After the assembly students had the opportunity to discuss home life with different customs and traditions. "Students start thinking those out. I think we can do some pretty interesting things this year. The topics haven't been determined but a principal said, "I think many kids here are also having those conversations so that Student Council is accessible and everyone can take part if they want to."" Earlier in the morning, the book was discussed by a student from Judd 126 sponsored by Dean of Students Larry McFarlane.Inspired by the summer reading book, "The Interpreter of Maladies" by Jhumpa Lahiri, U-Highers had their pick for lunch today from Cantonese, Indian and Thai entrees served in the cafeteria. Mr. Jagow said. "Before this I had never gone to a multicultural aspect of eating. Now I go to the Asian station almost every day, including such choices as fried rice and chopsticks. This is very exciting, and I love how multicultural our school is."

Eleven faculty join the family today

By Cydney Weiner
Editor-in-Chief

SOME OF YOU HAVE MEET THEM, BUT MOST OF YOU HAVEN'T YET. SO HERE THEY ARE.

Eleven faculty members who debuted this year include six new teachers, a librarian, a Community Learning Coordinator, a counselor and two teachers who have been here before.

Returning after leaving in 1998 for Iowa with his family, History Teacher Paul Horton taught in Atlanta for the past five years. Mr. Horton's family will live in Atlanta for one more year before joining him in Chicago when his son enters 6th grade in the Middle School next year. "This year I'll be teaching Early World and Modern History," Mr. Horton said. "I had been teaching history teachers at a clinical laboratory school before moving to Atlanta, where I taught at an Episcopal school. I came back because I realized how much I was to leave in the first place."

Also returning is Ms. Barbora Wolf, English, who will teach Mrs. Darlene McCampbell's courses full fall while she is on sabatical. Moving to Chicago only recently, Math Teacher Shauna Anderson said she's excited to be closer to her family in Indiana and teach in a serious academic environment. "The Math Department is wonderful," Ms. Anderson said. "I love Middle School teachers and High School teachers share the same office. I taught math for three years at the Madelia School, but it's nice to be in Chicago close to Indiana; it's like I've come full circle."

"I'm most excited to teach 'Catcher in the Rye' for the first time," Ms. Olson said. "Originally I had wanted to be an opera singer and study vocal performance. But secretly I think I had always wanted to be a teacher. I really love the sense of community, passion and enthusiasm here for learning. And it will be nice to be able to walk to work."

Born and raised in the Philippines, Community Learning Coordinator Luis Pascasio came to Ohio University about 10 years ago for his Masters Degree. Dabbling in directing, which he says he does on the side, Mr. Pascasio belongs to a Filipino-American theatre organization that tackles social issues, which he joined when he moved to Chicago after he finished school.

"The community program is crucial," Mr. Pascasio said. "Before this I had worked at Senn High School in the After School Department. I am so enthused because I feel anything that happens in the community people can learn from, grow from and become better human beings, especially at such an impressionable age."

Returning to U-High for the first time as a faculty member, Counselor Camille Baughn-Cunningham, 34, worked in the Counseling Department at Francis Parker last year. "Before that I was the Staff Psychologist and Associate-Director of the Counseling Center at DePaul University," Ms. Baughn-Cunningham said. "This year we're focusing on drug and alcohol education and how to develop decision-making and problem-solving strategies in order to make healthy choices."

"We're going to take a much more conscious approach to drug use, but not just do it one. While that's ideal, it isn't realistic. The rest of the Counseling Department will help and be involved. With Mr. Bachand gone, I have big shoes to fill."

Newcomers not already mentioned include Ms. Kate Akers, librarian; Ms. Cynthia Jurisson, history; Mr. Pote Pothongsunan, science; Mr. Colin Rennert-May, English; and Mr. Francisco Javier Saez de Adana, science.

Council projects include new website

By Cydney Weiner
Editor-in-Chief

Back-to-school festivities aren't over yet today. The Parents' Association is sponsoring a family dinner and reception 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the courtyard and Blaine Hall lobby.

Lab Schools Director David Magill and Principal Matt Horvat will give welcoming speeches at 5:30. Inspired by the summer reading book, "The Interpreter of Maladies" by Jhumpa Lahiri, U-Highers had their pick for lunch today from Cantonese, Indian and Thai entrees served in the cafeteria. Mr. Jagow explained. "Also, every day will have a main entre that changes day to day, eventually going into what we call a cycle menu, where the cycle repeats at the beginning of the month. We're also still going to offer the a la carte station off the side of the entrance as well as a salad bar outside."

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Eleven Famuly Members start school early, arriving for an Orientation Week two weeks ago. From left are: Top row- Ms. Camille Baughn-Cunningham, Ms. Shauna Anderson, Mr. Francisco Javier Saez de Adana, Mr. Luis Pascasio, Mr. Paul Horton bottom row- Mr. Colin Rennert-May, Ms. Cynthia Jurisson, Ms. Megan Groen and Mr. Pote Pothongsunan. Missing from the photo are Ms. Kate Akers and Ms. Barbara Wolf. Mr. Horton and Ms. Wolf aren't exactly new; they've taught here before.

GSR cuisine morphs into U-High fare

By David McAlpine
Editor-in-Chief

Walking into the cafeteria today, many U-Highers were shocked and surprised at what they saw. Walls that were once white and blue are now bright yellow, green and orange. The typical school lunch line and dining fare will be replaced by fresh food that looks as if it was from the Graduate School of Business—and that's because it is.

Last fall, the Laboratory Schools signed a seven-year contract with food distributor Aramark, which serves more than 420 K-12 schools and school districts nationwide, not to mention a popular lunch spot among U-Highers the GSB Food Court.

According to Lab Schools Food Services Director Todd Jagow, Aramark wishes to bring everything the Food Court has to offer to the Lab Schools, but on a different scale. "We want to keep everyone in one spot, which is right here in the cafeteria," Mr. Jagow said. "We're aiming to provide the same quality of food, almost the same thing everyone is used to at the GSB, just on a smaller scale. It's just so that no one has to walk across the street anymore."

The cafeteria will still offer one main lunch line but diners can choose from multiple stations including a pizza station, a deli, a grill and an entire of the day, including such choices at each of the sections," Mr. Jagow explained. "Also, every day will have a main entre that changes day to day, eventually going into what we call a cycle menu, where the cycle repeats at the beginning of the month. We're also still going to offer the a la carte station off the side of the entrance as well as a salad bar outside."

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In the Principals Office before the school year starts, Student Council President Daniel Hornung and Principal Matt Horvat discuss the First Day Assembly. Photo by Jeremy Hendregan

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Students hold key to making year great

U-Highers, the key is in your hands. Last year, U-Highers set a high standard in excellent events which added up to a great school experience. This year is an example. Set a new precedent by attracting most U-Highers to show up with creative, new workshops and exciting events.

For Spirit Week, U-Highers got excited about its fun projects, including decorating each floor in a different grade's colors. That group has student representation. Student Council took the initiative last year to sponsor discussion forums on the issue of diversity and press for student activism. That spirit this year can turn out every bit as great as last year did. And, who knows. Maybe it will turn out even better!

Contribute your voice to the Midway

The Midway staff, giving advice on difficult situations, offering story ideas and giving opinions about specific issues. The entire faculty, in fact, is regularly contacted by the Midway for story ideas. These interviews, or what we call "beat reports," produce story ideas and also inform us about any personal news the person may want the community to know.

Students, parents and faculty members are also urged to participate in the Midway. First Person stories about the personal experiences and guest opinion columns are encouraged, as well as letters to the editors. Simply write a proposal or letter, place it in a sealed envelope, sign it and place it in Mr. Brasler's box in the High School office. We will contact you.

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Swimmers prepared to take on Caxys
By Mona Dangupa
Editor-in-Chief

“We’ve been working a lot on our individual medleys which will definitely help us defeat Lake Forest Academy,” said Senior Linnea Madsen of the varsity swim team. “LFA has a really well rounded team. Working on our individual medleys lets us practice all our strokes, that’s why it will help us. We beat LFA last year, so I’m confident we can do it again this year.”

The meet takes place this Saturday at 4:30 p.m., tomorrow, away.

Linnea is captain with fellow seniors Hillary Gimpel, Polina Ryzhik, Sarah Sandmel, Hannah Solomon-Strauss, Liwen Xu and Anna Madsen of the varsity swim team. “LFA has a really well rounded team. Working on our individual medleys lets us practice all our strokes, that’s why it will help us. We beat LFA last year, so I’m confident we can do it again this year.”

The Maroons faced Morton High School, September 5th, away, and University High-Urbania, September 8th, at home. Results came past Midway deadline.

“I also face LFA 4-30, tomorrow, away. JV Coach Mike Cowan said he believes the team can win.

“There are nine girls on jv this year,” Coach Cowan said. “in order to defeat LFA, we’ll need to work on our individual medleys and stroke refinement. We beat them last year and can do it again this year.”

Volleyball girls enter fray with new strategies
By Mona Dangupa
Editor-in-Chief

Working on offensive strategies, varsity volleyball players are pushing the ball to the net to get right with them and fill the shoes of those who are no longer here.” Having competed with larger schools during the previous season, the Maroons find themselves back in class AA competing with Chicago Hope Academy and Francis Parker.

“Kiara said they have a lot of experience as a three-time state qualifier and she has won the Sectionals doubles title three times. She should play very well with Rachel at number one doubles.”

Finishing 2nd in the Class AA Regionals and qualifying for Sectionals last season, the runners will compete without graduates Iain McDonald, Ben Worcester, Peter Bush and Carver Academy, September 1st, away: Varsity won 5-0.

Tennis girls take on returning nemesis
By Diana Alfassa
Editor-in-Chief

Facing Mother McAuley, who last season triumphed in Sectionals ahead of Morgan Park High and U-High, girls’ varsity tennis needs to utilize its match play experience to defeat the Mustangs, 4:30 p.m., today, away, believes Captain Alex Guynn, senior.

“Mother McAuley had a lot of powerful seniors last year so the team dynamic will have shifted for them this year,” Alex said. “Their one heavy hitter, Annie McCarthy, graduated, so our number one singles player Gabbie Clark will have a much easier time against whoever replaces Annie this year. Gabbie will also benefit from her traveling in national open this summer and tournament play.”

The team of six returnees and two freshmen, Rachel Sylora and Maggie Carton, won its opening match against Timothy Christian 7-0, August 27, at home. “Match play is very different than taking one-on-one lessons or hitting balls with a friend, I think we’ll be working on a winning team.”

U-High sports star Clarissa Booth ’96, who excelled in volleyball at U-High (and was Men’s sports editor) will coach the varsity this year. For two seasons, has returned this year to coach varsity. Ms. Cynthia Treadwell, who played college volleyball and was captain of the Maroons, will be the assistant coach. Coach Treadwell also coached varsity volleyball at south suburban Thornton High School for two years.

The nine member squad, with seven returning players and one freshman, began its season winning 25-13, 25-23-23. Varsity took on Willowbrook, August 28, away: Varsity won 25-13, 25-23.

“Coach Gerola is a master of the court, this should be an interesting match,” Coach Hanek said.

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U-Highers roam the globe over the summer...

BY DANA AFFELLA
Editor-in-Chief

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Yearbook photos to be taken early next month

Seniors can start planning their smiles for when their portraits are taken next early month for the 2008 U-Highlights.

The Open House will be held on the Blaine Hall 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, October 8 through Friday, October 12.

Students will be photographed 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 4 in the Journalism Office, Judd 14, through the door at the west end of the cafeteria.

School sweatshirts and hats will be sold by the cafeteria. All students will receive order forms either at home or at school.

The 2007 yearbook, edited by Senior Lisen Xu and '07 graduate Michael Hernandez, is expected to be delivered early next month. The staff worked on the book through August 20, two months longer than expected.

"Readers will understand why when they see the yearbook," Michael said.

The 2008 editors-in-chief are Ben Picker and Rebecca Steuer.

OPEN HOUSE—Students visiting the Lab Schools for Recruitment Open House, Sunday, October 12, may find they have some helpful decision-making processes to consider. Lab Schools Director Michael Yeich says that students recruiting students is the goal this year. The Open House will follow the annual High School Parent's Night, Tuesday, October 2.

"We visit about 30 to 50 middle schools each year and invite as many students as possible to come over to see the city," Mr. Yeich said. "People are into gathering comparative information and we want to give them a sense of what to compare. We're in the new wrinkle this year is getting the Council and more students involved in recruiting students. The input of older students is very important and we have all kinds of unusual ways to get them involved. Getaway is another chance for people to get to know each other and maybe even strike up a budding friendship.

Repositioned from the end of the week, Sophomore Retreat will take place Monday, September 24-Wednesday, September 26. In addition to setting up in Lake Delton, Wisconsin, to have a variety of clubs hold tables at the Open House so that we can match students' interests. It's important for them to know there's something great here for everyone. Every year we are told that the best part of the Open House is the student tour so definitely want to get more students involved."