Mostly unopposed, candidates outline visions for government

By Nathan Bishop  
Midway reporter

Creating an all-school e-mail list to keep U-Highers updated on Student Council plans tops goals for Junior Dan Hornung, S.C. presidential candidate. Forming a calendar of Cultural Union events at the beginning of the year represents the main priority for Junior Alya Foster, C.U. presidential candidate. Elections take place all day tomorrow in the cafeteria outside Dean of Students Larry McFarlane’s office. Candidates gave speeches at lunch today in the cafeteria. Serving as class president his freshman and sophomore years, Dan ran unopposed for this year’s S.C. vice president position. He was also a Peer Leader and a varsity basketball co-captain. In the summer of ’04 Dan volunteered for Illinois Senate Barack Obama’s Senatorial campaign and this summer he plans to intern for Obama’s Presidential campaign.

“The first thing we do will be to get every student involved in the e-mail list,” Dan said. “Then we will use the course guidebook and the course syllabi. “I also want to try to get more students to come to games, plays, concerts and other events that take place at the school. In order to increase attendance we have been putting notes in the Daily Bulletin and for years we have been trying to get teachers to read the Bulletin first period, but most don’t.”

Signs sometimes work but most U-Highers are always rushing to complete their course work and don’t really pay attention to the Daily Bulletin. In order to increase attendance we have been putting notes in the Daily Bulletin and for years we have been trying to get teachers to read the Bulletin first period, but most don’t.

In a recent interview after school in the Science 2009 school year.

“Half of Student Council thought it was necessary and the other half thought it was a waste of time and money,” Dan said. “I think it’s important that we have a calendar of events that we want to do in the year. This outline can be changed of course but we need to have it there to guide our planning.

“I’ve been looking at what we’ve done in the past and one thing I feel strongly about is that we have to start planning things earlier,” Alya said. “We need to have an outline of events we want to do in the year. This outline can be changed of course but we need to have it there to guide our planning.

I’d like to organize more breakfasts in the morning, simple things like that are just fun and really nice for everyone in the school. Next year I’d like to see an all-school Six Flags trip, which is something we have not done in a while and everyone really enjoys.

Reflecting on this year’s events, Dan said that Student Council’s plan to create the annual student course book, a collection of students’ opinions on classes, was never compiled because of disagreement within Student Council.

“Half of Student Council thought it was necessary and the other half thought it was a waste of time and money,” Dan said. “We wasted way too much time arguing about it eventually and we decided to do it but couldn’t get our act together in time to get it done. I will make the promise that next year we will poll the student body’s opinions and find out if they think the course guidebook should be done and if they want it then we will get it done.”

U-Highers may be surprised by the short list of candidates on the ballot with Dan and Alya running unopposed. In the race for various class president positions, only Junior Robert Strickling runs unopposed.

Serving his freshman and sophomore year as vice president for the Class of ’08 and this year as president, Robert is running for senior class president.

“We already have a painball trip in the works,” Robert said. “I plan to continue events like that, things that are of interest to a large portion of the grade. For the past two years we have had two extremely successful bowling nights, as well as ice skating events and free lunches and we plan to continue those and even more events next year.”

Running for junior class president against Sophomore Denise Akamooah, current sophomore vice president Ciara Zajga believes her past experience will help next year.

“Hopefully next year we can get dances somewhere else besides the I-House,” Ciara said. “I think this year especially more than last year we have focused upon forums that encourage people who aren’t on Student Council to come and give their opinions, so it isn’t just students on Student Council who are getting involved in the school.”

Denise hopes to finally be elected in her third year running.
Assembly honors Holocaust victims, survivors, significance
By Linda Huber
Midway reporter

Sharing her experiences narrowly escaping the gas chambers, Auschwitz survivor Fritzie Fritzshall highlighted yesterday's Holocaust assembly in Mandel Hall sponsored by the Jewish Students' Association. JSA has organized the assembly biannually since 1995 to observe Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and to educate students about Jewish culture and history. Traditionally, the assembly has included student performances and a guest speaker.

"I was put in touch with Fritzie Fritzshall, who is actually a very famous and very noted speaker," said JSA President Adina Levin, senior. "She was 14 when she was in Auschwitz, she was the age of a freshman. She escaped during one of the marches from the camp by chance. It was the middle of winter, she didn't have shoes and there was snow on the ground. It's a truly amazing story."

In addition to individuals who came forward during March auditions, student club representatives participated in the 90-minute assembly.

"Quer-Straight Alliance, Feminists' Club, Asian Students' Association, Amenity International and Latinos Unidos all contributed," Adina said.

"Their pieces showed the universality of the message of human genocide. The assembly involved the whole U-High community. The Holocaust isn't just exclusive to one group; it touches everyone's heart."

Poetry, original speeches and excerpts from Holocaust literature resonated the theme of hope for all humans to live together in peace.

"Addie Epstein and Brecca Marks sang Yisgahl Halich, one of the most beautiful statements of faith and hope ever heard," said JSA sponsor Susan Shapiro, history teacher. "Also, during the assembly we had a performance which dealt with the issue of liberation; part of that was a 1945 recording of a Jewish service that took place at Bergen-Belsen immediately after it was liberated with people barely able to stand singing along and sobbing openly."

Several presentations included a somber, respectful mood for the memorial service, Adina reflected.

"Amy Solomon and Molly Schloss put together a film of images from the Holocaust to set the tone at the assembly's beginning," she said. "And throughout the whole assembly we had the Reading of the Names, where we read off the names of hundreds of thousands of children who died in the Holocast."

New Task Force forming to oversee diversity issues
By Jeremy Lacocque
Editor-in-Chief

Earl next month, Lab Schools Director David Magill is scheduled to select members for a Diversity Task Force, designed to advise school policies on diversity.

Recommended by Diversity Consultant Prexy Nesbitt in his report released in February, the Task Force will include six parents, four faculty members, two U-Highers, one staff member and two alumni.

Lab Schools Board Members Andrew Neal, 1978 U-High graduate, and Sonya Malunda, U of C assistant vice president and director of community affairs, will serve as chairs. Also advising will be Mr. Angeles, Park, a consultant who helps businesses with diversity issues, and Kenneth Warren, U of C deputy provost for research and minority issues.

The group is scheduled to begin work May 12. The application deadline came last Monday.

"At the first Diversity Task Force meeting, we will begin planning our work and begin creating a Diversity Statement," Mr. Magill explained. "It seems that having people nominate themselves is the best way to gather people so far. If more than one person applies for the same position, I will probably then decide based on the quality of him or her application."

"To be honest, the number of people in the group is quite arbitrary. I tried to have each part of the Schools' community proportionately represented. I feel that a good group would have around 20 people in it before it starts getting too hard to communicate and this one has 22, so I'm happy."

"The Task Force's job, as Prexy Nesbitt suggested in his study's report, will be to oversee fundraisers for scholarships to allow for more socioeconomic diversity, to advise administration on the impact of hip-hop's effect on popular culture and its effect on mainstream perceptions of gay black men as well as sexism and misogyny in hip-hop culture and black men and women in the corporate world. After her talk, Ms. Moore took questions from the audience and mentioned most of them about the effects of hip-hop's effect on popular culture and its effect on mainstream perceptions of the American African community, particularly males."

Author speaks about black males in America

"Tyroine is many things to many people, viewed through the lens of popular culture. Tyroine is a smooth talker, a dreamer, a pimp, a thug and a revolutionary. As the singer Erykah Badu put it, Tyroine is a 'brother tainted by association.'"

So said Natalie Moore, journalist and co-author with Natalie Hopkinson of "Deconstructing Tyroine: A New Look at Black Masculinity in the Hip-Hop Generation."

Her appearance, March 29, was sponsored by the Black Students' Association and Rowley Library. About 20 people attended.

Faculty day focuses on science
By David McAlpine
Associate editor

Some faculty members viewed and discussed Al Gore's Academy Award winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." Others learned how science and the arts relate through improvisational exercises during last Friday's Faculty Professional Development Day.

Titled "Doing and Thinking: Getting to the Heart of Science," and coordinated by History Teacher Andrea Martynffy and English Teacher Catherine Selig, the day focused on science. A keynote program by Martha Rosner, University of Chicago biology and psychology professor, and her husband, Robert Rosner, astronomy, physics and astrophysics professor, focused on learning as a lifetime process of discovery as opposed to the mere gathering of facts.

Teachers followed with a panel on teaching science creatively.

After lunch, faculty members chose from 11 workshops at school or the University of Chicago. Integrating the U of C science facilities was important, Ms. Martynffy said.

"One of the tours visited the labs in the Gordon Center for Integrative Sciences," Ms. Martynffy explained. "It's a model for integrating both clinical and research work and the biological and physical sciences. There's so much to explore that we haven't even touched; we enjoyed seeing at least the tip of the iceberg."

"I think the keynote speakers promoted the excitement, the enthusiasm and the inventiveness involved with studying science rather than getting lost in the massive amount of knowledge we already have."

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Conference delegates return with Community Learning ideas

By Gretchen Eng
Midway reporter

Returning from the National Service Learning Conference, March 28-31 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, five Peer Leaders brought back ideas for next year's Community Learning agenda. They include a joint service project with Kelvyn Park High School on the Northwest Side. 

Chaired by Liz Parsons, the group presented a self-designed workshop describing how to build a student-led Community Learning program to a national audience of high school students and educators.

In addition, the U-Highers attended workshops led by other schools and organizations on subjects ranging from environmental protection to third world country aid.

Panel said she got the idea of next year's joint service program from Kelvyn Park High School representatives and their workshop on gang violence and ethnic issue in their communities.

"Most of their student population is Hispanic," Daniel said. "And a large percentage are the children of illegal immigrants. Their community leaders had some really interesting ideas on educating the student population on their rights, specifically about financial aid and applying to college.

"By collaborating with the school and participating with their idea of teaching students their rights, it really makes the topic of immigration a lot more tangible for our students during discussion." 

"As of now, we're really only in the preliminary phase of working together. We've been emailing, but we'll be able to continue our contact over the summer and come up with a more definite plan at that time."

Attending a global water crisis workshop, Liz said she saw an opportunity to give the U-High Community Learning program an international aspect.

"The workshop leaders specifically mentioned raising money to help villages, mainly in Africa, to create water purification services," Liz said. "One participant also mentioned developing a partnership with a school in a third-world community and helping to raise money for other needs they might have."

"Our service program has undertaken many drives and fundraisers but this could really be the first time we would do it on an international level. With this idea, I think we really have the opportunity to broaden the horizons of our program."

Also attending were seniors Angel Pu and Radhika Attele; junior David McAlpine; Community Learning Coordinator Maureen Guantner and Dean of Students Larry McFarlane.

Voice of experience

"If you are too proud and too bold, people will try to bring you down," cautioned Mr. Rodney Glasgow, guest speaker at Flava Fest, April 7, sponsored by the People of Color Conference delegates. Director of diversity at Worcester (Massachusetts) Academy, Mr. Glasgow talked about what he has learned from his experiences as a gay black man. More than 30 students and faculty from U-High, Latta and Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences attended. Mr. Glasgow also led students in diversity-building activities including discussions on race, religion and economic class and viewing clips from the NBC-TV show "The Office" to see examples of stereotyping.

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Next year’s Cultural Union candidates

“I’ve never been in C.U. but I’m really dedicated to having a fun senior year. I’d be a good addition to the C.U. family. I hope to plan more activities, like trips to Great America and free lunches.”
—Robin Shapiro, senior rep.

“I was president freshman year and we planned a lot of social events, so I have the experience necessary for C.U. I’d like to have more outings like bowling and trips to Six Flags.”
—Softa Iatarola, junior rep.

“I want to make C.U. a more prominent part of Student Council. I’d also like to make C.U. more prominent part of Student Council.”
—Natalia Khosla, sophomore rep.

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—Yoolim Kim, treasurer

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Next year’s class officer candidates

Seniors

“Our 2008 senior officers need to take a more active approach to affairs. As class vice president I would emphasize new fundraising strategies to enlarge our budget for social events. I would give a greater voice through the polls and surveys, ensuring our policies accurately reflect the senior class.”
—Ben Picker, vice president

Juniors

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“I am a Lab lifer and I think I know what to do to help the grade. I am organized and think I would be able to help run the school and get the opinions of the people.”
—John Wasik, treasurer

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“After my first year of being in Student Council I’ve realized the importance of not only planning and getting things done effectively. We had trouble staying with the schedule, so next year as vice president I would like the opportunity to get more things done and have activities that benefit the whole grade.”
—Ruiqi Tang, vice president

Sophomores

“I was vice president this year and learned a lot from that and now know how to make things work out better now.”
—Amelia Acosta Pacelli, vice president

Presidential candidates outline goals for office

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“I think if I was president our grade would be happier,” Denice said. “I would do all I could to fulfill my grade’s needs. I would plan more class events and take what people say into consideration. I think this year a lot of things that have been said haven’t been taken into consideration and I plan to fix that.”

Running for sophomore class president, Jack Brewer and Alexandra Fryer, freshmen, both expressed goals ranging from schedule changes to budget control.

“Both of us and Student Council and I would like would like to make the 10 minute tardiness rule more lenient, perhaps 15 minutes, because for classes like gym you come a few seconds late and get kicked out of class,” said Jack, who was freshman class president this year. “Student Council’s role in the school is obviously getting bigger, but it isn’t where it needs to be. Donavan and Dan have run Student Council effectively over the last year and I think the individual steering committees were a great idea because we were able to work with more focus in the smaller groups.

“The fact that Dan is running unopposed has to do a lot with how effective he has been on Student Council, it really demonstrates his strength as vice president and how he will be as president.”

Alex believes her Model U.N. and experience in student council at her middle school, Summit Academy in north suburban Elgin, will help her.

“If elected next year I’d really like to begin by dividing our budget more or less in half and then immediately give half of the budget to various charities,” Alex said. “After donating to the charities we could use bake sales and other fundraisers to build the budget back, but I think donating to charities is the main thing I want to accomplish next year.”

Editor’s note: All students who notified the Midway as of this week that they were running for office are included in this issue. (Also see editorial page 8)
The golden David Derbes

attention shifted as he eyed a student walking toward the glass door.

"Come on in," he said to his student, Junior Raphi Cuenod, who was taking a quiz in the hallway.

He lifted his thick, gold rimmed glasses over his eyes and squinted as she handed him a quiz she just completed. He scanned the paper. "Yeah, yeah, wait a minute kiddo." He reached for the pen that sits in the shirt pocket of his baby blue button down, scribbled down a formula and told her to "go out and try it again."

"Sorry, where was I? Oh yes, when I drove through New Orleans with my daughter in June 2006 I did not recognize where I grew up. Hurricane Katrina had completely demolished it. I couldn't tell the streets, I didn't know where anything was. It was weird. The city is in terrible shape."

His daughter Catherine, born in 1987 after Mr. Derbes and his wife moved from New Orleans to Chicago, graduated from U-High two years ago and now attends John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

"I'm an indulgent parent," Mr. Derbes said. "We're not strict, but she's so sensible and rational. If she did do anything bad growing up she got away with it because I don't know about it. Basically I just drive her wherever she needs to go. Same with my wife."

Unlike Catherine, Mr. Derbes wasn't an only child growing up in Old Metairie, a neighborhood in New Orleans. He and his sister Anne, who is five years his senior, bickered often and both attended Isadore Newman High School.

"In high school I was a lot like any other student here—I wasn't the class genius though," he said. "I had this friend who was much better at math and science than me. Everyone sort of knew that he was the math and science guy. He went on to do math at Yale," he chuckled and gave his hands a break from talking as well as his mouth.

Coming from a family of teachers—his father and mother both taught at Tulane University—Mr. Derbes said physics wasn't his first love in high school.

"At the time, I was really interested in chemistry. I collected elements..." He started rambling about his collection. "You see, sodium metal reacts violently with water..."

"When we were kids we would take chunks of sodium metal and throw it into the swimming pools. It would make some sort of explosion, I don't know. We were nuts."

He lifted his hands and placed them behind his head, now relaxed at a faint smile shaded across his clean-shaven face.

"This one time though, I left a piece of sodium metal in my paint pocket," he said. "My mom did the laundry and basically the whole machine just blew up, which would have been okay if my sister's favorite dress hadn't also been in the load."

As his hands came down, his thick nylon strapped wristwatch knocked the table as he took a few seconds to think about what to say next.

"High school was the '60s," he continued. "It was different then. There were always different cliques. The jocks. The freaks. I was probably a freak. We had long hair and listened to weird music. We were into strange films and wrote underground newspapers. It wasn't like I smoked a lot of dope or anything. Actually, the freaks drank wine."

"Well, consequently, is what Mr. Derbes gave up for Lent. Or rather, tried to give up. Not shy to admit that he enjoys a good drink, Mr. Derbes said he found his wife in his pursuit of hard liquor.

"After I graduated from Princeton in 1974 with an A.B. in physics, I spent a year at Cambridge," he explained. "Then I went to study physics in Scotland for a while where I earned my Ph.D. at Edinburgh University. But when I came back in April of 1979 I decided to go to a college reunion. So I went over to the physics department and they were drinking beer."
School attempts to muzzle student expression thriving

By Graham Salinger

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A FIERCE BATTLE raged in front of me. Surrounded by bright lights and high-tech equipment on the set of “Meet the Press” with Tim Russert, I watched politicians verbally duke it out over whether to redeploy U.S. soldiers from Iraq. The experience clinched Day Two of the Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Conference Program, March 17-22 in Washington, D.C.

The program annually honors a boy and girl from each state for achievements in journalism, awarding each a $1,000 scholarship. We were all brought to D.C. and put up in the Watergate Hotel, all expenses paid.

Before the live “Meet the Press” tapings Sunday, we were herded into rows of hard, meat bleachers inside the NBC studios. While waiting, we saw Rus­sell going over his notes as various NBC people franti­cally ran around making last-minute preparations.

Not one to miss an opportunity to gain po­tential voters, guest Tom Delay, a former Representative (R-Tex.), schmoozed and took photos with our group after the show while the rest of us spoke with Ruth­er. He gra­ciously took about an hour to answer ques­tions and tell stories from his years on the show.

On Monday, we heard from five jour­nalists, including nationally syndicated col­umnist Betty Baye. She spoke masterfully, relating life experiences that produced laughter and inspired.

More speakers on Tuesday, then a trip to USA Today. Overlooking an artificial lake and grassy field, the large, angular building was made completely of glass and evoked images of the Emerald City of Oz. We toured the offices and eventually had a Q&A session with three members of the paper’s staff and Editor Ken Paulson.

That night, I got sick with the flu and spent most of Wednesday in the emer­gency room, missing the morning sessions. Before the live “Meet the Press” taping Sunday, of hard, metal bleachers. Behind me stood the famous 125-foot statue of Jesus Christ with his arms spread over the city as if blessing the land. The statue, of Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer), docked the top, projecting its beauty and history.

I went to Brazil for the first time during Spring Break, March 16-24, with Junior Amanda Pappas. She is half Brazilian and fluent in Portuguese, the native language. We’ve dreamed of going to Rio de Janeiro together since we were 13. Shaky cable cars carried us to the top of Pão de Açúcar, commonly known as Sugar­loaf Mountain. I saw favelas, which are poor people’s homes, adorning the mountains with color and life. I peered further south at the fam­ous Ipanema Beach and recalled playing the ‘60s bossa nova hit “The Girl from Ipanema” on the piano. Looking at the enormous soccer stadium near the filled harbor, anyone could tell just how serious the sport is in Brazil. As we walked down the streets, spices from vendors’ cooking blended with the salty, something fresh scent of the nearby ocean unlike anything I’ve ever experi­enced. I tried so many new things, includ­ing drinking coconut water and cans of the popular Brazilian soda, Guarana.

One night we went to dinner at an area that could be considered Brazil’s Holly­wood and later took a private bus to a nightclub in downtown Rio. When I got out of the bus, images of Europe came to mind with the cobbled streets, gothic buildings and cafes on the street corners. The actual nightclub was an antique store by day and nightclub by night! Pop music filled the building with dancing people hanging from the walls and blankets hanging from the ceiling.

We then traveled to Angra dos Reis, three­ and-a-half-hours from Rio. Brazil’s organ­ic beauty swept us away. Driving along the coastline, we passed small islands, villages with houses painted hot pink and bright yellow and an enormous amount of differ­ent plant life.

Soon I boarded the plane for an 11-hour return flight. Upon landing, I was happy to be home, but missed Brazil’s friendly people and exquisite way of life.

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Reading her favorite bedtime story, “Oh! the Places You’ll Go” by Dr. Seuss, Sophomore Becca Marks takes a break from study­ ing for her upcoming A.P. Euro exam.
As the Midway sees it

Why your vote still counts

When U-Highers look over the few names on student government election ballots tomorrow, they may find many decisions have already been made for them.

With candidates for Student Council president and Cultural Union president many other people, they have little to consider. Instead of making thoughtful, deliberate decisions, students will have the results mapped out for them.

In theory, a thriving student government would attract many candidates for every position. So with many of the zeros in the region, people are not being asked to participate.

Student government should be empowering, preparing students to make decisions that will affect college and as adults. The number of candidates running unopposed indicates a new effort must begin to give student government a high profile and punch power at U-High.

That can start with tomorrow's elections. Candidates who win without opposition shouldn't assume they won't have to work out for them starting next year. Instead, they can rise to the challenge and set an example for future governments.

They may want to start by learning from student government's accomplishments this year, which include holding open forums on scheduling. But student government also made unfulfilled promises, including an Insider's Guide to help students determine courses for the upcoming year, which was not produced for whatever reason.

What can be learned is that when student government's plans fall through it directly affects the students and their view towards the government. When student government jeopardizes its reliability, support from students becomes quickly lost.

Also, future representatives can demand respect from administrators. It's clear that although administrators say they take student government seriously they don't always do this. This became evident when S.C. president Universe Mitchem asked to see the Diversity Report issued in February by Diversity Consultant Penny Nesbit and administrators allowed him only to see Lab School plans David Margulies summary, along with the rest of the community.

For the president of the central student advocacy group to have to request permission to see a pertinent report and then be denied access clearly reveals Student Council's unrealized position in the school.

Dean of Students Larry McFerlane has said many times that he remains open to work with as a student government as the students choose to make it.

A strong student government needs strong backing from the students it represents. If U-Highers want to be taken and represented seriously, they must first take student government seriously. Student government can only live up to its potential when the students want it to.

The effort may be too little too late, but it's up to the students to make it. For student government to have authority, changes must now be made by those with the power to initiate them.

Apples for all U-High teachers

Congratulations to Science Teacher David Debbe for winning the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Selected from 32 Chicago area finalists, Mr. Debbe, along with nine other winners, will accept his award Saturday, May 16 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The televised event will debut at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 31 on WTTW, Channel 11.

Two other U-High affiliated teachers were recognized by the Golden Apple Foundation this year. U-High graduate John Naubert, who teaches at Hinsdale Central High School, won while former U-High teacher John O'Connor, who now teaches at New Trier High School, was a finalist, but not a winner.

Also recently acknowledged, Science Department Chairperson Sharon Housinger received the Siemens Award last month, which acknowledges teachers inservice and math courses who foster A.P. examination.

And Ms. Do is the first Lab School teacher to receive the Golden Apple. In fact, he is the impressive seventh. Before him, Ms. Catherine Bell, Mr. Randy Fowler, Ms. Hanna Goldsmith, Ms. Rosa McCullagh, Mr. Spite Wilson and Ms. Jan Yuannet all won the award.

Having even one Golden Apple winner would make any institution stand out. But the Lab Schools have seven winners and eight nominations.

Some of them include Journalist Teacher Wayne Brasler and History Teacher Earl Bell, who are the two remaining finalists at U-High of the Lab Schools Masters Teacher Award. Mr. Brasler also has received the National Journalism Teacher of the Year Award from the Newspaper Fund, and other teachers have won other honors.

But whether a teacher has a plaque or statuette to show off, they have made a substantial contribution.

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Andrey Drinfeld, junior: I would first be in a state of shock. Then I would probably immediately go to the mall with my friends because it's summer and I would just be in the mood to chill and kick back with friends.

VICTORIA THOMAS, senior: First I would call all of my friends for the first time. Then I would probably immediately go to the mall with my friends because it was for real. Once I found out that school was really over, I would relax but still be up at the fact that I didn't know that school was over. Then I would probably go shopping later in the day and go out to a restaurant with friends.

ALEXIS MADARA, sophomore: I would first be in a state of shock. Then I would probably immediately go to the mall with my friends because it's summer and I would just be in the mood to chill and kick back with friends.

ALINA SAY, freshman: If suddenly you woke up tomorrow morning and all of your third quarter classes were finals, what would you do, where would you go and why?

Victoria

ANDREY DRINFELD, junior: I would first be in a state of shock. Then I would probably immediately go to the mall with my friends because it's summer and I would just be in the mood to chill and kick back with friends.

Alexis

ARTHUR MARTIN, freshman: I would first have to pinch myself to make sure that I wasn't dreaming. If I weren't then I would be obligated to throw a party in Mr. McFarlane's office to celebrate. Doing any school work would be illegal at that point.

ARTUR

ANDREY

ALEXIS

ARTHUR
When the extraordinary becomes commonplace

ELIZABETH RIBBONS tied around lamp posts and trees surround the Whitney Young High School campus at 211 South Laflin Street. But these ribbons aren’t an expression of sympathy; they are symbols of mourning for a senior Chris Pineda, a Near West Side resident who disappeared the afternoon of March 12. He was found dead a week later in the Cal Sag Canal near Bike Island.

Chris had dropped his girlfriend off at a grocery store where the woman’s father met her and found him. He was wearing a sweater on the South Side East. Wearing a black and yellow polo shirt, Chris may have been mistaken for a Latin King gang member. His colors are black and yellow.

According to family members and close friends, Chris was not involved in any gang related and was he was abducted while washing the dishes at home.

Chris was a straight A student who was accepted into UIC a few days before his kidnapping. Chris was also the first person in his family headed for college. His mother has been quoted saying in regards to her graduating high school, “My husband would say, ‘I'll give you a thousand dollars, just show me your diploma.'”

Facebook groups were started by classmates in honor of Chris, asking for information regarding his disappearance and murder. These groups were filled with comments extending condolences to Chris’ family and joyful memories.

The feeling of community created through such a trying time stood out. The fact that during the period between Chris’ kidnapping and discovery a whole school joined together for a single cause is inspiring.

Many would argue that restricting the sale and usage of such guns respects our freedom. I would argue otherwise, that by allowing citizens to own devices of coercion, we are minimizing the amount of freedom enjoyed by one individual.

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We topped off our meal with Chicken Pastille, $9.50, a diced chicken dish wrapped in phyllo, a flaky pastry common to Mediterranean desserts, and Merguez, $8.50, a type of sausage, both came cooked in the feel of a North African bazaar.

Marrakech Cuisine:

REWIND TO THE 1970s.

Except with better special effects.

Usually in the worst part of town, Grind Houses were theaters that were on the second or third floor. B-level films together with trailers for upcoming features.

“Grindhouse” brings together two eccentric directors, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, replicating Grind House films with “Planet Terror” and “Death Proof.”

The new film, including previews, runs for more than three hours, although both films were exhilarating enough to keep me awake during the 11:05 p.m. showing on a Friday night at AMC River East 21.

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Rodriguez’s “Planet Terror” plots a Go Go Dancer, Cherry (Rose McGowan) and her lover, Wray (Freddy Rodriguez), against a chemically generated zombie military.

The best part of the whole film Cherry replaces her amputee leg with a machine gun and does serious damage with every step. If only Rose McGowan could have action scenes. Fortunately, the script doesn’t give her many lines. In fact, the only thing the script has are cliché lines that turn this horror into a brilliantly gross comedy.

"Death Proof," directed by Tarantino, features stuntman Mike (Kurt Russell), who enjoys hitting beautiful women with his car. Contrasting women and fast cars with homicidal maniacs behind the wheel, “Death Proof” provides a decent thriller.

The typical dialogue made me question whether I should have been writing chick flick or a thriller. More than once I wondered when we would see a high speed chase. Finally, after an hour, Tarantino delivers the best car chase I have ever seen. People and the roof of fast speeding cars crashing through walls left me breathless.

"Grindhouse" is the perfect horror movie and though the dialogue could use some work, the movie is exhilarating and a convincing return to the 1970s.

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Competitive teams wind up ambitious seasons notably

By Linda Huber
Midway reporter

Math Team heads to State Saturday at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana after placing 1st among 7 schools in the Illinois Council of Mathematics Regionsals, February 24 at Chicago State University.

"This is the end of the season so right now there's sort of a lull where we prepare for State," said Math Team Sponsor Jane Carnight, math teacher.

Members of the team participated in a series of exams to qualify for the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad.

Team members Katherine Launderdale, Karthik Sarma, Andrew Sugaya and Will Diamond, seniors and Andrey Drinfeld, junior, advanced to the second round exams at the American Invitational Mathematics Examination but did not proceed further.

Science Team has participated in two state tournaments in the past month.

Placing 1st at State Wednesday, April 18th at the U. of I., the Worldwide Youth in Science squad is continuing a legacy, according to WYSE Team Captain Andrew Sugaya.

"We've gotten 1st for the past five years in a row, so it wasn't that surprising," Andrew said. "We had a really strong science team this year. Leadership was also really good this year, with David Xu and Katherine Zhou. Other than that, it didn't really change that much."

Individual WYSE results are as follows:


COMPUTER SCIENCE- Karthik Sarma, session, 1st.


The Science Olympiad team also went to State last Friday. Results will be published in the next issue of the Midway.

Follow the resignation of Senior David O'Kieff, who left because of personal reasons, Sophomore Elisabeth Morant has taken over as Debate Team captain.

"Right now we're focusing on coaching the Middle School debate team," Elisabeth said.

"We might have a tournament at the end of the year, if there is enough interest. The season is pretty much over now. We have Districts this Saturday, but we haven't really been preparing because we haven't been certain whether we will be attending or not."

Debate Team results are as follows:

STATE TOURNAMENT-March 9-10 at Home-wood-Flossmoor High. Erik Lipot and Elisabeth Morant, sophomores, won 2, lost 3.

Jennifer Glick and Almo Schugro, freshmen, won 2, lost 1.

Kiera Kennedy and Brian Mares-Marengo, freshman, won 2, lost 0.

Elisabeth Morant, sophomore, won 3, lost 0.

Jenni Glick, freshmen, won 17, lost 0.

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MAIN EAST-February 23-25: Jennifer Glick and Caron Millet, won 2, lost 1.

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Loren Kole and Almo Schugro won 3, lost 1.

Loren Kole won 25th: Novice speaker.

School has secured lock-down plan in place

By Kyle Brunke
Midway reporter

Offering specific security measures in the event of an intruder entering the school or an emergency occurring in the school, U-High provides the most capable procedure with the available means. So believes Math Teacher Paul Gunty, who as assistant to the associate director helps oversee the school's emergency plan.

Although the school doesn't have an emergency communication system, the current procedure is the best available, Mr. Gunty believes.

"If an intruder were to appear within the school, the various public safety coordinators would activate the safety procedure," he explained. "They would lock the outer doors and contact the business office. The University Police would be notified and alerted about the intruder."

"The school has no single alarm, but rather relies on sounding air horns throughout the hallways. The teachers would lock their classroom doors, turn off the lights and tell the students to be quiet."

Concerns about school safety were renewed April 16, when a student at giant Virginia Tech University in Blacksberg fired his Glock 9mm semi-automatic pistol and .22 caliber handgun first into a dormitory and two hours later into classrooms, killing 32 students and faculty members before shooting himself.

While Virginia Tech had one of the best security systems in the nation, including campuswide sirens and speakers, it did not use them until after the killings.

The most effective way to prevent an armed assailant from entering a building is to post individual security guards at each entrance, said Lab Schools Associate Director David Stafford.

"We rely on them to monitor and observe each entrance," Mr. Stafford said. "They contact the administration if anyone looks suspicious or appears to be a stranger and who is not a member of either the student or faculty body. They have the responsibility to lock the outer doors when an intruder appears."

The organizing of a security program takes time and work, believes Director of Facilities and Security Tony Wilson.

"There are many different factors that account for a security system," Mr. Wilson said. "It covers the entire school, so everyone has to do his or her job. I'm in constant motion throughout the entire day. The facilities itself are hard enough to maintain because we have some extremely old buildings."

The Lab Schools schedules a safety drill every school year.

"During the school year, there were talks about having two drills," Mr. Gunty said. "But since the entire school is involved in the drill, the age difference provides a learning barrier."

"Lower School students don't understand the implications of a possible intruder. This specific drill is stricter than a fire alarm. It would take a large amount of preparation and control in order for them to comprehend the current situation."

Memorial services worldwide commemorated the V.T. tragedy.

On their own campus, days after one of their own had exacted his hatred in the form of a raging massacre, the Hokies gathered on the expansive greeneries of their Virginia campus to reaffirm the memories of those who were suddenly annihilated.

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MATHE- Katherine Launderdale, senior, 3rd.

BIOLOGY- Mari Bravkov, junior, 2nd.

Feeling a little under the weather like Alice Quinlan?

Go cheer up with a Pizza and a tasty milkshake at the MEDICI.
High school speech rights

(continued from page one)
In February Principal Ed Yoder issued a written warning to Ms. Sorrell, a Woodlan native who had been teaching there for four years. The warning accused her of failing to carry out her duties as a teacher. In addition to Ms. Sorrell's being put on leave, Mr. Yoder was named publisher of the paper and a new policy calling for the prior review of all future issues, was put in place. Assistant Superintendent Andy Melin required all East Allen School District newspapers to publish the new policy, according to the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette.

Mr. Melin says the school's intent was not to limit freedom of speech but to ensure caution when dealing with issues deemed potentially harmful to younger students.

"The principal did not take issue with the column but with the fact that he was not made aware of the article prior to publication," he said by phone. "Per our district policy, administration and teachers may regulate the content of student publication. Our expectation is that any article that may be viewed as controversial and sensitive must be shared with the principal prior to publication."

The primary fact in this case is not one of First Amendment rights and censorship, but one of professional responsibility and expectation. We expect our principal to promote a collaborative relationship with journalism advisers and student journalists. Their focus should be on protecting students and not restricting them.

"Our district goal is to allow student expression to be protected, and in an appropriate manner and in an appropriate forum. Our emphasis is not on restricting, but protecting student interest." Tom Gayda, president of the Indiana High School Press Association and vice president of student affairs at North Central High School in Indianapolis, disagrees, arguing that the school's actions and policies reflect a national trend of intolerance and student suppression.

"They are a mob," he said in a phone interview. "Some parts of this country have their heads buried in the sand. This is something we should be well past. To be a gay student at that school I would feel like I was alone and could not turn to someone like my principal or the school district to counsel me if I had questions or were being picked on because of who I am." The school board will decide whether to fire Ms. Sorrell or reinstate her May 1.

Mr. Yoder was granted the right to argue for her reinstatement in a public hearing two days before the school board decision.

Jack Groch, Indiana State Teachers Association representative for East Allen, helped push for Ms. Sorrell's hearing and says that the school's message doesn't deal exclusively with free press but also with abuse of power.

"The lesson that kids have learned from this is that power controls," he said. "If you don't like something you can get power to change it. It's a terrible lesson. Students with the principal having the final word as publishers learn how to respond to power in an aggressive way. It turns Hazelwood out the window. Hazelwood states that something has to undermine a valued educational purpose."

"This says that there is no valued purpose," he said, "to publish what I say. That's not a newspaper, that's propaganda. The column, which appeared on page three, the opinion page, acknowledged homosexuals as different, and that they should be treated with compassion and understanding. If you turn it around and took out the word homosexual and put in person of color or a short person or a fat person would that have been too sensitive for 7th or 8th graders?"

"If you look on pages four and five, the centerpieces, there are articles on teen pregnancy, teen mothers and syphilis, and that the principal didn't think that wasn't appropriate for 7th or 8th graders."

One of seven Midway editors-in-chief, Jeremy Laccoquer, senior, explained that he believes Hazelwood's policy is counteractive.

"News is news," he said. "It should be balanced because it is important not to take sides. Giving a balanced story is what we owe the reader. If we fail to include certain ideas or information that is in skewed information, not news. The Midway's editorial page has whatever the staff thinks is important, even if it is controversial and right not be the something that the principal thinks."
**Work ethic pays off for baseball powerman**

Sophomore excels on mound

By Dana Alhassa
Associate editor

"I am anyone here as pumped up as I am?" yells Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach Kerren Walker. He was driving a small white school bus with the varsity baseball team to a 4:30 p.m. game, April 10 against Morgan Park Academy at the U. of C. Anderson field.

"I am," shouts two-year varsity baseballer Mike Casey, sophomore, without a moment's hesitation. Though soft-spoken on the field, the 5-foot 11 inches slender pitcher and leftfielder for the Maroons rarely hesitates to voice his enthusiasm for playing.

Before games, Mike listens to his favorite rap songs on his iPod and gets into the zone. "It helps me feel relaxed," he said. "I'm going to hit, I'll visualize myself hitting. The ball. If I'm going to pitch, I'll picture myself pitching. In baseball, you don't want to think too much, though. I like to associate it just a sunny day.

"I played basketball, soccer and baseball pretty much every year when I was little," Mike continued. "As 6 or 7, I started playing Little League every summer and on All-Star teams until I turned 12. Then I took two years off and started playing at Lab in 8th grade. Up until last year I was most serious about baseball actually, but I decided on baseball because I wanted to have the pressure to get in shape."

Mike's ties to U-High go deeper than baseball. His mother Cathy Casey is the school's Substitute Coordinator and his sister is a freshman.

"My family from Bridgeport so we're all Sox fans," Mike said. "All my friends are Cubs fans, but I live in the south so how could I not be a Sox fan? My favorite player is Grady Sizemore on the Cleveland Indians, though. I started to pay attention to his game about two years ago when he was a young man. It's quick and he's got power in his swing. He's followed along. I started in AYSO and liked it, so I played that for five years. For the last two years I was playing on a traveling team as well, but then I switched to just playing traveling. I've guest played on a couple of traveling teams such as Lake Front and Tazo, but mainly on the Hyde Park Storm."

Knicknamed E-Kuo by his teammates, Emily maximizes her speed and superior ball handling by playing center-midfield most often, although she frequently plays front-forward.

"I usually enjoy playing center-mid," Emily said. "But Moses puts me at forward a lot as well, which is great because I like taking shots. It's a lot of fun. But it really depends on the situation, what people I'm playing with. I think I like playing mid more because of the running. Running is my favorite part of the sport, aside from playing on a team. I like passing and facing off with other people."

With an 11-man roster, roasting freshmen Ethan Chiampas and Daniel Levine, Mike believes having a small squad size has helped him take on a greater leadership role.

"Last year I was kind of timid on the team," Mike said. "I wouldn't really talk to the older guys unless they talked to me first. But this year we have a much smaller, younger team. Before the season started, I took Danny and Ethan aside and told them that I'd told the coaches about that and that if they worked hard, doing the same thing I had to do last year, they might be given the same opportunity to play varsity like I was. For about three weeks in a row, I played catch with Ethan. I think I saw something in my freshman season that he wanted for himself."

A fellow outfielder and close friend, sophomore Tim Parsons said Mike's determination helped him succeed.

"Mike has an element of concentration and solar focus," Tim said. "As an outfielder, he has a strong arm and a good first step for the ball. He also has a lot more pop in his swing this year. But more than this, Mike is willing to do whatever it takes to be the best. He's the kind of guy that wants to get in batting practice on Saturday mornings."

**Boys' Tennis**

Lettie, April 5, home: Varsity won 3-2; Holland, April 6, home: Varsity won 4-1, JV won 2-0; North Shore Country Day, April 10, JV won; Varsity won 6-3; Signs Academy, April 12, home: Varsity won 5-0, JV won 3-1; Morgan Park High, April 18, away: Varsity lost 2-3, Morgan Park Academy, April 20, away: Varsity won 3-0, JV won 3-0.

**Girls' Soccer**

Whitney Young, March 27, home: Varsity lost 0-1, JV won 2-0; Chicago Christian, March 29, home: Varsity won 1-0, JV won 1-0; St. Maggie's Prep, March 29, home: Varsity won 4-2, JV won 2-0; Morgan Park High, April 14, away: Varsity lost 2-1, JV won 2-0; Lake Forest Academy, April 5, away: Varsity won 3-1, JV won 2-0; Varsity girls placed 1st with 36 points, boys placed 2nd with 36 points.

**Track and Field**

Chicago Christian, April 10, away: U-High girls placed 1st with 635 points, boys placed 2nd with 463 points; Luther North, April 14, away: U-High girls placed 3rd, boys placed 1st with 33 points.

**Boys' Baseball**

Parkway, March 27, home: Varsity lost 3-0, JV lost 3-0; E.J. Marmion, March 29, home: Varsity won 4-0, JV lost 2-0; KUO, April 5; Sign's Academy, April 12, home: Varsity lost 6-4, JV lost 2-0; Morgan Park High, April 18, away: Varsity lost 9-1, JV lost 5-3; Richies Francisco, April 16, home: Varsity won 3-0, JV won 3-0.

**Girls' Soccer**

Whitney Young, March 27, home: Varsity won 2-0, JV won 2-0; Lane Tech, March 30, home: Varsity won 6-0, JV lost 0-0; Walter Payton, April 9, home: Varsity lost 1-2, JV lost 2-0; Morgan Park High, April 18, away: Varsity lost 1-0, JV won 2-0; North Shore Country Day, April 17, away: Varsity lost 0-1, JV won 2-0; Oak Park Forest Park, April 17, home: Varsity won 3-0, JV won 2-0; Morgan Park Academy, April 20, away: Varsity won 3-0, JV won 0-0.

**Squash**


**Soccer**

Beijing in the Irish Dancing World Championships, April 5 in Glasgow, Scotland. Sophomore Sarah Kuo, and her 16-member team now become the first American team to win gold. Sarah is currently ranked 8th in the Midwest Region.

"Mike is really good at baseball. I've been to every home game and I have not once seen him fail to bring it."

-Alex Zimmer, sophomore
Tennis standout enjoys following strict regime

By Evan Dorfman
Editor-in-Chief

Golf, soccer, weight lifting and skeet shooting. Not quite the typical tennis players’ offseason sports menu.

But for three-year varsity player Charlie Fisher, those sports provide the keys to preparing him for second doubles teamwork with Junior Nick Sisodia.

“I always come in to preseason already in shape,” Charlie said as he picked up his racket, sporting a closely cropped, nicotine buzz cut and sharp blue eyes. “We have to run a lot on the varsity soccer team so from the beginning of the year I’m well conditioned.

“After the soccer season I play a lot of golf and lift weights, so I maintain strength throughout the winter. I think my off-season is part of the reason I’ve started off the season well.

“We won our first match and I think we’ll be winning a lot more. We have some good freshmen on the team and solid upperclassmen talent.”

Always enthusiastic and always hungry is how Nick described his partner.

“Charlie will always make sure to take teammates good and hard for himself,” Nick said. “He is a really funny guy and he is never afraid to voice his opinion. He is very driven and he’ll never lose his intensity. As a doubles team we have a few superstitions. We both wear sunglasses in every match and before every match we dedicate the game to “The Big Man on Top”.

Charlie started playing tennis at the age of 6 at Arlington Club, his northern suburban golf club.

“Tennis was just a sport I started playing because it seemed like it would be a blast,” he explained. “I began playing more and when I came to U-High I figured I’d give tennis team a shot. I hope to play through college and into adulthood. I’m not good enough to play varsity tennis in college, but I hope to play in intramural leagues.”

Away from the court, Charlie said that school work dominates his time, however, in the free time he has, he enjoys playing video games and relaxing at home.

“Between Model U.N. and taking a history class at the University, I am usually always bogged down in work. In the little free time I have I love playing video games like ‘Command and Conquer.’ I really treat tennis practice after school as free time for me.”

Winter sports honors

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

Freshman Christina Smith, Sophomore Ajeta Jerkins and Junior Lucy O’Keeffe received All-ISL 1st team honors.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL

Sophomore John Upshaw received All-ISL 1st team and ISC All-State honorable mention.

Junior Dom Horning also received All-ISL honorable mention.


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