

## GSB prof to address 128 expected graduates of U-High Class of 2008

■ *Commencement highlights cavalcade  
of events climaxing school year*

By Tom Stanley-Becker

Front page editor

As the Senior Economic Adviser to Senator Barack Obama's Presidential campaign and an Economic Adviser to the Congressional Budget Office, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (GSB) Professor Austan Goolsbee travels nationwide. But when he addresses the 128-member Class of 2008 at Commencement 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 12 at Rockefeller Chapel, 59th and Woodlawn Avenue, he will not travel too far.

Named one of the 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow by the Switzerland-based World Economic Forum, the Robert P. Gwinn Professor of Economics Mr. Goolsbee focuses on the new global economy, information technology, taxation and government policy and is the father of three children, including two Lab Lower Schoolers Aden and Addison.

**SENIOR CLASS** officers selected Mr. Goolsbee as Commencement speaker from a list including U-High alumni and University faculty based on his experience in the field of economics and in the Obama campaign.

"Professor Goolsbee's a young hotshot economist at the business school," Senior Class President Robert Strickling said.

"Not only in investment and entrepreneurship but also in U.S. economics in general. He is Obama's chief economic adviser. He is in a position where he might dictate some of that policy. He might take part in some of the economic decisions in the coming years.

"His being selected as a graduation speaker is completely independent of him working for Senator Obama. He is young and has a good amount of experience in public speaking. We know we are not going to get a 70 year-old man who just drones on and on. We thought he would relate well to a high school graduating class."

**A MEMBER** of the National Debate Team of the Year in 1991 when he was at Yale University, Professor Goolsbee explained that he agreed to speak at Commencement because of his ties to the Lab Schools.

"My kids are at the Lab School, Obama's kids are at the Lab School and it seems like half of his key supporters and advisers went to the Lab School so it's fair to say everyone has a real soft spot for the place," Professor Goolsbee said. "On top of that, I see you guys everyday at lunch here in the GSB so I feel like I know you

and I am disturbed by how much coffee high school students drink these days."

Also chosen by senior officers, besides Robert, Hannah Solomon-Strauss will also speak. Musical performances will include Yoolim Kim on the cello and Philip Verma on clarinet, each accompanied by Katherine Zhou on piano.

**FOLLOWING FACULTY**, in the colors of their alma mater, seniors will march to "Pomp and Circumstance," wearing traditional maroon caps and gowns. University Organist Thomas Weisflog will play processional and recessional music on the Rockefeller Chapel organ.

After seniors' names are read by their college counselors Ms. Patty Kovacs and Ms. Melissa Warehall, Lab Schools Director David Magill and Lab Schools Board Chairman David Strauss will greet seniors. Seniors will receive their diplomas from Principal Matt Horvat. Seniors will present five honorary diplomas to faculty members.

A reception at the Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street, sponsored by junior parents, will follow.

**A DAY BEFORE**, a senior luncheon will precede the rehearsal for the ceremony at 11 a.m. in Judd 126. Senior class officers will hand out copies of the Senior Book, including a page for each member of the class with a photo and personal information.

Other yearend activities are as follows:

■ **ALUMNI WEEKEND**—Lab Schools alumni will return for Reunions, ranging from their 5th to their 50th, opening with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., Friday, in Kovler Gym. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to '61 graduate and ABC News Correspondent Bill Blakemore. Twelve classes will return for weekend events. At 11:30 a.m., Saturday in Scammon Garden, the High School Jazz Band will join with alumni to entertain during the Jazz Brunch.

■ **SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**—The Fourth Annual Athletic Awards Reception and Ceremony starts at 6 p.m. tomorrow in Kovler Lobby and Upper Kovler (see story page 7).

■ **MAY PROJECTS EXHIBITION**—Seniors will exhibit their May Projects in Judd 126 7-9 p.m., concluding their month-long endeavors this Thursday.

■ **SOPHOMORE SERVICE PROJECT**—Sophomores will do a service project June 6.

■ **LABSTOCK**—Five U-High bands will rock the ground even to some of their own songs starting at 3 p.m. this Friday in Kenwood Mall during the annual Labstock. The event coordinators are Seniors Homer Shew and Steven Xu. Student Council members will sell soda and give out free hot dogs and hamburgers.

■ **AWARDS CEREMONY**—At the Awards Assembly 9-11 a.m., Monday, June 9 in Max Palevsky Theatre, students will receive awards from teachers as well as for extracurricular activities. A reception will follow in the Ida Noyes Lounge.

■ **FINAL EXAMS**—Exams will conclude the year June 10-11. Sophomores are planning a trip to Great America after finals.



■ **AT THE START** (photos from top) of the evening, 8 to midnight Saturday, May 24, 178 promgoers strolled through exhibits at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, most intent on the butterfly haven.

U-Highers and their guests grooved to fast-paced songs d.j.ed by Jamal Smallz. From the terrace, U-Highers could see Lake Michigan as well as the Chicago skyline.

■ **DINING OUTSIDE** on the museum's terrace, U-Highers sat eight to 10 at tables decked with vases containing floating roses and candles. Through dinner, promgoers left tables and huddled around heaters that museum staff placed around tables in the frigid weather.

Starting with a poached pear salad with bleu cheese, Promgoers enjoyed beef, chicken breast or vegetable strudel. Caterer Greg Christian served only organic food and Prom Committee members accompanied him in shopping for it.

■ **BUTTERFLIES** in the Butterfly Haven entranced Promgoers including Charlotte Long. Many girls donned elegant long satin and silk gowns but many also opted for shorter knee-length dresses. Several girls and boys chose classic white and black pairings though others sported patterned and embellished looks.

■ **PHILIP VERMA** and Yoolim Kim reigned as Prom King and Queen. Seniors nominated five girls and five boys and voted on them at Prom.



Photos by Emily Chiu

*Special inside...*

The story everyone looks for in the final issue of the Midway, where seniors are going to college, appears on page 2.





"I was scared people wouldn't take the speaking of politics talks seriously and that they would just go for extra credit, but I think people were really interested in the end."

—Amy Solomon, sophomore

# Eastern schools get most '08 U-High grads

## But two Illinois schools top choices

By Mona Dasgupta  
Editor-in-Chief

**E**astern schools have drawn the highest number of 2008 U-High graduates. But the two most popular schools, each receiving eight, are the University of Chicago and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Fifty-nine U-Highers will go East; Midwest, 36; West, 20; and South, 4. Canada will get 3 and Scotland 1.

**ADMITTED TO** a five-year dual degree program for arts and science, Alexa Minc will jointly attend Brown and Rhode Island School of Design in Providence.

"When looking at schools, I knew I wanted to keep doing art but not give up science," Alexa said. "RISD has a really good metal-working program and Brown is good in science, so it was the perfect fit. I was really lucky, because this program is starting for the first time this fall."

"I felt comfortable at both places. I'm thinking of becoming a doctor, but I'm not sure. I've been doing metal working for eight years and I didn't want to give it up."

**HAVING LIVED** in England for seven years, Emily Crane chose to return to the United Kingdom for college.

"St. Andrews has a reputation for being tough academically but it also has

a great campus in the country," Emily said. "My mom has a friend who lives near there and I visited when I was younger and knew it was the place for me. At St. Andrews you only need to take three subjects with no requirements, which I liked because it allows me to focus on what I want to do."

"I'd like to be a diplomat in the United Kingdom Foreign Service. St. Andrews has a great international relations program, especially for Africa, which is the place that interests me most."

**BY SCHOOLS**, 2008 graduates plan to attend the following:

**Albion, Michigan:** Markie Room; **Allegheny, Meadville, Pennsylvania:** Aaron Weiss; **American, Washington, D.C.:** Graham Salinger; **Barnard, New York City:** Rebecca Steuer; **Bates, Lewiston, Maine:** Lucy O'Keefe, Van Sandwick; **Belmont, Nashville, Tennessee:** Billy Stevenson; **Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts:** Katherine Smolarek.

**Bradley, Peoria, Illinois:** Johannes Peter; **Brandeis, Waltham, Massachusetts:** Adam Johnston, Polina Ryzhik; **Brown, Providence, Rhode Island:** Alexa Minc, Robert Webber; **Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania:** Claire Weichselbaum; **California Institute of Technology, Pasadena:** Benjamin Picker; **Carlton, Northfield, Minnesota:** Frank Firke.

**Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** Christopher Chang, Zhe Zhuang; **Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio:** Sheena Anand; **Colorado College, Colorado Springs:** Christina Dragomir; **Columbia, New York City:**

Philip Verma, Sarah Wald; **Cooper Union, New York City:** Muneeb Hai; **Dartmouth, Hanover, New Hampshire:** Nick Sisodia; **Denison, Granville, Ohio:** Sage Mahoney; **DePaul, Chicago:** Cory Keane, Jason Rowley.

**Drake, Des Moines, Iowa:** Rabiha Simmons; **Emory, Atlanta, Georgia:** Kendall Pelander; **George Washington, Washington, D.C.:** Stephanie Holmes, Robin Shapiro, Cydney Weiner; **Franklin and Marshall, Lancaster, Pennsylvania:** Anna Katia Zbikowski; **Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta:** Kenan Gungor.

**Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts:** Anne Sawyer; **Haverford, Pennsylvania:** Hannah Solomon-Strauss; **Howard, Washington, D.C.:** Zachary Smith; **Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington:** Krystal Martinez; **Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Maryland:** Geoffrey Gibbs; **Lewis and Clark, Portland, Oregon:** Claire Beatus, Niels Meyer.

**Loyola, Chicago:** Artemis Khazaie; **Macalester, St. Paul University, Minnesota:** Sara Sandmel, Robert Strickling; **McGill, Montreal:** Dana Alfassa, Shannon Kimball, Madeline LaRue; **Middlebury, Vermont:** Alex Guynn; **New York University, New York City:** Mona Dasgupta, Eva Jaeger, Alexandra Kleiman, Angelica Maciel.

**Northwestern, Evanston:** Linnea Madsen, Michael Miller, Stephanie Tang, David Xu; **Oberlin, Ohio:** Hannah Chaskin, Dylan Reid, Katherine Vokes; **Occidental College, Los Angeles:** Derek Chiampos.

**Princeton, New Jersey:** Alya Forster; **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence:** Alexa Minc; **Sarah Lawrence, Bronxville, New York:** Charlotte Long; **Skidmore, Saratoga Springs, New York:** Hillary Gimpel, Nicholas Mittelstead.

**Tufts, Medford, Massachusetts:** Amanda Pappas; **Tulane, New Orleans, Louisiana:** Ashley Halvorsen;

**Union, Schenectady, New York:** Amelia Elfenbaum; **University of California at Santa Cruz:** Jacob Bruns; **University of Chicago:** Seon-Young Chung, Andrey Drinfeld, Daniel Greenberg, Won-Hee Lee, Artis Lewis, Anna Schleusener, Yuwen Wu, Liwen Xu.

**University of Colorado at Boulder:** Kyra Lindner, Maura Peters; **University of Denver, Colorado:** Christian Steinbarth, John Swank; **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:** Patrick Differding, Ramzi Dreessen, Laura Hoffman, Sydney Marcus, Homer Shew, Lauren Stewart, John Wasik, Steven Xu.

**University of Iowa, Iowa City:** Augusta Sturm; **University of Miami, Florida:** Raphaelle Cuenod; **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor:** Sanford Carlton, Emma Cowen, Gabrielle Knight; **University of Nevada, Las Vegas:** Michael McCarthy; **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia:** Alison Feder; **University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington:** Hannah Biskind, Rebecca Foley, Elizabeth Messina, Marissa Miles-Coccaro.

**University of San Diego, California:** Scott Craig; **University of San Francisco, California:** Patricia Williams; **University of Southern California, Los Angeles:** David McAlpine, Van Miner; **University of St. Andrews, Scotland:** Emily Crane; **University of Wisconsin, Madison:** Helen Vivas; **Vassar, Poughkeepsie, New York:** Gretchen Eng.

**Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri:** May Fu, Jessica Mischel, Benjamin Phillipson, George Yates III; **Wellesley, Massachusetts:** Melissa Gracia, Jennifer Harris, Yoolim Kim, Devika Werth; **Wesleyan, Middletown, Connecticut:** Thomas Brewer, Nathan Worcester; **Whitman, Walla Walla, Washington:** Christina Delicata; **Yale, New Haven, Connecticut:** Maria Birukova, Daniel Hornung, Victoria Rogers, Jarus Singh, Katherine Zhou.

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## WEEK SPOTLIGHTS ELECTION FERVOR

**SPEAKERS AT** the weeklong program "Speaking of Politics," May 19-23, emphasized that because of the vast number of undecided voters, campaigning has become all the more important in this Presidential election. The program was organized by nine U-Highers and sponsored by the History Department. Guest speakers included University of Chicago's Dean of the Social Sciences and Political Scientist Mark Hansen, South Side Community Organizer Mike Kruglik, National Campaign Fundraising Manager for Barack Obama for America Penny Pritzker, Illinois Fundraising Director John Rogers and Chicago Tribune reporter John McCormick, who covers Senator Obama.

Finishing off the week, students on the committee, including Senior Dan Hornung (photo), spoke about their experiences working for political campaigns.

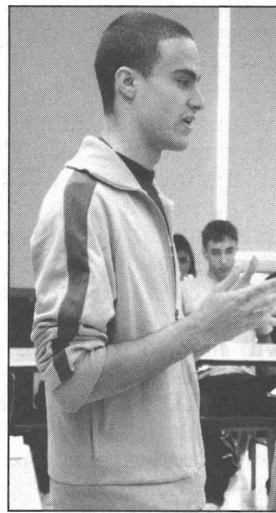


Photo by Jeremy Handrup

## Midway, U-Highlights staffers win state journalism honors

Yearend honors have arrived for members of the U-Highlights and Midway staffs.

Senior Liwen Xu is among 10 Illinois high school journalists named by the Illinois Journalism Education Association to its All-State Team. She will be honored at a luncheon later this month in Springfield.

Liwen served as coeditor-in-chief of the 2007 U-Highlights and this year served as photo editor and student adviser of the 2008 U-Highlights. She is also a U-Highlights and Midway photographer.

Junior Gabe Bump received a certificate of merit in the competition.

In the Illinois Woman's Press Association's annual high school competition, 1st-place awards were

received by Junior Gabe Bump in features and Junior Nathan Bishop in page design.

Second-place honors went to Senior Ramzi Dreessen, feature photo; Senior Liwen Xu, sports photo; and Junior Tom Stanley-Becker, review.

Winners were honored at a luncheon last month at the Union Club.

For the second time this school year Tom has an article published in the opinion section of a major daily newspaper.

The Los Angeles Times May 8 published a piece by Tom on Advanced Placement courses.

Earlier Tom had an opinion column published in the Chicago Tribune on measures addressing escalating violence among teenagers.



"I'm most looking forward to going to the Demilitarized Zone because not many people are allowed to go."

—Addie Epstein, junior



## MAY PROJECT ON THE AIR



Photo by Kendall Gordon

HAVING COMPLETED their May Projects, 98 seniors will display the results of their experiences during the day and from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Judd Hall.

Among Projects seniors pursued were learning how to build model cars by Muneeb Hai, exploring the field of journalism by interning at NBC Chicago by David McAlpine and Cydney Weiner, and taking photographs in Israel to capture the nonviolent side of the country by Po-

lina Ryzhik.

Senior Aaron Weiss (in photo) interned at radio station WHPK at the University of Chicago Reynolds Club.

"I write down the songs that I play to give to the station manager, so that she can give them to the FCC to make sure we didn't play anything with dirty lyrics such as curse words," Aaron said. "It's been really fun and fulfilling because I get to be on air."

## Summer plans include travel, work, community service

By Isabel del Canto

Midway reporter

**H**armonizing in South Korea June 25-July 6, Juniors Addie Epstein, Aimee Lucido and Becca Marks and Sophomores Loren Kole and Michael Angone will voyage with 55 other members of the Chicago Children's Choir to perform eight times.

While some U-Highers plan on working in town over the summer, many will travel abroad or do community service.

"I'm really excited to travel to Seoul, Daejeon, Geo-je and Busan," Addie said. "We will also be staying by the boarder of North and South Korea, the Demilitarized Zone, to sing for the troops that are stationed there. We'll spend most of the time rehearsing for all the concerts. We'll also have time for sightseeing, shopping and going to the beach."

Junior Ciara Zagaja will explore Costa Rica through Global Works, a summer program for community service and cultural exchange, June 23-July 8.

"I will stay with a host family for eight days," Ciara said. "Most of the day I will do community service probably connected to the environment. At night, I will be with the rest of my group partaking in cultural immersion activities like learning how to salsa dance. Then, for the last four days, my group and I will travel to Hacienda Barú for the adventure period, which includes learning how to surf and exploring the rainforests."

Working his second summer at Adventure Kids Day Camp as a counselor, Sophomore Lucas Bradley will be joined by, among others, Sophomores Gabrielle Lubin and Amelia Acosta and Juniors Patrick Philizaire and Nathan Bishop.

"The day is from 8 a.m. to around 4 p.m. with seven 45 minute periods of different activities," Lucas said. "Two of the seven periods each day are swim time and art class. The rest of the periods are filled by activities that my co-counselor and I plan out at the end of each week. There are also field trips, like a trip to an arcade or a movie, that happen twice a week."

(For a list of more summer plans, see bottom of this page.)

## Brief-ly

### Four more seniors receive National Merit Scholarships

From four to eight, the number of National Merit Scholarships at U-High has grown. Most recently-announced recipients are Maria Birukova, Andrey Drinfeld, Frank Firke and Daniel Greenberg. Previously announced were Jarus Singh, Robert Webber, Liwen Xu and Katherine Zhou.

■ **PERFORMING**—Senior Gretchen Eng will present "Trapped," which she wrote, produced and will perform Thursday nights June 12-July 17 at Second City Theatre, 1608 North Wells. Tickets are available at the box office and on the Second City website.

Previous performing with Second City, including the Second City Improvisation and Sketch Comedy Boot Camp and the Youth and Teen Ensemble, Gretchen has worked on the production since last fall with two other Second City actors.

"The show is a sketch comedy," Gretchen explained. "It's short scenes

with preset dialogue, props and different characters. There will also be a segment of improv where we'll take turns improvising dialogue based on the audience's suggestions. It'll be about 30 minutes long, but we are actually sharing a bill with another group, so the total show will be an hour long."

■ **APPEARING**—Discussing her much-discussed new novel, "The Red Leather Diary," Ms. Lily Koppel, Class of 1999, will speak 6 p.m. this Thursday at 57th Street Books, 1301 East 57th Street.

Based on a true story about her discovery of a 90-year-old woman's diary, Ms. Koppel combines excerpts from the diary and interviews to capture a New York teenager living in the 1930s.

Living in New York City, Ms. Koppel reports for The New York Times and other publications.

## More summer plans

(Story appears at top of page)

**JOSEY MINTEL**—Attending Northwestern University Summer University in math. Also playing violin in the Mid-West Young Artists Orchestra, with a final concert at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park 3 p.m., Sunday, July 27. Josey also will travel in August to Jackson, Wyoming for the Grand Teto Music Festival where her father, Parents' Association President Dick Mintel, is recording engineer.

**SHERRY FU**—Also attending N.U. math program.

**ROHINI TOBACOWALA**—Oxford University in England to study photography and psychology.

**JULIE CARLSON**—Studying photography in France.

**ETHAN CHIAMPAS**—Traveling to Greece, playing basketball.

**TOM STANLEY-BECKER and GABE BUMP**—Reporting for Hyde Park Herald.

**ALEXANDRA BALABANOV**—Traveling to her homeland of Bulgaria.

**EMILY SEARLES**—Music programs here and in New York City.

**KALI FRAMPTON**—Working at research laboratory at the U. of C.

**ANNCHELLE AKUAMOAH**—Caddying at Butterfield Country Club.

**NATE WISE**—Soccer camp, traveling to Europe with a friend.

**JULIA BAIRD**—Trip to Germany.

**LEXIE MANSFIELD**—Photography class.

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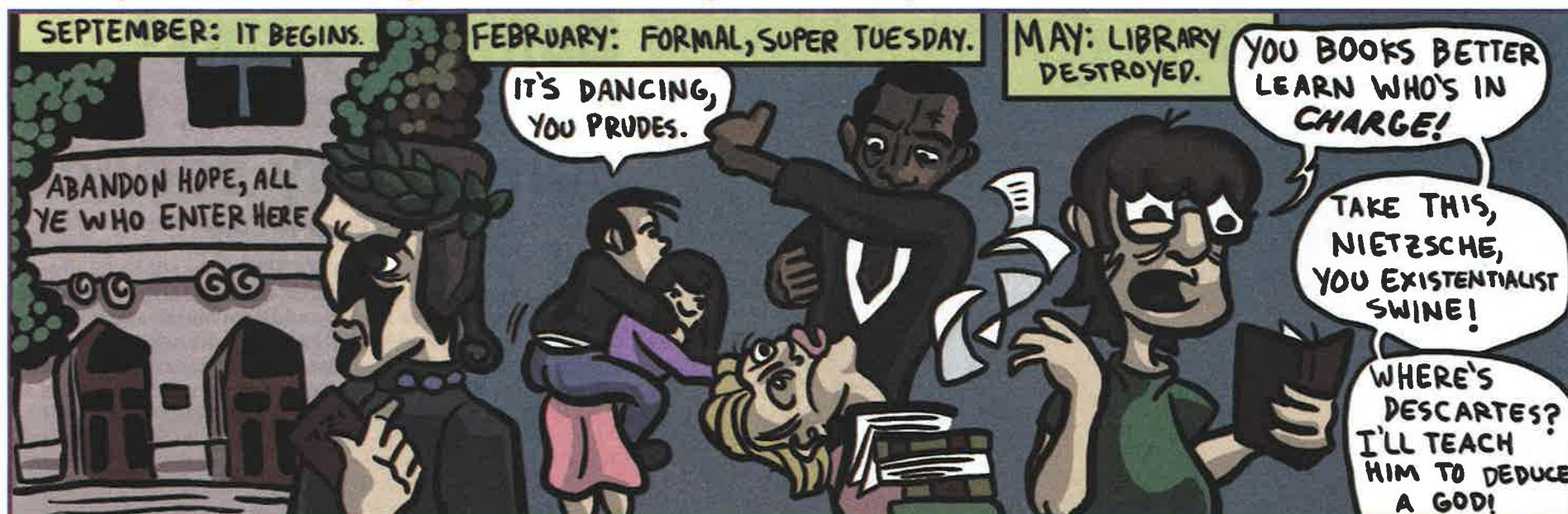
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## The year at U-High as seen by Midway cartoonist Eric Cochran



### AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

## A year of hopeful new beginnings in school and out

Though the media has taken turns criticizing each Presidential candidate, the U-High community has largely clung to one constant: Barack Obama. And maybe it's fitting that U-Highers have placed their hopes in a man who promises change because they devoted this year to creating new beginnings.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity for change came with the Schools' new Comprehensive Campaign to construct new buildings while renovating old ones. Among the biggest projects in the Lab Schools' history, the campaign became solidified with a \$10 million donation by Mr. Earl Shapiro, Class of 1956, and his family.

**WITH HOPES** for change, the community still faced more immediate obstacles. After a parent wrote a blog on the Association Website about suggestive dancing at Cultural Union's Formal Dance in February, some students felt attacked and resentful. Three months later, an act of vandalism committed in the library by a group of students whose names and grade levels remain unknown left librarians and other members of the community questioning students' integrity.

Still, U-Highers showed that the acts of a few cannot overshadow the feats that they accomplished all year. As Ms. Jewel Willis Thomas, former U-High Dean of Students, spoke about the courage of the Little Rock Nine at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly, her words truly captured how persistence and the relentless pursuit of education can serve as an example to U-Highers.

Honoring late famed blues harmonica player Paul Butterfield, an assembly planned by Juniors Max Wagner and Kevin Brunke brought students together for some soulful music in February. Since the event was meant to serve as a test run for a full-scale benefit concert for next year, U-Highers can look forward to even more blues to come.

Also in February, Artsfest kicked off with action-packed performances from the martial arts group Enso. A revue featuring singing and acting from several popular musicals performed by the Musical Theatre group brought the day to a close, which continued a legacy of meeting and surpassing expectations.

**AND STUDENT COUNCIL** came through on its promised Talent Show in April. Though the show attracted a modest crowd to International House, those who did attend were enthused by the performances, which ranged from poetry readings to hip-hop and ballet.

A month later, the Black Students' Association's Dance for Darfur drew another small crowd, but in a year of beginnings, BSA set a precedent that future members will hopefully emulate. Both Student Council and school clubs followed through with plans that many questioned in the beginning and showed that students can put faith in their peers.

For sports teams, the pressure was on to match last year's success and the Maroons did not disappoint. With an undefeated Conference record, the girls' varsity soccer team claimed its second Conference crown in as many years and advanced to the Super

Sectional. The girls' track and field team also came away with the Independent School League title. Add in the boys' soccer team's eight game shut-out record, matching the record for shut-outs in a season in U-High history, back in the fall, along with the individual records in cross country and swimming and the Maroons truly stepped up to the plate this year.

**THROUGH IT ALL**, Principal Matt Horvat has continued to provide a steadying presence. He stood calmly as a leader before the student body to address the vandalism that took place in the library last month. On a lighter note, he took on the role of Julius Caesar with Dean of Students Larry McFarlane and was slain on the Ides of March in a reenactment organized by Latin students in the High School Lobby. Through example, Mr. Horvat has shown that there is, indeed, both a time to work and a time to play.

Beyond U-Highers' relentless dedication to academic and athletic excellence, they showed that it doesn't matter if you fall down, just as long as you get right back up and keep looking forward.

Whether in the U-High community or beyond, this year brought stormy seas, but the student body as a whole met and conquered those storms. Even as the violent killings of more than 20 Chicago Public School students have carried on, U-Highers have kept a sunny outlook against a gloomy backdrop.

This year they've shown that on the court, on the dance floor, on stage, on paper, or in the classroom, U-Highers can rise to the occasion.

## SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Rohini Tobaccowala

### What were your best and most embarrassing moments this school year?



Symone

**SYMONE BUCKNER, senior:** My best moment was when I was offered a free trip to Sydney, Australia by my church to attend World Youth Day this summer. I was excited and couldn't believe I was chosen. My most embarrassing moment was actually more embarrassing for my friend. We were walking down the street after school and my friend stumbled on her toe and fell flat on her bottom.



Zeke

**ZEKE UPSHAW, junior:** My best moment this year was when I made my first dunk in a basketball game. I just felt it was about time. My most embarrassing moment was when I twisted my ankle in soccer during gym class. I felt stupid because I was just playing around and I fell. No one even thought it was serious and they were all laughing at me.

**ISAAC BURGESS-VON HALLBERG, sophomore:** My best moment this year was when I got to save Joe Boisvert's life in lifeguarding. It was great because I got to save someone's life, not to mention, it was Joe. My most embarrassing moment had to be when I was making fun of a teacher and I turned around and they were right there, staring at me.



Isaac

**RACHEL SYLORA, freshman:** I can't really think of my best moment this year, but recently, I took the geography test and after it was over, I just felt so relieved. It was a great feeling. My most embarrassing moment was when I was walking up the stairs with my books and I fell flat on my face. A group of students helped me get up, but I just remember being really red and embarrassed.



Rachel

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• Stephen Daiter Gallery

Ben Gest (American, 1975- ), born in Caldwell, NJ, earned a BA from Rutgers University and an MFA from Columbia College, Chicago. Gest's images engage in photography's history of telling the story of human life while challenging its traditions and expanding its visual language. Through subtle digital manipulation his ongoing work explores domestic narratives; photographed separately and then carefully arranged into a single frame, Gest's subjects are couples and families frozen in emotionally and physically disconnect-

ed scenes. His most recent works are contemplative portraits of single subjects lost in thought while performing mundane tasks. His work has been shown in solo exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; The Renaissance Society, Chicago; and Light Work, Syracuse, NY. It has been collected by such institutions as The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Contemporary Photography, and the LaSalle Bank Photography Collection. Gest is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia College and Art Institute of Chicago.

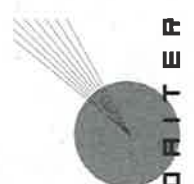


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*"I like that I caught music in a variety of mediums. I didn't just focus on people playing but people's responses to music and how people use music in different ways."*

—Alya Forster, senior

## Translating music into pictures

When determining her special project for Ms. Liese Ricketts' Photojournalism class, Senior Alya Forster opted for the musical aspects of U-High.

"I had been friends with a lot of people who did music at school, who had musical groups," Alya said. "I really enjoyed going to their performances and whenever I was assigned to take pictures for them I really liked the pictures. I decided if I chose to do my project on music that I'd obviously have more opportunities to take pictures of them. My last pictures were at Artsfest and I think I started in December. I wasn't taking pictures every day, but over that period of time is when I did them all."

An Executive Photojournalist her senior year, Alya learned the complexities of photography during her sophomore year when she took Beginning Photography on the basis of trying something new. Her natural talent for photography coincides with another desire.

"I do think it would be cool to do any kind of photography that would make me travel because I really like to travel," Alya said. "But I haven't really thought seriously about any career choice yet. Different kinds of photographers have the opportunity to go all over the world, so fashion photography or something like photography for National Geographic sound appealing to me."



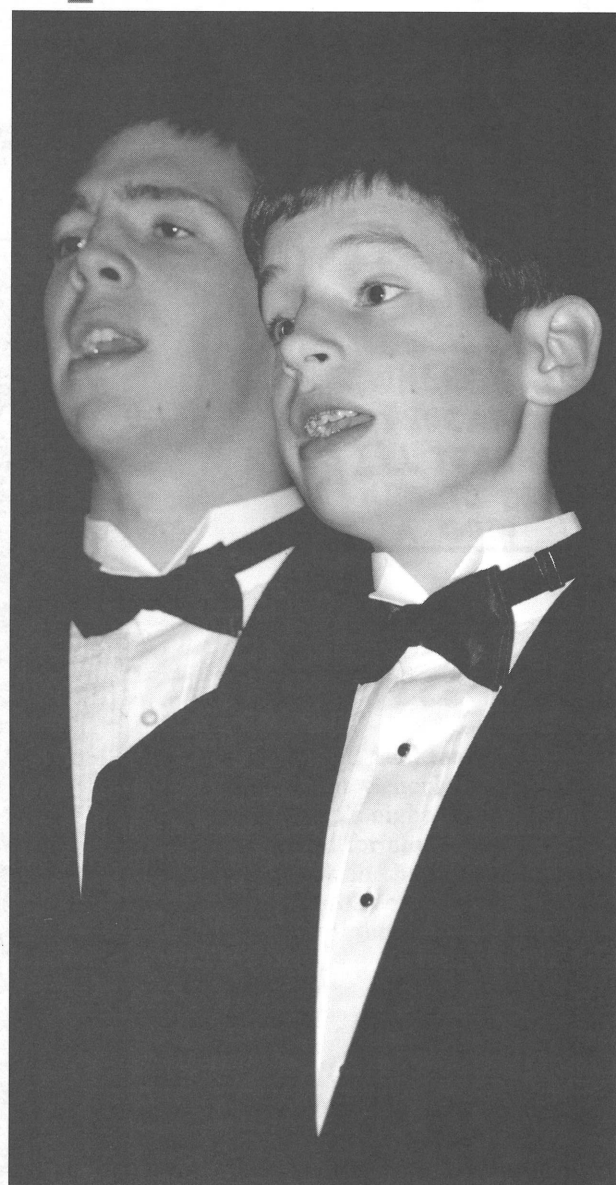
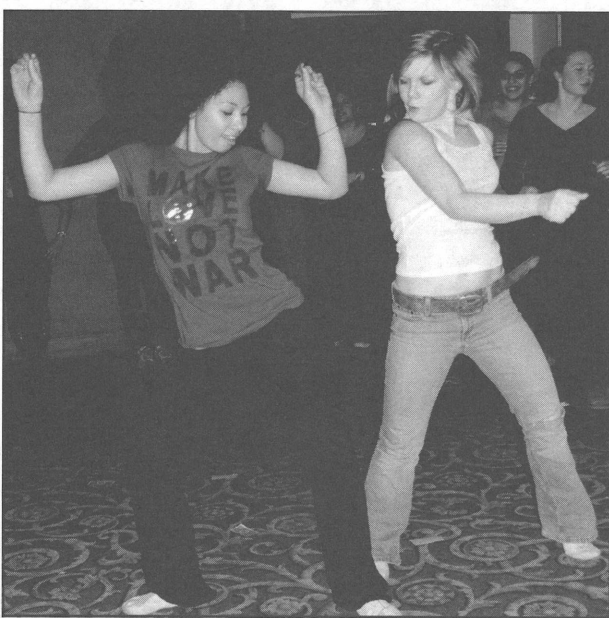
■ "THIS SHOT of John Swank is just so full of emotion as well as motion," Alya said. "He's a great subject because he's so animated when he plays the drums, so he really deserves most of the credit. Any shot of John is bound to be interesting."

■ "THIS PICTURE (photo at right) is during Senior Getaway and almost the whole grade was gathered in a circle while different people danced in the center," Alya said.

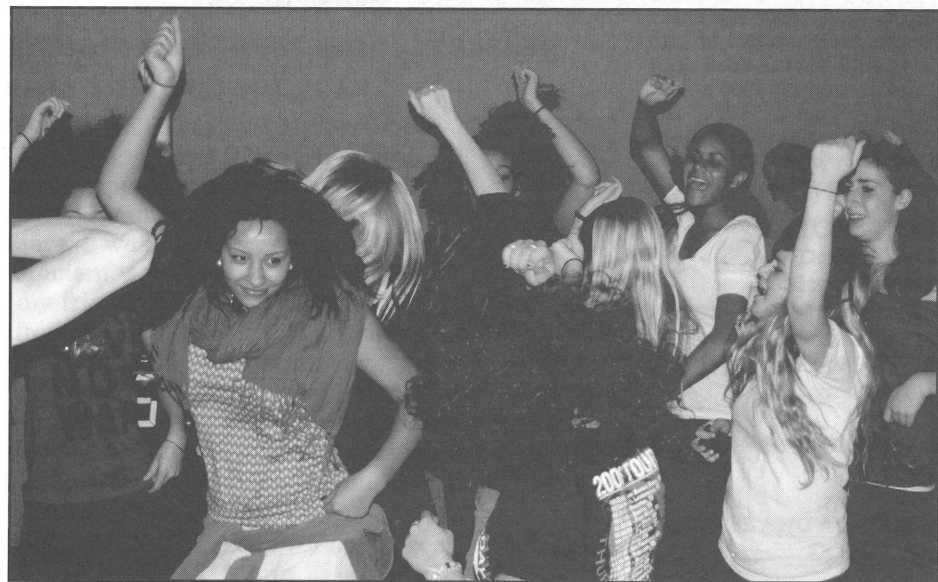
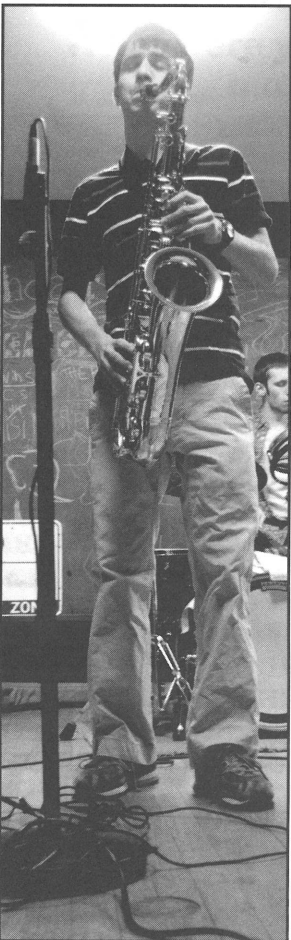
"I wouldn't call this particular moment a dance-off, although it may have started that way.

"I think I captured a moment when Bianca Harris and Charlotte Long had decided to start dancing together rather than to compete against one another.

"Again, I really like their facial expressions and the way motion is evident through the positioning of their bodies."



"THIS IS a shot of Tim Parsons and Joey Klonowski during a Bel Canto performance," Alya said. "I like the crispness of their tuxedos. I also like how their mouths are open so the viewer knows they're actually singing. Although everything else is uniform in the picture, their facial expressions are different. I think it's interesting to see how different people react to music."

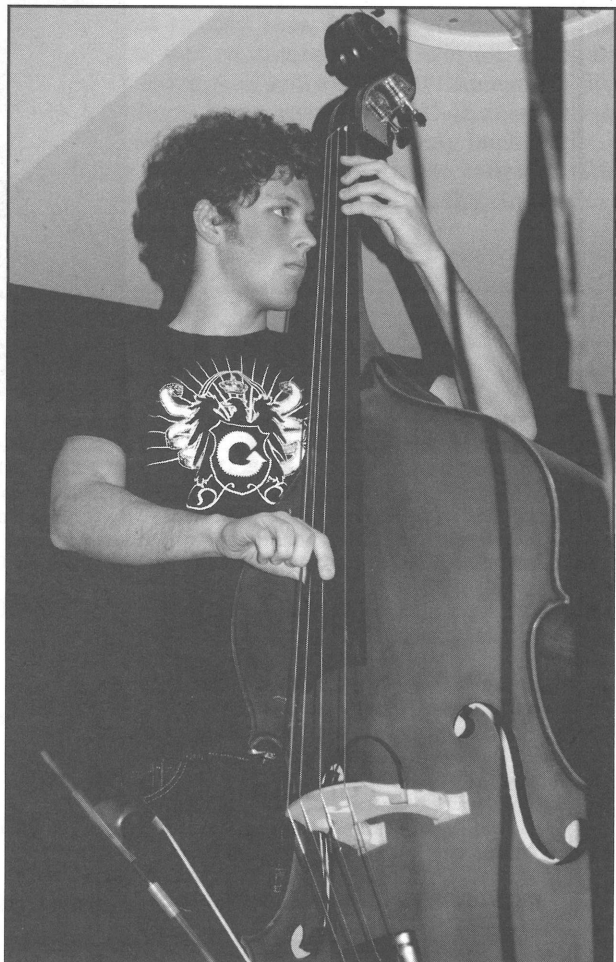


■ "WHEN I think about dancing, I think of motion," Alya said. "The arms really caught my eye and brought that motion to life in this still shot. I also like how Gabby Knight's face grabs the viewer's attention.

"When I took this photo I was trying to find a focal point while still getting a shot of the whole crowd, and I think Gabby is that focal point."

■ "I LIKE the angle of this shot," Alya said (photo at left). "The fact that it's taken from below makes it more interesting and visually appealing than a head-on shot.

"I also thought the lighting coming from about Philip Verma's head added to the picture. It gave it an ethereal feel."

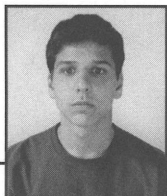


"THE REASON I like taking photos of Richard Tomlinson is because when he plays with the Jazz Quartet, the photos always catch how he's paying attention to his fellow band members to keep count," Alya said.

"I also really like the color of his bass and how it contrasts with the black shirts he wears during performances."

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"Overall, the boys ran really good sectional times. As for the girls, they always do outstanding things."  
—Don Traubert, junior

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## Spring teams end on high note

### ■ Soccer girls again take Sectionals

By Gabriel Bump  
Sports editor

Impressive showings at State helped many spring teams redeem themselves after tough seasons. For others postseason success continued a season long pattern.

Claiming the Sectional Championship for the second time in as many years with convincing wins over Mother McAuley in the Semifinal and Kelly High School in the Final at St. Xavier University, varsity soccer girls ended their State run three days later.

**AFTER LOSING** 4-1 to a more physical Downers Grove South in the Super-Sectional match, the Maroons finished their season with a 19-5 overall record. Head Coach Mike Moses feels that the blowout victories U-High enjoyed on route to their Mustang encounter might have factored into the lopsided loss.

"It would've been nice to have more competitive matches throughout," Coach Moses said. "But what it is, is what it is. You're finally going to come up against a situation where you're not going to compete against a school of 3,000. I thought we could compete with them. What gets us is physicality."

"This group was more experienced



Photo by Jeremy Handrup

**SHIELDING OFF** a Mother McAuley defender during a Sectional Semifinal game, May 20 at St. Xavier U., Midfielder Emily Kuo attempts to control the ball. U-High went on to defeat the Mighty Macs 4-0, with Emily scoring two goals.

than last year's group. In retrospect, I think that if I had to do it over, I would've emphasized more of what we do well. The few times we did put passes together it looked good. Maybe it would've helped to have an extra day. But at this point in the season you're not going to reinvent the wheel."

**WITH TWO** out of three State qualifiers underclassmen, a youthful boys' varsity tennis squad fought

through inexperience and managed a 2nd place finish at Sectionals behind Walter Payton College Prep.

For Captain Sandy Carton, senior, the season started on shaky ground but eventually smoothed out through hard work.

"When I found out I was going to play doubles with Evan I was a little reluctant," Sandy said.

**"I PLAYED** singles last year. But him and me grew closer and formed a great chemistry. We pretty much won every match we were supposed to. Most of our memorable moments are from earlier in the season. We won against LFA and they were a very experienced doubles team.

"As a team, we lost to some teams we've never lost to. But we were a young team. Freshman Tyler Anderson really rose to the occasion. At State he played like he had nothing to lose. It was kind of a new experience for a lot of guys. A lot of them didn't worry about winning, they just wanted to give it their best shot."

Despite their tendency for late-game collapses, boys' varsity baseballmen came from two behind runs to defeat Kennedy High School in the Regional Semifinal, May 22, At Jones College

Prep. A few days later, the Maroons fell back into old habits and lost an error-filled game 11-8 against Jones, May 24. For Senior John Wasik, cocaptain with Senior Van Sandwick and Junior Mike Casey, the Jones game doesn't reflect how far the team has come since past year's playoffs.

**"THE LAST** couple of years we've been blown out by a lot of teams," John said. "We've only beaten ourselves. We take ourselves out sometimes. In almost every game, there was one inning where everything went wrong for us. We should not have lost so many games. At the Jones game, when we

were at bat, we were killing the ball. But when they went up to bat, we made three errors and they scored three runs. We could've won; we were genuinely better than that team.

"Leadership was much better this year. We issued out jobs to make sure we had the equipment together. In the past seniors have not really talked to the sophomores and freshmen. This year there wasn't that divide. We were all close."

Hindered by rain delays and unfavorable scheduling, the girls' track and field team came away with Sectional victories in the 800-meter dash, 1600-meter run, 3200-meter run and the 4 x 800 relay. For Junior Leah Sibener, cocaptain with Junior Emily Kuo and Seniors Shannon Kimball and May Fu, this season turned out bittersweet.

**"AT STATE,** the 4 x 800 relay team ran the second fastest time in school history," Leah said. "It

was a good season but a little disappointing because we had a lot of rain delays. Also, because we had very few track meets we couldn't run a lot of hard workouts. If we had a track meet on Thursday we would have a hard workout on Monday then rest the next couple days. But

since we had track meets earlier in the week we couldn't run any hard workouts.

**"WE'RE LOSING** a lot of really good seniors. But next year there is going to be a different class system, which should make State a little easier. If we trained harder we could've seen wider improvement than last year in terms of personal bests."

Led by Cocaptains Don Traubert, junior, and Tom Brewer, Jarus Singh and Philip Verma, all seniors, the boys' track and field team faced a tough Sectional and no runners advanced to State.

**"We pretty much won every match we were supposed to."**

—Sandy Carton

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Jamming in one of Joan's Studio's practice rooms, Freshman Yael Litwin prepares for a U-High Jazz Band performance. June 7 at the Alumni Jazz Brunch.

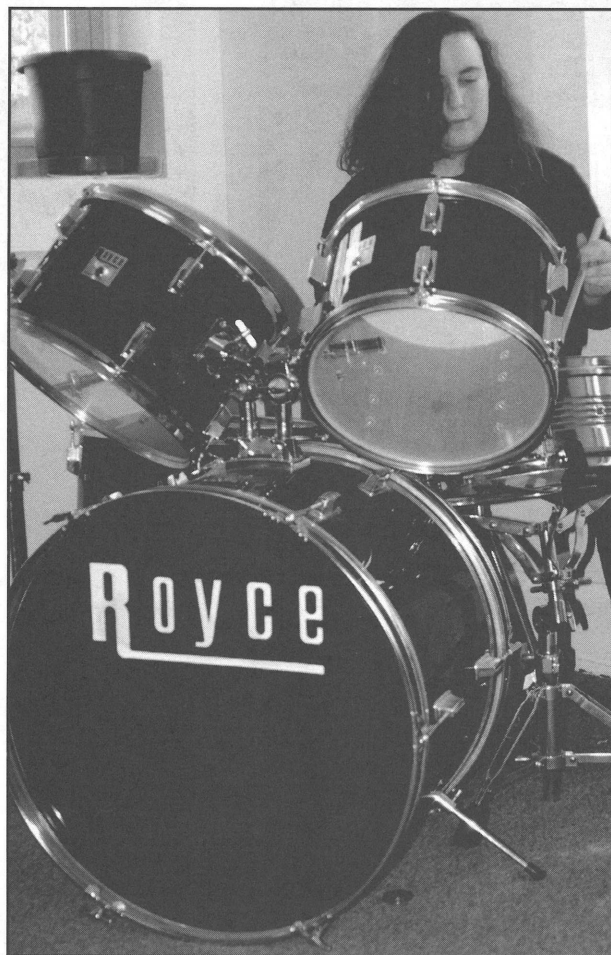


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## Sports banquet to reward veteran coaches

Honoring U-High coaches with at least 30 years of experience, Athletic Director David Ribbens will hand out the inaugural Coaches Service Recognition Award at the fourth annual Sports Awards Ceremony, tomorrow evening.

A reception in Kovler Gym lobby starts at 6 p.m.

The ceremony starts at 7 p.m. in Upper Kovler.

Mr. Ribbens also will announce winners of the Monilaw Medals for excellence in athletic ability, social leadership and scholarship.

Each coach will name the winner of their team's Coaches Award.





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Stephen Heinz

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