Famed scientist to address newest grads for Graduation

By Dana Alfassa
Associate editor

In 1940 at the age of 15 Janet Rowley, then Janet Davison, left her home in New Jersey to come to the University of Chicago for a U-High program that allowed her to finish her last two years of high school and first two years of college. She later became a U. of C. graduate with a philosophy degree, then went on to earn a B.S. and an M.D. from the Peizer School of Medicine.

A U. of C. faculty member and former Lab Schools parent, the 83-year-old scientist, celebrated for her work on translocation, will address the 111-member Class of 2007 at Commencement 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7 at Rockefeller Chapel, 59th Street and Woodlawn Avenue.

The Senior Steering Committee chose Dr. Rowley as Commencement speaker.

"I'd seen a picture of Janet Rowley in the High School Lobby among famous alumni," Senior President Rebecca Remnick said. "When you've made it onto that wall, you know you're big. Mr. McFarlane suggested her name as well. Dr. Rowley has conducted really important research about leukemia and she's a 1942 U-High graduate. She's a woman who's so accomplished in science and that makes her a really meaningful choice.

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Musical performances will be given by Chicago Children's Choir members Beannie Meadow, Nick Feder, Anne Wildman and Natalia Lewis who will sing Ysaye Barnwell's "Wanting Memories," and a violin performance by Andrew Sugaya and Mara MacMahan on piano.

University Organist Thomas Westling will play precessional and recessional music on the Rockefeller Chapel organ.

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Today's events kicked off with an Alumni Luncheon, where Chicago Public Schools CEO Arne Duncan, '82 graduate, received the Distinguished Alumni Award 11:30 a.m. in Kolver Gym.

Alumni can enjoy a buffet and smooth songs by graduates and the U-High Jazz Band at an Alumni Lunch Brunch 11:30 a.m., tomorrow in Scammons Garden.

On the inside

Where seniors are headed for college

Where U-Highers are headed this summer

Sooner girls take scenic to historic heights

Rose petals and a glass fishbowl with floating candles create an elegant dining setting for Simon Bean and Emily Scheidt from the U. of I.

Entering the dance, Promgoers voted for King and Queen. Beannie Meadow and Louis Baggetto, who had reigned as Formal royalty, won again.

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Thursday won't mark Dr. Rowley's first U-High graduation. Raising four sons, Dr. Rowley also watched U-High graduates Donald '69 and Roger '81 receive their diplomas. To devote time to her family, Dr. Rowley worked part time for 24 years until she returned to the U. of C. in 1968, ultimately becoming a full time professor in 1977.

The current Blum Riese Distinguished Service Professor of Biology at the U. of C., Dr. Rowley has served as the U. of C. interim deputy dean of science since 2001. In 1999 she was awarded the National Medal of Science and the Lasker award for her work on translocation. Selected to serve on President Bush's Council on Bioethics in 2002, Dr. Rowley has published over 400 articles.

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Eastern schools get highest number of '07 grads

By Kyle Branke
Midway reporter

Northeastern schools, 27 of them, have attracted the highest number of 2007 U-High graduates, 51.

With six U-Highers each, Princeton and the
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will get the most U-Highers next fall followed by, with five, the University of Chicago. By region, seniors will attend universities as follows: Midwest, 40; West, 10; South, four; Canada, two; and Japan, one.

Senior Elizabeth Lin decided to remain close to her neighborhood and family, enrolling at the U. of C.

"Sure, so I've spent my entire life at Lab," Elizabeth said. "That doesn't mean I'm timid or afraid to undertake something new. My family and friends are very personal to me and I've grown accustomed to the Lab feeling.

"I'll leave and start something new soon enough, but not right now. I have my whole life ahead of me. If its worked for me so far, why try to break the mold."

With government institutions surrounding his university campus, Senior Donavan Mitchell hopes to engage in the political aura of George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"They have a very reputable foreign relations program and they specialize in international diplomacy," Donavan said. "I'm interested in that specific kind of field and the political environment of George Washington; you think of all the limitless possibilities that can happen."

Seniors plan to attend colleges as follows: American, Washington, D.C.; Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; Denison, Ohio; Beloit, Wisconsin; Alice Giuntini, Boston, Massachusetts; Bowdoin, Brunswick, Maine; Ivan Grift; Brandeis, Waltham, Massachusetts; California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Catholic, Colgate, Hamilton, New York; Courtyard, Columbia, New York City; Adelin Levin.

Dartmouth, Hanover, New Hampshire; Molly Schmid, Durham, New Hampshire; Carolina, Norman Petri; DePaul, Chicago, Samuel Danimer; Dickinson, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Erica Zappia; Duke, Durham, North Carolina; Rachael Hanson.

Emory College, Illinois; Andrew Artiz; Emory; Atlanta, Georgia; Sonji Rupini;


UConn, Storrs, Connecticut; Katherine Hayes; Donavan Mitchell; Grinnell, Iowa; Holly Chang.


Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington; Nicholas Kogelnik; Indiana University at Bloomington; Helen Jn.; International Christian; University.

Tufts, Medford, Massachusetts; focus: Brown.

Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Maryland; Peter Wegner and Paul Schowen.

Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Jeremy Leopold.

Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin; Steven Jones.

Macalester, St. Paul, Minnesota; Louise Bergenn.

Fordham, New York City; Taylor Hart; Beto Popple.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Andrew Sugay.

MIDDLEBURY: Vermont; Kasia Bradley.

McGill, Montreal, Canada; Smith Fadlov, Elin Mandlind.

Miami, Ohio; Ohio; India.

New York University, New York City; Ananda Pathman, Melissa Moomaw, Zoe Lee.

Northwestern, Evanston, Illinois; Andrew Keen; Philip Jacobson.

Northern Illinois, DeKalb, Illinois; Andrew Arkin.

Pomona, Claremont, California; Zach Pedersen, Amanda Beits, Princeton, New Jersey; Alexander Carpenter, Max Consuegra; Elizabeth Pomerleau, Benjamin Somer;

Princeton, Princeton, New Jersey; Stephanie Shen; Pacific West Lafayette; Indiana; Elizabeth Ann; Jason Ho;

Ripon, Wisconsin; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Sarah Lawrence, Bronxville, New York; Nicoles Fodor; School of Visual Arts; New York; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Seattle: Brown, Minneapolis; Donavan Mitchell.

Tulane, Massachusetts; focus: Sonji Rupini.

University of California at Berkeley: Emma Lin; University of Chicago; Illinois; Elizabeth Lin; Niki Leas, Katherine McGuire, San Francisco; Sarah W. Republicans at the University of Chicago (Illinois); Brandon, Illinois; Anthony Chen; Detroit, Michigan; Michael; Southwestern; California.; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

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Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tennessee; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Washington, University in St. Louis, Missouri; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Whitman, New York; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

William and Mary, Virginia; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

Yale, New Haven, Connecticut; focus: Donavan Mitchell.

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Travels, new experiences top student, faculty summer plans

By Amanda Pappas
associate editor

Learning about African history at a university in the morning and visiting public schools in the afternoon for activities with children, Sophomore Emily Bieniek will venture to Cape Town in South Africa with the Global Leadership Adventures program for three weeks this summer.

"I, along with around 60 other kids from around the world will be doing the program, right outside of Cape Town," Emily said. "In order to get accepted into the program I had to go through an application process and also had a phone interview by the program director.

"During our morning sessions, guest speakers, like people who worked with Nelson Mandela, will lecture us on African culture and history. Although the program is heavily based on education, we will also be working on service projects mainly focusing on getting to know the South African people in the community. I really hope to get a better understanding about the culture of Africa.

While some U-Highers will travel to exotic locations including, besides South Africa, Poland, Israel, India and France to study abroad, do community service, or vacation, others will remain in Chicago.

Junior Daniel Hornung, who volunteered for Barack Obama's Senatorial campaign in 2004, was elected Illinois high school director by a selection committee for Obama's Presidential campaign.

"I will be working in the office with mainly college and graduate students," Daniel explained. "I submitted an application to Barack's selection committee and called consistently for a while. I have volunteered a lot for Barack, so I think appointing me to the job was sort of a reward, even though I will not be getting paid.

"The initiative is to get out the vote in early states like Iowa. The rest of the time I will just be in the office working 40 to 50 hours a week, or right to 10 hour days. It's more than school but I will spend most of the time talking to kids across the country, so it's not like sitting in history class."

Chaperoned by Photography Teacher Lisa Ricketts and Art Teacher Brian Wildeman, 11 photography students, including '06 graduate Michael Bundle, will travel to Sicily, to work with internationally recognized, Italian born documentary photographer Ernesto Bazan.

Also going abroad, Junior Katherine Vokes plans to volunteer in Costa Rica with the nonprofit organization AMIGOS.

"After researching different programs, AMIGOS seemed like the program which I would get the most out of," Katherine said. "I will mainly be volunteering in small rural towns of Costa Rica working with kids, teenagers and adults. I will be teaching the kids about basic hygiene like how to brush teeth and comb hair."

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Renaissance to offer collage of creativity in square-shaped issue

Collaged images as backgrounds for some pages will provide a new look for this year's Renaissance art, literary and music magazine, according to the editors.

In a square format of 13 by 13 inches, the issue will be distributed next fall. Class of 2007 members will be sent letters detailing how to get their books.

"For the collage we pulled images from the internet and graphics as a background for the submitted text and art," explained Senior Noah Breishau, editor-in-chief with Senior Katherine Lunderdale.

"This year's submissions were limited to a few hundred and from that we're picking about 10 percent. We'll have a lot of interesting sculptures but not as much painting as other years. We might try a DVD, we're not sure, but Victoria Rogers (a senior adviser) is doing a video on making the Rites of May play and we might use that," he added.

In his eighth and final year as Renaissance adviser, Art Teacher Brian Wildeman said the magazine will be "a little smaller in pages."

Estimates range from 50 to 70 pages.

About 25 piece of art are expected to be included, 10 to 15 photos; 15 pieces of literature; and six poems, but all figures are just estimates at this time.

About 50 students contributed to the issue.

In previous years the magazine has included a C.D. with student music performances and sometimes spoken word pieces but Mr. Wildeman said whether a C.D. would be included this year is still not determined.

The assistant adviser, Lowe School Teacher David Kaleta, will succeed Mr. Wildeman as adviser next year.

The magazine's literary adviser is Middle School Teacher Vicki Schoeneck.

Other editors, according to a list given to the Midway, are as follows:

SENIOR EDITORS—Tom Bowar, Nick Millandreas, Nathan Woznsale, Pilar Luna, Alexander Green, Tyler Reith, Ryan Mittlestead.

EDITORS—Alex Frye, Kayla Kennedy, Ben Wescott, Scott Oatig, Nick Ellits, Solveig Wright, Chelsea Satterlee, French Txter, Dorian Williams, Homer Snow, Rob Webber.

Midway wins press association top honor

The Silver Pen, the Illinois Woman's Press Association's award for overall excellence in its annual high school journalism contest, was presented to the Midway at a luncheon May 19 at the Union League Club. The presentation was made by Ms. Linda Heacox, contest chairperson. Awards also were presented to Midway staff members for individual achievement.

From left are Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasier (Midway adviser with Photojournalism Teacher Liese Ricketts), Cyndy Weiner, Alia Forster, Mona Daugupta, David McNalp aine, Robin Shapiro and Eric Cochrane.

Each recipient was presented with an awards certificate and then asked to comment on his or her winning entry. The Midway won the Silver Pen when it was first awarded four years ago and is the first paper to win the award twice.

All-color yearbook to introduce palette of other innovations, too

When U-Highers receive the first all-color U-Highlights in the school's history, they will see a yearbook that looks different from any other previously produced here.

Color is just part of the surprises. The book's design and organization will look new, too.

"Going full color allowed us the freedom to sequence the book in a different way," explained Junior Lwen Xu, editor-in-chief with Senior Michael Hernandez.

"We combined the Life and Organizations sections into an expanded new section which covers the year chronologically. But actually every section of the book will reflect new ideas."

Design Editor Ben Picker, junior, put previous publications design experience to work in producing a yearbook which dramatically departs from previous volumes in appearance.

"We focused on melding design, story and photographs into each spread," Ben said. "We've integrated a variety of graphics and photo effects into our layouts for vivacity. Sometimes we've included silhouettes or outlines to express action and drama."

Senior Michelle Haneman headed up a corps of photographers advised by Photojournalism Teacher Liese Ricketts who shot thousands of photos for the book, with Rachel selecting which would be published with the editors-in-chief.

Led by Business and Ad Manager Ruiji Tang, the staff sold over $4,700 in ads to finance a 192-page book. Higher ad prices for color figured into the increased sales amount.

"For the first time in at least 20 years the yearbook will be finished on time, by July 1," Michael said, "and we're thinking of a yearbook hand-out party for the first day of school if the book is delivered by then."

Other editors are as follows:

PHOTOGRAPHY—Sports: Don Jasper; sports team photos: Steven Jones.


The student adviser is Louis Baggetto.

"It's been fun to work with color and I'm excited to see everyone's reaction when it comes out in the fall."

- Rebecca Steuer, junior
It's lunchtime, and junior Sydney Marcus is having trouble deciding what to put on her sandwich.

With the sandwich complete, Sydney must now answer the important question...Dill or no Dill?

This time Sydney chooses no dill, but she can still enjoy the wide variety of sandwich toppings to go along with University Market's wide selection of snacks, treats and groceries.

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Happy vacation, U-High! Remember, we're here all summer for you!
Some people are irreplaceable

One is known for her sophisticated teaching style, another for teaching a classic piece of literature. One is known for her thoughtful and insightful perspective, while another is known by most U-Highers for his friendly face and big bowl of candy in his office. And yet another is known for his infamous, last-minute papers and intimidating mock debates. But collectively Ms. Diana Puklin, Mr. Hal Hoffen- 


t Promotion, passionate and ready for tomorrow

By Gretchen Eng

Ms. Diana Puklin is a true asset to the U-High community, serving in various capacities over the years. She has taught U-High for over three decades, and her impact on the school and the lives of its students is immeasurable.

Growing up in downstate Peoria alongside her three siblings, Mrs. Puklin received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois in 1977 and later returned to Southern Illinois University for her Ph.D. in history with a specialty in the histories of science and medicine in 1980. After completing her plans, Mrs. Puklin expects some relaxation in the coming years, namely in spending time with her family.

Mrs. Puklin is known for her sophisticated teaching style, as well as her passion for history and her ability to engage and inspire her students. She is well known by U-Highers for her energetic and enthusiastic delivery of lessons, her dedication to her craft, and her ability to connect with her students on a personal level.

By Nathan Bishop

Mr. Earl Bell, known for his engaging and approachable teaching style, is retiring after decades of service to U-High. He has been a fixture on the campus for over four decades, known for his infectious energy and his ability to make learning fun and enjoyable.

Mr. Bell has taught World History, Geography, World History and Electives courses. He has coached debate Model U.N. as well as the first girls' tennis team. Mr. Bell served as Faculty Advisor President from 1975 to 1992, chairperson of the High School Faculty, and sponsored the black students' club, Causus Brothers and Sisters, in 1969.

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Bell papers rang the bell for lofty ideals

Loving to learn and spend time with children, Mr. Bell felt that becoming a teacher was the right choice for him. "I didn't know if I could teach, but then again, no one really does get into it," he said. "What I've enjoyed most about teaching is what I've been able to teach kids. I've taught kids who have never been in a classroom before. I feel that it's the difference I've been able to make in their lives."

Aside from the committees, Mr. Bell said that hearing from students years after their graduation also brings fulfillment. "There are testimonial stories, where there may have been a student whom I felt bad about, or who misbehaved in class or didn't do well," he explained. "On occasion, I will bump into one of those students or they'll come to me and tell me that something has changed. Maybe they've grown to love math, or they just to able to look back on things with a different perspective. That's always very nice. Also, some I see somebody understand or come to like something suddenly and that's really what teachers live for."

Despite enjoying his students, Mr. Bell said the books forward to being free of their teaching schedule. "After retiring, I just want to do things that I enjoy but I haven't had enough time and energy to do," she said. "It sounds boring, but it's because teaching makes it impossible to have anything else. I'm very interested in but haven't been able to do enough. Even being a good friend is hard because teaching consumes your life, I'd like to be able to rekindle some friendships."

Mr. Bell plans to continue coaching Model U.N. at U-High after his retirement. "I enjoyed the students who were doing more than reading from a state approved textbook. It's not so much the knowledge they need, but the understanding of that. There isn't much miscalculations."

Bringing Books to Life, he made reading infectious

Every day he brings wisdom and humor to peel the secrets to the world, as does other well-respected educator English Teacher Darlene McCampbell about English Teacher Hal Hofenkamp.

"It's been a thrill to teach classic literature, it's just that if you limit those two things you aren't exploring the other part," Mr. Bell said. "I'm excited about going to graduate school at U-High and I'm going to do what I was always interested in doing: teaching."

Mr. Hofenkamp, however, said that his true education began at Hyde Park High School 37 years ago and left Hyde Park High School 37 years ago and interviewed at the Lab Schools for an opening as an English teacher. Mr. Hofenkamp had attended South Shore High School and studied at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned his master's degree in English at the U of I. C.

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The year at U-High as seen by Midway cartoonist Eric Cochran

IT WAS FUN! IT WAS FUN! GO TEAM!

As the Midway sees it

Adding up a year of successes for U-High

The Bulls may have blown their plays on the court but the U-High community executed and showcased its skills all year.

From Artfest to Student Council’s Spirit Week, the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly to the Holocaust Assembly, school events carried out with flair drew bigger crowds of U-Highers than in previous years. But perhaps Spirit Week in October around the most pep and interest, which turned all four floors of U-High different colors representing different grades. The juniors blanketed the cafeteria in so much green paper and plastic decorations, in fact, that Dean of Students Larry McFarlane forced them to take down the adornment before second period began. Gainted it was a little messy, but it was, after all, Spirit Week.

With new sponsorships from Edwardo’s Pizza, Jamba Juice and the Graduate School of Business cafeteria, Artfest attracted more students and most of them actually went to their assigned workshops too, another obstacle overcome by the Artsfest committee, setting a precedent. Not only did Artsfest offer innovative and intriguing workshops, but both the opening Comedy/SPORTS assembly and Senior Maxcell Baba’s closing magic assembly got the U-High audience involved and excited about the day.

Similarly, U-Highers attended two exceptionally organized and thought out assemblies dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. and the Holocaust.

The Black Student Association’s success in getting State Senator Kwame Raoul to speak at the MLK Assembly, coupled with powerful musical performances and student drama pieces, created a solemn and memorable gathering. Even though a smaller portion of U-Highers showed up, most who did felt it was captivating and a solid tribute.

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If you were given a chance this summer to inter at the job of your dreams or vacation at a destination of your choice, which would you choose, where would you go and why?

ANDREW SUGAYA, sealer: I would totally go on vacation and visit the Greek Islands, buy the Greek Islands once I have enough money, and then invite all of my friends. Although I’ve never been to them, I know I would have fun because I’ve heard they have the best climate and it would pretty much be a break from life.

MELISSA GRAICE, janitor: I would intern at a prominent law firm because I would eventually be able to pay for the vacation of my dreams, which is to spend a couple of months in Venice. While on vacation, I would have fun shopping and resting on the many beaches of Venice and I would feel satisfied knowing that I worked hard for a long summer.

ANDREW WOERNER, sophomore: In the assembly we had, a prominent law firm took the initiative, something that hasn’t always been done in the past.

I would probably intern at one of the U.S. embassies in Africa or in France so I could vacation and work. It would be a wonderful experience because I would get to work for our government and sort of experience life in another country. This would be the best of both worlds.

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**Teen-on-teen violence in city resonates in rising reactions**

By Rohini Tobacowala

It’s a tragedy of the United States of America, the land of the plenty, that there would be 27 young people whose lives would end needlessly just this year alone.” So said Guidance Counselor Ron Tunis of 20 Chicago Public Schools students whose lives have been lost to gunfire so far this school year, the second highest toll since 1998 surpassed only by 28 deaths in 2001-2002. Seven more were beaten, suffocated and stabbed to death.

Concern over violence among adolescents escalated after the son of a firefighter and police officer, Blair Holt, 16, died May 10. An honors student at Percy L. Julian High School, 10330 South Elizabeth Street, Blair was shot on the CTA but unintentionally in the middle of a gang dispute by Michael Pace, 16, 103rd and Halsted. Pace obtained the gun from Kevin Jones, 13. Both have been charged in the shootings.

Education awareness solution

Believing stricter gun control laws cannot avert all violence, Security Guard Mike Cephus said education and self awareness might prove the easiest solution.

“I can’t think of one gun control law that can stop people from committing crimes like these,” Mr. Cephus explained. “Even if there are stricter laws, gang members will try and find some way to obtain guns.”

“It’s terrible that this is happening in the African American community, where they are killing their own. But the thing is that their take on life is that they are protecting their turf. These kids need to be more educated and less ignorant.

“They need more involvement in school activities and they need to be more active in their churches. Everyone needs to pull together and educate them about the act of violence because it’s going to continue until we pull our resources together.

“I hope people can be conscious of their surroundings because ignorance is going to go on forever and it’s unavoidable.”

There is too much focus on terrorism abroad, Mr. Cephus believes.

“Everyone is caught up in what’s happening abroad and that’s what they seem to forget what’s happening around them,” he said. “There’s terrorism right here.”

“We have young children who are given guns by adults or older children. They get younger kids to do this because the justice system is more lenient to juveniles than adults. Except young kids don’t have the knowledge on how to handle a weapon.

“They are shooting randomly. And that’s what actually happened to Blair. He was shot because somebody didn’t know how to use a gun.”

Positive opportunities needed

Living two blocks away from Julian High School, Mr. Karen Rakstrew, mother of Freshman Kris Rakstrew, said young people in the community need positive outlets.

“I’m not surprised with the street violence that’s been going on,” Ms. Rakstrew said. “I live in Beverly but if you go two blocks out, it feels like it’s an entirely different world. Kids who live there need a positive role model.

“They are too involved in gangs and crimes because they get peer pressure from older kids. Since this is a time when they are growing up, parents should be more in tune because it’s okay to be nosy once in awhile. I feel really sorry for Michael Pace’s mother because she had no idea what he was doing.

“He needed guidance and now he needs to be straightened out because youth who do this need to recognize that life is precious. I grew up in 113th and Halsted. That’s 10 blocks away from where the shooting happened. And let me tell you, I’ve been scared to go on a CTA bus all my life. I never go on it and I never let Kris go on it because it’s not safe. I’ll take the train but not the bus.

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Faculty decides to continue discussion on access to grades

Whether to offer parents access to their children’s test scores and attendance records to what extent and how will continue to be discussed next year, the faculty decided at its May 1 meeting.

In an informal unanimous vote, the faculty also decided the PowerSchool program which has been discussing as an access possibility was not the best choice for the school.

A faculty committee has been exploring possibilities for giving parents access to student grades and records, an opportunity increasing numbers of schools nationwide are implementing.

**Guns the issue**

Sophomore Ben Filippo believes the way people are using guns is the real issue.

“Guns can be bad if they are used for the wrong reason,” Ben said. “But, people use them to hunt and to protect themselves.

“I think, however, that the government spends too much time worrying about nuclear weapons. I mean how often are atomic bombs going to kill people? Millions of people die every year from guns, so what’s really the weapons of mass destruction? We need to focus on our primary problem.”

**Activism needed**

Upset that inner city youth have not been used to enough, Junior Yuwen Wu believes the government needs to take an active role and the media has to do a better job.

“I felt like if the shooting had occurred in a more affluent area or a suburb it would have been covered more thoroughly by the media,” Yuwen said.

“I feel like inner city youth have been deprived and they need to be acknowledged.

“They’re just trying to get an education. Hopefully things will improve by government facing this issue.

“I also think that stricter gun laws would help because it would make it harder to get guns and it would be less prevalent.

“It’s going to be tough but the government needs to find a way.”

**New department heads named; faculty union elects officers**

Appointments for chairpersons of nine departments have been announced by Lab School Director David Magill.

All serve three-year terms, with two exceptions. Three-year appointments are as follows:

- History: Ms. Andrea Martинформацион and Ms. Jay Yourist, fine arts: Mr. John Bierer, math: Ms. Jane Gainworth, physics: Mr. David Dysy, and world languages: Mr. Steve Farver.
- For Rowley Library Ms. Shirley Volk and Mr. Janelle St. Clair have been appointed for one year.
- For the Science Department, Ms. Sharon Housinger will continue as chairperson for the next school year. After that Mr. David Derben, Golden Apple winner who will be on leave next year, will begin a three-year term.

The Faculty Association, the teachers union, has elected the following officers:

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“I feel numb because this has happened so much in the Metropolitan area,” Mr. Tunis explained. “It’s hard for me because I’m starting to feel like I have to accept that this is the reality of life.

“But it shouldn’t be that way. It’s just a poor reflection of society any time that you have a youth, no matter what background he or she is, feeling as though they can take their problems away by taking somebody else’s life. It’s just not right.

“I’m not blaming society for what happened to Blair, but I do believe that the circumstances of our inner city youth is a biproduct of our country’s path. In communities where violence is more prevalent, young men have been conditioned to such a degree that a life of someone else isn’t valuable.

“It’s a moral issue. And, I think a moral solution will be a great benefit to this problem. But even so, it’s still a complex situation with no easy answers.”

**Join the Club Circle**

Junior Jessica Michelle grins as she waits for a friend to join her for cheese fries and cokes.

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OPEN DAILY
Spring roundup: Soccer girls sail into Super Sectional fame

By Dana Alllaza

W hen past Aggs defend on a humid Thursday, May 24 on Jackman Field, forward Gabby Clark, freshmen side steps past the final Argonaut player, obstructing her from the goal and winds up for a shot. Yet the ball declines to the ground, turning her head to watch the ball slide perfectly into the net. Gabby’s second goal of the game, just over 15 minutes into the second half, secured the girls’ varsity soccer team’s 3:0 sectional victory and advancement to the Super Sectional May 28 at Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle.

The Maroons’ win marked the first Class AA Sectional Championship for girls’ soccer and clinched a historic spring sports season. Raking up a 4-3-3 Independent School League record as of Midway deadline, the girls’ varsity soccer team coaxed past prime rival Latin to claim 1st in Conference for the first time in U-High’s history. The team’s 3:1 Regional victory over Maris, May 22 on Jackman Field, set the team up for success in a season.

“We’ve always come this far and lost,” said Forward Molly Scholl, co-captain, with Alle Brudney, senior, and Eliza, junior.

“Everyone got psyched for the game and between what we’ve done in ISL and Regional, it feels so good,” Scoll said. “We record is incredible and our 102 goals this season is incredible. This is our 14th shutout.”

“Before the game I just tried to get everyone focused. I told the team what I’ve been telling them before each game. Don’t make my last game too special,” she added.

Placing 4th of 23 teams in the Thornwood Sectional, May 18 in South Holland, the girls’ track team qualified a second eight girls for State and finished 3rd in Conference.

“Last year we thought the six girls qualify for State and this year all the distance runners were able to advance,” said Katherine Zhou, junior. “I think our qualifying had a lot to do with the coaches making good decisions about who to put in what race. For some of us, if we’ve been putting us in a different event we may not have been as likely to make it.”

“Several of us were seeded 3rd going into Sectionals and you need to make top two to qualify for State. Coach James told us over and over that we could win. That really increased our motivation and the excitement of possibility.”

Tackling 1st in Conference over North Shore, the boys’ track team placed 8th of 22 at the Oak Park River Forest Sectional, May 18.

“Boys’ and girls’ teams were really committed to the idea of our team as a family,” Katherine continued. “A few of the boys came out for the girls’ Sectional and wrote ‘L-High’ across their cleats to support us.”

Rocket's return revitalizes hope for New York, at game's expense

THE ROCKET RELEUNAUNCHES this week.

The 2006-07 season, after Roger Clemens packed his bags for Houston, the seven-time Cy Young award-winning pitcher has come back to the Big Apple ready to wear pinstripes once again. And all it cost him was $28 million salary.

Make no mistake about it. Clemens’ return to the Yankee clubhouse could not have come at a better time. Wasting a 9:14 A.E.P., the Yankees have suffered one D.L. stints after the next for their pitching staff, climaxing with rookie Phil Hughes’ hamstring injury during a May 13 PERFECT SEVEN INNING OUTING AGAINST TExAS last week.

The Yanks needed good news after getting off to a bad start. As the 52,553 fans at Yankee Stadium roared after hearing Clemens announce his return, few doubted that the Rocket’s return may be just what the Yanks need to remain right in the mix for the first half of the title.

Yet, perhaps in paying roughly $1 million per start to a player who made little hesitation to change clubhouses three seasons ago, the Yankees are sending the wrong message.

Clemens currently stands 8th on the career wins list with 348 and 2nd in strikeouts with 4,609. Perhaps the question ball fans should ask themselves is whether these records warrant him special privileges. More than this, does any player deserve such privileges? The fact remains that Clemens has never and will never be a team player. Though the Astros partly took on Clemens to mentor fledgling pitchers, many Astros players have said that aside from starting appearances, they rarely saw Clemens at all. For all his special treatment, Clemens is a mercurial.

Perhaps his quintessential opposite, Yankee Captain Derek Jeter, has devoted his career to making the team as a whole better. Clemens has never been telling the team what he’s doing to deserve to fill. Despite a brief fielding slump in early April, Jeter has maintained a solid backstop in the middle of the Yankee lineup.

In particular was really supportive and his qualifying for State in the 400 meter really shows the work he has put in.

Finishing with a 7:0 overall record (5-1 ISL), boys’ varsity tennismen hosted and won the State Sectional Tournament May 18:19, with five players qualifying for State. Co-captains Benne and Judy Zornet, both seniors, won the ISL doubles championship and advanced to State for their fourth consecutive year.

“Based on from having really good doubles teams this season,” said Sandy Carter, junior. “Our first, second and third doubles helped us get close wins that decided a lot of matches. This year was different because Jenee and Josh played first doubles instead of first and second singles.”

They had a terrific season and won almost all their matches. That gave Evan Levine and me an opportunity to play singles, which was great preparation for next year.”

Meeting last year’s ISL performance, the team finished 3rd in the ISL tournament behind Lake Forest Academy and Latin May 12 and placed 3rd in Conference behind the Carysmen and the Romans.

With an 11-man roster boasting four freshmen, the boys’ varsity baseball team hosted and won their first Independent High School Association playoff matchup May 22 beating Phillips Academy 18-7. St. Ignatius, however, ended the U-High season two days later, defeating the Maroons 0-18.

“The Phillips game we had our heads in it from the start,” said Designated Hitter Robert Smichling, junior. “We got out of the top of the first unscathed and got the bats going in the bottom of the inning. From there on we were just cruising.”

“Bugs against Ignatius we didn’t communicate defensively and didn’t get the bats started as early as we should have. We went down one, two, three in the top of the first inning and gave up seven runs that inning. I just couldn’t pull it together.”

The Maroons finished their season with a 5-13 overall record (3-7 ISL) and placed 5th of six in Conference.

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Sports

Dana Alllaza

“Nick and Sandy are great athletes, but when it comes to tennis they’re extraordinary.”

—Scott Craig, junior

Fiercely striding past a De La Salle defender, Sophomore Ciara Zagaja searches for an open forward, May 18 on Jackman Field. The Maroons championed the Meteor's 7-0, for the Regional crown and their 13th shut out.
So maybe Junior Hannah Solomon-Strauss can't go to France for the Tour de France. But she can put on a Tour de France shirt, buy a bike from Wheels & Things, and ride around Hyde Park.

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