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

Gore supporters such as Sophomore Key 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 have appeared, 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 interests. Bush would just cause a lot of problems for people like me.’’

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

“The debates have really reaffirmed 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 tarnished the honor and reputation of this country and I believe Bush seems sincerely dedicated to bringing it back.’’

With students seeing 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 watch and hear the opinions of the candidates regardless of their chance at winning.’’

With Nader’s presence, many Democratic supporters feel that he will have a much bigger 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.’’

Overall I was not pleased with the candidates in this election,” said Physics Teacher David Derbes. “It just didn’t seem like 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, 360; Ralph Nader, 7; George Bush, 7; Pat Buchanan, 1.

Students could also write in candidates and their choices included the following, by number of votes: Four: Uncle Ben; three: “Goose” from “Top Gun”; Mr. Wu; Mr. Krake; one: Mr. Nader; one: Mr. Bush; one: Mr. Klug; Alexis Maule; Abe Fader; Ingrid Sydow; one: Mr. Clinton; Michael Staldal; one: Sarah Jeswicz Parker; Sarah Artink; Jennifer Sydal; Lindsay String; Mrs. Sharon Hinson; Beka Perro; Chuck D; Michael Jackson; Colin Powell; Elmo; Cheech and Chong; Bobo; “The Butter Bell Clown”; Scooby Doo; the Rev. Jesse Jack­son; Mr. Wu; Mr. Dan West; two: Steven Nader, one: Mr. Dan; one: Sarah Arkin; Jennifer Sydal; Mrs. Sharon Hinson; Mrs. Jolene Hund; Debbie Traub.

The Discipline Board goes to work

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SIGNS GC 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 9-10.

He’s cool as he takes the hot seat

DAN D’VRAHA 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 strength and the least amount of losing. But, remember, Dan D’Vraha wanted the job. Page 10.
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.

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

By Abigail Newman

H is 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 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 Fedey, ’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 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 sort of snapshot images of the world. Ms. Catterson’s students explain the world through visual language.”

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By Julian Federle
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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 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 the skin, 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 the most devastating part of having a broken leg was the sense of helplessness 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.

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 wheelchair users. 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.

Injuries not common

“Serious sports injuries aren’t that uncommon 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 important that referees wear protective gear that remains under scrutiny.”

—MR. MIKE MOSES, Boys’ Varsity Soccer coach

Getting back into shape

“When a bone breaks, it leaves a break called a fracture callus. The interruption in bone growth can be caused by physical trauma such as fractures, sprains, or broken limbs. Once the bone has been broken, the bone fragments begin to rub against each other. The blood and fluid that surround the bone form a gel. The gel then solidifies into a gel and turns into bone. If the bone is repositioned, the bone will fuse and form a bone callus. This bone callus, or fracture callus, is a type of bone that forms around the bone where the fracture occurred. This fracture callus is sometimes treated with a splint or cast until the bone re-forms to its original shape.”

—DR. JOHN WIDTHEURST, Orthopedic Surgeon, U. of C. Hospitals

THREE WEEKS after breaking his leg, Jules Federle explains to fellow Peer Leaders, from left, Michael McGeehee, Peter Kracke, Nicky Singh and Daniel Solow how it all happened at the Community Learning Workshop before school started.

“By the second week my back ached, I was sporting a lumberjackesque beard and I smelled really, really bad.”

—Junioles Federle

“Ahh, to live the good life!

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All those yuppies! There's a lot of people who live here and there are people who don't but bring a lot of fun. The only bad thing is that when you're Cuban games it seems like you against the yuppies world.

Trash on the lawn: "I really don't like the neighborhood. There's a lot of people who come 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 Kip Kip

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

Rest after dancing the night away downtown. Many restaurants and bars feature live shows, from reggae, ska and jazz to classic rock and punk. If comedy's your thing, then the Improv Olympic at 3541 N. Clark St. is the place for you. With shows at 8 p.m. on weekdays and 8 or 10:30 p.m. on weekends, a ticket costs only $8.50.

"Improv's a really cool art form and it's really funny and truthful," says director Charma Halpern. "You really get the audience more involved. It's not like you're going to see something we wrote for you two months ago. You really feel like you're involved from the beginning.

For Monday night football on the big screen, try the inexpensive Upper Deck level of Sluggers at 3540 N. Clark St., where you can play ski-ball and arcade games or even jump on a trampoline. Following in local hero Sammy Sosa's footsteps, hitting a homer in the batting cages provides a favorite activity.

With everything from great people and great food to great fun, Wrigleyville's got something for everyone. You can eat Sushi, see a concert, or laugh the night away at Improv Olympic. Then again, there's always a Cubs game.

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."

The odds of getting into a good college are in U-Highers' favor, those odds provide their own pressure. "I find that there is a lot more pressure on U-Highers in the college process than students at my friends' schools," said Senior Michelle Kohn-Friedson, Student Council president, who is applying early to her first choice school, the University of Pennsylvania. "A large number of U-Highers go to Ivy League schools. Students look down on people who don't apply to top tier schools. There is a lot of internal pressure."

At a small school, U-High offers both advantages and disadvantages, believes Senior Carolyn Blair. "U-High's small size lets us get individual attention," she said. "We can get time to talk to counselors and teachers without appointments. The counselors and teachers know us well."

"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' worries 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 Armon, 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 this year, Ms. Montgomery has given me a tight situation for senior year. Luckily, I'm very well educated in the subject of time management.

Everyday I'm faced with a choice of finishing my exhausting practice with the football team, riding the two miles home from my Spider 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 team, while on the phone for a little while. Usually sneak in a few minutes practicing my fishing technique before I go to sleep because I really enjoy the 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. Usually spend those 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 Betrayal of the Beast" last month, I like to consider myself well-read in all genres of literature. My all-time favorite book, however, is "The Salamander" 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 have been 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.
"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

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**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.

*Asking 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."

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**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.

"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 school 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 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 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 are we really learning?

Over the years, U-High has earned a reputation for having some of the most highly-activated 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 someone's feelings has become more important than hearing everyone’s opinions.

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

Recently, signs about students concerning what is happening in the Middle East were posted on the school 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 approval before going up.

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 away with them. However, things forced between the 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, down-to-earth non-threatening to the right kid whose trademark smirk one could picture just rolling up to school in his own $40,000 convertible. He represents those who have little to say about anything.

The Democratic candidate, Al Gore, represents those who are trying to make a difference, but might need a little push from big government. Similarly, one could picture the candidate advocating something that he knows all the answers, but somehow annoys the hell out of you. When he tries to get out of that mold-he seemingly minute-long kisses with websites Tipper at the Democrat's convention-it just looks awkward rather than "cool."

Some people marvel 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 you couldn't bring yourself to pick the overshadowing know-it-all. If after the votes are taken, 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.

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 place for 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!

Although students take interest in reading about and discussing world politics such as the Presidential election at an assembly last month, there was a minimal response from students that keeping their feelings before the discussions isn't what a school should be doing. Neither should teaching students that keeping the peace is what matters most.

I am 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 President Shafik Khalidi, husband of Librarian Mona and father of Senior Ismail, to come and answer questions that students might have about the situation in the Middle East. Although History teacher Charles Brasier 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 different opinions. But putting the feelings before the discussions isn't what a school should be doing. Neither should teaching students that 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.
Wallflowers keep real rock blooming

WITH MANY MUSICAL artists and groups crossing genre boundaries, genuine meaningful rock has become a rarity these days. The Wallflowers, however, remain among the few true rock endangered species. Formed by Jakob Dylan's eldest son, The Wallflowers joined Virgin records in 1990 and released their self-titled debut in 1992 and then The Power Of Your Mind in 1996, including the Grammy-winning single "One Headlight." "Breath," The Wallflowers' fourth album, is their first release since 1996's multiplatinum soft-armed album. Featuring the hit single "Sad," this latest album continues their previous sound of rock mixed with a touch of folk music, but also with more lyrically pessimistic songs. "Breath" portrays emotions ranging from pity to despair. The Wallflowers state through songs blended with guitar, bass, drums, keyboards and vocals, they present a new perspective. Portraitting the group on a sidewalk bench, casually dressed, looking in various directions, with Jakob in front, the cover summarizes the album's content. The group's expressions show introsig, yet with a closer look, the serious expression is evident. 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 getting out of here 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, "Breath" deserves all the praise. Critics nevertheless, have questions for The Wallflowers: "fame the true amount of talent the group has versus that famous name the image processes. 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.

Midway Details

Midway and Runway knit sweaters in wool and polyester with big rolled collars create a lighter and less gloomy look in lavender or white as they blend. These soft and warm wardrobe additions can be found at Banana Repub, J. Crew and Ann Taylor. Sleek leather and soft suede fashions have become one of this season's must-haves. Pictures everywhere in ads and on magazines, 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 tops to refined long skirts. Outfit pairs and 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 helicopters, have been used to commit human rights violations and attacks on Palestinian civilians.

Cool winter designs

BABY BLUE, lavender and shades of cream and sand will prove popular for the upcoming winter's color palate, existing with lighter shades of crimson, darker shades, pastels and neutrals. Tame and chic will typify most fashion designs, according to magazine editors such as Vogue and Glamour. Fuszy textures soft to the touch will be found in coats 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 brown, tones soften from the long popular black.

Warm colors flavor palette of upcoming fashions

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Midway Mailbox: What you may not have heard

To the U-High community from Senior Mathieu Desan: "CHANCES ARE THAT you now have seen the brutal lynching of two young Israeli soldiers not as reservists as has been frequently misreported on T.V. and in the press. We have been running repeatedly. Each time, Dan Rather, Sam Donaldson, and Tom Rassut (or any other mainstream hack pos- sessing as a journalist) are quick to condemn Palestinians for the attacks. Ted Koppel (or anyone else) on the other hand, presents an encroachment by Israeli lives. Israeli soldiers, most of which were armed only with pebbles and rocks. It seems to the rest of the world, however, that this government have been telling 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. We 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 World's 1.2 billion people are in some way occupied. Palestinians are also one of the longest refugee populations in the world. The creation of the Israeli state in 1948 and the 1967 ex- pansion of Israel drove hundreds of thou- sands 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. Palestinians, even after the Israeli occupation, Palestinian land, usually armed with guns and grenades. They claim this land that Palestinian families have been liv- ing on and cultivating for centuries, and take control of a scarce water supply that the Palestinians need in order to drink and irrigate their farms. In fact, this water is used by the settlers to fill large swimming pools and to water lavish green lawns. In this context, the events of the past few weeks should not be that surprising: it is just another step in the process of depopulation of an entire people at an unjust and unlawful occupation.

Lots of people are expressing sadness that this had to happen when both parties were so close to peace, it's just what kind of peace is it?

The Oslo peace process, initiated in 1993, was a seri­ ously flawed one. It failed for the redistribution 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 Is­ raeli troops from occupied lands. It also did not call for the dismantling of Israeli settle­ ments.

U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, the supposed basis for the Oslo process, calls for the complete withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from the territories occupied in 1967. The refugees' right of return was also not granted and the issue of a Palestin­ ian state was put out of consideration. Also, the fairness of the process was seriously un­ dermined 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 bil­ lions of dollars in money and weapons from U.S. every year. These weapons, such as the U.S.-supplied Apache helicopters, have been used to commit human rights violations and attacks on Palestinian civilians.

It is clear that the Oslo peace is not a just peace, and it is not a peace that will abandon the openly biased U.S. as its me­ diator. It would fulfill for the immediate and permanent 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 ille­ gal 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. Is­ rael must step into the shoes of the Palest­ inians 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 be­ tween war and peace, but between life with dignity or without it." In Palestine, people are risking their lives to have freedom and dignity, and they won't stop until they get it.

...or been told not to say

To the U-High community from Seniors Baiderman and Hannah Lantos: WE HAVE BEEN working for the past two years getting our message out about the fighting in the Middle East. Our goal is to promote awareness and helpfully understanding all sides of the conflict to give U-Highers, in John Dewey's words, "an 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 anything but 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 encourage a "broader envi­ ronment." We hope that this is not true. The Lab Schools community should all be able to openly address and consider all points of view, especially if they are chal­ lenging previously-held beliefs. Reluctance to look at all sides prevents full understand­ ing and forces dialogue to remain unrepro­ ducible by ignoring important points of view, we are cheating ourselves out of a valuable learning opportunity.
We were undefeated until the last meet, where Latin beat us by one point. Revenge is definitely in order and beating Latin is our motivating drive this season, we should be able to finish undefeated.

—Junior Dave Hoffman

IN TEXTBOOK FORM, Junior Meagan Lombard (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

Winter league sports titles were 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 second to host Lyons Township at Sectionals Oct. 4-5, 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 Genadi Markin said. "We accomplished everything we set for ourselves." J.V. 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 10 schools at the Lisle Sectional Oct. 28, with sophomore Becky Levine winning the 2.5-mile race in 15:59, 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 17:59, 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 soccer somehow got some payback against the Colonies 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 Schmitt, co-captain with Senior Joe Sellers. "We had a chance to win, but Latin made some big plays."

J.V. Coach Tara Paine feels that his team's losing season (3-7-1, 2-6 ISL) can 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, 15-10, 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 17-2 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 Nacarato.

"We have lived up to our goals this season," Jessica said. "Our team has pulled together and should do well at Sectionals on Saturday."
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, '59, 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 Chevis 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 Lichter 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."
All in a day's work for the Ladies' Man!

Sola Oni, the ladies' man, loves beautiful women and has no inhibitions about letting them know that. Sola's only problem? Sometimes his technique is not well thought out. When Sola tried to spit his game to Alexis Maule, she was a little worried. Let's watch as Sola gets his mack on.

Soja's quick remedy for the situation was to ask Alexis to have lunch with him at Medici. Luckily for Sola, the Medici is Alexis' favorite restaurant because she knows that they offer so many different options for a meal. Whether you're in the mood for a basket of fries or chicken fingers or toasted ravioli, there is always a huge variety of meals to choose from. And if you're a vegetarian, the Medici offers a variety of salads or pastas or pizzas so don't worry about not getting something to eat.

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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