

The campaigns that went wild

■ U-Highers see complex issues

By Nathan Bishop
Editor-in-Chief

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 SNL parodies, Governor Palin heads 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 work for," said Senior Kate Reott, 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 more 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 isn't spending a lot of time trying to tear Biden down, because that's what they are doing with Sarah Palin."

Crediting Governor Palin's media attention to her being previously unknown, Ms. Cindy Jurisson, teacher of a Presidential election history elective, believes Governor Palin shifted the McCain cam-



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paign farther to the right.

"Palin is now all over the media, albeit in a controlled manner. She has suddenly become a known presence 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 defeats 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 Koenig 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

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Youth violence continues to plague city

(First of a series.)

By Gabriel Bump
Editor-in-Chief

As friends of 15-year-old Marcus Washington, a student at Chicago Vocational Career Academy, watched coroners examine his motionless body on 77th and Carpenter Street two weeks ago, they wondered if these killings will ever stop.

Over the past two years, more than 60 Chicago Public School students were killed. Countless more have witnessed a friend or family member fall victim, primarily at the hands of kids their age.

According to the Chicago Police Department Crime Index homicides in Chicago have increased nearly 13 percent over the past year.

Factors such as weak statewide gun control laws and flimsy community fabric are credited with this increase in violence.

For Principal Matthew Horvat the increase in

murders stems from most children viewing violence as the only solution.

"Some of the violence comes from these kids not seeing any other options," Mr. Horvat said. "They think violence is the only way they're going to get what they want."

"There's going to be a few troubled kids at a school, at some maybe more, that creates a certain culture that makes violence okay. In any school, kids can't work in a vacuum. I'd rather be in a school where you try and work with kids to understand that violence isn't okay."

"I read about the Government spending \$700 billion on banks, that could go a long way to solve social ills. It comes down to economics."

"We have a hard time spending three million on our schools."

"They spent a lot of money just on security. What does that say about our society?"

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Photo by Emily Chiu

SELECTING FROM a buffet offering pasta, salads, sandwiches and chicken, parents enjoyed a family dinner sponsored by the Parents' Association before Open House last Wednesday. A social crowd turned out, then went through their children's class schedules to hear teachers describe their courses and goals. At the buffet is Ms. Cara Adler, mother of Seniors Nathan and Rachel Bishop.

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AIMING TO make the Lab Schools more energy efficient as well as more respectful, Mr. Magill begins strategizing.

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WITH IMPRESSIVE wins over rivals Morgan Park Academy and Lake Forest, the Maroons set their sights on Powerhouse Riverside-Brookfield.



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Educators to visit, assess Lab Schools in October evaluation

By Kyle Brunke
Associate editor

Come 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 Gerds 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 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 concern over but we're 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."



"Space impacts a lot of things. In a sense, that issue of space not only effects the programs we can offer but also how diverse we can get."

—Math Teacher Paul Gunty, assistant to associate director

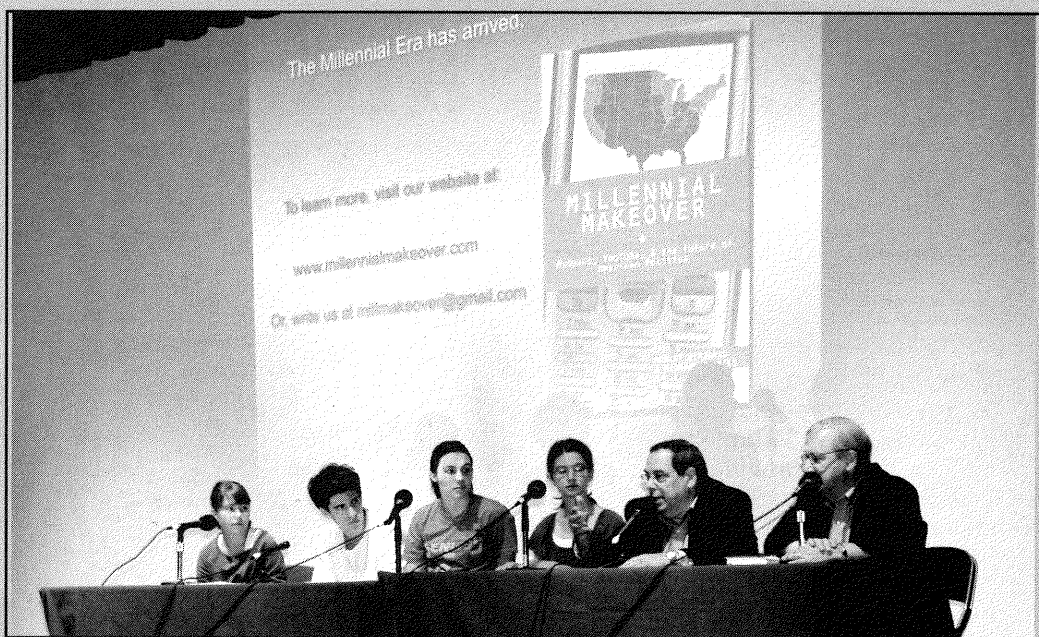


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HIGH SCHOOL and college students will determine the outcome of the Presidential election, predicted Mr. Morley Winograd and Mr. Michael D. Hais, far right, coauthors of "Millennial Makeover: Myspace, YouTube and the Future of American Politics," a summer reading. They fielded questions from Amy Solomon, Henry Bergman, Kate Reott and Alice Fine during the All School Assembly at International House. Group discussions about the readings and a Student Council assembly followed.

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.

Previous D.J. Jamal Smallz will likely provide the evening's upbeat soundtrack, explained Isabel. Senior Prom Committee members will sell

beverages and host a coat check to raise money for Prom.

"Prom Committee is charging \$1 per item for the coat check," Isabel said. "We'll also have a variety of pops for \$1 and bottled water 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.

Class Colors Day will cap off the week, with each grade encouraged to wear their preassigned color. Seniors will be blue, juniors red, sophomores green and freshmen yellow.

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.

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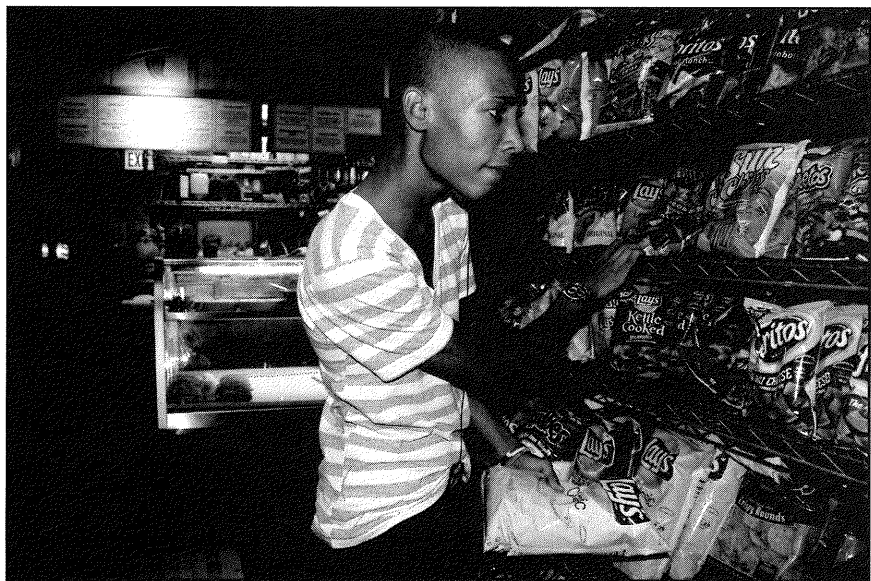


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FOR ANTONIO ROBLES, there is nothing better than munching on chips and cookies from the University Market after school.



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Initiatives 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 their 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."



Mr. Magill

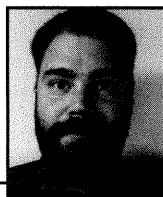
There is a lot of evidence of trash that is not recyclable. I'd like Lab and the University of Chicago to work together, in protecting our environment."

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, which is about problem solving. When you're breaking codes, you're problem solving."
—Mr. Joe Scroll, math teacher



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

Juniors, sophomores and freshmen will be photographed for the 2009 U-Highlights tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1 in the Journalism Office, Judd 14.

"Forms were delivered last week to everyone through their mailboxes or advisories," said U-Highlights Editor-in-Chief Ruiqi Tang. "Everyone needs to bring his or her filled-out form and if they are ordering a photo package, they need to bring a check when his or her photo is being taken."

Seniors will be photographed Friday, October 10; Monday, October 13; Tuesday, October 14; and Thursday, October 16 in the courtyard outside Blaine Hall.

"All seniors were mailed information to their homes," Ruiqi said.

■ **ASSEMBLY**—Planning for the first all-school assembly, 9:05-9:50 a.m., Thursday, October 2, Student Council President Addie Epstein, Cultural Union President Isabel del Canto 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.

"We're going to have an assembly during 2nd period featuring a friend of Principal Horvat's who has worked for NBC and done documentaries on the Olympics," Isabel said.

S.C. is working on several other projects, Addie explained. "For the first event we are hoping to have some kind of faculty-student game and in April we are going to have another talent show," Addie said. "Since there are plans for a new addition to the school, we are hoping to improve the water fountain and hand dryers for bathrooms because before we get new additions we want what is already here to be better."

■ **PERFORMING**—Outstanding High School and Middle School instrumentalists and vocalists will be presented at the sixth annual Recital Night, sponsored by the Music Department. Open to the public, the program will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 16 at Fulton Hall in the University's Goodspeed Building, 1010 East 59th Street.

■ **BARGAINING**—Seeking a salary increase compensating for inflation, the rising costs of gas prices and sales taxes, the Faculty Association, the teachers' union, was still negotiating with the University, as of last week. The union also hopes to negotiate a salary schedule which will allow younger faculty to earn more faster.

The Faculty Association has been working toward a three-year contract. The old three-year contract expired July 1.

At a September 17 meeting, Faculty Association members voted to come to the Campus Campaign Celebration September 27 wearing white shirts with black buttons stating "Stronger Faculty" as a sign of solidarity.

Both Faculty Association and University team members declined to discuss negotiations with the Midway because of a confidentiality agreement.

■ **NEW FACULTY SPIED**—Introduced to the Lab Schools faculty during Planning Week by Principal Matt Horvat as the only new teacher who had a "top secret security clearance," Mr. Joe Scroll is teaching math.

Other newcomers include Mr. Kevin James, director of student services, who coordinates services for students with learning differences and Mr. Bill Newman, director of Admission and financial aid, who held a similar position at Vermont Academy, a private boarding school.

"I was a code breaker, part of the National Security Agency 15 years ago," Mr. Scroll said. "I was young. Our job was to listen in on the bad guys. I wanted to join the Army and travel, to serve the community and see the world."

"I went to Hawaii. But I never actually broke codes; I just kept training. When I joined the Army, I hadn't been to college. I took the test to enter the army after high school and the Army sent me to college through the G.I. bill to the University of Illinois at Chicago."

Returning are David Derbes, physics and Barbara Wolf, English.

■ **AWARDED**—Placing 1st in a First Amendment Freedoms Award contest for his essay on the freedom of religion, Freshman Isaac Stanley-Becker received a \$500 scholarship at a dinner sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League September 11 at the Chicago Hyatt Regency.

1982 U-High graduate Arne Duncan, Chicago Public School CEO, was honored with the First Amendment Freedom Award. U. of C. Law Professor Geoffrey Stone spoke about the role of religion in the upcoming Presidential election. More than 1,080 entries were received from high school students across the country. Entries were divided into two groups: incoming freshmen and sophomores or juniors and seniors. Two winners were selected from each group.

Believing it is difficult to understand how religion affects lives, Isaac said he wrote his essay about a world without freedom of religion.

"I chose to write about the freedom of religion because it is often taken for granted," Isaac explained. "I contrasted my freedom of body and mind to a world where we would be forced to pray, a world where we would be punished for being apostates."

"I pictured myself on a Sunday morning out at The Point, instead of being in a place of worship, swimming, being half-dressed, mixing milk and meat, free from the state forcing me to follow any religious faith or denying me the right to practice religion however I choose."

■ **CAFETERIA NEWS**—Monthly theme days are planned in Café Lab, according to Cafeteria Director Todd Jagow.

"Each month we're going to have a festive day such as Caribbean Day and Wingfest," Mr. Jagow said. "For those days we'll change the menu up according to the theme. Those will help break the monotony of the four-week rotating menu. At the Snack Bar we've installed an Island Oasis smoothie machine, which has four flavors that can be mixed together as opposed to the Slushee machine last year that only had two."

"Another new thing we have this year is a meal card for stu-

dents who have the meal plans. This really helps us accounting-wise. Last year, I would check off student's names as they walked through the line, but I was never able to find out how many burgers or hot dogs I was selling. This year we'll use the registers to record what students with the meal plan are buying."

■ **EXCHANGE**—Eleven exchange students from Shaanxi Normal University in Xi'an, China, began a month's visit here yesterday.

The visitors will shadow U-Highers who stayed with them June 13-July 8 in China.

While living with host families, the exchange students will explore Chicago architecture on a river cruise and watch a preseason National Basketball Association game, according to Mandarin Teacher Zhihao Sun, who chaperoned the trip with Spanish and French Teacher Suzanne Baum.

"I think the Chinese students should have the same opportunity to benefit from our culture," Mr. Sun explained.

"It's up to the host families what they'll do outside of the classroom curriculum, but I think it will be nice to take the students down to the river so they can be educated about the architecture and history of Chicago. I also want to try to get tickets to an NBA game so they can have a fun outing and learn about a popular American sport."

In China, U-Highers visited the Terracotta Warrior Museum and Torch Relays in Xi'an and Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China in Beijing.

"One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the Torch Relays of the Olympic Games," Junior Lauren Uchima said. "Even though the games didn't start until August 8th, we were lucky to have the opportunity to see the Olympic Torch pass through Xi'an similar to how it is passed here from Illinois to Indiana."

Lauren also said she noticed several differences in Chinese lifestyle.

"Their schooling was a lot more intense in the sense that they started school at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 6 p.m. Teachers would lecture and a student could only talk when called upon."

"They would sit in the same classroom all day with a two hour lunch break, where they would go home, eat and nap."

Other U-Highers on the China trip were:

Maria Birukova, Alexa Minc, Jeff Johnston, Mark Schutz, Richard Tomlinson, Robert Vavra, Christina Verdirame, Kennan Carnegie, Peter Hansen and Page Redding.

■ **EXPLORING**—Living in a family compound and attending a local school in Colón City, 10 U-Highers admired the close intergenerational bonds between Costa Rican families during a Spanish Language immersion program in Costa Rica, June 16-29.

During the first week of travel, Middle School Spanish Teacher Becky Lopez led the U-Highers to Arenal Volcano National Park and the Cloud Forest Preserve of Monte Verde.

They also visited a coffee plantation and toured the beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park. Over the last six days of their stay students lived with host families in Colón City and attended a local school.

"We got to go to a real local Spanish speaking school," said Senior Abraham Kohrman. "I was in a pre-calc class and a social studies class where the teachers had us tell them about gender issues in the U.S."

"Family life there is somewhat different. There, you eat with the entire family and a lot of students actually come home for lunch."

"I lived in a compound with about four houses on one property. I was staying in the house with a mother and father with 11 other kids who lived in the compound with us between the ages of two and a half and 19, which was a lot of fun."

"I don't know if compound is the right word for it. Just imagine if you lived on a farm with your parents and when you grew up they built you a house on the farm and you kept living with them forever."

"That's the way it is there, there is a much tighter link between different generations of the families."

■ **HAUNTED**—Designing a haunted house and supervising arts and crafts booths,

READY TO CAPTURE THE FLAG



Photo by Emily Ehrmann

ENDURING A FOUR-HOUR bus ride to Perlestein Resort in Delton, Wisconsin, sophomores participated in team building activities, then ventured to Kalahari Water Park during their first day of Retreat, September 17-19. For the remaining days, sophomores participated in community service activities. In the photo, sophomores choose partners to decide teams for Capture the Flag.

new Bizaarnival Club officers plan to evoke a more carnival-like feel with black and orange trimmings, noon-4 p.m., Saturday, October 25 in Sunny Gym.

Originated four years ago, Bizaarnival offers a safe and fun Halloween experience with spooky stories, carriage rides and fortune-tellers for Lower and Middle School students.

"We want to avoid making it look like a gym with tables," said Junior Chelsey Satterlee, cochairperson with Junior Clare Brody. "We're coming up with ideas to use more decorations and create a festive, carnival-like atmosphere."

Faculty adviser Marianne Zemil, Foreign Language teacher, said, "They are taking leadership roles. High School students can feel positive about an event focused not on themselves but the younger students. They're donating their time to make connections and bringing parents and kids from all three schools together."

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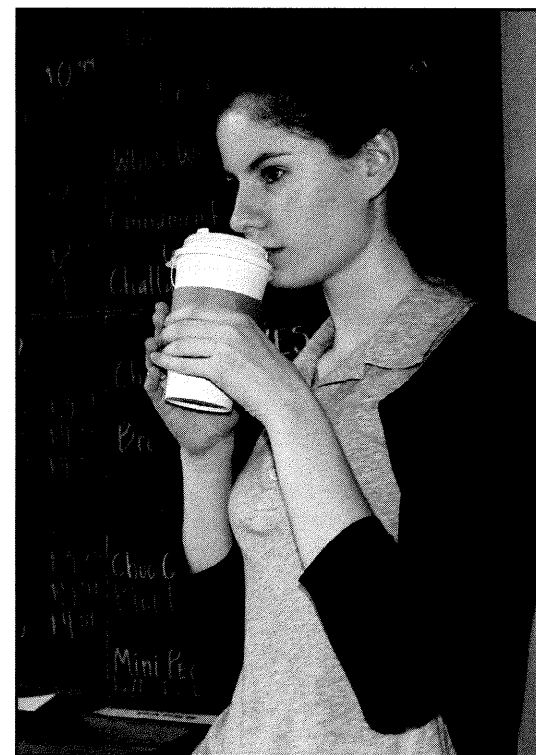


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As killings continue, effective action seems dead, too



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Asked of new students:
What do you think of U-High so far?



Conrad



Kavia



Claire



Stephen

CONRAD WIGHT, freshman (from Science Academy of Chicago in northwestern Riis 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 KHOSLA, 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 SCHAUBLE, sophomore (from Latin): 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 BARD, 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.

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 Arne 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. The federal government hasn't intervened effectively in a problem that is nationwide and reaching epidemic proportions.

Earlier this month, the Chicago Sun-Times ran a four-part editorial series focusing on school's need to turn into safe havens for students.

Examples have shown that adding social workers and psychiatrists to troubled schools is a more effective solution than implementing zero-tolerance policies and harsh punishments. But in many public schools, funding for these strategies isn't available.

Talk has gone on for too long. Now it's time for more people, U-Highers included, to start acting by protesting with the families of slain teens, spreading knowledge of the situation and working as communities. Maybe then those in charge will take charge and solve this problem once and for all.

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We appreciate any submissions, since we like to add new aspects to the Midway. This year, we plan to include some new columns and we even have a surprise issue in store.

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Before publication, Mr. Brasler and Photojournalism Adviser Liese Ricketts are the only adults who see each issue in progress. Administrators aid us by suggesting topics, providing advice on difficult subjects and giving feedback on previous issues.

We hope the U-High community will continue vocalizing views to us, and we will continue giving you full coverage of the issues in U-High and beyond.

10-second editorial

SCHOOL HIT FULL force for more than 40 new students on the first day, September 8.

In past years, the first day of school included brief sessions of each class. This arrangement gave new students an opportunity to meet their teachers and learn about U-High, while returning students and faculty were transitioned back from summer. But this year's schedule omitted certain classes from the day, while others met for full-length sessions.

The new schedule was designed to make the day less hectic for students and faculty, according to Principal Matt Horvat.

But many students showed up late to their classes, especially since the day began with 2nd period instead of 1st at 8 a.m. And many teachers were unprepared to lead full-length lessons, so they filled time by explaining trivial details about the course.

The shorter schedules worked because they eased students and teachers back into the school year.

This time, school came on too strong and many U-Highers felt lost in the shuffle as a result.

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.



Nick

1 large white onion, minced
3 cloves garlic, finely minced
2 pounds ground beef, ground round works best
2 large cans of tomato puree
1 large can kidney beans; be sure to use DARK red kidney beans as light red beans tend to fall apart
1 large can of black beans
2 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon garlic powder
¼ cup chili powder
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ tsp cayenne pepper

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 heavy 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 purée 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



Photo by Loren Kole

TWO FINELY-CHOPPED habanero peppers add a spicy kick to Sophomore Nick Chaskin's festive autumn chili recipe.

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 porters and stouts, which cook bitter.

Adding a few ounces of unsweetened chocolate to your chili will add a richer and earthier flavor great in cooler

weather. I also like to add minced, dried habanero peppers for a brighter heat, however, adjust your seasoning accordingly with habaneros as they are extremely hot.

Consider using sweet corn to add some sweetness, crunch and color to your chili. Boil two large cobs of corn for eight minutes, cut the kernels off the cob and add with your beans.

FILM JULIE CARLSON

Spy film spoof goes up in smoke

GUNS HIDDEN under suit coats, secret files shuffled to the Russians, cars patrolling houses for days. These classic cop film elements successfully migrate to comedy in "Burn After Reading."

Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen (who won an Oscar last year for "No Country for Old Men"), the film boasts a roster of consistent A-Listers such as Brad Pitt, George Clooney and John Malkovich.

The plot centers around Chad (Pitt) and Linda (Frances McDormand), a pair of ridiculously coiffed and unbelievably stupid workout gym employees who stumble upon a disc belonging to a former CIA member (Malkovich).



Julie

These cretins then parody practically every cliché of espionage thrillers as they attempt to sell the disc to fund Linda's desired plastic surgery.

The brothers' witty script delivers sharp jabs at Americans' mental capacities, taking aim at everyone from government employees to ordinary citizens. Pitt clearly steals

the show, provoking the most genuine laughs from the sold-out screening this reviewer attended.

Given the prestige of its directors and cast, the unsurprisingly successful R-rated film earned the box office's top slot and \$19.4 million its opening weekend, September 12-14. Since the fast-paced dialogue make it easy to miss details, perhaps some of that money was earned from repeat viewers.

Unfortunately, "Burn" flickers towards the end. The Coens throw in too many plot twists, too many mixed storylines and too many random scenes of violence. It ultimately seems they are simply imitating their past triumphs.



ALTHOUGH BRAD PITT shines, "Burn After Reading" loses heat at the halfway mark.



PERSONAL STRUGGLES and crazy theatrics collide in A&E's top drama series "The Cleaner" starring Benjamin Bratt.

TELEVISION SAM FRAMPTON

Hard druggies learn how to clean up on poignant new melodrama

CRAFTY DRUG addicts seek to kill their habits as a man carrying out a personal brand of intervention waits and observes in A&E's "The Cleaner," now rounding out its first season.

Portrayed by Benjamin Bratt of "Law and Order" fame, protagonist William Banks never shies from relating to his clientele of addicts in the show.



Sam

Airing Tuesdays at 9 p.m., "The Cleaner," A&E's top drama series, shows Banks, a former heroin junkie, leading a ragtag team of fellow ex-users in hopes of saving current abusers.

A potent ensemble cast meets the weighty task of supporting Bratt's strong, intense acting. His team of drug busters includes relative unknowns

Grace Park, Esteban Powell, and Kevin Michael Richardson.

Park plays Akani Cuesta, an occasionally mysterious character who may have a romantic past with Banks. Featuring appropriately dark sets and sparse dialogue, "The Cleaner" effectively draws the viewer into the characters' lives.

Each episode consistently follows a storyline where someone close to an addict gives Banks a call. As the team follows a special ops approach to confronting the clients and convincing — or forcing — them to enter rehab, the viewer is subjected to outrageously theatrical looks into Banks' family life.

While these brief vignettes depicting his troubles, such as failure to connect with his son, occupy only a small portion of each episode, they damage the intrigue that comes with learning the clients' stories.

While his crew carries out duties like "lookout" and "infiltrator," Banks handles a more personal job. The relationships he develops with users are a definite hallmark of "The Cleaner." He seeks to relate to their experience, while keeping just enough distance to devise a strategy for saving them. Interactions between people are presented with skill and vulnerability.

These relationships and a compelling premise combine to create a series worth checking out and returning to.

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 301,000 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 its forerunners did.

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-demeaning nature of the album's other songs.

Inferior vocals and lyrics separate "Year of the Gentleman" from his previous albums. Despite bad reception, Ne-Yo's decision to try something new could work in his favor.



Denise





"Phil Bohan's Army conditioning techniques have really helped us pull through in late game situations."
—Giuseppe Zingales, junior

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, cocaptain 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 our goals have not come from the way our system of play is designed to score goals. We're trying to play a simple style, moving the ball around and creating easy chances.

"We've had good build-up play, gotten the ball into dangerous areas for a



JOSTLING FOR POSITION with a Chicago Christian defender, Varsity Forward Rafi Khan, sophomore, wins the ball for the Maroons, September 12.

Photo by Emily Chiu

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 so we have been able to dictate our style of play on other teams."

Scores are as follows:

De La Salle, August 26, home: Varsity won 2-0; **St. Ignatius**, August 27, home: j.v. tied

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: j.v. won 2-1; **St. Ignatius**, September 4, home: Varsity lost 2-1; **Northridge College Prep**, September 6, home: Varsity won 3-1, j.v. won 3-0; **Elgin Academy**, September 9, away: Varsity won 7-0; **Timothy Christian**, September 10, home: j.v. lost 1-0; **Chicago Christian**, September 12, home: Varsity won 6-0, j.v. won 5-1; **North Shore Country Day**, September 16, home: Varsity won 3-0; **Universal School**, September 16, home: j.v. won 4-0; **Morgan Park Academy**, September 19, away: Varsity won 1-0; **Northridge College Prep**, September 19, home: j.v. won 1-0; **Lake Forest Academy**, September 23, away: Varsity won 3-1, j.v. lost 2-0;

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 game.

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 Luco, 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 Parkers," 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 one part the team was a third Croatian, just because there were a lot of Croatians working around the University.

"Now I don't think we have a single Croatian, 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."



Photo by Emily Chiu

PREPARING THEMSELVES for the three-mile race, boys' cross country members anxiously await the starting gun September 16, at a Midway Miles home meet. The boys finished 1st with Sophomore Robert Meyer placing 4th overall.

Runners maintain swift times

By Rafi Khan
Associate editor

Heading into meets with Independent School League competitors, boys' and girls' cross country squads aim to maintain their status as Conference title favorites.

Both teams run at home this Thursday as U-High faces-off against Parker and several other schools in the Midway Miles meet.

Looking beyond ISL, Head Coach Bud James believes getting to State Finals represents the teams' biggest challenge.

"To get both the girls' and boys' teams to State Finals this year is a very reasonable goal," Coach James said. "The good thing about this year's team is that there is a lot of depth, lots of good runners and that's important because your top five runners are the ones that score. In the boys' team we have nine or 10 good runners; in the girls' about seven."

Despite injuries early in the season, Junior Sherry Fu, cocaptain with Seniors Emily Kuo and Ethel Yang, feels confident of success on the girls' side as well.

"I 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 our meets with strong top four runners, Emily Kuo, Juniors Aoife MacMahon and Julia Baird and me," Sherry said.

Scores are as follows:

Gordon Tech Invite, September 13, cancelled due to rain; **Midway Miles**, September 16, home: boys' finished 1st of 11, girls' finished 1st of 11; **Illiana Christian Invite**, September 20, away: boys' finished 2nd of 8, girls' finished 1st of 8; **Midway Miles**, September 23, home: boys' finished 1st of 11, girls' finished 1st of 11; **Loyola University Invite**, September 27, away: results come in past Midway deadline; **Midway Miles**, October 2, home; **Latin Invite**, October 7, away; **ISL Championships**, October 16, home; **Prospect HS Invite**, October 21, away.

Regional win won't surprise golfers

By Matt Luchins
Sports editor

Endowed with home course advantage, varsity golfers expects a 1st-place Regional finish next Tuesday.

"We have a huge advantage because our course is very hard and we practice there everyday," said Junior Evan Levin, cocaptain with Senior Jeremy Handrup. "Now that we're playing at home I think we have a chance to qualify as a team for Sectionals, where last year only two people qualified. We'll play eight or 10 teams and the top two qualify their whole team.

"We also got lucky for Sectionals because it's going to be played at Links of Carillon. That has been the site of Regionals the last two years so we have all played that course multiple times."

With a 6-5 record as of last year, new Coach Gary Harkin credits player's experience for their success.

"They're way ahead of the curve, they took on golf a lot earlier than most and they're good enough that some will play golf in college and some will use it in business," he said. "What I'm trying to teach them now is to respond instead of react to the game. If you hit a ball into the trees you walk in there and respond by hitting it out, instead of reacting and getting upset and affecting your game."

Setting personal bests nearly every match, J.V. Coach Joan Vande Velde praised the 2-5 team's development.

"We have a few players who are new to golf who have showed unbelievable improvement," she said. "The best four scores are the ones that count towards our team score and some of our beginners, like Jason Whitaker, have broken into the top four."

Scores are as follows:

Nazareth Invitational, away, Aug 18: Scores unavailable **Westmont High School**, away, Aug 21: Scores unavailable Varsity won 182-192, j.v. won 136-178; **Northridge College Prep**, away, Aug 26: Scores unavailable **Chicago Christian High School**, home, Aug 27: Varsity won 184-207; **Morgan Park Academy**, home, Aug 28: Varsity lost 180-181, j.v. won by forfeit; **Elgin Academy**, away, Sept 2: Varsity won 170-195, j.v. lost 242-220; **St. Benedict High School**, home, Sept 5: Varsity won 164-182, j.v. won 165-209; **Francis Parker**, away, Sept 9: Varsity won 146-173; **North Shore Country Day**, home, Sept 11: Varsity lost 185-179, j.v. lost 162-147; **Latin School**, Sept 15, home; Varsity lost 158-151; **Lake Forest Academy**, Sept 16, home: Varsity lost 187-196; **St. Rita Shootout**, Sept 20, away: Varsity finished 8th of 18 **ISL Golf**, Sept 24, away: Varsity finished 4th of 8;

"It's nice that our team is small because we're all like sisters...especially me and my sister."
—Christina Verdirame, senior



Volleyballers gear up to battle hot rival Latin

By Denise Akuamoah
Associate editor

Switching up their formations, varsity volleyball girls prepare to face rival Latin, 4:30 p.m., this Friday, away.

Middle School Humanities Teacher and former j.v. coach Mrs. Lisa Miller has returned this year to coach varsity with former team captain YaYan Zhang '07, as assistant coach.

Anticipating a challenging game, varsity still expects success, according to Senior Christina Verdirame, cocaptain with Junior Kiara Davis.

"I know we haven't always beat them in the past, but it's always a good game," Christina said.

"We're always motivated to play well and win since Latin is such a big rival.

"This year though, we don't have a Latin game at home and it's too bad because it's my senior year. We just have to crush them away.

"Not having the same coaches for two consecutive years has been difficult, but it's just made us work harder to

prove ourselves.

"The new coaches have really been good especially with the newer girls who didn't play varsity."

With j.v. gearing up to face Latin, at 5 p.m. Friday, October 10, away, Sophomore Marissa Guiang, cocaptain with Freshman Chloe Partelow, believes that new Coach Kellyn Gawel's training will fuel a j.v. win.

"Last 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 trained.

"Our coach has been very meticulous so we expect a win since we are better prepared."

Game results are as follows:

Nazareth Academy, September 2, away: Varsity lost 25-11, 25-14; **Woodlands Academy**, September 3, home: Varsity lost 25-18, 19-25, 25-17; **Chicago Christian**, September 5, away, Varsity lost 25-12, 25-22; **Westmont Academy**, September 5, away, Varsity lost 25-9, 25-22; **Aurora Christian**, September 5, away, Varsity lost 25-16, 25-12; **Timothy Christian**, September

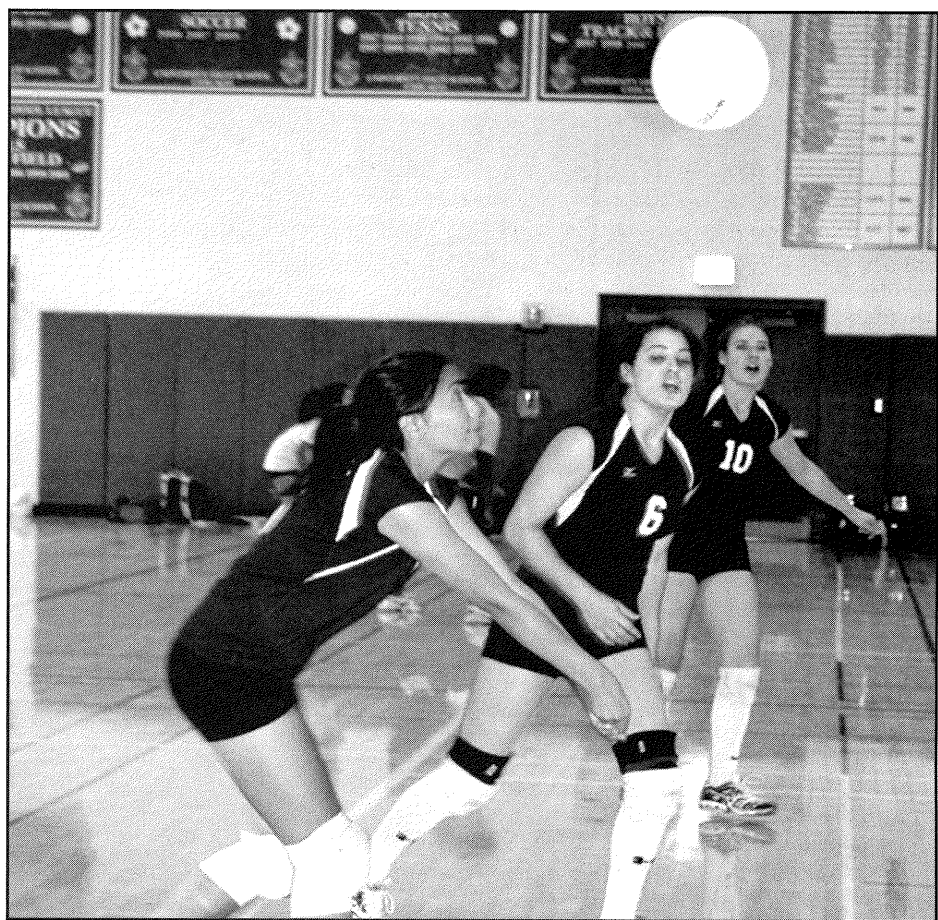


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EYES ON THE BALL Junior Amelia Acosta readies herself for the bump as Sophomore Danielle Verdirame and Senior Christina Verdirame look on.

6, away, Varsity lost 25-10, 25-23; **Ridgewood**, September 6, away, Varsity won 25-17, 23-

25, 25-21; **St. Benedict**, September 9, away, Varsity won 25-15, 25-12.

Tennis girls keep up fight despite doubles drama

By Andrew Sylora
Associate editor

Unfazed by inconsistent doubles lineups, varsity tennis girls remain confident facing Sandburg 4:30 p.m. Thursday at home.

Led by Cocaptains Leah Sibener and Sofia Iatarola, seniors, the Maroons have posted a 7-4 overall record as of last Wednesday, despite frequently changing doubles pairings.

"It's a little frustrating we haven't found correct doubles pairings like I hoped by this time in the season," Varsity Coach Gerold Hanck said.

"But it's hard to know how we're playing if we keep playing different lineups."

Playing first 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 Hanck is really thinking deeply about the team and doubles pairs that will work together well and perform to their best potential every match."

Undeclared in the ISL, j.v. feels they can continue their success.

"This is definitely one of the strongest girl junior varsity teams I've coached at U-High," Coach Julijana Lazarevich 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; **Lane Tech**, August 28, home: Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 5-0; **Morgan Park Academy**, September 2, home: Varsity lost 2-3, j.v. won 5-0; **Fenwick**, September 3, home, Varsity lost 1-4, j.v. lost 2-3; **Oak Park River Forest**, September 5, away, Varsity lost 3-4, j.v. lost 0-7; **Marion Catholic Quad**, September 6, away, Varsity placed 1st of 4; **St. Ignatius**, September 9, home, Varsity won 4-1, j.v. won 4-1; **CICS-Northtown**, September 10, home, j.v. 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; **Elgin**, September 16, home, Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 5-0.

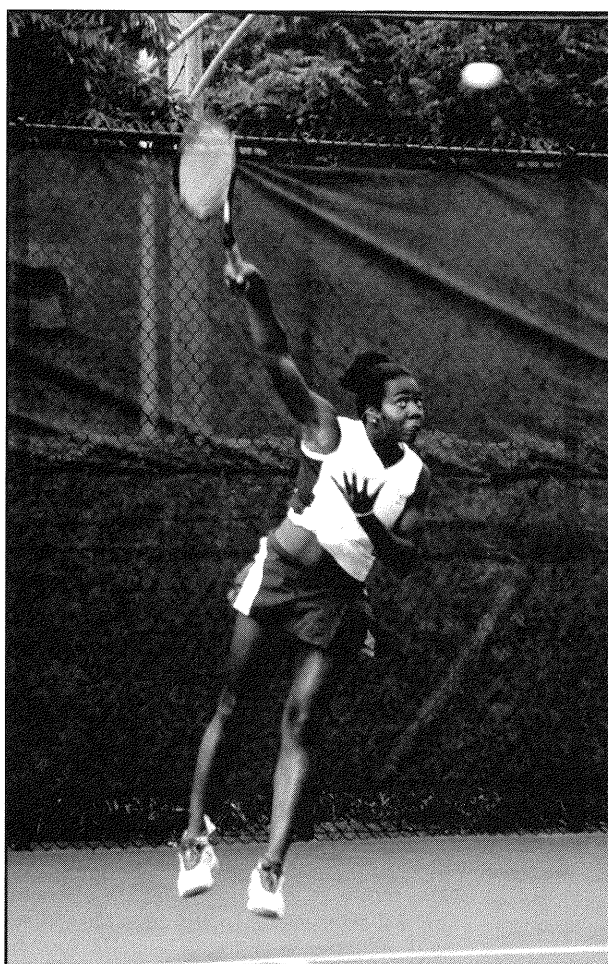


Photo by Emily Chiu

FEROCIOUSLY SWINGING, Junior Gabbie Clark unleashes a punishing serve against rival Latin, September 11, home. The Maroons went on to lose the contest, 1-4.

Workouts propel eager girl swimmers

By Sam Frampton
Associate editor

Cutting personal best times with vigorous dry land drills, girls swimmers will face Walter Payton College Prep 4:30 pm. Friday at Ratner Athletic Center.

With 13 returnees and five newcomers, the Maroons began the season with Coach Mike Cunningham replacing Math Teacher Paul Gunty as head coach.

"Our workouts have been extremely intense," Senior Aimee Lucido, team captain with Senior Caroline Bank, said. "Every day, we swim laps while wearing tennis shoes, which add extra weight while we kick. With the help of the regimen, we have two swimmers within a couple seconds of school record times: Caroline in the 200 IM and Junior Kaia Tammen in the 50 and 100 freestyle."

Head Coach Cunningham emphasises individual performances during the regular season.

"My goal is just to keep the swimmers performing at or above their personal bests," Coach Cunningham said. "Whether we win or lose isn't as important because the personal best times are a big achievement. I have seen all the members finding new things about their potential to improve."

Replacing Coach Cunningham as j.v. coach, Middle School Computer Science Teacher Marty Billingsley, school record holder in the 1600 meter run, has also coached U-High track.

"There are only a few meets that will differentiate between j.v. and varsity teams," Coach Billingsley said. "For the j.v. meets, they will have the opportunity to test themselves against others of similar experience in their best events."

Scores are as follows:

Bishop McNamara, September 4, home: Varsity won 104-63; **Bremen Pentathlon**, September 8, away: Varsity placed 4th of 6; **University High-Urbana**, September 13, away: Varsity lost 61-109; **Riverside-Brookfield Invite**, September 20, away: Varsity placed 5th of 8; **St. Ignatius**, September 23, home: Varsity lost 38-132, j.v. lost 24-136; **Latin**, September 26, home: Results past deadline.

Teacher's son stars in biking classic

By Nick Chaskin
Associate editor

After a decade-long career, biker Christian Vande Velde, son of Phys Ed Teacher Joan Vande Velde, finished 5th in the 95th 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



Mr. VandeVelde

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 placing.

"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."



"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

Violence

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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 resentment 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 3200," 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."

(Series continues in the next Midway.)

YOU GOTTA SHOP AROUND

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.

Photo by Jeremy Handrup

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 untested 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 wont 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 Lindsay, 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 Shauna Anderson thinks Biden should not have to hold back during the Vice Presidential debates.

"I'm very interested in how Palin is going to be able to answer questions," Ms. Anderson 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 have to be careful? I think it is insulting to say that she has to be treated differently because she is a woman."

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DAITER

No Third Term

School mourns legendary teacher, namesake of annual English award

By Ruiqi Tang
Associate editor

Warm-hearted, passionate and proper.

All of these words describe Eunice H. McGuire, retired English Teacher



Mrs. McGuire in 1979

U-High in 1945.

Known for her decorous manners and care for clean, graceful writing, she

became English Department chairperson in 1970 and retired in 1984.

That year, Sandy Lewis, U-High '56, founded the Eunice Helmkamp McGuire Scholarship Fund through donations to honor the support and influence Mrs. H. 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 28 at Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park.

"She was 'an old-fashioned lady,'" said English Teacher Darlene McCampbell,

Born and raised in long time friend and colleague of Mrs. Bethalto, Illinois, McGuire, "with an emphasis on the lady."

"She was very professional and committed, and always refused to talk about herself."