The campaigns that went wild

By Nathan Bishop

Relatively unknown before her nomination, two-year Alaska Governor, Sarah Palin, Republican Vice Presidential candidate, has stolen focus from policy and Presidential candidates, U-Highers believe.

After Governor Palin's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, September 1-4 in St. Paul Minnesota, the Gallup Poll, which tracks percentage of registered voters saying they would support a Presidential candidate, showed Republican Presidential Candidate John McCain (Senator from Arizona) gaining a four percent lead over Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama (Senator from Illinois).

As of last week Senator Obama was up three percent. After controversial background stories, family problems and SNS parodies, Governor Palin headed off to Washington University in St. Louis for the Vice Presidential debate Thursday, where she will face eight-term Delaware Senator Joe Biden, Democrat.

"I think when the Vice Presidential debate rolls around hopefully then that will provide the media with an opportunity to focus on the real issues between Palin and Biden, what they stand for, what they want to do for the country," said Senate Kate Rees, coordinator of U-High Students for Barack Obama.

"I'm hoping that after the v.p. debates the media will start talking about Biden and Palin in terms of policy and will give the country the opportunity to see the big differences between the two Vice Presidential candidates. I don't think Joe Biden not being in the media that much is necessarily a bad thing.

"I think most people already know a lot about Biden and sometimes the media spotlight can just mean a lot of negative things are being said about you. I'm glad the media is giving Palin a chance to be known a little better," said Ms. Cindy Jurisson, teacher of a Presidential election history elective, believes Governor Palin shifted the McCain campaign farther to the right.

"Palin is now all over the media, albeit in a controlled manner. She has suddenly become a known person in American politics," Ms. Jurisson said. "I think she is getting so much coverage for a couple of reasons: One, she is completely unknown; two, she is a woman; three, because by choosing Palin as a running mate McCain has set a quite conservative course for the Republican Party.

"One of the challenges in campaigns in general is how to cut through all the noise to get your message heard. It's not like Biden isn't saying anything these days, but Palin really is the current media focus. I don't think that's necessarily a bad thing for the Democrats and I don't think it signals a long term gain for the Republicans."

For Junior Andrew Sylora, Governor Palin pairs well with Senator McCain while Senator Biden doesn't fit Obama's campaign message.

"I think McCain's choice of Palin is very good," Andrew said. "Just on a strategic level she fits his maverick persona and she also brings in female votes and Conservatives who weren't sure about McCain earlier. She has also proven that she is not afraid to do major reform of the government as she demonstrated in Alaska.

"I think that Biden does bring to the table foreign policy experience that Obama needs, but he is also a bad choice on Obama's part because by choosing a long standing senator it defies Obama's motive of change. It shows that even though he says he wants change, by electing Biden he is saying he is staying true to the old political system, which is against his motto."

Also citing the boost Senator McCain received after the Republican National Convention, Freshman Joshua Koening believes Governor Palin's performance will determine the Republican Party's success.

"If you look at the Democratic Convention, the campaign usually gets a bounce and what we hoped for is that the bounce from Obama's speech would carry over, but the concern is that Palin had such an appeal that the bounce from the Republican Convention overtook the bounce from the Democratic (continues on back page)"
Educators to visit, assess Lab Schools in October evaluation

By Kyle Brunke
Associate editor

ome Halloween, U-Highers might have the feeling that someone's watching them. Representatives from the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, an accrediting agency of high schools and colleges, will begin the second stage of an evaluation recommended every seven years. The first stage concluded when committees including faculty members, administrators and parents compiled reports on different facets of school life. The reports are combined into the material the visiting committee members receive before their arrival October 26-29. The educators then determine if the school is achieving the goals as outlined in the reports, explained Math Teacher Paul Gunty, assistant to the associate director. He is heading the evaluation with Middle School Dean of Students Allison Gerdts Jones.

The visiting team of 20 to 25 members will be here for four days," Mr. Gunty said. "The first day, which is a Sunday, they will have a tour of the school and meet with the All Schools Council that comprises the department chairs in an informal meet and greet session. "Most of the visitors are teachers and administrators from other schools. This is an opportunity for them to match their professions with our departments.

"For the remaining days, they will drop by classes from Nursery to High School and visit the departments at some point, in addition to visiting various school groups. "For instance, student council and the faculty board. They'll probably even sit down in the cafeteria for lunch and chat with students, maybe even stop by the Senior Lounge to see what's up. "The 2002 evaluation recommended school expansion to compensate for growing classes and lack of room. "One of the things that came up in the previous reports is space reserved for classes and extra curricular stuff," Mr. Gunty explained. "That's an issue people are certainly expressing concerns over but we've already making progress and doing something about it. "One of the advantages we have is the upcoming school construction which shows we're moving in the right direction of expanding the school which is huge.

Classes to vote on royalty for Homecoming dance

By Julie Carlson
Editor-in-Chief

Voting starts tomorrow in the cafeteria for Homecoming Queen and King in each grade. Preliminary nominations were cast last week, then narrowed down to the top candidates from each class by Cultural Union (C.U.), according to C.U. President Isabel del Canto, senior.

Winners will be revealed and crowned at the Homecoming Dance, 8-11 p.m., this Saturday, at International House, 1414 East 59th Street. Doors will close at 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from C.U.: for $8 a person and $15 a couple or at the door for $10 a person. U-Highers and their guests must bring their student I.D.s and visitors' hosts also needed to return a completed Guest Pass to Dean of Students Larry McFarlane by today.

"We'll also have a variety of pops for $1 and a wide selection of juices for $1.50." Following Monday's planned Pajama Day and pie-eating contest and today's expected Sports Team Day, Spirit Week continues with Decade Day tomorrow, where students are invited to dress as a character from their favorite era and International Sports Day on Thursday.

Student Council also sponsored a Buddy Barbeque last Friday in the Japanese Garden. The event gave 47 pairs of seniors and new freshmen a chance to connect and answer any questions the younger buddies had about U-High.

Initiates target energy, decency

By Tom Stanley-Becker
Editor-in-Chief

Two initiatives have been started by Lab Schools Director David Magill. Through a Green Committee, the Schools is aiming to improve our energy efficiency. The second initiative deals with promoting greater decency among students and respect for school property through measures appropriate to each division. Working with the Faculty Association in creating the Green Committee, Mr. Magill is asking for suggestions for faculty, staff and student involvement and has already appointed Facilities Coordinator Scott Griffin. The Committee will monitor the Schools' construction projects, including arts buildings and an Early Childhood Center.

"We want to educate our students as Lab expands its facilities," Mr. Magill said. "The second reason for a Green Committee is that I'm not that impressed by how much we've done to respect our immediate environment.

There is a lot of evidence of trash that is not recyclable. I'd like Lab and the University of Chicago to work together, in protecting our environment."

Faculty, staff and parents began discussing decency last year. Rather than forming a single committee, each division of the Lab Schools plans to promote a culture where decency is the norm, explained Mr. Magill.

"We, as a school, began to discuss student behavior last year," Mr. Magill said. "There were incidents that bothered us, destruction of property, painting of a swastika in a Middle School bathroom, vandalism in the High School library and online trash talking. Parents are concerned about bullying. There could be assemblies, age appropriate, handled by faculty and principals.

At the end of the year, we're going to have surveys that parents and students can fill out, in part to ask whether the school is safer.

Amid architectural drawings digitally projected onto fabric screens in Kovler Gym, several hundred people gathered at the Campus Campaign Launch Celebration Saturday afternoon. Cheeseburgers were served and a jazz band composed mostly of alumni performed.
Once I got out of the Army, I got interested in math, then went on about solving. When you’re breaking codes, you’re problem-solving.

—Joe Scroll, math teacher

Briefly

Juniors, sophs, freshmen REMEMBER!, your yearbook photos get shot tomorrow

Several yearbook photographers Friday, October 10; Monday, October 13; Tuesday, October 14; and Thursday, October 16 in the courtyard Blaine Hall.

“All seniors were mailed information to their homes,” Joe Scroll said.

Assembly—Planning for the first all-school assembly, 5:05-5:15 a.m., Thursday, October 2. Student Council President Adia Bailey, Canton in the Student Council President and C.U. Vice President Molly Simon, seniors, said it will highlight Eric Hamilton, a producer who supervised NBC’s online content for the Beijing Olympics.

“With 50 years of being around 2nd period featuring a friend of Principal Horvat’s who has worked for NBC and done documentaries on the Olympics,” Isaac Cline said.

S.C. is working on a new addition to the school, to improve the water fountain and hand dryers for bathrooms because we get new additions on the better,” Mr. T. said.

PERFORMING—Outstanding High School and Middle School instrumentals and vocalists will be presented at the eighth annual Rotary Club of Peoria Gala Friday, October 17, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the University’s Speedy-Gifling, 1010 East 59th Street.

Cafeteria—Seeking a salary increase compensating for inflation, the rising costs of gas prices and sales taxes, the Faculty Association voted June 27 to give teachers a three-year contract, said Mr. T. Jagow.

Open to the public, the program will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 16, in the University’s Speedy-Gifling, 1010 East 59th Street.

The Faculty Association has been working toward a three-year contract for the past three years, and Mr. T. said he is optimistic.

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As killings continue, effective action seems dead, too

Every Chicagoan must help work towards a solution

Imagine walking through Blaine Lobby under the strict guidance of Chicago Police Department officers, slowly being ushered with schoolmates underneath two metal detectors. Instead of worrying about a 1st period math quiz, you’re worried about surviving the rest of the day. For many Chicago Public School (CPS) students, this experience occurs every school day.

But even with beefed-up security, CPS students keep getting killed. More than 40 have lost their lives since last September. CPS CEO Arno Duncan blames weak statewide gun control laws for this terrible figure. Illinois Director of Children and Family Services, Erwin McEwen blames weak community and family structure.

Countless other factors have received accountability: gangs, drugs and violence on T.V., to name a few. But the bottom line is kids are dying still. The problem has existed for more than three years, still little is done. Murdered children are remembered as unfortunate statistics.

Outrage has yet to transcend from families directly affected.

Higherii! of slain teens, spreading knowledge of the situation and working as communities. Maybe then those in charge take charge and solve this problem once and for all.

The Midway really is YOUR newspaper

SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Denise Akumoaoh

Asked of new students:

What do you think of U-High so far?

CONRAD WIGHT, freshman
(from Science Academy of Chicago in northeastern Risa Park): So far it’s good. The biggest difference is the size of the school; there are 40 more people here. The atmosphere here is different; everyone is excited to come to school. The workload here is also a bit intense: I already had two hours of homework each night and I’ve never had more than an hour-and-a-half of homework in 8th grade. It’s cool so far because the people and teachers are nice.

KAVIA KHNOLA, freshman
(from Avery Coonley in west suburban Downer’s Grove): The school is very appealing because the teachers are so willing to help you when you need it and the people are really nice because they want to include you, especially if you’re new. I also really like the freedom I get here in my free periods.

CLAIRE SCHAUDER, sophomore
(from Lavinia): At my old school, the people didn’t seem very welcoming, especially to new people. But here it seems like it’s a good thing to be new. The people are so excited to meet you and are so much more welcoming and I like that a lot.

STEPHEN BARDO, junior
(from Whitney Young): I like it so far. I left the Lab Schools in 8th grade because I wanted a change of scenery and, to be honest, my parents didn’t mind not having to pay tuition. The biggest difference between the two schools is the size in buildings, the population — at Young there were 300 more students in my class — and the amount of work. But I came back because I wasn’t completely unfamiliar with it and I felt that I would have a better opportunity to get into a good college.
COOKING WITH NICK CHASKIN
Simple classic dish delivers warmth, variety to fall menu

WHEN YOU set out to make a pot of chili, you’re facing a world of possibilities. Chili provides a blank canvas, giving the cook freedom to change the recipe to fit his or her taste.

As your personal preferences for chili grow, feel free to experiment.

Chili is a forgiving dish and offers many opportunities in the cooking process to change or fix the flavor of your stew.

I use this recipe: 2 large bell peppers, finely chopped

These spices yield a classic, medium-heat chili. If you like your chili hotter, add more cayenne pepper. Be sure to use a two-to-one ratio of cumin to cinnamon, my secret ingredient.

Cumin gives a bright flavor, which is beautifully contrasted with a warm richness from the cinnamon.

Begin your chili by sweating your onion, garlic and peppers in a large pot or Dutch oven. Sweating vegetables is a process which draws out the liquid in them with the use of heat and salt.

Simply heat your pot over medium heat and cook in a little olive oil and a big pinch of salt.

Sweat your vegetables until your peppers have softened slightly and your onions are clear and translucent.

Stir in your spices, when incorporated add your beef. Use a wooden spoon to break up your meat and stir until there is no pink visible.

Add your tomato puree and beans.

Be sure to drain and rinse the beans before adding to your chili.

Stir and let simmer over low heat for several hours. During this time you can adjust the seasoning of your chili to your taste. Serve with a grated sharp melting cheese of your choice and an assortment of toppings.

If you use beer in your chili, which is called for in many recipes, be sure to add it before the tomatoes to cook out the alcohol. Also avoid portals and stouts, which cook bitter.

Adding a few ounces of unsweetened chocolate to your chili will add a rich and earthier flavor great in cooler weather. I also like to add minced, dried habanero peppers for a brighter, spicier finish. I recommend using serranos accordingly with habaneros as they are extremely hot.

I love adding sweet corn to add some sweetness, crunch and color to your chili. Boil two large cobs of corn for eight minutes, and let the kernels off the cob and add with your beans.

MUSIC DENISE AKUAMOAH
Hit-making artist mixes things up with mixed results

LACKING GREATNESS, Ne-Yo’s album “Year of the Gentleman” (Def Jam) may “Fade Into the Background.”

Back on the charts, the singer and songwriter unveils a combination of pop, rock and Michael Jackson-esque sound that blends with his smooth vocals in his third release. Emerging in early 2006, Ne-Yo topped the Billboard 200 with his debut album “In My Own Words,” which sold over 101,000 copies in the first week. His second album, “Because of You,” followed the same pattern, “Year of the Gentleman,” however, fails to offer the same harmonious and heartfelt songs his fans were expecting.

During the club song “Single” Ne-Yo breaks out of his comfort zone and teams up with early 1990s pop group New Kids on the Block to demonstrate his new sound.

Carried along by a techno piano melody and a pulsating beat, Ne-Yo and NKOTB assure a single female that “You don’t gotta be alone tonight. So while the D.J. play this single, just pretend that I’m your man tonight.”

These charming lyrics contrast the whiny vocals and self-deeming nature of the album’s other songs. Interior vocals and synth beats give the track a lighter feel. However, the overall sound is better than the rest of the album.

These relationships and a compelling premise combine to create a series worth checking out and returning to.
Soccer boys close in on title

Two crucial games loom

By Matt Luchins
Sports editor

Two wins away from an Independent School League championship, boys’ varsity soccer heads into a showdown with Riverside-Brookfield this Thursday before traveling to face ISL rival Latin next Tuesday.

With a 7-3 overall record and 5-0 ISL record as of last week, the Maroons expect to wrap up the conference after their latest win at rival Morgan Park Academy, September 19, according to Senior Morgan Murphy, co-captain with Seniors Phil Bohan and Nate Wise.

“The seniors hadn’t beat MPA away, so we overcame a mental obstacle with that victory on their home field,” Morgan said. “They were also our toughest competition in the conference. We should beat Latin and Parker if we play to our potential, so winning ISL is a strong possibility.”

After losing three straight games on penalty kicks or last second goals, the Maroons rebounded to start a six-game winning streak, according to Head Coach Michael Moses.

“It helps to play teams that we should have success against because once you start scoring goals and winning games things start clicking,” said Coach Moses.

“But it worries me that about two-thirds of people think the way our system of play is designed to score goals. We’re trying to play a simple style, move the ball around and creating easy chances.

“We’ve had good build-up play, gotten the ball into dangerous areas for a simple goal and not finished. But then we’ll score a goal in some spectacular fashion from way outside the box.”

Racking up a 5-2-1 record as of last week, J.V. Coach Tom Piane credits their record to cohesive team play.

“We’re learning to play together as a team, practicing a lot of possession and combination play,” Coach Piane said.

“Our captains, Ben Postone and Austin Morris, have been outstanding in the center of our defense as we have not been able to dictate our style of play on other teams.”

Scores are as follows:

De La Salle, August 28, home: Varsity won 2-0. St. Ignatius, August 27, home: 1-1. Sept 2-2. Eisenhower, August 28, home: Varsity lost 1-1; 4-3 pk’s. Homewood-Flossmoor, August 30, away: Varsity lost 0-0, 4-2 pk’s. Francis Parker, September 3, away: 1-1. St. Ignatius, September 4, home: Varsity lost 2-1; Northridge College Prep, September 6, home: Varsity won 3-1; Elgin Academy, September 9, away: Varsity won 7-0. Timothy Christian, September 10, home: 1-1; Chicago Christian, September 12, home: Varsity won 2-0. North Shore Country Day, September 16, home: Varsity won 4-0. Morgan Park Academy, September 14, away: Varsity won 1-0; Northridge College Prep, September 19, home: 1-0. Lake Forest Academy, September 23, away: Varsity won 5-1; 1-0.

Boys’ soccer coach plays on a team, too

By Gabriel Bump
Editor-in-Chief

After the boys’ varsity soccer match against Kelly on Jackman Field this past Saturday afternoon, Head Coach Michael Moses prepared for another soccer season.

Over the past 16 years, Coach Moses has moonlighted as a goalkeeper for a soccer team for players over 30 years of age.

The Gato Verde (“Green Cat” in Spanish) soccer team was formed 20 years ago by the late Juan Loco, then a University of Chicago graduate student.

Consisting mostly of University of Chicago students and undergraduates, the team started playing pick-up games around the neighborhood under the name Hyde Park Soccer Club.

It now participates in the National Soccer League, playing games every Saturday at various fields around Chicago.

“When I started it was mostly Hyde Park Parks,” Coach Moses said. “But when we started getting older, people started having families and wanting to do other things. Once that started we had to do more individual recruiting.

“At part the team was a third Croatian, just because there were a lot of Croatians working around the neighborhood.

“Now I don’t think we have a single Croatia, we have a lot of North Africans.

“There are probably only four or five guys from the time I started still playing with the team.”

Regional win won’t surprise golfers

By Matt Luchins
Sports editor

Endowed with home course advantage, varsity golfers expect a last-place Regional finishes next month.

“We have a huge advantage because our course is very hard and we practice there everyday,” said Junior Evan Levin, co-captain with Seniors Austin Morris, have been outstanding in the center of our defense as we have not been able to dictate our style of play on other teams.”

Despite injuries early in the season,Junior Sherry Fu, co-captain with Seniors Emily Kao and Ethel Yang, feels confident of success on the girls’ side as well.

“T was worried at the beginning of the year because we have people slowly recovering from injury like Ethel Yang, but so far we’ve won both of our matches with top four runners. Emily Kao and Juniors Aibei MacMahon and Julia Baird and me,” Sherry said.

Scores are as follows:

Northridge College Prep, September 15, away: 184-207; 4th.

Nazareth Invitational, August 18: Scores unavailable.

Varisty won 180-181, j.v. won by forfeit.

University Prep, September 16, home: Varsity won 170-195, j.v. lost 242-220.

North Ridge College Prep, September 19, home: Varsity won 187-170, 1st; 2nd.

Midway Miles, September 20: Varsity finished 8th of 18.

St. Rita Shootout, September 24, away: Varsity lost 164-170, 1st.

Forest Academy, September 27, away: Varsity lost 185-181, 2nd.

St. Ignatius, September 28, away: Varsity lost 175-179, 1st.

Eisenhower, September 30, home: Varsity won 170-179, 1st.

North Shore Country Day, September 30, away: Varsity won 231-228, 1st.

R. Benedict High School, September 30, home: Varsity lost 167-170, 2nd.

Riverside-Brookfield, September 30, away: Varsity won 186-187, 1st.

North Ridge College Prep, September 30, home: Varsity won 164-170, 1st.

Chicago Christian, September 30, away: Varsity won 165-209, 1st.

Elgin Academy, September 30, away: Varsity won 158-151, 1st.

Lake Forest Academy, September 30, away: Varsity won 187-196, 1st.

St. Rita Shootout, September 30, away: Varsity won 184-207, 4th.

Eisenhower, September 30, home: Varsity won 185-182, 1st.

North Ridge College Prep, September 30, away: Varsity won 162-147, 1st.

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Volleyballers gear up to battle hot rival Latin

By Denise Akumosh

Teaching English at St. Ignatius, Mrs. Lisa Miller has returned this year to coach varsity with former team captain YaYan Zhang ’07, as assistant coach. Ms. Zhang believes that new Coach Kelly Gawel’s training will feel a j.v. win.

“This year, we lost to Latin because their j.v. team was well prepared,” Marissa said. “This year, our j.v. team has done more drills on the fundamentals, so we’re better prepared.”

Game results are as follows:
- September 2, away: Varsity lost 2-3, j.v. won 2-0
- September 3, home: Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 5-0
- September 5, home: Varsity lost 3-2, j.v. won 5-0

Tennis girl keep up fight despite doubles drama

By Andrew Sylora

Unfazed by inconsistent doubles lineups, varsity tennis girls remain confident facing Sandburg 4:30 p.m. Thursday at home. Led by Co-captains Leah Sibener and Sofia Iatroula, seniors, the Maroons have posted a 2-4 overall record as of last Wednesday, despite frequently changing doubles pairings.

“It is a little frustrating, we haven’t found correct doubles pairings like I hoped by this time in the season,” Varsity Coach Gerd Hanek said. “But we keep playing if we keep playing different lineups.”

Playing five doubles with Sofia, Sophomore Rachel Sylora feels the team possesses the talent to manage unsteady doubles pairings.

“It’s tough being put with different partners every other game, and kind of throws the team dynamic needed for doubles games off a bit,” Rachel said. “But everyone on the team is a good player, and I think Coach Hanek is really thinking deeply about the team and double pairs that will work together well and perform to their best potential every match.”

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“Especially with such a large squad, it’s great that everybody on our team has strong shot selection and remains cool and collected during our matches.”

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- Park Academy, September 2, home: Varsity lost 0-3, j.v. won 5-0
- Fenwick, September 3, home: Varsity lost 0-2, j.v. won 5-0
- Oak Park Forest Park, September 5, home: Varsity lost 3-4, j.v. lost 0-7
- Marion Catholic, September 6, away: Varsity played 7-6, St. Ignatius, September 9, home: Varsity won 4-1, j.v. won 4-1
- CHS-Northeast, September 10, home: Varsity won 5-0, Latin, September 11, home: Varsity lost 1-4, j.v. won 3-2, Mother McAuley, September 15, home, Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 4-1.
- Bgs, September 16, home, Varsity won 6-0, j.v. won 6-0.

Worksout propel eager girl swimmers

By Sam Frampton

Cutting personal best times with vigorous dry land drills, girl swimmers will face Walter Payton College Prep 4:30 p.m. Friday at Rainier Athletic Center.

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Teacher’s son stars in biking classic

By Nick Chaskin

After a decade-long career, biker Christian Vande Velde, son of Phys Ed Teacher Joan Vande Velde, finished 6th in the 96th annual Tour de France, highlighting the most successful season of his career.

Mr. Vande Velde has only recently emerged as his team’s top finisher, according to Ms. Vande Velde.

“He has started peaking late,” Ms. Vande Velde explained.

“This is partly because for many years he played a supporting role on his teams. “So instead of going after the win for himself he would try and push the team’s leaders to get the high finishing.”

“Only recently he became one of the teams leading riders. Now the team is supporting him and pushing him to the win.”

Mr. Vande Velde began his biking career at a relatively late age, explained Ms. Vande Velde.

“His father was an Olympic biker as well. Christian was following his example, but we tried to keep him from racing as long as possible because of how dangerous it is,” Ms. Vande Velde said.

“Around his junior year of high school it was impossible to stop him. At that point the main problems were money and time. “Biking is a very time consuming and expensive sport. Once we got past that hurdle everything has seemed to fall into place.”

“Tennis girl keep up fight despite doubles drama

By Andrew Sylora

Unfazed by inconsistent doubles lineups, varsity tennis girls remain confident facing Sandburg 4:30 p.m. Thursday at home. Led by Co-captains Leah Sibener and Sofia Iatroula, seniors, the Maroons have posted a 2-4 overall record as of last Wednesday, despite frequently changing doubles pairings.

“It is a little frustrating, we haven’t found correct doubles pairings like I hoped by this time in the season,” Varsity Coach Gerd Hanek said. “But we keep playing if we keep playing different lineups.”

Playing five doubles with Sofia, Sophomore Rachel Sylora feels the team possesses the talent to manage unsteady doubles pairings.

“It’s tough being put with different partners every other game, and kind of throws the team dynamic needed for doubles games off a bit,” Rachel said. “But everyone on the team is a good player, and I think Coach Hanek is really thinking deeply about the team and double pairs that will work together well and perform to their best potential every match.”

Unfazed in the ISSL, j.v. feels they can continue on their success.

“This is definitely one of the strongest girls junior varsity teams I’ve coached at U-High,” Coach Juliana Lazzarini said.

“Especially with such a large squad, it’s great that everybody on our team has strong shot selection and remains cool and collected during our matches.”

Results are as follows:
- Whitney Young, August 26, home: Varsity won 3-2, j.v. won 5-0, Lenape Tech, August 28, home: Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 5-0
- Park Academy, September 2, home: Varsity lost 0-3, j.v. won 5-0
- Fenwick, September 3, home: Varsity lost 0-2, j.v. won 5-0
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A decreasing number of entry-level jobs directly affects stability in working class households, an economic element African-American History Teacher Charles Branham feels is often ignored when considering a root cause of violence.

"Jobs in heavy industry have declined significantly in cities with large Hispanic and African-American populations," Mr. Branham explained. "That's going to undermine the stability within a family. You have a lack of examples of working class adults doing what they have to do.

"That's very important for the work ethic of young people. There's an accompanying effect of economic stress. Being lower-middle class in a society where there is so much wealth makes life tough. They don't have the traditional role models to model themselves after."

FOR MR. BRANHAM, more after-school institutions could help alleviate the stress most urban youth feel.

"Church systems or sports at the local YMCA don't reach enough kids," Mr. Branham continued. "It's left almost entirely to the schools. When I was a kid we had the church people and the street people. The church people didn't have much money either, but we were kept occupied."

Understanding that violence largely involves weak community structure, Senior Alex Zimmer, a Hyde Park resident, believes that to address the problem more people need to acknowledge the issue. "PEOPLE AREN'T prone to admit faults in their community," Alex stated. "Even Lab has its faults but people don't like to admit it. The city is incredibly segregated. There's a general resentiment in these communities towards the city. This translates into intercommunity anger."

"If your looking for a fight, you can find one. You shouldn't be able to do that. Realistically we're going to have to take a grass roots approach to solve the problem. You need to tell noncooperative parents that they can do something about this. At school, you need to have some kind of classes to teach these kids about what's going on in their communities."

Attempting to provide students with a place to share their troubles at both home and school, North Lawndale Prep High School, located on the Northwest Side, has pushed for more psychiatrists and social workers per student instead of added security.

CPS CEO Arne Duncan, U-High '82, believes North Lawndale's initiative helps children deal with their issues instead of lashing out in violent ways outside of school. But he explained constraining factors prevent the program from reaching other schools.

"North Lawndale is a school with 450 kids; we have some schools with 3,200," Mr. Duncan stated.

"Other schools face different challenges. There is a great deal to be learned from North Lawndale, but the model might not be for everyone. There is a huge push around conflict resolution. We also need adults to show them a different way once they get home."

"The biggest thing by far is the accessibility of guns," Mr. Duncan continued. "Our schools have never been safer. All this is happening in our communities. We value our right to bear arms more than our children. You have a 15-year-old girl killed in her living room with an AK-47 fired from 100 yards away. There's no reason that should happen."

LARGER ISSUES lie within troubled communities, feels Mr. Erwin McEwen, director of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. "I am pro-gun control, but they have guns in rural communities in Illinois.

"They don't have the same problem."

Round it goes, where it will land nobody knows

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Convention. For the Republican Party I think the election really will come down to Sarah Palin and whether she makes any mistakes and personally I think she will," Joshua said.

"I think she is very tested and if she doesn't become the catalyst they need to win the election then I think the Democrats will win. I am very confident that the Democratic ticket won't make any mistakes."

Devoting large slots of media attention to Vice Presidential candidates is unnecessary, believes Mr. Gary Lucido, father of Senior Aimee and Freshman Lindsey, who said the policies of the Presidential candidates is all that matters to him.

"For me the running mate doesn't matter at all. The only thing I focus on is the platforms of the Presidential candidates," Mr. Lucido said. "I'm a die-hard Republican and I'm very concerned with Obama's stated economic goal, talking about raising taxes that will be personally devastating to me and a lot of other people."

"It is very disturbing to hear Obama talk about raising taxes as the fair thing to do, if we talk about fairness that's a problem all right, the top one percent of earners of the country earn 20 percent of the country's income and pay 40 percent of the taxes."

Principal Matthew Horvat feels that Palin's inexperience could end up working in her favor. "I was a voter during the time of Dan Quayle, who was George Bush senior's Vice Presidential candidate. Let's just say he didn't read a lot of books," Mr. Horvat said.

"The Republicans played down Quayle's expectations of doing well in the debate so much that it was almost as if Al Gore, who was the opposing candidate, couldn't win. "So I'll be curious to see how this Vice Presidential debate is spun, whether people will say that if she comes up with one point then she will have won. "Palin only three years ago was mayor of a town of 3,000 and the U. of C. has three times more employees than that."

Hoping Palin is held to the same standards as a man, Math Teacher Shuama Andersen thinks Biden should not have to hold back during the Vice Presidential debate. "I'm very interested in how Palin is going to be able to answer questions," Mr. Andersen said.

"I have no concerns about Biden, I think he will do fine, but it insults me when people say that Biden cannot attack Palin or that he has to be careful not to come off too strong. "So what? If Palin was a man would he be able to be careful? I think it is insulting to say that she has to be treated differently because she is a woman."

School mourns legendary teacher, namesake of annual English award

"People are often passive about violence in the Public School systems. It's time for people in and out of the schools to take action."

-Alex Zimmer, senior

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No Third Term

Photography by Jerome Handberg

Moving from table to table, U-Highers filled the cafeteria during lunch last Tuesday for annual Club Shopping. Options ranged from Zesty Chefs to Ultimate Frisbee Club, presenting students with plenty of choices.

School mourns legendary teacher, namesake of annual English award

By Ruiqi Tang

Warm-hearted, passionate and proper.

All of these words describe Eunice H. McGuire, retired English Teacher of 39 years and English Department chairperson, according to fellow teachers and friends. She died on her 89th birthday in Montgomery Place, August 21.


That year, Sandy Lewis, U-High '56, founded the Eunice Heinkamp McGuire Scholarship Fund through donations to honor the support and influence Mrs. McGuire provided as an educator. Selected annually, two U-High juniors receive a $1,000 scholarship for their senior year tuition.

Memorial services took place, August 26, at Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park.

"She was an old-fashioned lady," said English Teacher Darlene McCampbell, long time friend and colleague of Mrs. McGuire, "with an emphasis on the 'lady'." "She was very professional and committed, and always refused to talk about herself."