable at the school."

"It is something which is very hard to assess. It is not something a book can tell you."

"Seeing the kids and hanging out on campus is where someone is able to decide if they like the school. The tours are not fair representations of the school and have an advertised perspective. Institutions have personalities just like people do. If you apply early without visiting it is just like marrying someone you have not met and it probably won't work."

College visits are important even if a student visiting a school decides afterward to go on to other choices, Ms. Montgomery added.

"A college visit is only helpful if you go open-minded," she explained. "Many people go there thinking one thing and come back with a very different opinion of the school."

"College visits are never a waste of time and when someone decides the school is not the place for them it is a huge accomplishment. It may seem painful but you have learned a lot about yourself."

"College is supposed to be a phenomenal experience and when students take the time to research the payoff is huge."

What, if anything, have you done so far this year about getting into college?



The freshman

LUKE ROSA: College seems so far away for me right now. My parents never really mention anything about it but they always tell me that I should maintain my grades.



The sophomore

LAURA JARETT: I've been trying to do well in school because I know that the college process has been getting much more competitive every year. My mother always tells me that I need to make sure that I have good grades and do all the extracurricular things that I'm interested in.



The junior

LYDELL WARE: This year, I've really been focusing on my classes and trying to do well in school in general. I'm starting to prepare for my SATs and ACTs and I've been talking to the counselors.



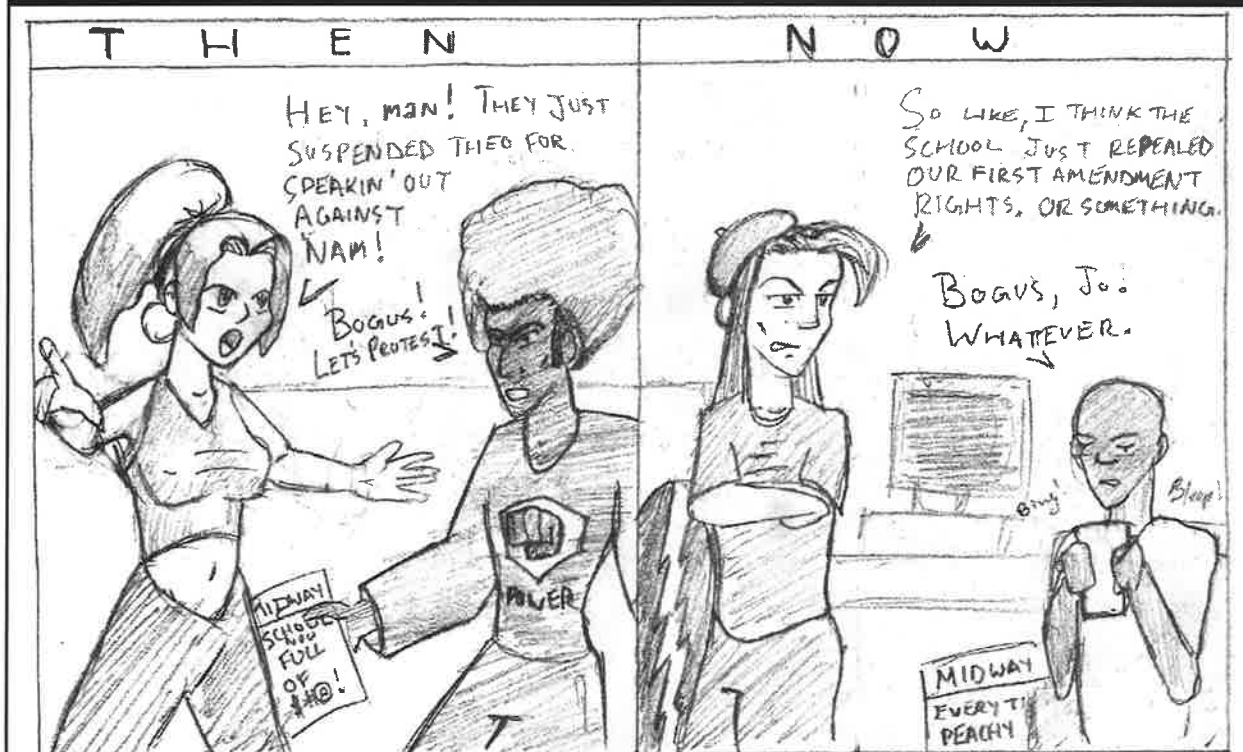
The senior

MARGARET HIRSHFELD: I've been trying to convey on my college applications all the extracurricular activities that I do outside of school like singing or going to summer camps. In addition to taking several challenging courses, I've also been organizing my applications and researching colleges that I'm interested in. I have also been meeting with my college counselor.

Credentials

This spread was produced by In-Depth Newsfeature Editor Russell Kohn, who has three years left to get ready for college. He wrote the main story with a junior, Associate Editor Debbie Traub. Good luck next year, Deb. The feature on college visits was created by yet another soph, Rachel Greene. Russell did the map graphic. The main art was done by a real, bonafide senior, Joe Sellers. And speaking of seniors, we wouldn't guarantee he's bonafide, but the brilliant author of the Worst Essay Ever Written is none other than the Midway's opinion columnist, Ameer Saleh.

AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT



Art by Josh Joseph

What are we really learning?

Over the years, U-High has earned a reputation for having some of the most politically-active students anywhere. U-High has been a place for the exchange of ideas where everyone can be heard. Its liberal, intellectual atmosphere has been a key drawing point in attracting students to come to the school. But, more and more, U-High is turning into a place where the possibility of hurting someone's feelings has become more important than hearing everyone's opinions.

The school's job is to promote learning and encourage students to hear everyone out. But, lately, the school seems to be trying to just keep the peace and to make sure no one is upset about anything.

Recently, signs informing students about what is happening in the Middle East were posted on the class bulletin boards. People disagreeing with the signs took them down and then, when replacements were put up, pulled them down, too.

So the students who put up the signs went to administrators to find out why their signs were being taken down. Administrators couldn't say, but could say that signs must get their approval before going

up. And one criteria for signs was that nothing which could be considered offensive to anyone in the school could be expressed.

But even the "approved" signs were taken down. And, from what the Midway has been told, a faculty member was one of the people pulling them down.

The Midway doublechecked with administrators on the matter of offensive signs and was told, indeed, the concern was there be no, quote, "uproar" over something anyone had to say. The administrators didn't know approved signs had been taken down.

Meanwhile, no attempt was made to encourage discussion about the conflict in the Middle East, as in an all-school assembly panel. Evidently, what is most important is to keep everything quiet as possible.

What does this all mean? A school once praised for not only its ethnic diversity, but also its diversity of opinions, is running as fast as it can from the exchange of opinions. Keeping school life neat and nice has become a skill perfected by this once groundbreaking institution. After all, if you never hear about it you can't get upset about it. What a lesson to teach!

Election a high school kind of thing

When high school is finally over and everybody throws their caps in the air at graduation, one might expect the characteristics of typical high school life to go up with them. Here we are, though, forced between two Presidential candidates who could have been in the midst of a heated high school class election.

We have George W. Bush, the heir to the Presidential throne, who has the pedigree of a leader, but seemingly little else. He is a smooth-talking, daddy'll-make-it-all-better kid whose trademark smirk one could just picture rolling up to school in his own \$40,000 convertible. He represents those who have made it to the top and want to stay there.

The Democratic candidate, Al Gore, represents those who are trying to make it, but might need a little push from big government to get there. Similarly, one could picture the overachieving Al Gore as the kid who knows all the answers, but somehow annoys the hell out of you. When he tries to get out of that

mold—his seemingly minute-long kiss with wife Tipper at the Democrat's convention—it just looks awkward rather than "cool."

Some people wonder how in the world someone of Bush's knowledge and experience (or lack thereof) could still be anywhere near the know-it-all Gore, but all they have to do is look back to their high school days.

This race is just like that election when you knew who the most qualified person for the job was, but somehow your pencil circled the other guy simply because he was less annoying. It didn't matter that he wasn't as qualified, only that you couldn't bring yourself to pick the overachieving know-it-all.

If after the votes are tallied up we end up with father-son presidents, it won't be because Bush is that much better, but because we are in such a time of prosperity that we are willing to pick the cool guy over the best candidate for the job.

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The end?

■ Musings on the election... and what the outcome will mean

RUN FOR COVER—or even better, Cuba. America as we know it ends today. If George Bush wins this election, our country will spend the next four years led by a bumbling elitist who's a few clauses short of a tax cut, to put it nicely. This is a leader of the free world? The status quo might start to look pretty sexy in a couple of years.

From his early days as a frat boy at Yale to his later days as a frat boy governor, Bush's ideal Congress would probably more closely resemble "Animal House" than the House of Representatives. He recently told the media that deciding whether or not to execute another human being was the most important decision he made as governor. How much time did he spend making it? About 15 minutes, according to the New York Times. Talk about fuzzy

math: By this rationale, Bush would probably spend about 12 minutes thinking about peace in the Middle East, three minutes deciding how to save Social Security and 45 trying to order Chinese food (the menu's written in English on the back, Jr.)

Of course, there is one really democratic candidate in this race: The Terminader. Unfortunately, the fact that Ralph Nader has forgotten more than his opponents know about politics probably won't affect the race.

The pollsters have already said "hasta la vista" to the Nader campaign and they're probably right. It doesn't matter that Bush was passed out on a cocktail lounge floor back when Nader was fighting for auto safety legislation in Congress.

If Bush wins today, being passed out might seem like a blessing to all of us.

Blimey

J.A.

Redfield



I hope I'm not upsetting you

FLIPPING THROUGH the Midway archives in the basement of Lillie House, I've noticed that U-High is not the straightforward, opinionated school it once was. Now we are educated in an environment where expression of opinions is not advocated because it might hurt someone's feelings. U-Highers used to



Thought Full

Ameer Saleh

be known for their willingness to assert their opinions in any circumstance. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

During the Vietnam War in 1969, U-Highers took a day

off school to protest. When the Gulf War began in 1991, U-Highers immediately took action.

Within 24 hours of the start of the Gulf War, five students had founded the Students for Peace Association (SPA) and began arranging for speakers such as the illustrious Dr. Rashid Khalidi, husband of librarian Mona and father of Senior Ismail, to come and answer questions that students might have about the situation.

Although students do take interest in reading about and discussing world politics such as the Presidential election or the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, I am amazed that this type of discourse is not more encouraged by the school, as in all-school assemblies.

Although History Teacher Charles Branham attempted to promote awareness of the Presidential election at an assembly last month, there was minimal response from U-Highers, perhaps because they were hearing speakers rather than hearing each other.

As for the matter of hurt feelings, obviously they happen when people have honest discussions. But putting the feelings before the discussions isn't what a school should be doing. Neither should teaching students that keeping the peace is what matters most. Ideas are what matter most and we need to learn to hear them without falling apart if we disagree.

"I'm glad I'm not old enough to vote because picking between Gore and Bush is like picking between Dumb and Dumber."
—Junior Missy Corey



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Wallflowers keep real rock blooming

WITH MANY MUSICAL artists and groups crossing genre boundaries, genuine meaningful rock has become a memory rather than a reality. The Wallflowers, however, remain among the few true rock endangered species.

Formed by Jakob Dylan, Bob Dylan's son, The Wallflowers joined Virgin records in 1990 and released their self-titled debut in 1992. After the C.D.'s flop, Jakob with three new members signed with Interscope records and released "Bringing Down the Horse" in 1996, including the Grammy-winning single "One Headlight."



Ear Candy
Shilpa Rupani

"Breach," The Wallflowers' third album, is their first since 1996's multiplatinum sophomore album. Featuring the hit single "Sleepwalker," the new album continues their previous sound of rock mixed with a touch of folk music, but also with more lyrically pessimistic songs.

"Breach" portrays emotions ranging from pity and moving to a new mental state through songs blended with guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, vocals and synthesizer undertones.

Portraying the group on a sidewalk bench, casually dressed, looking in various directions, with Jakob in front,



The Wallflowers (Breach)

the cover summarizes the album's content. The group's expressions show intrigue, yet with a closer look, the serious aura they possess is visible.

The songs reflect the cover with seemingly dull and sleepy tones on first listen. But when focusing on the powerful lyrics, listeners can feel Dylan's emotions where he says "nothing's hard as getting free from places I've already been" (from "I've Been Delivered") and how "the way I bring you down, could not compare..." (from "Some Flowers Bloom Dead.")

Debuting at number 13 on Billboard's "Hot 100" and receiving four stars from Rolling Stone, "Breach" deserves all its praise. Critics nevertheless, have questioned reasons for The Wallflowers' fame—the true amount of talent the group has versus that famous last name the lead singer possesses.

True, The Wallflowers present great music, but could they have sold as many albums without Jakob's last name being Dylan?

The answer is yes. The music is great, that last name just a bonus.

Cool winter designs

Colors flavor palette of upcoming fashions

BABY BLUE, lavender and shades of cream and sand will prove popular for the upcoming winter's color palate, evolving from last year's classic darker shades, pastels and neutrals.

Simple and chic will typify most fashion designs, according to magazines such as Vogue and Glamour. Fuzzy textures soft to the touch will be found in closets in classic sweater designs emphasized with bulky or unusual collars to make more dramatic statements. Layering tops stay fashionable for casual comfort wear.

As designers use browns, tones soften from the long-popular black.



Photo by Kristin Reepmeyer

TRYING ON a fawn leather coat by Indeed (\$120) and black, green and blue striped pants by XOXO (\$62) Sarah Paup seeks the latest winter fashions at Marshall Fields State Street.

tops to refined long skirts. Outfit possibilities seem endless with unusual bright and dark colors. My favorite is eggplant to accent other tones of the season. These pieces blend with almost any top. I suggest blending something textured or lace for an elegant look.

"Knit zip-up sweaters seem to always be bought in cream and light colors of the season," said Ms. Liz Metz, junior department associate at Marshall Field's State Street store. "But a required piece is a tight-fitting black turtle neck that will go with absolutely everything!"



Midway Runway
Natalie Hoy

Warm and comfy knit sweaters in wool and cashmere

with big rolled collars create a lighter and less gloomy look in lavender or white as winter approaches. These soft and warm wardrobe additions can be found at Banana Republic, J. Crew and Marshall Field's.

Sleek leather and soft suede fashions have become one of this season's must-have pieces. Pictured in every fashion magazine, these materials can even be found at the Gap and Old Navy. From coats to pants, accessories and more, designs range from funky open back

Midway Mailbox: What you may not have heard

To the U-High community from Senior Mathieu Desan:

CHANCES ARE THAT by now you have seen the brutal lynching of two undercover Israeli soldiers (not reservists as has been frequently misreported) on T.V. These images have been running repeatedly. Each time, Dan Rather, Sam Donaldson, and Tim Russert (or any other mainstream hack posing as a journalist) are quick to condemn Palestinians for fomenting the violence.

Tweedledee (Gore) and Tweedledum (Bush) even took time out from their dismal Presidential campaigns to condemn Arafat while leaving the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak guilt free. And, meanwhile, I ask myself: Where are the 110-plus Palestinians who have been murdered by the Israeli military, most of which were armed only with pebbles and rocks? It seems to me that the U.S. media and Government have been telling a one-sided story (this certainly wouldn't be the first time).

The voices of Palestinians and progressives have been regularly shut out from the media. I will therefore try to

briefly explain some of the things you may not have heard in the mainstream media.

Palestine is an occupied land, 60 percent of the West Bank and 20 percent of Gaza, are under Israeli control. Palestinians are allowed to live only in little enclaves, completely surrounded by Israeli forces and, therefore, must go through Israeli checkpoints to travel to another city or village.

The right of free movement is a basic right that has been consistently denied to the Palestinians. The denial of this right makes it extremely difficult for any economic development in the area, thus Palestinians, for the most part, live in poverty and despair.

Palestinians are also one of the largest refugee populations in the world. The creation of the Israeli state in 1948 and the 1967 expansion of Israel drove hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their ancestral lands. On top of that, refugees have been denied the right of return, a basic right that has been demanded by the U.N. since 1949.

Israeli settlers are also encroaching upon Palestinian land, usually armed with uzis and 9mm submachine guns. They claim

land that Palestinian families have been living on and cultivating for centuries, and take control of a scarce water supply that the Palestinians need in order to drink and to irrigate their farms. Instead, this water is used by the settlers to fill large swimming pools and to water luscious green lawns.

In this context, the events of the past few weeks should not be that surprising. It is a rage of an entire people directed at an unjust and brutal occupation. Many people are expressing sadness that this had to happen when both parties were so close to peace, but what kind of peace is it?

The Oslo peace process, initiated in 1993, was a seriously-flawed one. It called for the redeployment of Israeli troops from densely populated Palestinian areas to other parts of the West Bank. However, it did not call for the full withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied lands. It also did not call for the dismantling of Israeli settlements.

U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, the supposed basis for the Oslo peace process, calls for the complete withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from the territories occupied in 1967. The refugees' right of return was still not granted and the issue of a Palestinian state was put off and neglected. Also, the fairness of the process was seriously undermined by U.S. mediation. The U.S. is not the "honest broker" as it claims to be, and makes no secret of the fact that Israel is one of its closest allies. Israel receives billions of dollars in money and weapons from U.S. every year. These weapons, such as the U.S.-supplied Apache helicopter, have been used to commit human rights violations during the recent conflict, according to Amnesty International.

It is clear that the Oslo peace is not a just peace. So what is just? A just peace would abandon the openly biased U.S. as its mediator. It would call for the immediate withdrawal of all Israeli soldiers from the occupied territories. Refugees would be allowed to return and settlers would be forced to relocate. And perhaps, most importantly, a just peace would lead to the creation of a real Palestinian state. Israel must comply with international law, anything less is illegal and thus unacceptable.

I want peace, and I'm sure most people in the region want it, too. But peace cannot last if it favors one party over another. Israel must step into the shoes of the Palestinians and ask itself if it would be willing to accept the Oslo peace. A lasting peace can only be based on equality, justice, and dignity. The Zapatista Sub-Comandante Marcos once said: "Our choice is not between war and peace, but between life with dignity or without." In Palestine, people are risking their lives for justice and dignity, and they won't stop until they get it.



Mathieu

...or been told not to say

To the U-High community from Seniors Sam Biederman and Hannah Lantos:

WE HAVE BEEN working for the past two weeks on setting up a student discussion about the fighting in the Middle East. Our goal was to promote awareness and hopefully understanding of all sides of the conflict to give U-Highers, in John Dewey's words, "the opportunity to come into living contact with a broader environment..." We were surprised by the opposition we met.

Teachers and students discouraged us from presenting any remotely radical opinions about the conflict. They said we had no way to control either the volatility of the

discussion or the severe split in the Lab Schools community this talk would create. In other words, it was thought that the Lab Schools did not have the ability to sensibly handle being exposed to a "broader environment."

We hope that this is not true. The Lab School community should by all means be able to openly address and consider all points of view, especially if they are challenging previously-held beliefs. Reluctance to look at all sides prevents full understanding and forces dialogue to remain unproductive. By ignoring important points of view, we are cheating ourselves out of a valuable learning opportunity.

YOUR SAY IN THE MIDWAY

If your job was to prepare a 30-pound turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, how, step by step, from start to finish, would you do it?



Andrew

ANDREW LENTZ, freshman: First, I would cut the head off and then I would disembowel it and castrate it. I would definitely leave the feathers on for flavor, put an apple in its mouth, pour some salt and barbecue sauce on and a tiny bit of lemon juice. It would be some lip smacking satisfaction.

BECKY LEVINE, sophomore: I would marinate it in some lemon juice and salt and pepper, some rosemary, thyme and whatever other herbs I had at home. Then I would let it bake for however long it took.

DANIEL LEVIN-BECKER, junior: Only who can prevent forest fires?

ADRIENNE CLARK, senior: I would get all the nasty guts out and then I would stuff it with stuffing made with some special herbs and spices. Then I would bake it in some flame butter so it would be tender. I would also definitely cook up some tight vegetables to serve on the side too.



Becky



Adrienne



Daniel



"We were undefeated until the last meet, where Latin beat us by one point. Revenge is definitely in order and beating Latin is our main motivating drive this season, we should be able to finish undefeated."

—Junior Dan Hoffman

Ready to take on ...and to stay on

By Jules Federle

Sports editor

His office is cluttered with medical kits, cleats, gym shoes and a pair of U-High baseball hats. On his desk he has pictures of students, a picture of him with his wife and a framed picture that says 'teamwork' in big, white, bold letters.

"It was a gift," Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach Dan Dyra says to a visitor. "It says, 'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success'."

In the four years he has been here Mr. Dyra has quickly become an active member of the school community. A sophomore adviser, the phys ed teacher has coached boys' freshman basketball, girls' j.v. volleyball, boys' j.v. baseball, 7th-grade boys' soccer in the Middle School, and boys' j.v. basketball.



Mr. Dan Dyra

"It has all come very quickly," he said. "but this is what my goal had been all along. I've wanted to coach at the varsity level for years and now I finally have the opportunity."

Mr. Dyra will be the fourth boys' varsity basketball coach in two years. That scenario unraveled when the school hired a nonfaculty member to coach two years ago, the decision was challenged by a phys ed teacher, who got the position last year, then he suddenly left school and Mr. Dyra and a former coach were brought in.

"Even though the position opened under bad circumstances I'm still going to take the opportunity," Mr. Dyra explained. "I'm looking forward this upcoming season. I realize that the kids have been through a storm these past two years. I want to add some stability to the program so the kids and adults are all on the same page. I'm serious about this position and I plan on holding it for many years."

Mr. Dyra truly values his coaching experience at U-High. "I've moved up in position just as the kids have," he said. "I was freshman coach when this year's seniors were freshmen. Then I got to work with the same guys on j.v. This year I'll be able to work with them on varsity. I've coached all of the juniors and seniors in basketball at one point or another so I know what works and what doesn't. But I know that every year is different."

"I'm going to keep changing and evolving as a coach the longer I coach. I can't wait to work with the kids this year. I have a lot to offer them. I'll do the best possible job I can do as varsity coach. But people shouldn't worry about me, I'll do my job."



Photo by Jessica Naclerio

IN TEXTBOOK FORM, Junior Meagan Lombaer (front) and Freshman Rachel Strong fly into the

pool in a home meet Oct. 24 against Nazareth Academy. The Maroons lost, 50-44.

Fall teams bring it home

■ Two ISL titles, state appearances for Maroons

By Kian Dowlatshahi

Sports editor

Winning league sports titles was once considered to be a product of a great team. These days, a season is only successful if it is won.

After cruising through the regular season, tennis girls claimed the ISL Tournament Oct. 6-7. Though the Maroons finished 2nd to host Lyons Township at Sectionals Oct. 14-15, the Maroons advanced both their doubles teams to the State Tournament Oct. 19-21, where the Maroons finished 44th.

"It's been an incredible season for everyone," Varsity Coach Gerald Hanck said. "We accomplished every goal we set for ourselves."

J.Vers finished the slim schedule at 6-4. Continuing a stellar season, the girls' cross country team built on their ISL championship Oct. 5 by winning the Regional meet at Aurora Central Catholic. From there, the team finished 7th of the 20 schools at the Lisle Sectional Oct. 28, with Sophomore Becky Levine winning the 2.5-mile race in 15:39, advancing to the State Finals Nov. 3 in Peoria (results came after Midway deadline).

"I think Becky can do well at State," Cross Country Coach Bud James said. "We got a preview of the competition at Sectionals when we were running against some tough teams."

As for the boys' team, Senior Phil Knapp advanced to the Lisle Sectional Oct. 28, where he came in 71st with a time of 17:29, failing to qualify for the State Finals Nov. 3 in Peoria.

Finishing 2nd place in the ISL to Francis Parker with a 9-2-1 (15-7-2 overall) record, varsity soc-

cermen got some pay-back against the Colonels in the postseason. The Maroons were finally able to knock off Parker 3-0 Oct. 26 at Fenwick. Their season ended soon after when they fell to Latin 1-0 Oct. 28.

"We really came together as a team at the end of the season," said Senior Daniel Schatt, cocaptain with Senior Joe Sellers. "We had a chance to win, but Latin made some big plays."

J.V. Coach Tom Piane feels that his team's losing season (3-7-1, 2-6 ISL) can be attributed to a loss of focus during certain stretches. J.V. finished by winning 2-1 at Latin Oct. 17.

After a tough regular season, the volleyball team (13-14, 4-7 ISL) found something positive to look back on, capturing two Regional wins.

The Maroons topped Cristo Rey 15-0, 15-7 Oct. 23 and Holy Trinity 12-15, 15-7, 15-10 Oct. 26 before losing to the 3rd-ranked team in the state, St. Francis, 15-0, 15-3.

"We played our best before school started," Varsity Coach Joyce Stiles said. "We started losing matches because the players had to concentrate on school. Getting those two Regional wins gave us confidence for next season."

The j.v. squad finished 1st in the ISL with a record of 10-2 and now holds the best overall j.v. record in U-High history at 19-3.

Finishing their regular season, girl swimmers (3-6) posted a 63-31 home win against Evergreen Park Oct. 31. With only one senior, the young team has performed well, according to Junior Jessica Naclerio.

"We have lived up to our goals this season," Jessica said. "Our team has pulled together and should do well at Sectionals on Saturday."

Winter teams face chilling challenges

By Elizabeth Stigler

Sports editor

Taking the reigns of the Independent School League champion boys' varsity basketball team, former J.V. Coach Dan Dyra takes the big step up to the varsity position, but will do so with a young team.

"They're all on the same level in terms of varsity experience," Mr. Dyra noted. "Initially, we'll be intimidated by the success we had last year, but soon it'll motivate us to find our own identity."

Varsity opens the season at the Mather Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 20-29, where the Maroons should get a feel for their opponents.

Math Teacher Jason Smith will coach j.v. while the freshman team will keep Gary Cowen, Lower and Middle School parent, as coach.

After coaching varsity for 30 years, Dean of Students and Faculty Larry McFarlane leaves his assistant coach, Mr. Paul Gunty, assistant to the associate director, to coach with Katie Vaughn, a '96 graduate. The swimmers will try to avenge last season's one loss to Latin and finish undefeated.

The girls' varsity basketball team will tackle the challenge of working without last year's leading scorers, graduate Tai Duncan and Senior Annie Padrid, who is playing club soccer instead. The season begins at the Madonna Tournament Nov. 15-24. J.V., coached by Phys Ed Teacher Meghan Janda, starts the season with the Trinity Tournament Nov. 20-24.

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THE FINAL WORD

'An incredible season'



"We accomplished every goal we set for ourselves. We won every league match, had an undefeated regular season, and finished 44th at the State Tournament."

—Senior Adrienne Clark
Girls' varsity tennis

'Fighting to the bitter end'



"We got off to a slow start and before we knew it we had lost two key league matches. We finally got our revenge, beating Parker in the Regional match."

—Senior Joe Sellers
Boys' varsity soccer

'Finished on a strong note'



"We didn't play as well as we could have, especially when school began. We can look back and be proud of how we finished the season by winning two regional matches."

—Senior Jamie Jo Tyler
Girls' varsity volleyball

'Looking forward to next year'

"Winning Regionals and Sectionals was a great feeling. I'm looking forward to next year, when hopefully the whole team can make it to State."

—Sophomore Becky Levine
Girls' cross country

'The most fun I'd ever had'

"Around here, everyone is cheering you on. Although I didn't have my best times, the most fun I've had running cross country has been at U-High."

—Senior Phil Knapp
Boys' cross country

'We had a very young team'

"We had a really young team this year, a lot of kids hadn't been on a swim team before. But once they learned the ropes, the team as a whole really started to get going."

—Senior Emily Dorman
Girls' swimming



"Playing soccer outside of school has helped my game develop tremendously"
 —Sophomore Shmug Meadow



Photos by Claire Stewart

State of the art

DEDICATED OCT. 10 at a gala ceremony, the new Kovler Gym and improved athletic complex drew admiring comments. Among the guests were Jonathan Kovler, '63, and Peter Kovler, '69, whose family foundation made the major gift which enabled the new gym project to get underway. A successful \$5 million school campaign financed the project to enlarge and modernize the school's athletic facilities.

STRETCHING BEFORE a workout (photos from top) in the new half-million dollar aerobic and dance studio, Senior Ruth Bistrow frequently uses the facility to practice her dance steps.

DIRECTLY UPSTAIRS, students shoot around before a gym class on the new basketball courts.

PUMPING IRON AFTER school, Junior Jeremy Chavis trains for the upcoming swim season in Sunny Gym's newly renovated weight room.

Senior skates to championship

Switching his focus from individual figure skating to partner skating last summer, Senior Phillip Lichtor has already managed to qualify for the Dec. 14-17 Junior Figure Skating Championships in Westminster, Colo., with his partner, Samantha Cepican.

"Partner skating means that I have to be a lot more precise," Phillip said. "I have to coordinate every movement with my partner. I also have to be able to predict how she will move since any missed step can seal the fate of the routine."

AROUND THE CLOCK JOCK

■ Out of school athletes excel

By Nick Epstein

Associate editor

With the glaring early morning sun reflecting off the cool, placid water of the Lincoln Park canal, the sounds of heavy breathing and oars skipping over the water filled the air. Junior Marty Kinsella and the seven other rowers on the Lincoln Park Junior Rowing Team perfected their form for an upcoming race.

U-Highers are passionate about out-of-school sports and devote a tremendous amount of time to their interests. These athletes include Senior Katie Pottenger, horseback rider; Sophomore Matt Wasik, ice hockey player; and Sophomore Shmug Meadow, soccer player.

Hearing that rowing was a fun and intense workout from a friend Marty decided he would give it a try.

"Rowing is really hard," Marty said. "My team meets at the Lincoln Park Boat Club six days a week. There are seven other guys on the team, most of them go to Loyola High School. Our team competes against other boat clubs and high school teams throughout Illinois."

Horseback riding since the age of two, Katie began riding at her uncle's farm in Pennsylvania.

"I went to my uncle's farm a lot and I fell in love with the horses," Katie said. "Nowadays I practice twice a week at a barn in Elgin. I ride in the

state circuit of horseback riding tournaments of which I am currently the champion."

Beginning his sport at a young age as well, Matt has felt a love for ice hockey his entire life.

"As a kid, hockey was always around me, I would watch hockey on T.V. and my older brother played," Matt explained. "One day my dad signed me up for pee-wee hockey and I've been playing ever since."

Devoting several hours every week to hockey, Matt travels to suburban Franklin Park from his house in Portage Park on the North Side.

"I play in a league where different rinks organize teams and we play against each other," Matt explained. "My team practices twice a week for an hour. In addition to our practices we have one hour and 15 minute game a week. I play left wing or center."

Playing soccer for nine years, Shmug Meadow sought a chance to improve his skills by playing on an almost entirely Hispanic soccer team on the city's south east side.

"I have been playing since I was six," Shmug said. "I've always been looking to improve my game. Junior Jules Federle was playing for the club and I just started going with him."

"We practice twice a week for an hour-and-a-half. We have at least one game a week and we have tournaments on the weekends. Our team is sponsored by Necaxa, a professional Mexican club."

"This past summer Necaxa invited us to Mexico City to play in the Mexican youth league. The players that we scrimmaged were incredible. I really had to step up my game."

The Chicagoans were in Mexico City for a week in June, staying with Mexican families whose children played on the Mexican team.

"I was completely immersed in the culture," Shmug said. "I spoke nothing but Spanish for a week. It was difficult but I survived. The trip did wonders for my Spanish as well as my soccer skills."

Kovler will host parent conferences

Parents who haven't yet seen the new Kovler Gym will get their first look when they participate in parent-teacher conferences this Thursday evening and Friday morning.

At the suggestion of Principal Jack Knapp, the conferences will take place in an arena-style setting in the second-floor gym.

Rather than meeting with teachers in rooms throughout the school, teachers will be stationed around the gym.

"The reason for the change is the sense of community provided with the teachers and parents in one place," Mr. Knapp explained. "Also, everyone will be able to see who has long lines and who has short lines."

A social area also is planned. Mats will protect the gym floor.

"There was an issue about privacy," Mr. Knapp said, "but hopefully that won't be a factor."

The Friday morning conferences will result in U-Highers having a day off school.

That break, and last week's day-and-a-half break, has been praised by students as a long-needed fall quarter relief.

Pan-demonium!



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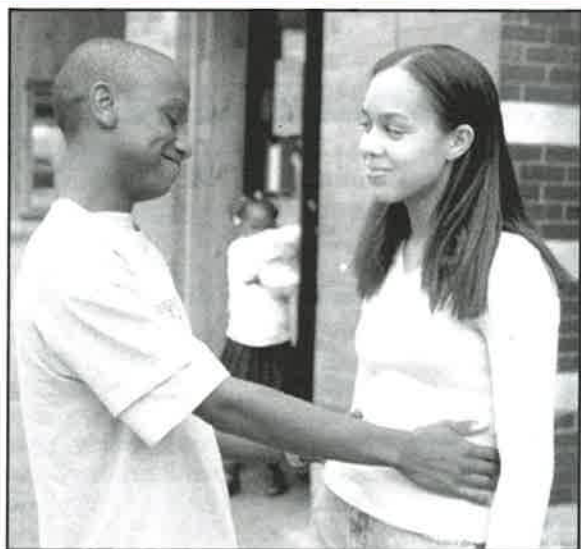
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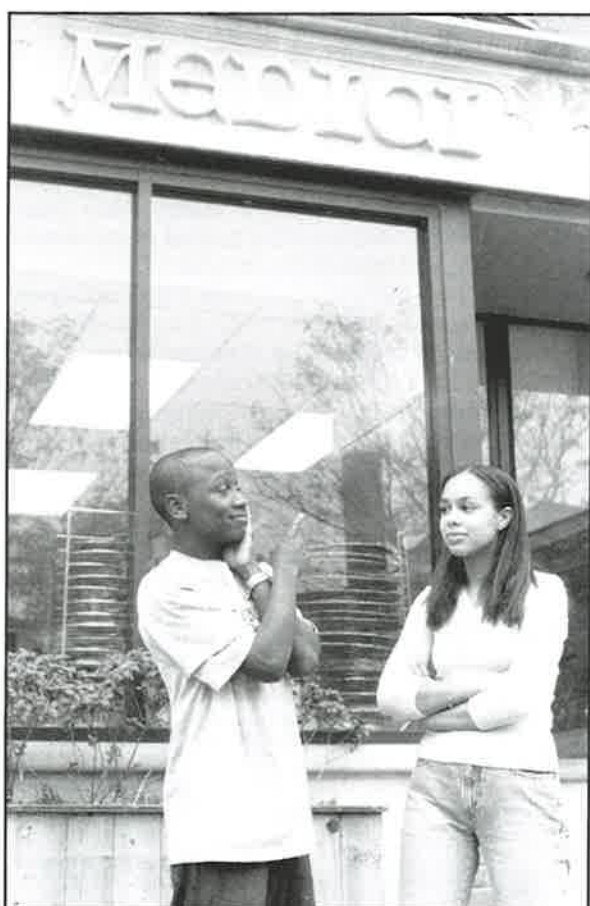
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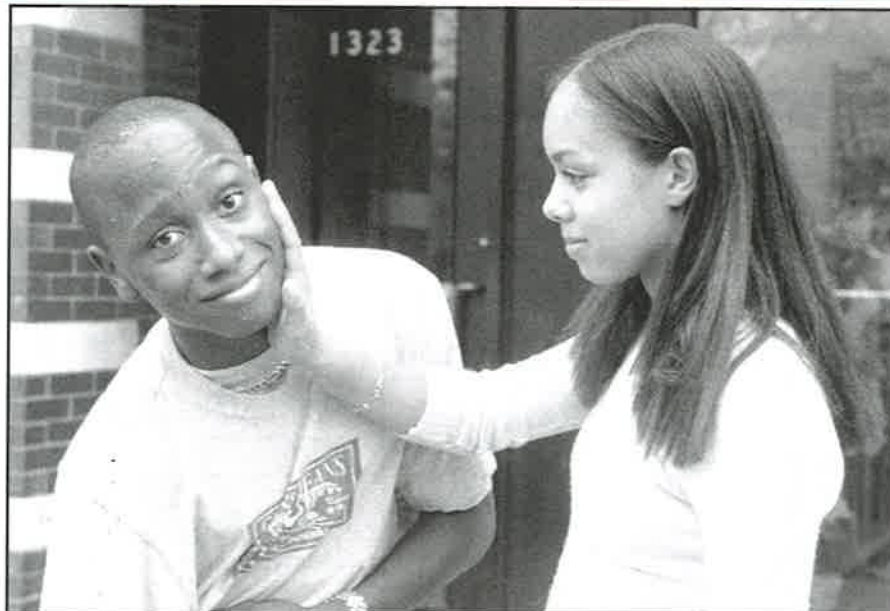
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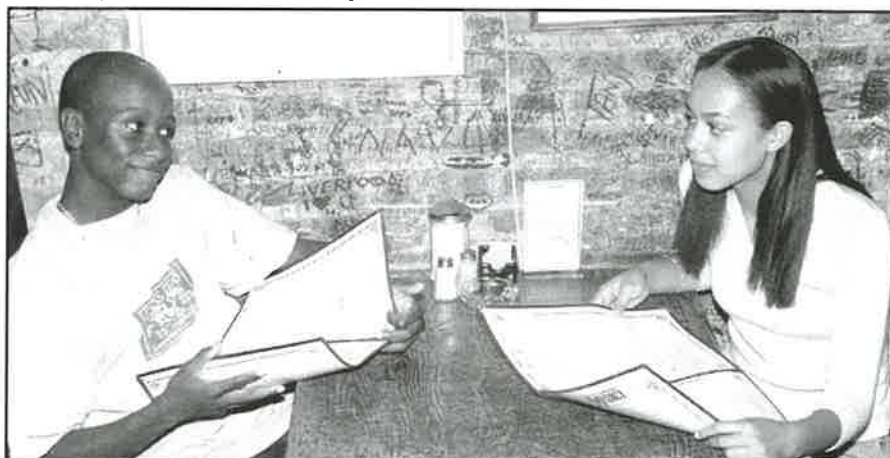
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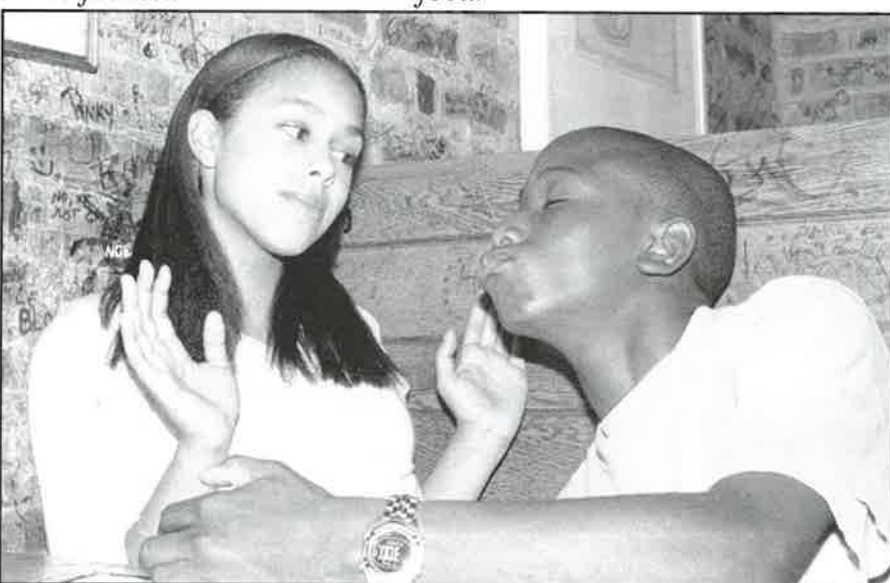
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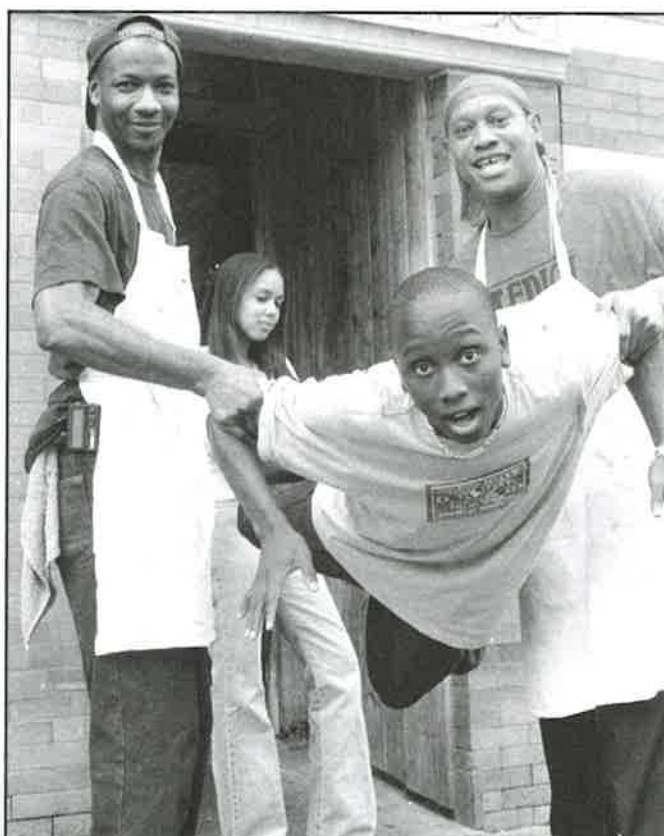
■ **BOGUS!** SOLA got stuck in the jaw! Fortunately, it takes a lot more than just one slap to dissuade the ladies' man. One of the most important rules to learn is: If you want to be a hit with the ladies, persistence is the key! But can Sola save this one?



■ **WHILE ORDERING** food, Sola decided that it was only appropriate for him to spit game one more time or else Alexis would be too focused on her delectable food!



■ **MAKING ONE** last attempt to spit his game, Sola goes all out with the "charm." Will he succeed?



■ **UNFORTUNATELY**, Alexis didn't take well to Sola's attempt but at least she had him politely shown out by her friends Israel Lacey and Jeff Morrow. Plus she still got to have a great meal all paid for by the ladies' man. Poor Sola. Maybe someday he will really learn how to treat a lady. Then he will be able to enjoy his meal at Medici and hopefully escort himself out for once!

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