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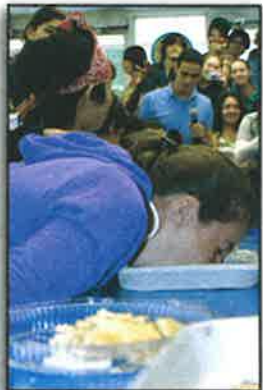


Photo by Emily Chiu

SPIRIT WEEK, October 1-5, brought out the bloodthirsty competitive nature of U-Highers in a series of contests. The senior class won four of six of them. In the Pie Eating Contest Monday Emma Cowen dives in. That's Homer Shew behind her and Dan Hornung doing the announcing.

3 To the rescue



Art by Eric Cochrane

AT THE LAST minute a new counselor saves the day at U-High, arriving from a far-off land called the University of Chicago. Meet Ms. Melissa Meltzer Warehall in our "Character Sketches" column.

6-7 BOO TO YOU!



Art by Lorraine Gough

TAROT CARDS fly and a crystal ball whirls as a Midway editor gets his fortune told as part of the Midway's super special Halloween centerspread. Also featured: ghosts, a visit to a cemetery and...hey, what was that sound I just heard?

Play sinks fangs in vampire lore

*'Dracula' offers spooky
Halloween-time tale*

By Kyle Brunke

Associate Editor

Hypnotic eyes that compel immediate obedience and eternal servitude as their children of the night reverberate throughout the expanse of dimly lighted stage. A vampire spreads his dark cape with a polite, gesturing hand.

The man in black bids you welcome to his Transylvanian castle in this year's fall production, "Dracula." Written in 1897 by Irish novelist Bram Stoker, "Dracula" details the gruesome horrors of a mysterious monster and the people determined to destroy him before he destroys them with a deadly bite.

Dramatized in 1927 by Hamilton Deane and John Balderston for a Broadway production, "Dracula" achieved widespread notoriety in the 1931 film adaptation starring Bela Lugosi as the renowned vampire. Lugosi struggled for the remainder of his career with roles similar to that of the character who had made him famous, culminating with his burial in the mantle of Dracula's famed attire.

Previously presented at U-High in 1993, "Dracula" will be performed 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 25; Friday, October 26; and Saturday, October 27 in Belfield Theatre. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in the High School Lobby.

The U-High production reflects the morbid, dark themes throughout the novel, according to Drama Teacher Liucija Ambrosini, the director.

"This play, by no means, is a modernized version," Mrs. Ambrosini said. "The play will be set in the 1920s with a fairly gothic tone and authentic costumes. The play is perfect for Halloween and that's why I chose it. There are no drastic changes;



Photo by Jeremy Handrup

the plot is straight from the original screenplay and captures all the horror and mystery of 'Dracula.' The play isn't an exact imitation of the movie because there are many differences when doing live theatre. This is a play production, not a film adaptation."

Designing the bleak environments of 1920s
(continues on centerspread)

"THE PART of Dracula is about power, blood lust and anger," says Junior Joe Boisvert, who portrays the title character in the Fall Production, which opens Thursday for three nights.

Obama tops U-High Presidential picks

By Robin Shapiro

Editor-in-Chief

Although Illinois Senator Barack Obama may be hitting a rough patch on the campaign trail toward becoming the Democratic candidate for President, at U-High he's doing just fine.

Senator Obama took 1st place in a Midway Presidential poll last month with 280 (67 percent) of 420 votes.

The other four Democratic candidates received votes as follows: Senator Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), 36 (9 percent); Senator John Edwards (D-N.C.), 2 (.5 percent); Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), 1 (.2 percent); and Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), 3 (.7 percent).

Republican candidates were topped by former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, 7 (2 percent), followed by Congressman Ron Paul (R-Tex.), 4 (1 percent); Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), 1 (.2 percent); Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), 1 (.2 percent); Baptist Minister Mike Huckabee (R-Ark.), 1 (.2 percent); Governor Mitt Romney (R-Mass.), 1 (.2 percent); and Governor Tommy Thompson (R-Wisc.), 1

(.2 percent).

The Independent candidate, Attorney Ralph Nader received 1 vote (.2 percent) and former Vice President Al Gore (D) received 2 votes (.5 percent). Seventy-two U-Highers (17 percent) declared themselves undecided.

With Senator Clinton ahead in the national polls, many Senator Obama supporters said they feel uneasy about his progress toward the first primary election in January.

Working on Senator Obama's Presidential Campaign since March, Student Council President Daniel Hornung, senior, said he supports Obama because he is the best candidate to bring about change.

"The polls clearly show that Senator Clinton is ahead," Daniel said. "I think there are two reasons: Obviously voters are more familiar with Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama is a new face. Hillary has been running since she was a little girl."

"The primaries are also sequential. They start in Iowa and go to New Hampshire then to South Carolina and Nevada. Right now Obama is up two points in Iowa. I

think the momentum from doing well in those first states is really important and it will be hard to win without them."

Along with Senator Obama's support from those states, Daniel believes that his views on health care and the war on Iraq prove that he is better equipped for President.

"Also, the states that Obama has been to the most support him because he is out there reminding voters that he cares about the issues that are important."

"Right now those issues are health care and Iraq. Obama opposed the war in Iraq and Hillary didn't vote against the war; she actually gave the President the authority to do it. Obama had the judgment to say no, and I don't think Hillary has that kind of judgment. I don't know if I feel comfortable with her judgment to get the troops out of Iraq and I think we really need a President to see to that."

"As for health care, Obama is taking on drug companies who have lots of power in the process. He is not accepting money from pharmacies, whereas Hillary Clinton is taking the money. Obama is clearly in second place, but I have confidence that Obama can lead to victory."

Also voting Democratic, Senior Alex Kleiman said she would be happy if either Senator Obama or Senator Clinton won the Presidential race, yet she believes Senator Clinton offers the superior experience.

"I'm not against Senator Obama, but I think Hillary has more experience, especially on her policies on foreign relations, which is an issue I think that we need to be focusing on right now."

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Art by Eric Cochrane



"I thought the faculty center was dominating. It's a lie that I tried to score on my own basket, I was creating space for my team."
—Mr. Chris Janus, History

Drug Education starts

By Julie Carlson

Associate editor

With freshmen a month into U-High's new drug education program, sophomores will begin a similar program in January.

Developed by newly hired Guidance Counselor Camille Baughn-Cunningham, '84 U-High graduate, the program is the school's first in two years.

During two months of weekly advisory meetings, freshmen and sophomores will learn how to avoid drugs and alcohol situations from Ms. Baughn-Cunningham, Guidance Counselors Ron Tunis and Asra Ahmed and Learning Coordinator Suzan Snook.

"The one thing we don't want to do is lecture," Ms. Baughn-Cunningham explained. "We plan to have interactive discussions and do activities, including role play. Our main goal is to address any questions that students have."

"What's really exciting about it is that the idea didn't come from the top down. It wasn't just administrators deciding that we needed to do this. It

was actually students who came to us and were concerned about their peers and their community.

"Last year, the school held focus groups with this year's sophomores to get a sense of what they wanted to learn. I think that they really want accurate knowledge and a place to ask for information without worrying."

"Going to a parent to ask about drugs might sound frightening to a student, so they wanted a place at school to answer those questions."

Dean of Students Larry McFarlane encourages upperclassmen to address problems with the counselors.

"The program will eventually work its way up to the juniors and seniors," he said. "What's starting this year is not suitable for them because it's based through the advisories, which they don't have."

"We're not forgetting about the upperclassmen, we're just trying to find the right medium to work with them."

See a profile of U-High's new college counselor on page 3.

Election results

(continued from front page)

"I don't think Obama would be a bad President but I think he just needs more experience, especially in foreign relations, and I don't think being President is the time to figure that out."

Considering herself Republican, Senior Dana Alfassa said she would vote for Giuliani because of his experience.

"Giuliani has been tested. When September 11th happened, Giuliani did an unbelievable job in recovering New York City. Obama and Clinton simply don't have that kind of experience."

Other U-Higher votes went to actor Jack Bauer with two votes, Junior Gabe Bump with two votes, Junior Zeke Upshaw with one vote and Junior Ruiqi Tang with one vote.

Can't tell Remy nothing... He's eating at the U.M.

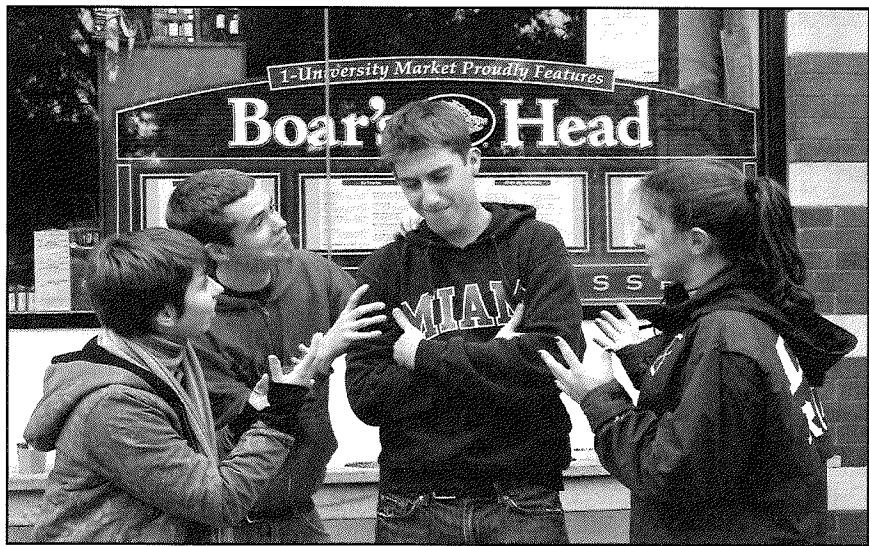


Photo by Joe Boisvert

EVEN THOUGH his friends are pleading to eat somewhere different for a change, Remy Handrup stands his ground and refuses to eat anywhere other than the University Market. With a delicious variety of sandwiches and a large array of snacks, U.M. is the place to be.

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U-HIGHERS went global (photos from top) during Spirit Week, October 1-5, with a clip of the student faculty basketball game posted by Computer Science teacher Baker Franke on www.youtube.com.

THE CROWD chanted as Robert Strickling, senior, wolfed down two pies and fellow seniors Emma Cowen and Homer Shew squeaked by in the Monday Pie Eating Contest.

PARADING AROUND school with costumes from their favourite decade, Tuesday U-Highers dressed in everything from long socks to Sophomore Mario Gage's winning outfit, a valor jumpsuit.

SLAM DUNKS and a second half comeback from a 14 point deficit characterized the all-school assembly Wednesday in Upper Kovler. Senior Markie Room sailed to an earth shattering dunk and Dean of Students Larry McFarlane got ejected for pushing. The students came away victorious, 29-23. Screaming from the bleachers juniors were loudest during the game. Throughout U-Highers dressed in their favorite sports players' jerseys.

"Mr. Horvat wants to start an assembly program with a total of six assemblies during the year," Student Council President Dan Hornung said. "He came to us to help plan the assembly. We thought the first assembly should be fun and low key. We wanted to continue from previous Spirit Weeks that were exciting."

PAYING HOMAGE to their favorite Super Heroes, students wore outfits ranging from Superman to Batman Thursday. To the rescue in a Superman outfit, senior Sage Mahoney was awarded best dressed.

THIS YEAR, Lab Schools Director David Magill banned hallway decorating in light of the previous year's mess. But U-Highers still showed their colors in the final push of school spirit, wearing their grade's hues. Seniors came up with the most people in their color.

The seniors emerged the overall victors in Spirit Week competition. Final scores found seniors with seven points, juniors with two, sophomores with one, and freshmen with zero. Sorry 'bout that, freshmen!

For their tasty victory, seniors will be treated to a pizza party sponsored by student government.



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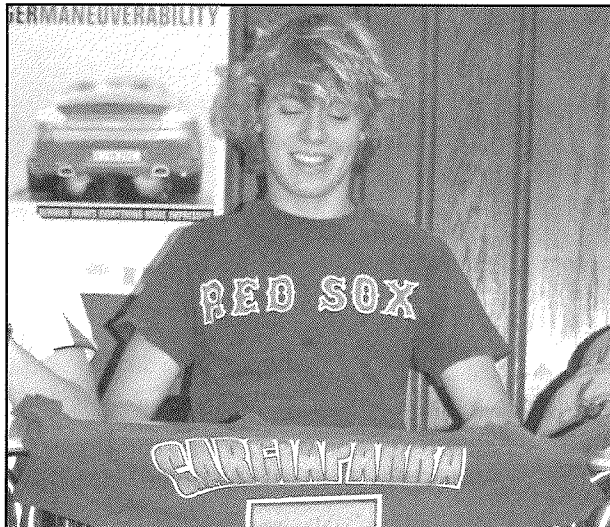


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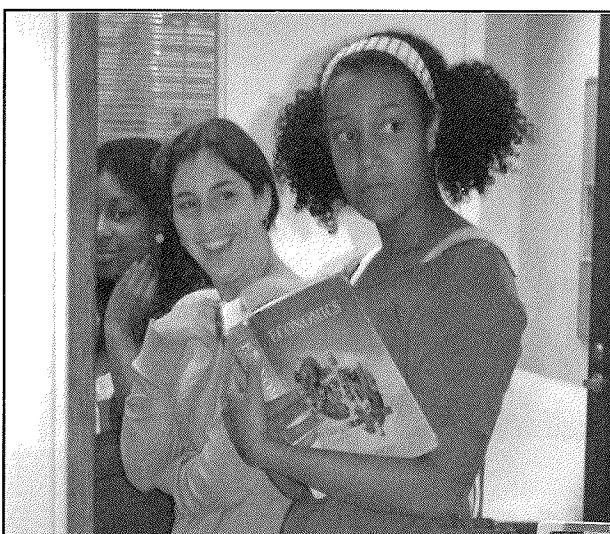


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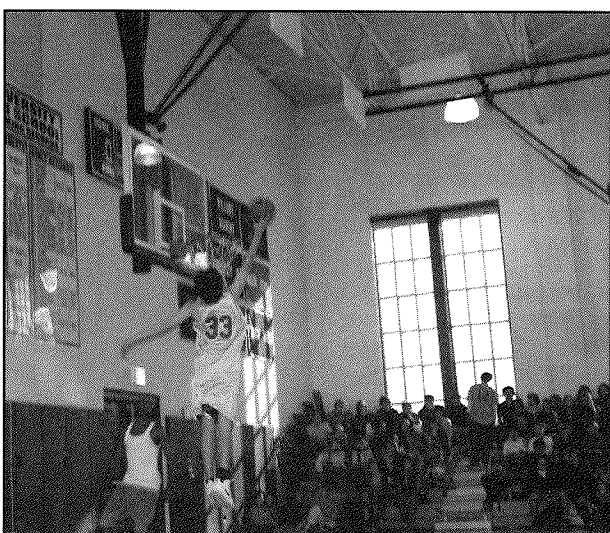


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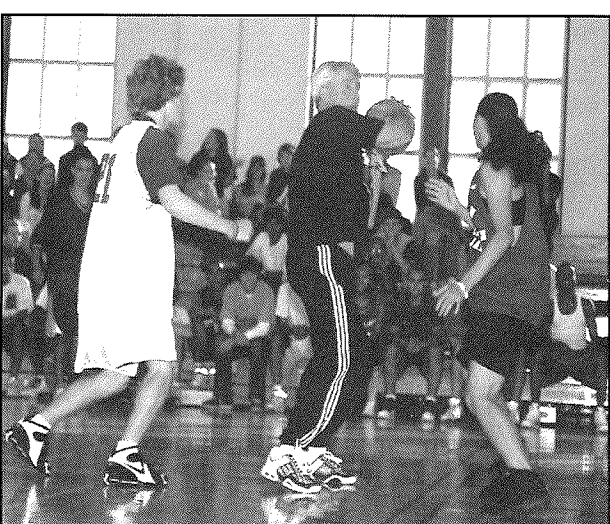


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"Sophomore Retreat was a great experience because we had a lot of time to bond with each other."
—Isabella Prenta, sophomore



SOPHS SERVE, SERVE UP FUN AT RETREAT

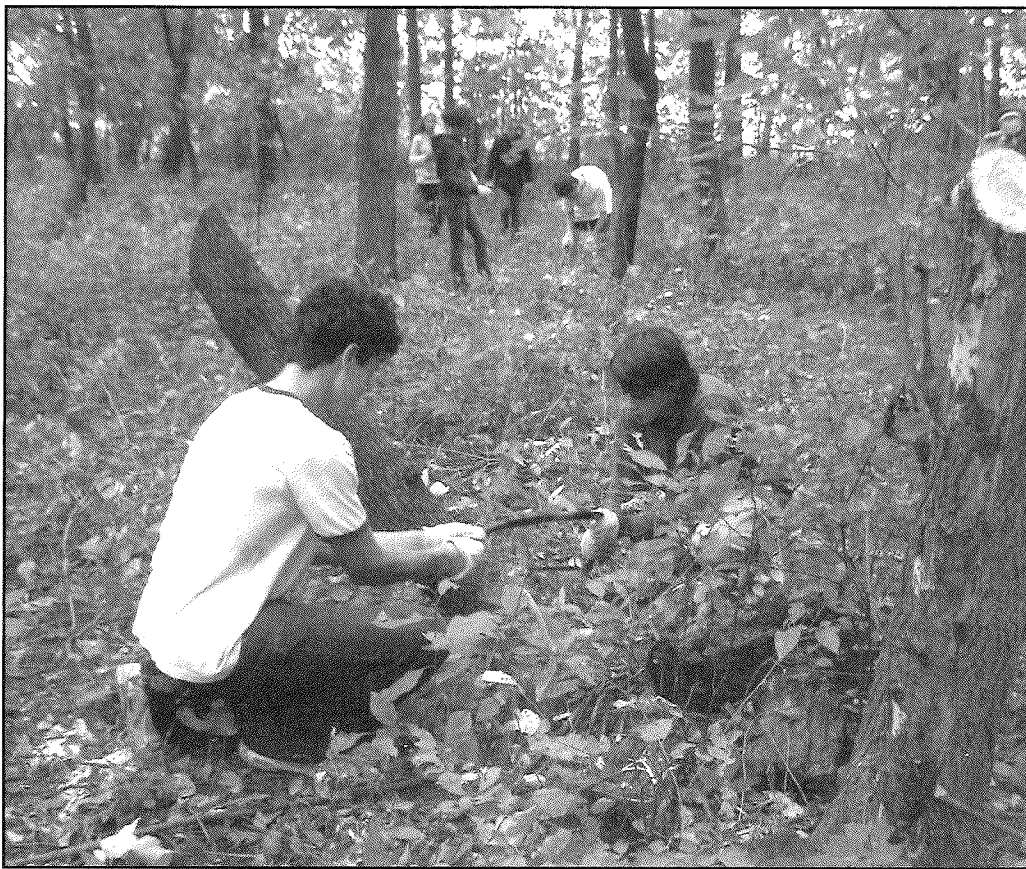


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AFTER A FOUR-HOUR ride from school, sophomores arrived at Camp Chi in Lake Delton, Wisconsin, for their Retreat, September 24-26. On arrival they played team-building games, then enjoyed an evening at Kalahari Water Park. The next day the U-Highers participated in community service activities.

Sophomore President Jack Brewer believes the Retreat proved beneficial, not only to the class, but also to the communities the sophs helped.

"Our grade got a lot closer," Jack said. "I know students who made new friends and we helped the community with the service we did. Hopefully this will help out during the required community learning we do this year."

In the photo Ben Hain, left, and James Phillips cut down a dying tree at McCarthy Park to prepare the site for an at-risk children's camp.

CHARACTER SKETCH AMANDA PAPPAS

Sent in to save the game

SHE'S THE LAST-MINUTE replacement, just like the person she's replaced. She's the new college counselor, Mrs. Melissa Meltzer Warehall.

Former college counselor Will Dix left just before the school year started. Consequently, college counselor Patty Kovacs immediately contacted Mrs. Warehall, a longtime friend of 20 years.

Before working as a college counselor, Mrs. Warehall served as the Admissions Director at DePaul University and Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Chicago.

"I loved working with students and families at the University of Chicago but that was only about 30 percent of my job," Mrs. Warehall explained.

"The other 70 was reading applications and visiting high schools. When I was offered the job at U-High I was incredibly excited. I like being a part of an important time in a high schooler's life and helping them understand the variety of options available to them.

"I enjoy exploring with the student what their interests are, meaningful times in their lives and I especially enjoy years down the road seeing their results. The long-term relationships I have had with students have been so rewarding."

Stylish in black slacks, vibrant colored dress shirts and seldom without a Diet Coke, Mrs. Warehall has a relaxed attitude which equips a solid relationship with Mrs. Kovacs.

"I have known Mrs. Kovacs for over 20 years and have looked to her as the model as to how a college counselor should be," Mrs. Warehall said. "There are very few people of her caliber in our profession and I'm just excited to work with the best of the best."

With years of experience reading applications, Mrs. Warehall says she feels comfortable writing students' recommendations.

"I've been achieving that by having meetings and conversations with the students as well as reading their essays."



Art by Eric Cochrane

Brief-ly BSA holiday drive rolls on

The Midwest Workers' Association, an organization which provides social and health services to black families, will benefit from the Black Students' Association's food, clothing and toy drive which runs through the end of the month.

"In this year's BSA clothing, food and toy drive, each grade is competing to raise the most amount of items," said BSA President Artis Lewis, senior. "We're trying to expand the drive because you can always do more. It's our responsibility to step up and give back."

■**TOP HONOR**—Highest rating, All American, has been received from the National Scholastic Press Association for last year's issues of the Midway. It is the 42nd consecutive year the paper has won the honor.

Judges gave the Midway Marks of Distinction for special excellence in Coverage and Concept; Writing and Editing; Photography, Art and Graphics; and Leadership.

Last year's editors, all now college freshmen, were Philip Jacobson, Jeremy Lacocque, Namrata Patel, Henry Africano, Sarah Fischel, Jacqueline Chaudhry, and Evan Dorfman. The photo editor was Emma Lantos.

■**FOURTEEN STUDENTS** in History Teacher Susan Shapiro's Holocaust elective class will travel to Washington, D.C., November 17-20.

Chaperoned by Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. Steve Farver, the class will be touring the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and researching for their final paper on an aspect of their choice relating to the Holocaust.

Students scheduled to participate include the following:

Emma Cowen, Amelia Elfenbaum, Hillary Gimpel, Bianca Harris, Eva Jaeger, Sydney Marcus, Elizabeth Messina, Polina Ryzhik, Sara Sandmel, Anne Sawyer, Robin Shapiro, Billy Stevenson, Aaron Weiss.

■**SEMIFINALISTS**—Seventeen seniors have been named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program

based on standardized test scores. In the companion Achievement Scholarship program for outstanding African American students, two Semifinalists have been named. All now proceed to competition for Finalist status, based on test scores, cocurricular involvement, counselor recommendations, grades and essays.

Semifinalists are as follows:

MERIT—Maria Birukova, Seong-Yung Chung, Patrick Differding, Andrey Drinfeld, Frank Firke, Geoffrey Gibbs, Daniel Greenberg, Muneeb Hai, Anna Schleusener, Kais Shawaf, Jarius Singh, Sarah Wald, Robert Webber, Claire Weichselbaum, Nathan Worcester, Liwen Xu and Katherine Zhou.

ACHIEVEMENT—Daniel Hornung, Victoria Rogers.

Seniors received Commendation status for high test scores are as follows:

MERIT—Tom Brewer, Jacob Bruns, Christina Draganich, Gretchen Eng, Alison Feder, Alya Forster, May Fu, Daniel Hornung, Shannon Kimball, Madeline LaRue, Won-Hee Lee, David McAlpine, Ben Philipson, Ben Picker, Victoria Rogers, Anne Sawyer, John Swank, Stephanie Tang, Philip Verma, Yuwen Wu and Zhe Zhuang.

ACHIEVEMENT—Artis Lewis.

■**FRESHMAN VICTORS**—Newly-elected freshmen officers include President, Henry Bergman; vice president, Emily Ehrmann; Cultural Union representatives, Sarah Garvey and Sasha Karapetrova.

Senior Alex Kleiman was elected as senior class C.U. representative replacing Mona Dasgupta, who resigned last month.

■**RECRUITMENT**—Reaching out to a wider group for the Recruitment Open House, October 21, Admissions Director Michael Veitch says 200 families attended.

"This year we sent out a lot more fliers," Mr. Veitch said. "We hoped there would be more student participation because there weren't any other big events going on that weekend."

More than 300 parents attended the U-High Open House, October 2. Spending 10 minutes in each class, parents were given a chance to observe what their children experience in their courses.

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Jena Six issue didn't ring a Bell at U-High

I SAW MORE green during Spirit Week at U-High than I did Thursday, September 20.

In Jena, Louisiana, that day more than 100,000 protesters arrived clad in green and black shirts embossed with "Free the Jena Six," in support of six African American high school students. The Jena Six escalated nationwide as the issue erupted a massive civil rights debate. Civil rights groups across the country encouraged people to wear green and black even if they couldn't get to Jena.

The Six had been charged with assaulting white classmate Justin Barker after he taunted one of them by using the "N" word in December. Five months earlier, white students hung nooses from a tree that had been, by tradition, reserved for white people, after an African American boy sat under it. The white students involved were suspended but no charges were brought against them.

The day after the attack against Barker, the Jena Six were charged with second-degree attempted murder and conspiracy by the District Attorney. The sentences were later reduced and Mychal Bell, the first of

the Six to be tried, was released on bail September 27 after being incarcerated for 10 months after the judge ruled that he was wrongly convicted as an adult. Though Bell was released, he was arrested again October 11 after the judge ruled he'd violated his probation.

At U-High the Jena Six issue could have proven a great way for teachers and students to connect on the issue of race. But from what I have been told few conversations have taken place. Discussion, for example, could compare the style and rhetoric of the speeches given by the Reverend Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson at the protest on September 20 to the speeches Dr. Martin Luther King gave.

Discussion could include whether the legal system is biased. Discussion could include hate crime laws, and their repercussions on minorities. Discussion could include what the Bush administration is doing now compared to what the federal government did during the American Civil Rights era.

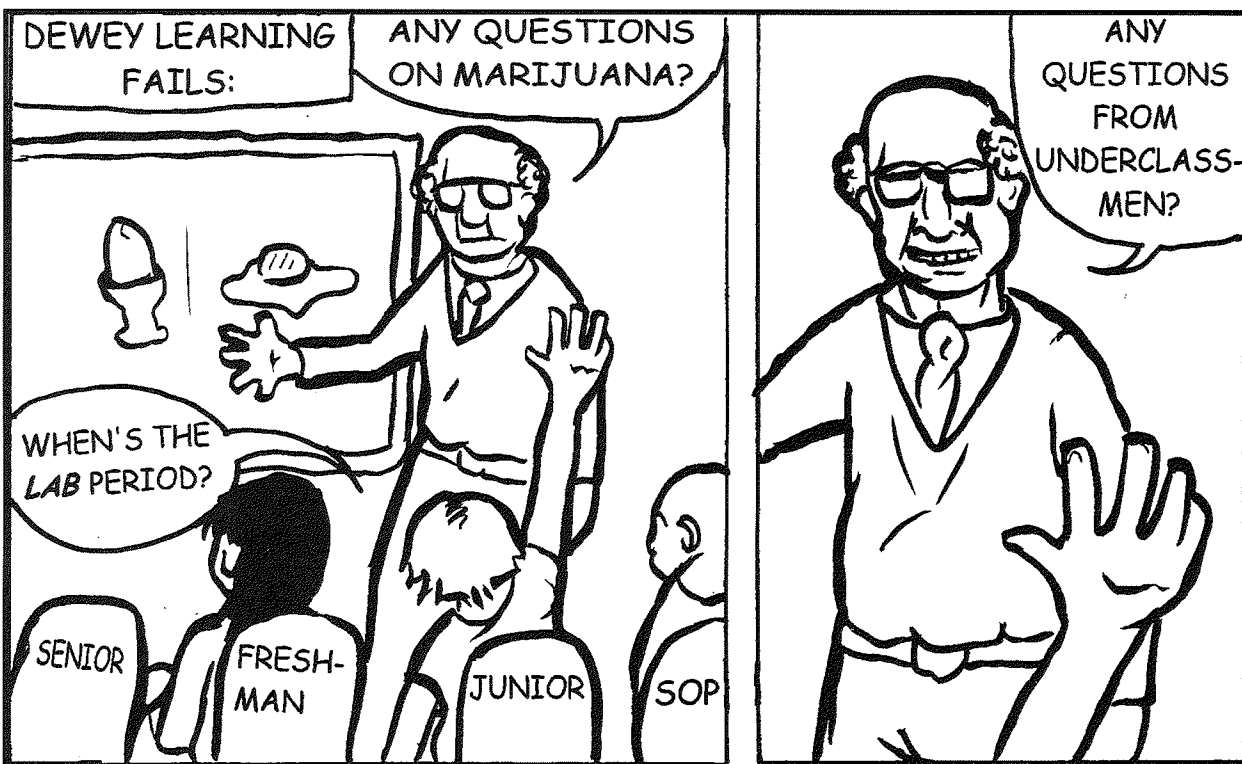
Besides in some Peer Leading advisories, I haven't heard any discussions in class on these matters. I have barely encountered one student who knows details about the Jena Six.

"I have heard about them but I don't really know what it is about," recited three different friends.

Part of the way John Dewey envisioned us learning was to use the world around us and bring real life experiences to the classroom. But we seem to be overlooking moments in our own lifetime.



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Art by Eric Cochran

AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

Something important is missing

The school is doing something about drug education this year. That's great. But what is being done isn't covering the entire landscape.

U-Highers haven't gotten a drug education program since 2005. This year, though, under new Guidance Counselor Camille Baughn-Cunningham, herself a U-High graduate, a new drug education program has started for freshmen and sophomore advisories.

The idea for the program emerged from student focus groups last spring with current sophomores, Principal Matt Horvat has said.

The counselors are realistic, Ms. Baughn-Cunningham said. They realize that the "just say no" approach isn't always a solution. In an experimental year for the program, only a simple outline for what the program plans to accomplish exists. A major part is hoping students will not think in the moment but rather think about the consequences of drug use.

Knowing that parents are key to the initiative, a meeting was called for freshmen and sophomore parents the evening of September 27 in the cafeteria. First Mr. Horvat explained the new drug program and parental precautions for Homecoming, such as paying close attention to their children's plans for before and after the dance. Then he opened up the floor to questions.

At that time a parent raised her hand and asked what was being done for juniors and seniors in terms of drug education. Mr. Horvat explained how freshmen and sophomores are more impressionable than juniors and seniors. He also briefly mentioned the possibility of a Spring program for seniors to discuss the transition from high school to college.

Even though it's great that the school has decided to create this program, something is missing. Something big. The Midway staff has been working on a drug use and education issue since the middle of last year and from statistics we've gathered juniors and seniors represent a large part of the drug problem.

What we know is this: Drugs are being sold on school property. Students from every grade are using drugs during both school hours and on weekends U-Highers are driving under the influence and a majority of the student body knows all this is going on. But the school taking an initiative and making a strong public stand, there's no reason juniors and seniors should feel inclined to stop participating in such dangerous activities.

Just because it's more logical to deal with the younger students in the new program doesn't mean an attempt shouldn't be made to reach juniors and seniors as well. And now.

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PHOTOEDITORIAL: A sign of success

LONG LINES in the cafeteria where they never existed before have become a daily sight this year.

The cause isn't disorganization or service being slow. It's the impressive popularity of Aramark food services' new Cafe Lab operation. The droves of U-Highers who formally fled to the U. of C. Graduate Business School food court (also an Aramark

operation) across Kimbark Avenue are content to stay at school and enjoy internationally-styled hot lunches, custom-made deli sandwiches, gourmet pizza and fresh veggies and fruit. The prices aren't low, but then, the quality is high.

It makes sense that a better product means more customers. If anything, long lines are a sign of the cafeteria's success.

SAY WHAT?

What do you think of the new lunch program?

SYMONE BUCKNER, senior: The food is great and good quality, but they have gotten rid of some of the better aspects of the program. There isn't any pop and chips. I understand that they want to be healthy, but the slushies aren't particularly healthy, so why shouldn't we have pop?



ELISABETH MORANT, junior: The caf is like a great cacophony of colors; I guess it does really wake you up in the morning. The food is really overpriced. I don't like feeling forced to buy the cafeteria's food. It's good, but it's not worth it.



EMILY KLEEMAN, sophomore: I'm not as happy about it as I was last year. It is good that they don't have candy as easily accessible, though. Now I'm not so tempted to eat all that junk food and I just get a bagel instead.



HENRY BERGMAN, freshman: Even though the food is expensive, it is very good and there is a great variety. The salad bar, for example, is so convenient because you can just pick and choose what you want to have. I would like more food per package though.



DINING MONA DASGUPTA

Tasty touch of Italy in a Chicago bistro

WILD PINK, yellow, red and purple flowers enclose popular outdoor seating at Bice Bistro, located downtown on Delaware. The Italian menu, accented with themes from Tuscany and Lombardy, is familiar to me because I worked there last summer.

When the owner of the Cubs and his wife in causal attire (at their usual table) recognized a former hostess, it reminded me of how the restaurant and customers are like extended family. With a sense of relaxed European attitude, Bice has a friendly atmosphere that welcomes newcomers while also encouraging regulars to return.



Mona

Located on the ground floor of the Talbot Hotel, Bice is presented with class and style. The Talbot's lobby, with its many canvas paintings, fireplaces and antique sofas, adds a touch of unique sophistication to Bice.

I visited Bice with my friend Senior Van Miner earlier this month. Because of chilly temperatures, we chose to dine inside where table candles lightened the dark setting. We began our meal with deliciously crispy calamari, which leaves a savory taste lingering in the mouth.

Our waiter (an old friend named Lou) immediately told us the daily specials,

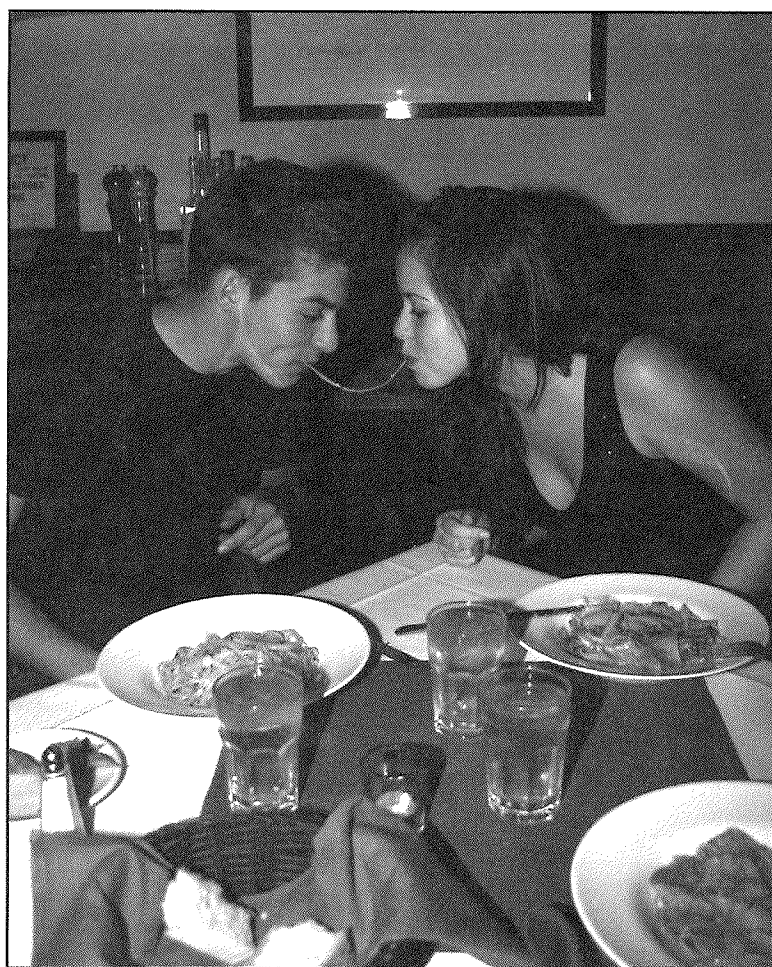


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ENJOYING DINNER at Bice Bistro, Van Miner and Mona Dasgupta savor two pasta dishes with crusty bread.

which are often priced over \$20. Although they sounded delicious, I skipped the specials and customer favorites, like the Bice Burger and Asian Salmon Salad, when ordering my main course. I went for my favorite dish, creamy Pappardelle pasta, while Van chose the Linguine Alle Vongole, pasta with baby clams in a garlic white

wine sauce. Pastas are priced between \$10-14.

Van found his meal delicious and the pasta *al dente*, as I knew he would. When the check came, Van was glad he came with me because former employees get a discount.

■ **BICE BISTRO:** 20 East Delaware Place, (312) 944-4970. 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Saturday.

MUSIC NATHAN BISHOP

Kanye West triumphs with artistry plus appeal

HE'S BACK and bigger than ever. On his highly anticipated album "Graduation" (Roc-A-Fella) Kanye West has churned out some of the most creative and flavorful singles hip-hop has seen in a long time.

Recent chart toppers, such as "Crank That" by Soulja Boy Tell 'Em, drone on with unoriginal lyrics, hardly any rhyming and only one annoying infectious beat. Thankfully, "Graduation" breaks away from the mainstream hip-hop scene. Unlike his peers, Kanye blends together innovative beats with potent and playful rhymes. His originality especially shines through on tracks like "Stronger" and "Champion," which feature incredibly imaginative samplings from Daft Punk and Steely Dan, respectively.

Setting the stage for the perfect battle of hip-hop supremacy, Kanye chose to release "Graduation" September 11, when 50 Cent released his new album, "Curtis." Outraged, 50 Cent reportedly said that he would retire if Kanye sold more records than him. "Graduation" sold 437,000 copies its first day, while "Curtis" sold only 310,000 in the same amount of time. 50, time to throw in the towel.

One constant throughout the album is Kanye's notorious ego, which is funny at times, but can get a little old (almost all of the songs on the album have to do with his success and fame).

Unlike on his previous two albums, Kanye has matured from 20-song sagas to a tightened 13 attention-grabbing tracks on "Graduation." "Stronger," the album's top single, doesn't hit quite as hard as his previous successes, but improves with every play. "Champion" and "Good Life" boast intricate layers of instrumentals, back up vocals and sampling so entertaining you don't mind having them stuck in your head. Maybe we should do as Kanye says on "Stronger" and "bow in the presence of greatness."



Nathan

T.V. DAVID MCALPINE

'Kid Nation' more than just kid stuff

FORTY DAYS. 40 kids. One nation. The bold tagline of CBS' new reality hit "Kid Nation" may promise too much as the experience of no adult supervision has proven too hard for the kids in the show.



David

Airing Wednesday nights at 7, "Kid Nation" is centered around a group of 40 kids from ages 8 to 15 up-keeping the fictional ghost town Bonanza City. Their tasks seem manageable, but the production crew had to leave a lot out that actually happened, including four kids drinking bleach from an unmarked

soda bottle and a girl burning her face with splattered grease.

The potentially most controversial show of the season has quickly turned into a thought-provoking program, with the kids providing insightful commentary. It wouldn't be a reality show, however, without competition. Each week, districts of kids vie for status in the town, better pay and rewards.

"Kid Nation" may not have lived up to its hype, but the ratings are high and a sequel is underway. Although we may not have seen the unshown incidents that originally brought the show to fame, the backstories and surprisingly deep insights of every cast member makes "Kid Nation" a definite show to watch.



Photo courtesy of abc.com

THE KIDS SHINE but where's the controversy in their "Nation."

FILM JULIE CARLSON

Remake proves the real heartbreak here

BEN STILLER is getting old. Physically, his age shows through the growing number of wrinkles on his face and gray hairs on his head. In his career, it shows through his newest film, "The Heartbreak Kid."

Despite being loosely based on Elaine May's legendary 1972 film, which starred Charles Grodon and Cybill Shepard, the two films share little except for a title.

The new "Heartbreak Kid" follows 40 year old Eddie Cantrow (Stiller) as he prematurely marries his seemingly perfect girlfriend of six weeks, Lila (Malin Akerman). Of course, she is secretly psychotic.

On their honeymoon, Eddie meets and begins to date Miranda (Michelle Monaghan), a fellow vacationer who is unaware of Eddie's recent nuptials. Directors Bobby and Peter Farrelly use plenty of their trademark raunchy humor

and foul language that made earlier projects like "There's Something About Mary" and "Dumb and Dumber" famous.

But as the film progresses, so does the audience's hatred for Eddie. Without even trying to mend his relationship with Lila, Eddie discards her for another girl who he hardly knows, proving his true womanizing nature. All protagonists have flaws, but it's impossible to find a redeeming quality in Eddie. No wonder he was still single at 40.

Expected to earn \$25 million in its opening weekend, October 5-7, "The Heartbreak Kid" earned only \$14 million. The low turnout indicates that audiences are tired of seeing Stiller play a neurotic man who falls in love. It wasn't funny in "Along Came Polly" and it isn't funny here. Or maybe the Farrelly Brothers simply can no longer compete with new comedic directors like Judd Apatow.

Overall, it seems the biggest heartbreak in



Julie

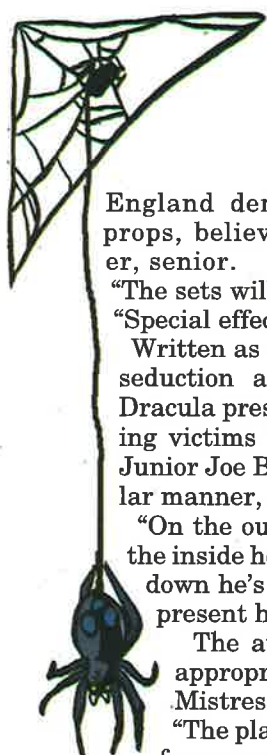


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THE HONEYMOON is over too quickly for Eddie (Ben Stiller) and Lila (Malin Akerman) in a disappointing remake of "The Heartbreak Kid."



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It's pretty scary to thi...
-Bianca Harris, senior



Dracula

(continued from front page)

England demands the use of clever imagery and props, believes Assistant Codirector Cydney Weiner, senior.

"The sets will look real and authentic," Cydney said. "Special effects are very prevalent in this play."

Written as a dignified, foreboding character of female seduction and violent temperaments, Mr. Stoker's Dracula presented himself as the perfect host, romancing victims with his trivial generosity and kindness. Junior Joe Boisvert plans to portray Dracula in a similar manner, with a few noticeable changes.

"On the outside he's very calm and collected, but on the inside he's very bloodthirsty," Joe explained. "Deep down he's a very animalistic person. I don't want to present him as some one dimensional villain."

The austere atmosphere of "Dracula" relies on appropriate lighting techniques, believes Lighting Mistress Marriisa Miles-Cocarro, senior.

"The play is very dramatic," Marriisa said. "Therefore we will be using dark and sharp lighting in order to present 1920s England."

Other cast members, by roles, are as follows:

Miss Wells, Kaithlyn Chang; **Dr. Seward**, Joe Hurst; **Jonathan Harker**, James Krull; **Lucy Seward**, Marriisa Miles-Cocarro; **R.M. Renfield**, Jon Pape; **Butterworth**, Johannes Peter; **Abraham Van Helsing**, Aaron Weiss; **attendants**, Lau-line Gough and Krystal Martinez.

Crew heads are as follows:

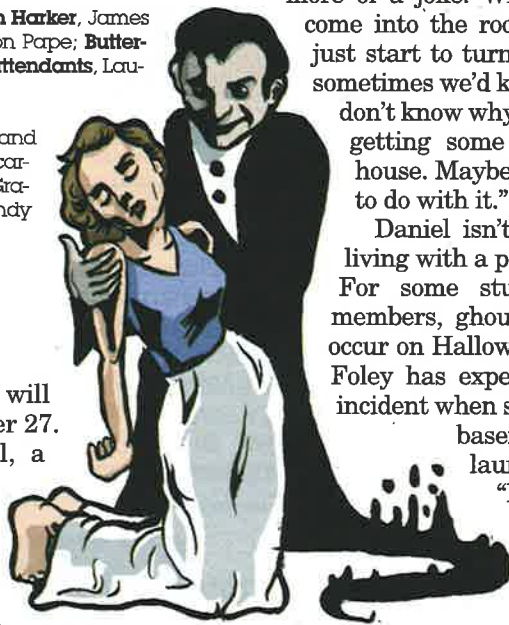
Assistant director, Cydney Weiner; **costumes**, Kelly Kovacs and Victoria Rogers; **house**, Aaron Weiss; **lights**, Marriisa Miles-Cocarro and Krystal Martinez; **makeup**, Sydney Marcus; **props**, Graham Salinger; **set**, Devika Werth and Claire Beatus; **sound**, Andy Zich; **head ushers**, Fraser Brown and Victoria Rogers.

Bizaarnival creeps over to new Sunny setting

Haunting a new locale this year, Bizaarnival will relocate to Sunny Gym 1-5 p.m., Saturday, October 27.

Recreated three years ago from Bazaarnival, a spring carnival in the '60s, the event now centers around Halloween with arts and crafts projects, pie throwing contests, hayrides and spooky mazes. Senior Marriisa Miles-Cocarro and her mother, Ms. Anne Marie Miles, resurrected the event. Foreign Language teacher Marianne Zemil is serving as faculty adviser.

"I am glad that we have a new location this year," Marriisa said. "The gym will give us more room for booths and we will move the haunted house outside, along with other booths. I'm really excited to be including the faculty this year too; it has been easier to keep in contact with the administration and stay organized."



went down the stairs, threw the clothes in the wash and then put some of the clothes on hangers in a pile in my arms. I dropped something, and when I turned around to pick it up, I heard a very faint voice say, 'Wait.' I realized one of the hangers was caught on a chord about to knock over a lamp. I was

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(and some mighty strange house g

By Nathan Bishop

Associate editor

Lights flicker, the doorbell rings and sitting on the couch in his family's Hyde Park townhouse, believed to date back to the 1896 World's Fair, Freshman Daniel Traub isn't startled, knowing it's just his house ghost, Lez.

Daniel's family had gotten accustomed to its ghost, which has since departed (again).

"We moved in maybe seven years ago, so the haunting went on for about four years and it just stopped two or three years ago," Daniel explained. "We called the ghost Lez; I think my mom gave it that name. Sometimes a doorbell in the house would ring randomly or a light would turn on and off; those were the two main things."

"The hauntings weren't scary. They were more of a joke. When someone would come into the room the lights would just start to turn on and off. I guess sometimes we'd kind of get spooked. I don't know why Lez left. We started getting some work done on the house. Maybe that had something to do with it."

Daniel isn't the only U-Higher living with a paranormal presence. For some students and faculty members, ghoulish gags don't just occur on Halloween. Senior Rebecca Foley has experienced one ghostly incident when she went down to the basement to do some laundry.

"I was sitting in my bedroom and I had to do laundry and my washing and drying machines are in the basement. I

really panicked and ran upstairs to call my friend."

Not one but two ghosts have haunted the west suburban Westchester home of Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler.

"Before I moved in and had put in any furniture, I was driving by the house and in the living room window I saw a man," Mr. Brasler explained. "At first this man's face was the face of my friend's father who had just died and then it changed to be the face of my father who had just died that same week. I decided to go to a friend and told him that if I didn't contact him in 10 minutes, that he should call the police."

"I had just installed an alarm system, so I called ADT and they told me that no one had gone in or come out of the house. Shortly after that, I was taking a bath and the mirror in the bathroom popped open and swung with a crack. I looked down at the bathroom tile where I saw the reflection of a face, then I looked up at the light fixture and saw a face in the light."

"I later found out that the son of the house's owner had died in a car crash when he was 18 and his grandson also died when he was 18. Eventually I realized that the grandson was haunting my house. One night, I heard four loud knocks on my bedroom door and that was it, he was gone."

"That's not all. When I moved into the house, smoke kept following me, pipe smoke, everywhere I walked. Sometimes at night when I was in the bath I heard the phone ring and then I heard a woman leaving a message on my answering machine, but when I got up to check the phone, I see there was never a call."

"In another haunting, I see a man and when I see him he's solid, he'll walk right in front of me; even the neighbors see him around the house. I never got scared of it, I got used to it. The hauntings never feel evil. It just feels like the house is being watched over."



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YOUR FORTUNE (PLEASE)

(or...time will tell and you're \$25 shorter)

By Graham Salinger

Associate editor

IN AN IDEAL WORLD, U-Highers could know ahead of time how they will do in school and where they will go in life.

Without a crystal ball of my own and not patient enough to wait, I searched the yellow pages and made an appointment for a Friday after school with a psychic in Hyde Park.

Excited yet skeptical about going to my first psychic reading and not knowing how much my reading

would cost, I left school on the humid afternoon dressed casually and walked over to the address the psychic gave me. It turned out to be a gray high rise undistinguishable from others on the block.

When I buzzed up to the apartment labeled "Psychic," the voice of a Midwestern woman abruptly answered, "Who is it?"

"Graham, I'm your 3:30 appointment," I replied, somewhat disappointed that the psychic didn't expect my arrival.

I walked up three flights of stairs to the psychic's apartment where she, a Middle Eastern looking woman dressed in a jean skirt and a white sleeveless shirt that revealed burn scars across her shoulders, ushered me through her plain wooden door.

Her apartment did not fit the Hollywood stereotype of a psychic's residence.

No foreign smells or mystical aura filled the residence, no crystal balls for the psychic to peer into while chanting and summoning spirits could be seen. Instead, I found myself in a cramped apartment with two couches, a hole in the wall and photos above her big screen T.V. of the psychic and her 6-year-old son, who appeared shortly after I entered.

I sat on a beige couch next to the psychic and, as she moved an oscillating fan closer to the couch. She handed me a deck of Tarot cards, with colorful pictures of mystic symbols she used as a prop to help guide her predictions, to shuffle.

"Are you willing to hear everything that I see, good or bad?" she inquired. I agreed and she took the shuffled deck from me, putting the cards down on a glass table.

"The cards are telling me that you appear to be happy on the outside, but on the inside you are really sad," the fortune teller began. "Is this true?" I nodded, unsure of where this was going.

She flipped over three Tarot cards and asked me to tell her any wishes I hoped could get granted.

"I wish to get into a good college," I told her without hesitation. Eyes fixed on the cards, she described to me that I have inherited bad karma.

"You take five steps backwards, never 10 steps forward," she explained, dancing around the

specificity of my question and making a generalized comment on my life.

"You wake up every morning and are not happy with the person that you have become because you can't do a hundred things at once like you used to be able to do."

Continuing with increasing speed and urgency she said, "The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are showing that you can not be cleaned of this karma; I am the only one, but I must light nine candles. When burned, they will tell me how to fix you. However, they will come with a fee of \$600 for each candle."

Stunned and struggling to hold back laughter, I told her that I wouldn't be able to pay such a fee. She understood, but warned me that only she could get rid of the bad karma and that cherishing money would add to my problems.

Ironically, I left the apartment wishing I had cherished the \$25 that Midway adviser Wayne Brasler gave me to pay for my reading. I was so deep in concern and disbelief over my future that I didn't hear the psychic calling me back to come back until I was halfway out the building. Unsure, I walked back to her doorway when she informed me that I left my wallet in her apartment. As she handed it to me, I was embarrassed by my absentmindedness. I turned around and headed home certain that the psychic was just a con artist and feeling that I should have checked my wallet before leaving her apartment.



Graham

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Ghosts and fortune tellers and brides, oh my!

LOOKS

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old Journalism Office
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nely hear parties on
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On a rainy day, Mr. Brasler met a
woman wearing a black cloak
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ut of the ordinary. It spooked me!"



Photo by Ramzi Dreessen

REFLECTING ON the haunting story of the "Italian Bride," Midway editors-in-chief Dana Alfassa, Mona Dasgupta and David McAlpine pay homage to Julia Buccola Petta, who died more than 70 years ago. Her final resting place lies beneath a giant stone depiction of Julia herself in her wedding dress in Mount

Carmel Cemetery in west suburban Hillside, hence her famous nickname. The cemetery, a stop on the famous "Chicago Hauntings" ghost tour, is home to three Cardinals as well as many large Italian families including mobster Alfonse Capone and 10 of his family members and the Genna Brothers.

The Bride of Mount Carmel (whose bouquet was caught by a Midway editor-in-chief)

David McAlpine

Editor-in-Chief

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lume of the radio, I adjusted my rear
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o, in 1929, this woman named Julia
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tombstone. Right after Julia died,
her mother began experiencing a
reoccurring dream where Julia
kept visiting her and calling out
to her, telling her she was still
alive."

I paused to take a breath and
weave into the far left lane, already
caught in fairly heavy traffic.
"Her mother had
these dreams for six

whole years, during which her mother begged city and archdiocesan
officials to exhume Julia's body. When she was finally dug up, the
coffin showed obvious signs of wear, but the corpse looked completely
untouched. Many who were there claimed that it looked as if she
never died. There's a picture of that on her tomb, too."

Mona and Dana shifted uneasily as I darted off of the Eisenhower
onto Roosevelt Road via Austin Avenue, sensing the cemetery would
close if we didn't get out of traffic.

"In the photo, her flesh is neither discolored nor dessicated and none
of the body is bloated—it looks pristinely preserved. Many think her
body is incorruptible, which is a sign of sainthood, but lots contribute
it to the soil in the ground. Inscribed around the picture is the phrase
Questa fotografia presta dopo 6 anni morta, which means "This photo
was taken six years after her death."

Turning down Wolf Road, then Harrison Street almost an hour after
we began our journey I parked on a small side street. We crossed
back over Harrison as the sun was setting and passed through two
large, green iron gates into the cemetery silent a half hour before
closing, looking for a life-size stone bride.

"There it is!" Mona whispered excitedly as she pointed to the left.

Walking down the concrete path, the three of us came to face
Julia's grave and walked precariously onto the grass, sidestepping
the smaller gravestones in the ground in front of
Julia's. As we approached, I stopped, suddenly having
smelled a strong scent of roses, a characteristic I
read some of Julia's visitors experience. Dana and
Mona turned around and gave me a crazy look
after I told them what happened—I still

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started inspecting the front of the tombstone, intrigued by the story
I'd just recited in the car. We admired the intricate carvings on the
grave for 15 minutes before we were startled by a pickup truck pulling
up behind us on the path and a tall Hispanic man rolling down the
window.

"You guys better start packing up," he said. "It's time for us to close
up."

Mona quickly nodded and, anxious to leave the cemetery, walked
back to the path as the man drove away. Dana and I slowly followed,
soaking in the strange serenity of the silent cemetery at dusk.

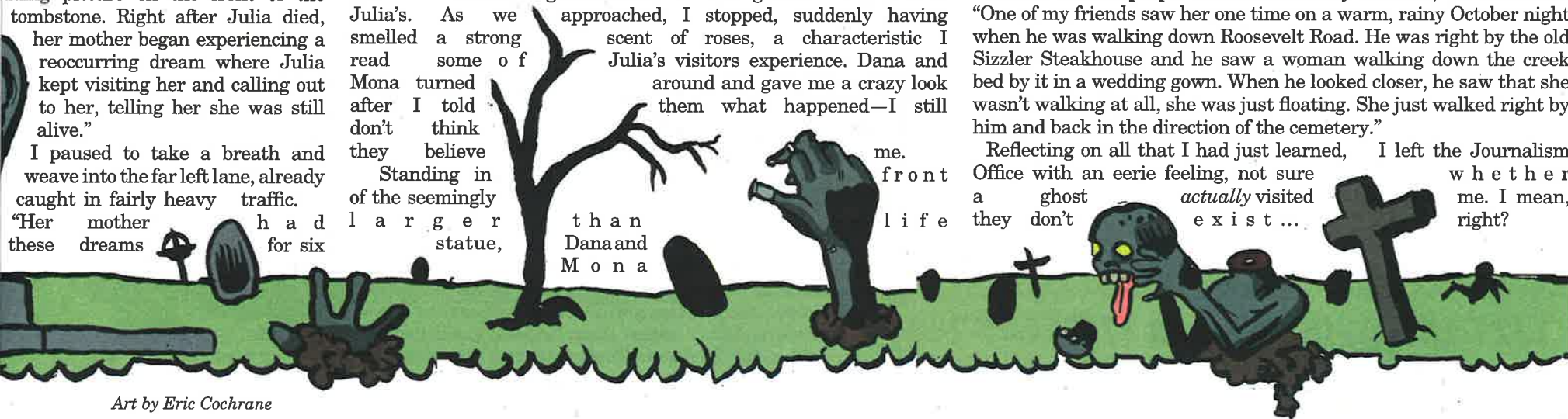
After finishing all my homework that night, I fell asleep with the
calculus test I had the next day weighing heavy on my mind. But
instead of dreaming of integrals and derivatives, I had a familiar
visitor: Julia. She didn't speak to me nor did she look at me, but she
floated there in her wedding dress, looking very serene.

Very scared, I went to the U-High ghost expert himself, Journalism
Teacher Wayne Brasler, who had originally told me the story of the
"Italian Bride" and told him about the cemetery visit and my dream.

"I didn't tell you this, but visiting you in your dreams is another
thing Julia does," Mr. Brasler said. "Sometimes she speaks to you
and sometimes she doesn't, but if you smelled the roses and she was
in your dreams, you can know she visited you."

"I know several people who have actually seen her," he continued.
"One of my friends saw her one time on a warm, rainy October night
when he was walking down Roosevelt Road. He was right by the old
Sizzler Steakhouse and he saw a woman walking down the creek
bed by it in a wedding gown. When he looked closer, he saw that she
wasn't walking at all, she was just floating. She just walked right by
him and back in the direction of the cemetery."

Reflecting on all that I had just learned, I left the Journalism
Office with an eerie feeling, not sure
a ghost actually visited
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Art by Eric Cochran



"I think the student involvement has been great. Honestly, with all the long lines everyday, they've proven they have an undying patience for our food."

—Mr. Todd Jagow, cafeteria manager

Meet the people behind the lunch line

A new crew becomes a familiar part of the U-High family and school day

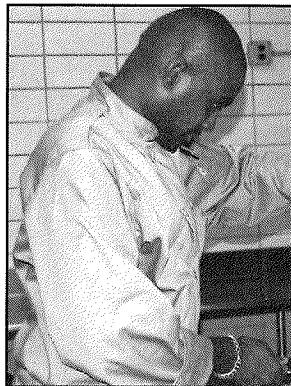
Long lines numbering more than 400 students signal the beginning of the lunchtime scramble for Aramark cuisine, the Lab Schools' new cafeteria provider for fresh sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, spicy fajitas, fruit flavored smoothies and a surprising parade of featured hot lunches daily. In their constant back and forth routine between kitchen and eager appetites, each cafeteria worker reveals who he or she is, where he or she came from and why the new lunch program has proven so successful.

Mr. IRVING BARNES—Vivid in an avocado green chef coat, cohead chef Mr. Barnes, 32, said he considers himself a child at heart. Growing up in the Austin neighborhood on the West Side, Mr. Barnes discovered his passion for food as a child by barbecuing with his grandmother and mother. "As I got older, I cooked more and more," Mr. Barnes explained. "Cooking is a big deal in the black community, especially barbecuing. We used to have a lot of family parties, so I got a lot of practice from that. Now I have six kids and I encourage them to cook on the grill because I want them to have the same experience as I did." After working as a chef at the University of Illinois at Chicago for two years, in addition to corporate catering at a Marriot Hotel for three years, Mr. Barnes said he hopes to gain more experience in the culinary arts at Café Lab. "I came to

Aramark for two reasons," Mr. Barnes said. "I wanted more experience but secretly I hope that one day I can start my own catering company."

Ms. ALICIA CULVERSON—Diminutive Ms. Culverson, 21, prepares, fills and cleans the salad bar. Balancing her job at Aramark, Ms. Culverson works the grill Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Blu 47, a high profile American Cuisine restaurant at 4655 Martin Luther King Drive. "I like how different my two jobs are," Ms. Culverson explained. "Since Blu 47 is a fine dine, you don't know what to expect. But here, nothing really changes. I like the easy going attitude because I do need a break. Not only that but I learn new things here. For instance, the other day I learned how to cook hummus. It was great."

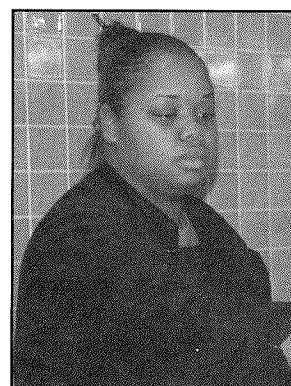
Ms. LAKESH HARDEN—Distinctively donning a chopstick as a hair accessory many days, Ms. Harden, 24, prepares pizzas. She worked at Marshall Field's for two years. "At Marshall Field's, I used to make salads," Ms. Harden explained. "It was nice. But after a while I got tired of it. I feel like Aramark is more hands-on. There's so many different ways you can cook different entrees. For instance, the other day I was just playing around with how many combinations I could make out of pizza ingredients. I feel like I can do that more here because the variety of the menu allows it, which is



Mr. Irving Barnes



Ms. Alicia Culverson



Ms. Lakesh Harden

pretty good compared to other schools."

Mr. KENNETH HARRIS—Nicknamed "teddy bear" by his coworkers, Mr. Harris, 23, *sous chef*, says he never hesitated about becoming a chef. "I always knew I wanted to be a chef," Mr. Harris explained. "But especially during high school. I went to Richards Career Academy, which helped me a lot in choosing my major. I just fell in love with cooking. It's just a lot of fun because it doesn't even feel like a job." Kenneth worked as a shift manager at Pizza Hut for four years.

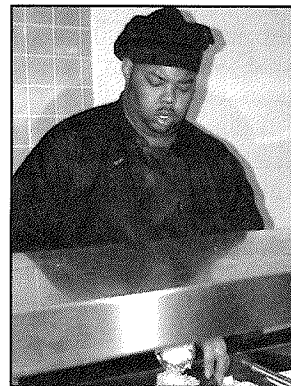
Mr. OZIAS PORTER—Known to flash an infectious grin whenever a student walks into the cafeteria line, Mr. Porter, 30, cooks food on the grill. "The good thing about Aramark is the people," Mr. Porter explained. "Everyone on the staff is friendly as well as hard working. We are all like a big old family. It's definitely a good balance between having fun and doing what needs to be done." Mr. Porter also worked as a grill cook at the Illinois Institution of Technology for five years.

Mr. BRYAN STEINMETZ—"I'd say it's pretty easy for kids to set me apart from the rest of the crew," said cohead chef Mr. Steinmetz, 35. "First of all, if you ask anybody on staff they'd say 'we're a family and Bryan is our adopted child.' But no, really, I have no problem being the only white person because it doesn't matter. This school is so diverse and full of kids that are very food savvy." Growing up watching "Great Chefs Of America" on PBS, Mr. Steinmetz worked as Aramark's supervising chef at Chase Plaza downtown for three years.

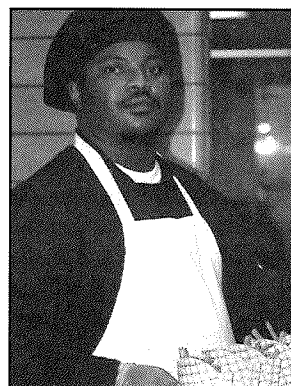
Ms. YOLANDA TYLER—Gregarious with a commanding voice, Ms. Tyler, 26, works as the head cashier. "I used to work at the Sears headquarters building," Ms. Tyler said. "But it was a three-hour commute. I felt like it wasn't worth being that far away from my home and my daughters. Café Lab was a good alternative for me, seeing that it was close to home. Not only that, but the students have no attitude and are not disrespectful, which helps a lot. The faculty is also really great, which makes working here so much better."

Ms. LISA O'BRIEN—"I call myself the 'Deli Lady,' I make all the deli sandwiches and fruit and veggie cups," said Ms. O'Brien, 45. "Food service is in my blood. My mom used to be an executive chef at Northwestern University. She taught me how exciting cooking can be day after day." Ms. O'Brien managed a White Hen Pantry for 15 years. She also worked as a security guard at Northwest Middle School in Greensboro, North Carolina.

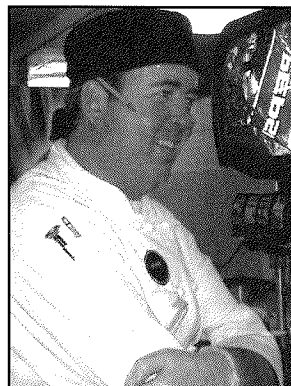
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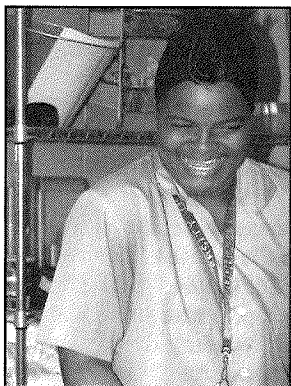
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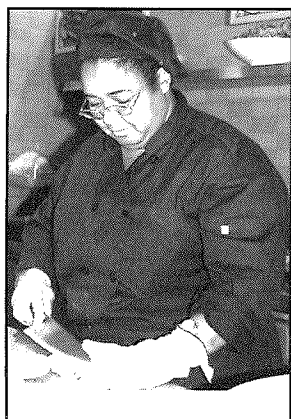
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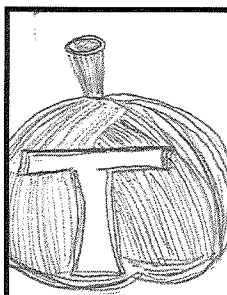
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TRICK OR TREAT AT THE MEDICI

When you trick or treat on 57th Street don't forget to stop by the Medici for a special treat. While Dracula tries to find his prey at Lab Schools enjoy Hyde Park's favorite dining tradition...and try not to drool.




Photo by Eva Jaeger

THE SPIANS Aaron Weiss and Marrison Miles-Coccaro take a break from rehearsal for the Fall Production, "Dracula," to indulge in a Medici lunch.



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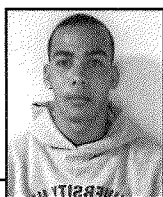


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"This season we really dug deep for all the ISL games. Because we only played each team once."
 —Patrick Philizaire, junior



Hard-playing soccermen just miss top

By Gabe Bump
 Associate editor

Despite winning almost every Conference game by three or more goals, the boys' varsity soccer team had to settle for a 2nd place finish in the Independent School League behind powerhouse Lake Forest Academy.

When the teams faced off September 27 on Jackman field, LFA came away with a 2-0 victory resulting from the Maroons' inability to capitalize on scoring opportunities, according to Coach Mike Moses.

"After LFA received a red card, we had about seven great scoring opportunities," Mr. Moses said. "LFA is in the premier league and I'd say every other school in the league is a little behind them. Just because they don't have to follow IHSA rules in terms of getting students athletes to come to their school."

While the team battled injuries within the starting line up all season, Coach Moses feels the team didn't really get used to the necessary adjustments.

"Injury wise we never got over the hump," Coach Moses said. "For example, if we had Zach for the entire season some of those ties may have been wins. But with so many different injuries you have to try and move players around."

"Players also feel they can immediately come back and play after an injury, but you have to get your touch and even your soccer I.Q. back which takes time."

For Nate Wise, cocaptain with Phil Bohan and Morgan Murphy, all juniors, and Ben Picker, senior, impressive wins against conference rivals as well as larger public schools provide a testament to the great strides the team has made.

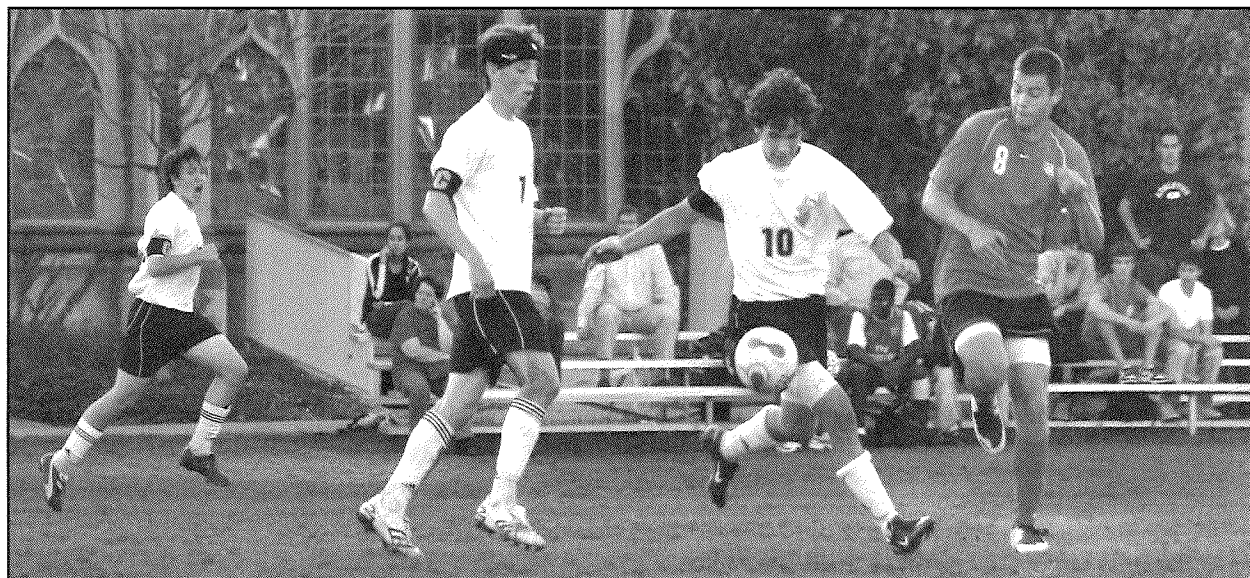


Photo by Jeremy Handrup

SHIELDING THE BALL from an oncoming Lake Forest Academy forward, Captain Nate Wise, junior, looks to dribble up field during a September 27 home match. The Maroons came short, losing 2-0.

"Last year we lost to Lincoln Park 1-0 and this year we beat them 6-0," Nate said. "Also the last couple years we've mostly tied or lost to Morgan Park and Parker but this year we've blown both of them out of the water."

"Being 2nd place to LFA doesn't show how hard we've worked this season. We have proven what we are capable of and we're putting Lab on the map."

Finishing the season undefeated, J.V. proved they can compete with larger schools at the beginning of the season and never looked back, according to Coach Tom Piane.

"St. Ignatius set the tone for the rest of the season," Mr. Piane said. "We won 1-0 at home, after that we felt we could play competitive competition. We also tied Lane Tech 3-3 and they were the best team we've played all year."

"It's hard to name just one leader on the team. Even though Andy Harris and Nathaniel Cuneo-Grant were our coin-toss captains, I told all the sophomores

they were all pretty much captains."

Scores not previously mentioned are as follows:

Lincoln Park High School, August 25, home: Varsity won 6-0; **Carver Academy**, August 25, home: Varsity won 4-2; **Chicago Christian**, August 27, home: Varsity tied 1-1, j.v. won 5-1; **St. Ignatius**, August 29, away: Varsity tied 0-0, j.v. won 1-0; **Riverside-Brookfield**, August 31, home: Varsity tied 0-0, j.v. won 3-0; **Whitney Young**, September 1, home: Varsity won 1-0, j.v. tied 1-1; **Northridge College Prep**, September 4, away: Varsity won 2-0, j.v. won 9-0; **Elgin Academy**, September 6, home: Varsity won 6-0; **Providence High School**, September 11, away: Varsity lost 3-0; **Chicago Hope Academy**, September 11, home: J.V. won 3-0; **North Shore Country Day School**, September 18, away: Varsity won 6-0, j.v. won 3-0; **F.W. Parker**, September 20, away: Varsity won 5-1, j.v. won 4-1; **Morgan Park Academy**, October 2, home: Varsity won 5-1; **Universal School**, October 2, away: J.V. won 6-0; **Kenwood Academy High School**, October 9, home: Varsity won 3-1; **Northshore Country Day School**, October 10, home: J.V. won 3-0; **Latin School**, October 11, home: Varsity won 2-1, j.v. won 3-1; **Timothy Christian**, October 13, home: Varsity tied 1-1, j.v. won 4-1; **Lane Technical High School**, October 15, away: J.V. tied 3-3; **Farragut Career Academy**, October 17, home: Varsity won 2-0; **Brother Rice**, October 19, home: score past deadline.

Volleyball squad, 2nd in ISL, gears up for Regionals

By Mona Dasgupta

Editor-in-Chief

"We need to cover the short balls and work on our passing to win Regionals," Captain Christina Verdirame, junior, said.

Girls' varsity volleyball faces Illinois Math and Science Academy 2 p.m., Saturday, in Upper Kovler in its first round of Regionals. If the Maroons champion IMSA, they will go on to face Nazareth Academy for the Regional title 3 p.m., Saturday, at home.

"We're seeded 9th and IMSA is seeded 6th out of 20 teams," Christina said. "We're not the tallest team, nor are we undefeated but I still think we can beat them because when we're meshed, we pull it together and win."

Tied for 2nd in the Independent School League with Latin behind Lake Forest Academy, varsity finished with a 10-4 Conference record, 10-6 overall.

"We play better when we play harder teams," Christina said. "Lake Forest Academy was definitely our toughest contender this year. Both of those games were really intense and we did really well, even though we lost."

Ending its season with the Maroons J.V. Volleyball Tournament October 20, j.v. finished its Conference season 7-5, 8-5 overall and placed 3rd behind Latin and Morgan Park.

Scores not previously mentioned are as follows:

Morgan Park Academy, August 29, away: Varsity won 25-13, 25-23, j.v. lost 23-25, 25-18, 19-25; **Timothy Christian Tournament**, August 31, away: Varsity placed 7th of 8; **Willows Academy**, September 4, home: Varsity won 25-20, 25-22, j.v. won 25-16, 25-11; **North Shore Country Day**, September 7, home: Varsity won 25-17, 25-9, j.v. won 25-19, 25-18; **Rich South Invitational**, September 8, away: Varsity placed 4th of 12; **Latin Junior Varsity Tournament**, September 8, away: j.v. placed

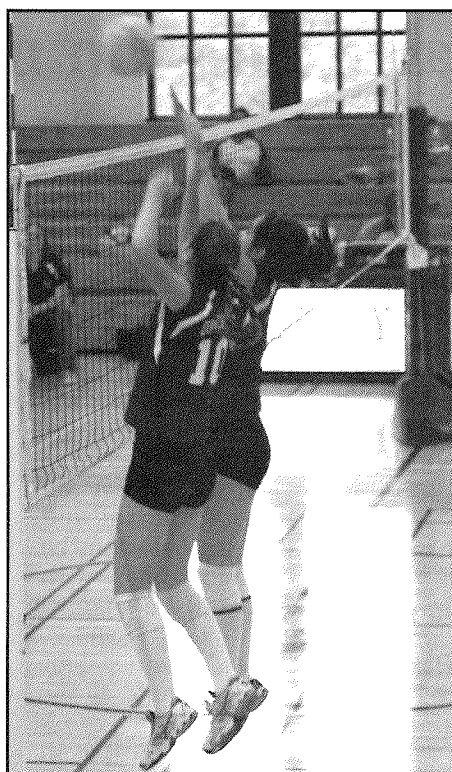


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REACHING OVER the net, Mona Dasgupta and Christina Verdirame attempt a block during an October 4 home match against Morgan Park Academy. Maroons lost 25-27, 25-19, 15-25.

2nd; **Latin**, September 11, home: Varsity won 15-25, 25-19, 25-22, j.v. lost 22-25, 15-25; **Woodlands**, September 19, home: Varsity lost 24-26, 25-20, 21-25, j.v. won 16-25, 25-22, 25-24; **Parker**, September 20, away: Varsity won 25-9, 25-8; **Willows**, September 27, away: Varsity won 25-20, 25-14, j.v. won 25-12, 25-20; **Lake Forest Academy**, September 28, away: Varsity lost 18-25, 23-25, j.v. won 25-18, 18-25, 25-15; **North Shore Country Day**, October 2, away: j.v. won 25-14, 25-11; **Morgan Park Academy**, October 4, home: Varsity lost 25-27, 25-19, 15-25, j.v. lost 22-25, 21-25; **Latin**, October 5, away: Varsity won 25-22, 29-27, j.v. lost 22-25, 25-21; **Parker**, October 9, home: Varsity won 25-7, 25-9; **Chicago Christian**, October 11, home: Varsity lost 8-25, 10-25, j.v. lost 22-25, 19-25; **Woodlands**, October 12, away: Varsity won 20-25, 26-24, 25-23, j.v. lost 23-25, 23-25; **Shepard Tournament**, October 13, away: Varsity placed 10th of 12; **Lake Forest Academy**, October 16, home: Varsity lost 13-25, 19-25, j.v. won 25-22, 25-15; **Timothy Christian**, October 17, home: Varsity lost 14-25, 25-14, 25-27, j.v. lost 20-25, 3-25.

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Tennis girls make record books with first Sectional title

By Dana Alfassa
Editor-in-Chief

As Senior Alex Guynn and Freshman Rachel Sylora wearily stepped off their home court, October 13, after defeating Marist's number one doubles pair in straight sets, the Maroons made U-High history, clinching the first girls' tennis Sectional victory.

Captain Alex and Rachel were among a record five Maroons to qualify for State, October 18-20 at various sites in the northwest suburbs. Results came past Midway deadline.

"After Rachel and I defeated Marist and advanced to the doubles finals, we knew the team had enough points to win the whole thing," said Alex, whose performance at Sectionals marked her fourth consecutive advancement to State. "Mother McAuley has won Sectionals for the past two years but since McAuley lost their big hitter Annie McCarthy they weren't as strong a contender this year. We knew we had a shot, but it really took everyone, even those who didn't qualify for State, to win. Margot Turek fell just short of a State qualification for number two singles, but by winning her first match she earned more points for the team as a whole.

"Also, Sofia Iatarola and Leah Sibener qualified at second doubles and the two complemented each other perfectly. Leah usually played singles, which helped her play a great defensive game. Sofia played really well at the net, which is something our team had been working at all season. On the second day, Gabbie Clark had a phenomenal performance at number one singles and defeated Morgan Park High School's Gia McKnight, who is two years older than her and last year's Sectional runnerup. It was a really tense three match set, which earned Gabbie the Sectional Singles Championship."

Compiling an 8-3 overall record (5-1 Independent School League), the team finished 3rd in ISL behind Woodlands and Lake Forest Academy.

Ending its season with a 2-3 loss to Lake Forest Academy, October 10 at home, j.v. racked up an impressive 6-1 ISL record (9-4 overall). The Maroons' 4-1 victory over Conference rival Latin, September



"We worked really hard throughout the season and we thought our Sectional victory was earned by everyone on the team."
—Sofia Iatarola, junior



Photo by Eva Jaeger

Delivering a powerful volley, Alex Guynn takes on Elgin Academy with her doubles partner Rachel Sylora September 18 at home. The Maroons defeated the Hilltoppers 5-0.

11 at home, climaxed the season, believes Junior Ruiqi Tang.

"The Latin victory was huge for us because their team plays such a consistent and aggressive game," Ruiqi said. "We really held our own and Faith Dremmer had an unbelievable comeback at number two singles. She was down 1-6 and came back which is just amazing. Her ball has become really high and deep with a lot of spin on it. Her footwork and consistency helped her win a lot of matches for us."

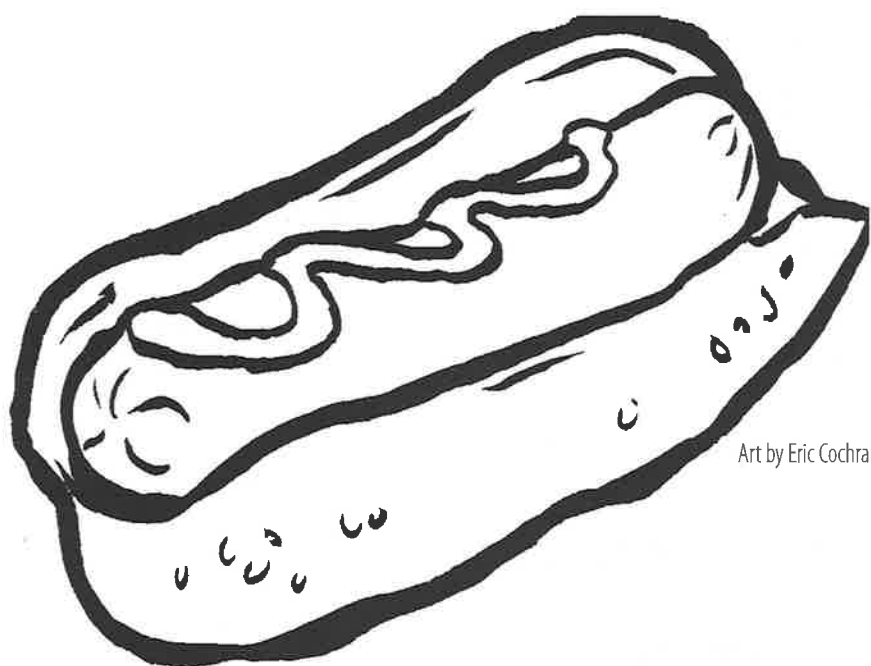
All scores are as follows:

Timothy Christian, August 27, home: Varsity won 7-0, j.v. won 7-0; **Woodlands**, August 28, away: Varsity lost 2-3, j.v. won 5-0; **Parker**, August 30, home: Varsity won 4-1, j.v. won 5-0; **Morgan**

Park Academy, September 4, away: Varsity won 4-1, j.v. won 5-0; **Latin**, September 11, away: Varsity won 4-1, j.v. won 4-1; **Shepard Doubles Tournament**, September 15, away: Varsity placed 1st before Stagg, Shepard and Morton; **Oak Park River Forest**, September 17, home: Varsity lost 2-3, j.v. lost 0-5; **Elgin Academy**, September 18, home: Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 6-0; **Sandburg**, September 19, away: Varsity won 4-1, j.v. lost 1-4; **North Shore Country Day**, September 27, home: Varsity won 3-2; **Lake Forest Academy**, September 29, home: Varsity lost 1-4; **Fenwick**, October 1, home: Varsity won 3-2, j.v. lost 3-4; **St. Ignatius**, October 2, away: j.v. won 3-2; **Illiana Christian**, October 9, home: j.v. won 4-1; **Lake Forest Academy**, October 10, home: j.v. lost 2-3.

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Talented swimmers strategize before facing northside rival

By Anna Katia Zbikowski
Associate editor

Concentrating on cutting times with intensive repeat drills, girl swimmers are gearing up for a meet against Regina Dominican, 4:30 p.m. today at Ratner Center.

Confident about a win, Hillary Gimple, cocaptain with Hannah Solomon-Strauss, Linnea Madsen, Liwen Xu, Polina Ryzhik, Sara Sandmel and Anna Katia Zbikowski, believes the girls will dominate the Panthers with their improving scores. All the captains are seniors.

"Based on our performance last year I think we will dominate at the Regina meet," Hillary said. "I think the team will be very supportive in the quest against Regina Dominican. Everyone on the team has really pushed to achieve their best. Kaia Tammen has been really dedicated and optimistic. Anna Katia Zbikowski, the veteran breaststroker has improved tremendously, Aimee Lucido dropped time in the 500 free and Caroline Bank continues to be amazing in the fly."

Climaxed by an invitational meet at Illinois State University, November 3 in downstate Normal, upcoming competition includes a tri-meet against Whitney Young and Bishop McNamara, October 30 at home.

"Normal is always a highlight in the season besides Sectionals and State," Hannah explained. "It's the team's last meet and it's great

because we get to see how far we've come. It's a unique meet because we spend about 12 hours together doing handstands in the warm up pool, going out to dinner, ordering a cake for our coach even though it isn't his birthday, sleeping on the bus. It's a great way to end the season. We're the smallest school there and the only one not from there so it's a test for us."

With four meets remaining, the team of 10 returnees and nine newcomers had racked up a 3-4 record as of Midway deadline.

All scores are as follows:

Bremen Pentathlon, August 27, away: Varsity placed 7th of 9; **Morton**, September 5, away: Varsity won 85-62, j.v. lost 33-37; **University High School Urbana**, September 8, home: Varsity lost 89-94; **Lake Forest Academy**, September 11, away: Varsity won 110-57; **Riverside-Brookfield Invitational**, September 15, away: Varsity placed 7th of 8; **Northside College Prep**, September 18, home: Varsity lost 78-92; **Walter Payton**, September 28, home: Varsity lost 70-98; **Latin**, October 5, away: Varsity lost 59-101, j.v. tied 57-57; **Lake Forest Academy**, October 9, home: Varsity won 103-59; **St. Ignatius**, October 18, away: Results past Midway deadline; **Latin Invitational**, October 20, away: Results past Midway deadline.



Photo by Loren Kole

Fiercely diving past a Northside College Prep competitor, Hannah Solomon-Strauss helps her team take on the Mustangs September 18 at Ratner Center. The Maroons went on to lose 78-92.

"I was able to hit farther this year, and drive the ball straighter, but I still had problems with inconsistency in my game"
-Bill Stueben, sophomore



Sophs step up in golf, get to Sectional contest

By Ruiqi Tang

Midway reporter

Struggling to overcome the loss of four seniors from last year's team, including star golfer Nick Kogelman, the golf squad eventually found powerful talent in two underclassmen. Sophomores Evan Levin and Bill Stueben advanced to Sectionals individually, at Regionals at Links of Carillon in Plainfield, October 1.

Finishing with a 1-6 record, the team of three returnees and three newcomers placed 8th of eight Independent School League teams.

"It was a tough year all around because we lacked players who knew the courses and provided leadership," Evan said. "Me, Bill Stueben and (Captain) George Yates had to take on more responsibilities, which wasn't easy, especially for me and Bill since we are both sophomores."

Learning golf during summer vacation three years ago, Evan says he quickly mastered the game

"After playing for fun at a resort in New Mexico,

I asked my dad to take me out to hit some more," Evan said. "Although no one in my family actually plays the sport, I picked it up after that summer and learned the game by myself. Golf, for me, was a different sport than everything else because rather than playing against an opponent, you play against yourself so it's a lot more mental."

At Sectionals, October 8 at Arrow Golf Course in Lockport, Evan and Bill failed to meet the State qualifying score of 81.

Meet results were as follows:

Nazareth, August 13, away: Unavailable; **Chicago Christian**, August 27, away: varsity lost 191-152; **Ridgewood**, August 28, away: varsity won 175-200; **Morgan Park Academy**, August 30, away: varsity lost 188-173; **Elgin Academy**, September 4, home: varsity lost 181-178; **Timothy Christian**, September 7, home: varsity lost 188-170; **Lake Forest Academy**, September 11, away: varsity lost 187-175; **St. Rita Shootout**, September 15, away: varsity placed 14 of 19; **Latin School**, September 17, home, varsity lost 190-175; **North School Country Day School**, September 18, away: Varsity lost 218-176; **ISL Golf**, September 26, away, varsity placed 8 of 8; **St. Benedict HS**, September 28, away: game unfinished; **IHSAA Regional**, October 2, away, varsity placed 5 of 8.

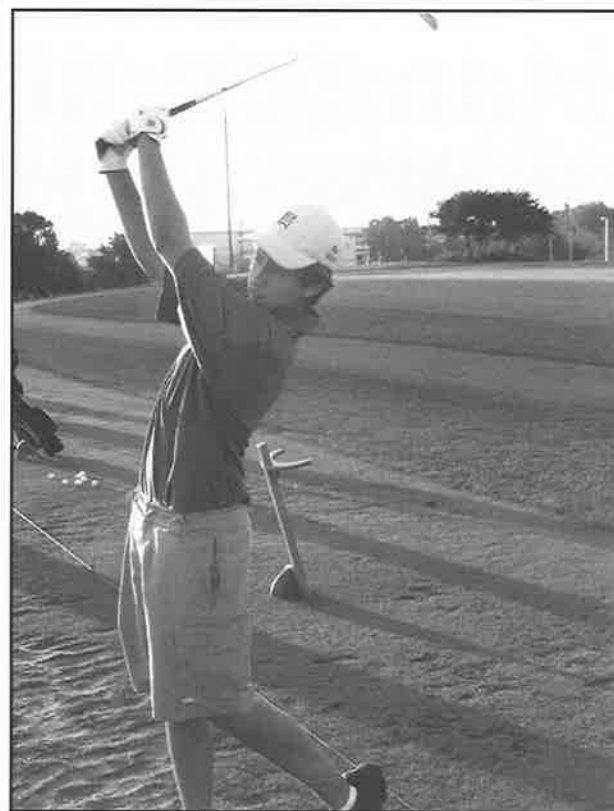


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GOLFER EVAN LEVIN

SPORTS GABE BUMP

Brett Favre's long journey to genuine sports greatness

FEW IMAGES will haunt me for the rest of my life as a Chicago sports fan.

Steve Bartman reaching above Moises Alou's glove for a foul ball during the 2003 National League Championship Series. Almost every throw Rex Grossman has attempted to make. Dennis Rodman wearing a wedding dress to his book signing.



Gabe

A grey haired Brett Favre celebrating with his teammates after breaking the coveted career touchdown pass record during week four of this season.

Every Bears fan is bred to hate anything associated with the Green Bay Packers and there is nothing more "Packer" than old number four, Brett Favre. Ever since I can remember, Favre has tormented the Bears' defense and fans alike, especially when his team is winning and ours is losing.

Two decades ago, it would've been impossible to imagine Brett Favre's career turning out this way. During his freshman year at Southern Mississippi University, he was the seventh string quarterback and even though the Atlanta Falcons drafted him, they traded him to Green Bay after one terrible season. Amazingly, he has become a future Hall of Famer and holder of 14 NFL records.

His phenomenal career is even more difficult to digest because he's doing all this in his typical team-first, humble attitude, which makes it harder to despise him.

In fact, if I lived in any other city in the world I would probably have a shrine dedicated to the 37 year-old, eight-time Pro Bowler and Super Bowl winner, who has three Most Valuable Player awards, and has not missed a start since I was 2 years old.

But since I bleed orange and blue all I can bring myself to do is tip my novelty bear head helmet to Mr. Favre and pray that he finally retires.

Runners head for Sectionals

By Tom Stanley-Becker

Associate editor

Neither herniated disks, nor nearly hundred degree weather have stopped them. Spurred by veterans and freshmen recruits alike, cross country runners face Sectionals this Saturday determined to qualify for State, November 3.

The team, coached by Mr. Bud James, Independent School League Coach of the Year and Mr. Chris Harper, stayed in Class 2A with mid-sized schools, while larger schools moved to the new Class 3A.

Led by seniors Jarus Singh and Phillip Verma, cocaptains, the boys' squad consists of eight returnees and 11 new runners. The girls' team has eight returnees and three newcomers, captained by Junior Emily Kuo and Seniors Shannon Kimball and May Fu, who has the disk injury and is out for the season.

While praising the rookies, veteran runners name Illiana Christian as U-High's toughest rival.

"Illiana is the best team we have gone up against, but we got second," Jarus explained. "Our strength is that

we have a lot of runners on both the boys' and girls' teams. Phillip Verma is the fastest guy on the team and Jon Worcester, a freshman, is running incredibly well."

The heat also posed a major challenge this season, with Junior Ethel Yang collapsing as she crossed the finish line at the Midway Miles Meet, September 18, where the girls placed 1st of four.

"It was about 92 degrees but we won and we also won against Illiana, where we all ran really well," Emily said.

"Freshman Molly Rotmensch has been a great addition, one of our top five runners. I think we have a high chance of making it to state this year, especially since we're not racing against the big schools."

Meets results are as follows:

Midway Miles, September 11, home: Boys placed 1st of 4, girls placed 1st of 4; **Midway Miles**, September 18, home: Boys placed 2nd of 4, girls placed 1st of 4; **Loyola Invitational**, September 29, away: Boys placed 23rd of 40, girls placed 20th of 40; **Latin Prep Classic**, October 4, away: Boys placed 2nd of 8, girls placed 1st of 6; **Independent School League Competition**, October 11, away: Boys placed 2nd of 7, girls placed 1st of 5; **Prospect Invitational**, October 16, away: Boys placed 3rd of 10, girls placed 2nd of 10.

Sports briefs: Gridiron rematch

"We will unleash our secret plays, the annexation of Puerto Rico and Blue 45, against Mount Carmel," said Flag Footballer Scotty Craig, cocaptain with Robert Strickling, John Wasik and Mike McCarthy, all seniors.

In a rematch of a 21-28 overtime defeat, the team of 28 returnees and two newcomers will face the Caravan at 3:15 p.m., Friday on the Midway

"We run a tight zone defense which is very effective at stopping the run," Scotty said. "We will take advantage of our

solid defensive line to come out with the win this time."

■ **MARATHON**-U-Highers who watched the Chicago Marathon, October 7, on channel 2 might have heard a familiar voice. Track and Cross Country Coach Bud James provided the station's color commentary for the seventh year. U-Highers helped out too.

Eighteen cross country runners volunteered as course marshals, clearing spectators off a stretch of the 26.2 mile course.

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"The heat was unbearable I was sweating buckets the whole night. Nonetheless, I still got my groove on."
—Joe Boivert, junior

Homecoming heats up dancegoers



Photo by Emily Chiu

WHILE A CROWD cheered them on, Antonio Robles and Nisha Duara competed in a dance-off.



Photo by Eva Jaeger

WITH D.J. Jamal Smallz playing fast beats, most dancegoers were on their feet all evening, even in the unexpected heat.



Photo by Eva Jaeger

ROCKING STYLISH dress shirts detailed with sequins, Maggie Carton, Jackie Robertson and Amy Northrup danced, while some 20 others sat in chairs around the dance floor talking. Taking place in a new location

this year in Ida Noyes, some 200 Homecoming goers were not prepared for the unexpected heat in a room with two fans. Many dancegoers sat out from several dances to recuperate from the temperature.

KINGS & QUEENS

Seniors



Thomas Brewer, Gretchen Eng

Juniors



Tim Parsons, Isabel DelCanto

Sophomores



Jack Brewer, Madeleine Stecy

Freshmen



Daniel Brewer, Maggie Carton



Photos
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FOLLOWING THE decided senior class jersey theme, Sage Mahoney and Jessica Michel ignored the sweltering heat in short jersey dresses and heels. Other fashions included peep toe heels with jeans and simple toned mini dresses with flats.

DANCING TO the beat, Dana Alfassa and Jenny Harris flaunted chic babydoll dresses with patent leather pumps. Selling refreshments in the back, the Senior Prom Committee sold out of water in the first hour from the humidity.

