He's a Lab Schools dad; what did you expect?

But U-Highers can give plenty of other reasons they choose Obama

By Nathan Bishop
Editor-in-Chief

Tonight at a rally in Grant Park, Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) will either accept victory or congratulate opponent Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.).

If the election were solely up to U-Highers, Senator Obama would enter the White House, topping a Midway Presidential poll last week with 190 (46 percent) of 413 votes out of 497 students. Senator McCain received 62 votes (15 percent).

Independent candidate Ralph Nader received 3 votes (.7 percent), Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr 4 (1 percent), Green Party candidate Cynthia McKinney 1 (.2 percent), and Independent candidate Alan Keyes 1 (.2 percent). Other write-ins received 150 votes (37 percent).

While Senator Obama is a Lab Schools parent, U-Highers can offer other reasons why they voted for him.

**DRAWN TO Senator Obama's plans for the economy, Senior Jeremy Randrup voted for him because his policies represent a change from the last eight years.** "On the most pressing issues he has policies that will take us in the direction we need to go," Jeremy said.

"With the economy in the state its in I think we can't afford eight more years of the same policies, and McCain's policies don't differ from the last eight years, whereas Obama does offer a difference: a discontinuation of the Bush tax cuts, which is a whole change of economic philosophy. Instead of the trickle-down philosophy of the last eight years he wants to do trickle up. He will implement programs and policies that will be aimed at getting the middle and lower classes, the majority of people, investing in the American economy again."

"I think that the war in Iraq is at this point a waste of U.S. resources and we need to focus on our situation here at home. We need to get out of there as soon as possible but obviously as safely as possible. I think Obama's agenda is to get us out of Iraq, but McCain thinks it is key to get a victory, even though he doesn't define what a victory is."

"I think we need to devote all the resources we can to fixing our economy, because the goal is to leave a better America for the next generation. If we don't fix our economy, which is a fundamental thing, it's hard to leave the next generation, our generation, a better nation."

**VOTING FOR Senator McCain, Senior Aimee Lucido, disapproves of Senator Obama's Liberal economic policies.** "The whole Obama trying to create economic equality is a bad idea, and is Socialism," Aimee said. "He wants to take away money from the rich and give it to the poor; he is literally being Robin Hood. While that sounds like a nice idea, it assumes people are out for the greater good of the country and not just out for themselves."

"I think McCain has better tax policies, but I don't want to vote for Palin because I don't like her and considering how old McCain is I don't want him to die in office and leave her running the country. I don't think Obama should win, but I think he will win. I think his policies on taxes and unions are completely ludicrous, and I don't think he's going to fix the economic crisis."

**SENIOR McCains negative campaigning methods influenced his vote for Senator Obama, (continues on page 4)**

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**BARACK OBAMA**
Democratic nominee for President of the United States

**JOHN McCAIN**
Republican nominee for President of the United States

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**SARAH PALIN**
Republican Vice Presidential candidate

**JOE BIDEN**
Democratic Vice Presidential candidate

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*AS THE MIDWAY SEE'S IT*

Whatever happens, U-Highers won in this election

After almost a year, it is finally coming to an end. As the final rush of voters cast their ballots at polling stations across the country, one of the most significant Presidential elections in United States history reaches a suspenseful climax.

No more excessively negative ad campaigns. No more unnecessary personal attacks. No more extensive coverage of wardrobes or political relationships.

And possibly no more wildly popular “Saturday Night Live” sketches starring Tina Fey as Republican Presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

Tonight closes the roller coaster of overly comprehensive media coverage and relatively close poll results driven by Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

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Within the U-High student body, casual conversation about sports and schoolwork has subtly shifted to more politically-relevant topics including the immensely troubled economy, the warming climate, and other pressing issues.

No longer the perennial global power it once was, the United States does not strike up the same fear and admiration it used to.

But this election has meant, and will mean, far more than the frequent newspaper headlines about the candidates’ pasts and stalemate debates about casual acquaintances during which neither candidate stood out.

Droves of teens have shown strong support for both parties, engaging a usually dormant voting demographic even more than the youth-oriented “Vote or Die” campaign helmed by P. Diddy managed back in 2004.

Last year, student organizations and groups began popping up in social networks, such as Facebook.

Win or lose, U-High political groups deserve praise for their activism.

*OPINION ROHINI TOBACCOWALA*

Not truly left out of voting

IN ONE MONTH I’ll turn 18. Too late. At least for today.

I, along with millions of teens across the nation, will be able to cast the old of for an epic election.

Unable to do many of the “adult” things our society has deemed appropriate for certain ages, at 17 years old, I have this kind of power to look around me. I believe I previously saw a lack of interest in our government. I used to see an indifference towards voting.

But some states, including California, Illinois and Massachusetts have recently taken youth voting more into account, concurring over the possibility of lowering the voting age to 17, according to the National Youth Rights Association.

Some of these proposals have passed, they were started by teenagers too young to vote, showing a new interest in our government.

Slightly left out of the process, I sense there’s a bitter sweet ting to the fervor going around school. A mixed strange sentiment.

Like me, many of my junior and senior friends who miss the voting age by a few months or a couple of days have said that not being able to vote in such an historic event bothers them since Barack Obama’s campaign focused so much on young people.

Some younger U-Highers have told me while they are very interested in the election, they don’t mind the 18 year age requirement.

Their argument is that yes, we may not have an exact say in the election, but we haven’t been completely disconnected because many U-Highers have been volunteering at the South Side campaign office and in Illinois.

I read that via conference call in September, Barack Obama encouraged high school students that while we may be too young to vote, we can still make a difference through caucusing in Iowa.

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Still, the amount of effort U-Highers and all teenagars have placed in this election will not amount to something if Obama loses.

Instead, students must use this election as an example of what a monumental impact teenagers can have when they truly believe in a cause.

And although the election has been hyped as historical because the country will soon have its first African American President or female Vice President, students will likely reflect on this event differently.

At U-High, maybe the tremendous investment of time and energy that went into simply campaigning for a candidate will be more important to students than the prospect of either of these changes.

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**Say What?**

Compiled by Denise Akuamoah

Do you feel pressured to support Senator Barack Obama? Is this his historic election because of his great support from U-Highers?

IKE EDGERTON, senior: I do feel pressured to support Obama. But then I read the National Review and all of my pro-Barack Obama feelings I have at school are cancelled out. My problem is that if he’s elected, the executive and congressional branches will be controlled by the same party. When that happens, bad stuff happens. When I say bad stuff, I mean we’ll cry like things like invade Iraq. Even though I wouldn’t mind having McCain as President, I am voting against Sarah Palin.

OLIVER ELPENBAUM, junior: If I were more moderate, then I would feel pressured because of students’ obsession with him. But since I’m not, my support for him has nothing to do with my peers’ support for him.

CRYSTAL MACIEL, sophomore: I do not feel pressured because I have supported him since the start of his Senatorial campaign. I can understand why people would feel pressured because of the fact that the whole school seems to be on his side. His support within the community and the fact that we live in his community has also had a great effect on people’s decision. I feel, though, that people at U-High are pressured to refrain from expressing negative opinions toward him because of the unanimous support at school.

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said Freshman Martin Garrett-Currie.

"I DON'T THINK John McCain is running a fair campaign because of the things he says about Obama," Martin said.

"I think most of the stuff he says is untruthful.

"Also, Obama seems like he knows where he is going more with his plans for the economy, and it doesn't seem like John McCain really knows what he wants to do.

"Barack Obama has set plans for what he wants to do. On the abortion issue I agree with the pro-choice and I think they both want to end the war in Iraq quickly, just Obama wants to pull troops out and McCain wants to win.

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ABSTAINING FROM VOTING because she couldn't find a match for her political views, Senior Caroline Lloyd, who is a junior, was identified as a Libertarian and we don't really have a candidate this election, and I still think they both want to end the war in Iraq pretty quickly, just Obama wants to pull troops out and McCain wants to win.

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EAGER to quench a raging thirst for something fruity, Sophie Ortel checks out U.M.'s beverage selection.

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Get Stuffed!

Turkey Day is on its way! Start the holidays right with a savory Moroccan Ragout, a basket of deep-fried Jumbo Chicken Wings and more from the Medici.

READY to feast on lip smacking goodies, Nico Gomez coasts his way to the Medici for a hearty meal.

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Economic crisis impacts election

Hurt at pump, U-Highers hear experts talk

By Julie Carlson
Editor-in-Chief

$3.46. For U-Highers, that was the average cost of gas per gallon they paid last month in Chicago. Prices have since dropped, but many U-Highers still wonder how they got so high.

Experts say recent economic problems, including bank foreclosures and stock market drops, spurred the fuel price increase. In a $700 billion bailout last month, Congress bought distressed assets such as security from banks to alleviate the damage. For today's Presidential hopefuls, Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, their economic policies have proved important to garner votes from Americans who lost their homes or jobs.

A SEPTEMBER 25 lecture in History Teacher Cindy Jurisson's election elective made Senior Mike Zook reflect on the Presidential candidate's economic policies.

"Steve Kaplan from the University of Chicago School of Business talked about why he's a Republican," Mike said. "He said he was supporting McCain for mostly economic reasons. I think people in the class certainly disagreed with him, but he's well qualified and well respected."

"He brought up a few good points you don't hear about often, so although people were initially a bit abrasive, they respected his information. Aside from the speech, we have been talking a lot about economics, mostly how the candidates market their policies, because it's turning out to be a pivotal issue of the campaign."

A MONTH AFTER his lecture, Mr. Kaplan explained to the Midway why he believes Obama's economic policies will hurt Americans if he gets elected President. "Barack will move us in ways that will end up hurting the country and reducing our standard of living," Mr. Kaplan said. "The candidates' economic policies have major differences in other areas, the first being trade. McCain wants free trade, whereas Obama is anti-trade and protectionist."

"The second area where they differ is with labor markets. Obama (and Hillary Clinton) sponsored a bill, the Employee Free Choice Act. The act increases the power of unions substantially and increases the government's power to impose wage and employment settlements between unions and companies."

"In general, Obama's labor policies would make the U.S. labor markets more like Germany and France than like the U.S. This disproportionately hurts young people and the less well off while reducing U.S. competitiveness and everyone's standard of living."

"THE OTHER ISSUE is health care. McCain's plan gives people more coverage, the ability to buy plans from other states and would generally keep the cost of insurance down. Obama's plan gives everyone the same insurance, which would create a large increase in demand, but he claims it would not cost much extra. Actually, it will be very costly because the plan increases demand for everyone without increasing the supply."

Like many U-Highers, Senior Janu Arun notices the current economic dilemmas when driving, particularly when her family ventures 20 miles to Burr Ridge.

"WE GO TO the suburbs almost every weekend," Janu said. "It makes me notice the gas prices because it's a long drive, so it can be expensive to make the trip. We still go, though."

"My friends are the same way, they have been talking about how much gas costs, but they drive basically the same amount."

Discussing such dilemmas in his Economics class, History Teacher Chris Janus said students were initially disinterested. "A lot of students don't read the paper and they don't have stocks, so they're unaware of the problems," Mr. Janus explained. "There's a crisis going on and students come in to their Econ class and say, 'Really?' The issues are complex and fast moving, but we have been talking about current events and examining what the government is doing."

"Obama has absolutely gained advantage through these problems in the election. McCain admitted a year ago that he didn't know much about the economy. His main point has always been foreign policy like the war in Iraq, but now that's been placed on the back burner."

"The economic crisis may affect students; maybe they won't be able to afford college or get jobs later. This is history."

- History Teacher Chris Janus
Wayne Miller (born 1917) began his photographic career on the U.S.S. Saratoga in the Pacific during World War Two. Among other exploits, he entered Hiroshima several days after the dropping of the atomic bomb to record the horrific aftermath. After the war he was determined to continue his profession in ways that celebrated the more positive qualities of humanity. He received two Guggenheim grants to document the lives of the citizens of Chicago's Bronzeville district. He was principal assistant to Edward Steichen in producing the monumental Family of Man exhibition, which premiered in 1955. Miller also taught (at the behest of Harry Callahan) at the Institute of Design, Chicago (1946-1948). A few years later Miller created a groundbreaking body of work on the daily life of an American family—his own. The results were published as Baby's First Year (with Dr. Benjamin Spock) and The World is Young.

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