

# U-HIGH MIDWAY

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## Chugging along

ALONGSIDE A DECORATIVE train filled with presents atop a CTA L stop, throngs passed Macy's on a rainy afternoon, observing the store's Marshall Field's-style animated windows.

"Outside Macy's on State Street, the

crowds are intense," Jeremy said.

"You get the sense that many people are coming from all over to see these attractions. Going to shop downtown is clearly a popular and enjoyable event, which we can see from the family with their bags."

## Roarin'

WREATHS ANNUALLY decorate the Art Institute's lions, but Jeremy was more interested in this bronze statue itself than its trimmings.

"I was hard pressed to find any building along Michigan Avenue without Christmas decorations and the Art Institute certainly had some," Jeremy explained. "They threw a big wreath on the lions and outdoor lights on all the fences around it. I like this picture because of the fog covering the skyline and the power the lion seems to possess."



## Mystery

THIS NONSENSICAL, seasonal ad caught Jeremy's attention with its enormity and brightness.

"Inside Macy's they have one of these posters on every floor as you ride the escalators," he said.

"I don't know exactly what they're trying to advertise, maybe they're just spreading some holiday cheer with the attractive lady's red dress and big smile."

Photos by  
Jeremy Handrup

## Holiday visions in the Windy City

DONNING LIGHTS, ornaments and even snow as decoration, Chicago entices natives and tourists with its festive sights. During the holidays, Michigan Avenue and State Street transform into a veritable winter wonderland. In these pictures, Jeremy Handrup captures a slice of that seasonal excitement.



## Winter Wonderland

"I LOVED the incandescently lit trees and sidewalk that led me to big, blue Millennium Park Theater," Jeremy explained. "I was truly in awe shooting the snowy park at night. It's no wonder that so many people come to see these things."



## Skaters' Waltz

WHILE SHOOTING the large, bundled up groups skating at Millennium Park, Jeremy realized the winter activity's popularity.

"I actually didn't know that you could go ice skating there at night," Jeremy said. "Apparently it's open until 10 p.m. and it's obviously a very big attraction that many people come to take part in."



## Night time fantasy

"THEY THROW lights on everything downtown," Jeremy said of the decked out dome in a park just off Lake Shore Drive's Michigan Avenue exit. "This was taken very shortly after dusk, so the sky is a great color of blue. The ground completely covered in snow screams holiday time."





"Niko Koppel is a really cool guy. He gave us some neat ideas for a photo essay. It was nice to hear from someone so young and enthusiastic for a change."

—Emily Chiu, senior



Photo by Jeremy Handrup

## Good grief, look at Joe's eyes!

"TRUE! NERVOUS, very, very dreadfully nervous I had been and am; but why will you say that I am mad?"

Thus began "The Tell-Tale Heart," part of the Fall Production October 30-November 1 "An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe." The anthology of 19th-century American writer Poe's often grim short stories, poetry and letters was fittingly presented with a performance on Halloween.

In "The Tell-Tale Heart," from left, Kaitlyn Chang, Kelly Kovacs and Nick Elitzik encroach upon Joe Boisvert, tormented by guilt and the possibly imagined beating of a buried heart after he murders an old man.

In other scenes, lighter romantic pieces alleviated the dreary mood, but the actors' dark costumes and dramatic eye makeup kept an element of horror throughout the production.

Sold-out houses rewarded the thespians' intensive and lengthy rehearsals.

## The Holiday Kick-Off

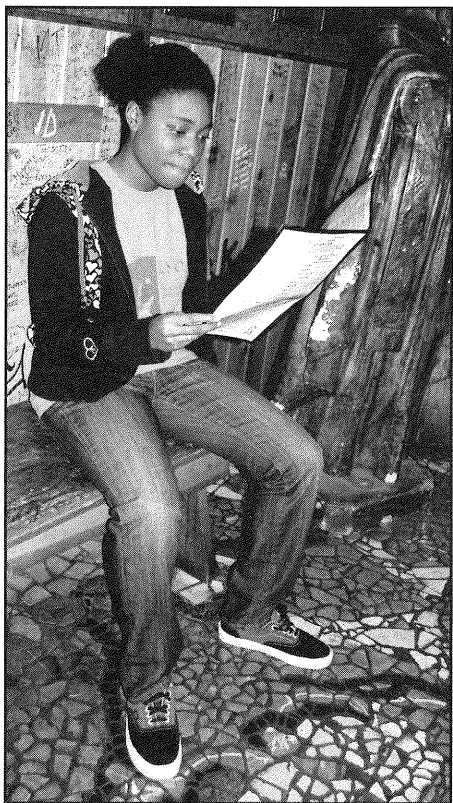
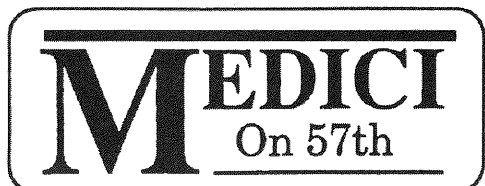


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AFTER STEPPING in from the cold, Monique Johnson checks out the wide selection of piping-hot famous pizzas at the Medici.

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## Vacationers head for family reunions in Nigeria, Spain

By Joanna Orszulak

Midway reporter

Escaping Chicago's harsh winter, Freshman Tomi Johnson anticipates reuniting with her extended family in blisteringly hot Ibadan, Nigeria over the two week winter vacation.

Other U-High students and faculty plan to visit family in other countries and volunteer in their communities.

"I'M GOING to Nigeria with my parents and my younger brothers Boulu and Toulou for two weeks," Tomi said. "Most of my family lives there, so we will be visiting a lot of relatives. It'll be my first time going there in 10 years."

"I love Nigerian food. We eat a lot of rice and other grain dishes. We eat a lot of meat, too, like chicken and beef. One of my favorite dishes is suya, which is the Nigerian version of a kebab. It is made out of meat with very spicy seasonings."

"One Nigerian tradition we practice is a New Year's Eve vigil in Church. We'll stay at church and pray until it's past midnight and the new year has begun."

RETURNING HOME to the Basque region of Northern Spain, Physics Teacher Francisco Javier Saez De Adana excitedly awaits hometown delicacies.

"For my family, Christmas is a very family-oriented holiday," Mr. Saez said. "I will be visiting my relatives and parents, who are both 83. We eat big meals together on five main days during the holidays, December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1 and 6."

"I have two dishes that I especially enjoy on Christmas: turron, especially the kind that the company Turron 1880 makes and compota. Turron is a bar made of honey, almonds, and egg whites. Compota is a dessert made of apples, dried fruit, pomegranate, wine, and cinnamon."

Science Teacher Dan West plans to continue a family tradition of community service with his wife and sons, delivering food and toys to families in need.

## Photographer got lured into career in writing, too

By Christian Castaneda

Midway reporter

Niko Koppel intended to have a career in photography but instead ended up with a career in writing.

A contributing writer for the New York Times, Mr. Koppel, a 2002 U-High graduate, is writing a book based on his article "Gargoyle Man," which documents the adventures of a teenager growing up in New York during the 1970s.

CLAD IN casual jeans, a black sweater and dark shoes, Mr. Koppel spoke to Ms. Liese Ricketts' Advanced Photography and Photojournalism classes November 18. He gave students advice on photography techniques as well as effective writing.

Mr. Koppel also explained how writing, while attending college at Tufts University, intrigued him. He also told the students what it was like working for the New York Times.

"It's an engaging, high-energy atmosphere," Mr. Koppel said. "I work with interesting people who are intellectually disciplined and hard working and go to great lengths to put out the best paper possible."

"I WRITE what would be considered human interest stories, so it's essentially my job to step into the world of others — Bronx cops, Chicago pit traders, a Black Rabbi — soak it up and crystallize the experience for readers."

Mr. Koppel also told the class about an experience he had with a photog-



Photo by Rohini Tobaccowala

**SPEAKING TO Photojournalism students Mr. Niko Koppel, 2002 graduate, is a successful writer.**

rapher friend, Alix Dejean, who ran a business in Harlem photographing drug dealers.

"I'd walk around with him, and there was one time where I went to some party with him and I actually got kicked out because they thought I was some cop or something. What I like about reporting is it's almost like being a snoop or a spy."

His sister Lily, a '99 U-High graduate, started working for the New York Times before Mr. Koppel and wrote a best-selling book titled "The Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life through the Pages of a Lost Journal."

In the book she reconstructs a diary from the 1930s which she found in a New York City dumpster.



"I hope that we can collect a lot of items because BSA really wants to help the community."  
—Denise Akuamoah, senior



Photo by Rohini Tobaccowala

**BRINGING IN** used blankets from home November 21, Natalia Khosla and Asian Students' Association designed fringes on blankets to support Apna Ghar, an Indian women's shelter on the North Side.

## U-Highers reach out to help for holidays

By Sonya Dhindsa

Midway reporter

A father, mother and child patiently wait in a long line on a Saturday afternoon for their monthly food bag at the Hyde Park Kenwood Interfaith Pantry, 1169 East 56th Street. Quickly packing the food bags with 12 other volunteers, Freshman Catherine dedicates some of her afternoons to help feed the needy over the holiday season.

Many U-Highers said they give back to the community through organizations and religious sanctuaries during the holiday season.

"**THE VOLUNTEERS** sort foods into bags," Catherine said. "This is the only food the people will have for one month. I usually help bag the food instead of passing it out and doing paper work."

"The people who usually show up to help are people who need community service hours, or some people who just want to help out."

Junior Liz Abello organized a toy drive, November 12-14, and raised money in a bake sale prepared by Phys Ed Teacher Debbie Ribbens' sophomore advisory.

Profits went to the Face of Future Foundation, an organization that supports the University of Illinois Craniofacial Center, which provides prostheses to children who have a deformity caused by cancer treatment or facial deformity.

"**EVERY YEAR** we have a holiday party in December, where the families of the patients can come and enjoy themselves with food, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa and face painting," Liz said. "The job for the teen board, which is a subcommittee of Face the Future, is to collect new gifts for the patients who are mostly

younger kids and their siblings.

"At the end of the party, the patient and his or her siblings will leave with a gift each. It is important to get gifts for all the kids there because the families are usually paying out of their own pockets for their child's missing nose, finger, ear, or other parts of the body. The toy we give them may be the only gift they get this holiday season."

Designing fringes from used blankets, Asian Students' Association members are donating blankets to Apna Ghar, an Indian women's shelter, 4820 N. Broadway said ASA Secretary Natalia Khosla, junior.

"**THE BLANKETS** are made of two old blankets, or pieces of fabric," Natalia said. "Then we cut strips around the edges, with the two loose ends, we tie them together, making a blanket. I suggested the idea to ASA because I thought it would be something fun and different to do."

"A few years ago, a friend of mine gave me a blanket as a present. We plan to work on them until Winter Break."

Black Students' Association members plan to continue to donate toys and clothing to the School of Entrepreneurship on the South Shore Campus, according to BSA President Denise Akuamoah, senior.

"**WE HOPE** to spread a lot of holiday cheer by bringing in a lot of items for those who are less fortunate," Denise said of the Association's annual drive.

Working with her youth group, Foundations, Freshman Joyce Harduval volunteers with Old St. Patrick's Church.

"This is the first year I am working with the youth group at my church," Joyce said. "Our goal is to hold clothing drives, food drives and even a pancake dinner."

## Project honors teacher

By Spencer Lee

Midway reporter

"I am surprised I was chosen."

So said History Teacher Charles Branham on being chosen to be interviewed for the HistoryMakers Association, a project he helped pioneer.

**CREATED IN 1999** by Julianna L. Richardson, a historian, video producer and Harvard trained lawyer, HistoryMakers is a project that documents interviews on the lives and accomplishments of outstanding famous and unsung African Americans.

"The main goal for the HistoryMakers is to preserve African American experiences with segregation and also documents experiences during movements and stories of lives associated with leadership and achievement dating all the way back to the 1800s, all with extensive interviews," Mr. Branham explained.

"I talked about my childhood, my family upbringing and my television

show, which was the first national series of African American history."

**BESIDES TEACHING** U.S. History and African American History at U-High and being a television producer, Mr. Branham is the author of "Profiles of Great African-Americans" and has been deeply involved with the Dusable Museum of African American History in Washington Park.

Helping in the gathering of information, Mr. Branham has been a Senior Historian for the museum, and has given talks about the history gathered in the Museum.

Aside from the 19 years of teaching at U-High and being an adviser for clubs including the Black Students' Association, Mr. Branham has been teaching an adult student course on President-elect Barack Obama at the University Press Building.

He led discussions on the tactics of Obama's campaign and books written by him.

## Expansion architects chosen

Two prominent architectural firms have been commissioned to guide the Lab Schools expansion and renovations. They are Valerio Dewalt Train, a Chicago firm and FGM Architects of west suburban Oak Brook.

The announcement was made last month by David Greene, vice president for strategic initiatives at the University of Chicago and chairperson of the committee that made the selection.

Valerio Dewalt Train received numerous awards for its projects.

Among its honored designs is the Garmin Flagship Store on North Michigan Avenue, which won an Honor Award for Interior Architecture from the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

FGM specializes in educational design and oversees more than 1,000 public and private school projects in its 63 years.

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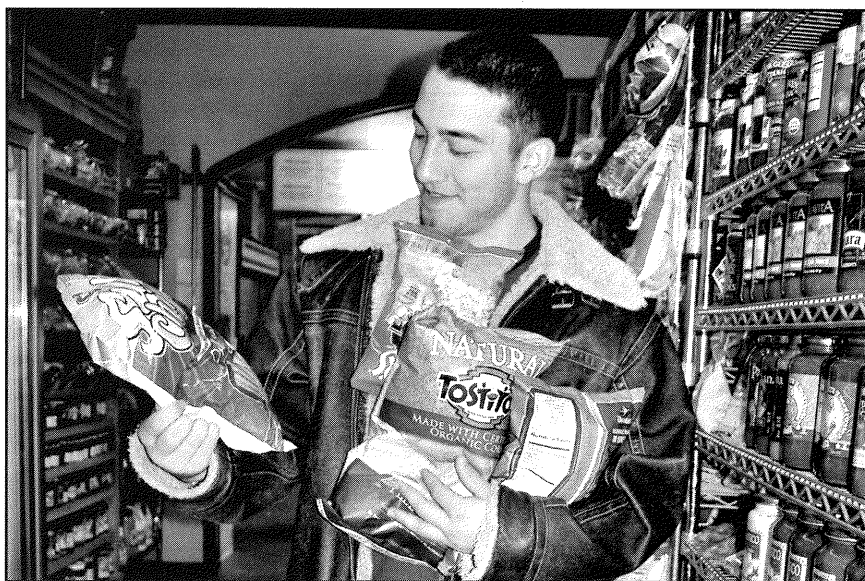


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LOOKING FORWARD to snacking on some chips and dips, Noah Nunez-Gross checks out U.M.'s impressive assortment.

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Photo by Ms. Susan Leshner

"I happened to be wearing my Obama shirt that day and he said it was a nice shirt and we had a brief conversation and then I simply asked if I could take a photo with him."

—Ms. Carol Arrington, High School secretary (with fellow secretary Ms. Elaine Robison and Barack and Michelle Obama)

# Mr. Obama and friends go to Washington

*U-Highers revel in historic win*

By Nathan Bishop  
Editor-in-Chief

**M**oving into the White House next month, President-elect Barack Obama will bring some familiar U-High faces along for the trip.

Ms. Catherine Solomon, mother of Junior Amy and 8th-grader Julie, and Mr. Craig Becker, father of Senior Tom and Freshman Isaac Stanley-Becker, are part of Obama's transition team.

**MS. VALERIE JARRETT**, U-Higher from 1971 to '73, is serving as cochairperson of the Obama-Biden Presidential transition team, and was appointed Senior Adviser and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Relations and Public Liaison.

Ms. Desiree Rogers and Mr. John Rogers Jr., '76 grad, parents of '08 grad Victoria, were named White House Social Secretary and cochairperson of the Presidential Inaugural Committee, respectively.

Ms. Penny Pritzker, mother of Senior Don and Sophomore Rose, is also cochairperson of the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

**MR. DAVID AXELROD**, Senior Adviser to the President, is married to Ms. Susan Landau Axelrod, '70 grad.

Among a few former U-Highers connected with possible White House



Photo by Joe Boisvert

**PUSHING THROUGH** a jovial crowd in Judd Hall, Photojournalism Adviser Liese Ricketts rushed to hug future First Lady Michelle Obama after she dropped her daughters off at school the morning after her husband cinched the Presidency. Joe Boisvert snapped five photos of the spectacle, with the web-publication, "The Daily Beast,"

buying one of them. Ramzi Dreesen, U-High '08, took photos for the Daily Illini at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and had one of schoolmates celebrating picked by the Associated Press. Major news outlets also used photos of the Obama family taken by former Midway Photo Editor David Katz, U-High '99.

positions, Mr. Arne Duncan, class of '82, is a candidate for Secretary of Education.

Imbued with a sense of new opportunity upon Obama's win, Sophomore Julian du Buclet feels the Grant Park rally

on election night signifies a hallmark in his life.

"It changed my perspective on America," Julian said.

**"THE FACT THAT** we actually have a Black president means that I can actually say that I can grow up to be whatever I want to be, so it opened up new doors.

"I was there with my parents and my sister and a couple of our friends and

we were kind of in a police escort up there because my friend is in the Police Department.

"I was excited, and I guess I really felt the emotions from people in the crowd. A lot of people burst out into tears.

"I mean, when I look back on it I'm going to remember I was there, I saw the first Black president get elected, plus his children went to my school."

## FIRST PERSON ANDREW SYLORA

### *Surviving the Obama tidal wave as a conservative at U-High*

**THE SINGLE** most character building, belief-testing experience you could ever conceive of.

This is my response to friends and family when they ask what it feels like being a conservative among a mostly liberal student body, at a liberal school, within a liberal neighborhood during a historic election involving none other than a popular liberal Hyde Park resident.

**I DON'T KNOW** exactly when I began to call myself a conservative.

Maybe it was during the constant arguments with a New York-born-and-bred humanities teacher when I first came to the Laboratory Schools in 7th grade.

Or maybe after the constant flow of political opinion pieces from the New York Times handed out in my classes, which I always found biased and rarely agreed with.

**BUT I KNEW** the 2008 elections would prove rough. As Obamamania swept the school, I argued with my classmates in the hallways, during lunch, even over instant messenger.

Discussion topics ranged from abortion to the economy, and in one conversation in particular Sarah Palin's educational merits. I also wore a McCain pin on my backpack in support of my candidate, which some of my peers openly criticized while others were surprised that I was "still alive at this school."

People asked me if I really supported McCain or if I was joking, and what

problems I could possibly have with the "Messiah" and his plans.

**MANY ARGUED HE** stood for change, and I would simply ask what specific change this was besides a president other than George W. Bush, and rarely got a straight answer.

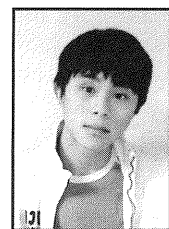
The blind following of Obama because of his celebrity status with many students was surprising in a place such as U-High, where forming unique opinions and ideas is a critical part of our academic curriculum.

But when all the Roman-column speeches, "yes we can" mantras and student labor disguised as canvassing by the Obama campaign was said and done, many people at U-High and around the nation were rewarded with Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

And as numerous U-Highers, Hyde Park residents, and the Reverend Jesse Jackson wept for joy at the election rally November 4 in Grant Park, my friends asked what I thought Barack Obama would discover as President.

**MY RESPONSE IS** the same for the nation's highest office as it is for the privilege of being a Republican at U-High.

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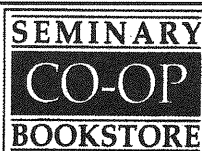
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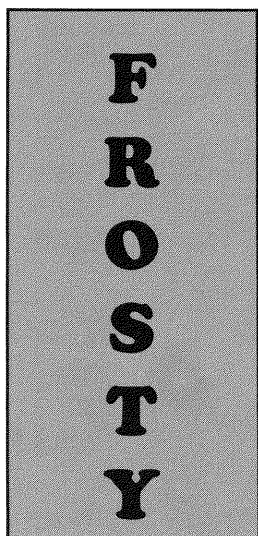
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"I'm glad that I took jazz band because it opened my eyes to the world of jazz which for me is like being on a different planet."  
 —Monique Johnson, senior



# Lorem Ipsum.....by Gene Cochrane



## CHARACTER SKETCH ANDREW SYLORA

### From beautiful Barrington to the big city

**A**T 5 O'CLOCK in the morning when most people in the Far North Suburb of Barrington are fast asleep, Junior Marissa Suchyta wakes up each day to the ring of her alarm clock. Slipping into a red long-sleeved shirt and a pair of black jeans, she prepares for the three-hour long morning commute by Metra and CTA bus to U-High.

The eldest of seven children, Marissa left Lake Forest Academy to attend U-High this year.

"**AT LFA** they moved me up a grade because I wanted to take more advanced classes," Marissa explained. "But I wanted to enjoy my years in high school and graduate with my class, so I looked at U-High because of its reputation of strong academics and emphasis on intellectual strengths. I also found out that I could take college classes, so after I shadowed, I decided to apply."

"Everyone was just really welcoming. Students here are definitely more willing to talk about intellectual topics and discuss things compared to students at my old school. I also am really enjoying all my classes and joined Model U.N. Even though it's a

lot of work I think in the end its really going to pay off.

"I'm also excited about taking a journalism course at the University next quarter. I wanted to be a part of the journalism curriculum at U-High, but it didn't fit into my schedule this quarter. I am also looking at other courses like biology and political science. There are just so many opportunities to take advantage of at the University."

**MARISSA ALSO** finds Chicago a much different place than Barrington in terms of feel and atmosphere.

"Barrington is a small town, and everything moves at a slower pace," she said. "I've always lived in Barrington, so now that I'm in Chicago more often everything seems to move at a faster pace, and of course Chicago has skyscrapers and larger buildings than any suburb. It's really been great spending more time in Chicago."

In addition to Model U.N., Marissa enjoys ballroom dancing, playing the violin and mandolin, and is involved in the Book Club, Science Team and the American Cancer Society, where she will become a member of the regional leadership board early next year.

"Through the American Cancer

## Six go to national meeting

By Ruiqi Tang

Associate editor

Joining more than 2,000 high school students representing a panorama of races, ethnic heritages and sexual orientations, six U-Highers were to represent the school at the annual People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference last weekend at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools and marking its 21st anniversary, this year's conference, with the theme "Preserving Self, Building Community, and Sustaining Change: The Essence of Student Leadership," focused on bringing students from independent schools around the country to work together.

U-High delegates included Sophomore Sam Frampton, Juniors Kiara Davis and Mario Gage and Seniors Ruiqi Tang, Kayla Ginsberg and Mila Devenport.



Art by Eric Cochrane

MARISSA SUCHYTA

Society, I am doing an independent lab project down at the Northwestern University labs involving cancer research," Marissa said. "I'm there every week, and it has really given me a chance to do something I enjoy."

**MARISSA KEEPS** in touch with her friends at LFA.

"We keep in touch, though it's a little different now that I go to another school and don't see them as often," Marissa said. "But things are still definitely the same between us, and now we can compare schools and academics to one another which is always fun to do."



Photo by Kyra Sturgill

## Playing the Checkerboard

"**BLUE TRAIN**" by John Coltrane, and "**Freddie Freeloader**" by Miles Davis, were among the tunes Jazz Band members performed for their December 7 performance at the legendary Checkerboard Lounge, 5201 South Harper Avenue. An audience of about 30 applauded the U-High crew enthusiastically. From left are Sophomore Ben Buchheim-Jurisson, Junior Andrew Zheng, Senior Monique Johnson and Sophomores Yael Litwin and Danny Traub. The photo was taken at a rehearsal.



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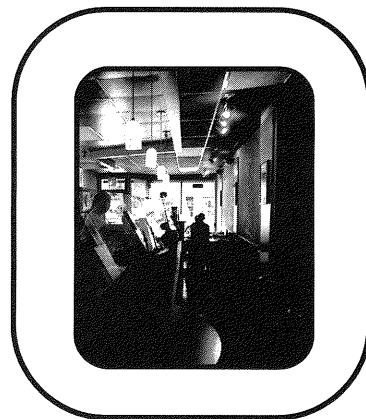
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—Ms. Susan Shapiro, history teacher



## Freshman computer course, new schedule projects moving ahead

By Joyce Harduvel

Midway reporter

After more than two years of discussions, a required freshman computer course and a new schedule are taking shape.

A week from today, the Lab Schools Board is scheduled to discuss possible approval of the computer course. The Computer Science Department has been assembling and presenting the course to the faculty's Curriculum Committee, faculty and Lab Schools Director David Magill for two-and-a-half years.

"**WE ARE NOW** waiting to see what the Board of Trustees decides before we can put it on the list of course offerings," Computer Science Teacher Baker Franke said. "We could have it in place by next year, but the official decision must first be made by the Board."

The faculty is discussing the possible schedule change, which could be implemented no earlier than the 2010-2011 school year. After two years of conversation, the faculty plans to issue a recommendation to Mr. Magill early next quarter.

The half-credit computer course for freshmen would meet twice a week, according to Mr. Franke. The course would teach basic computing and the foundation behind working through a process. A member of the Scheduling Committee, Mr. Franke creates visual representations of the different scheduling options and writes computer programs that illustrate how each option would work.

"**LAST YEAR**, faculty submitted opinions on a nine-day schedule, which we incorporated into it and two eight-day schedules as well as a six day," he said. "In all options, the days of the week would be decoupled from the days of the schedule, so the order of classes a student had would vary. All the models have around 1,000 more minutes in each class annually. However, the eight-day proposals meet six out of eight days, while the six-day schedule meets five out of six days."

The final faculty vote on which schedule to propose will take place early next quarter, so that it may be passed onto Mr. Magill for approval and the time frame the change should occur on, according to Mr. Horvat.



Photo by Emily Chiu

### EVALUATORS GET A TOUR

IN BLAINE HALL during the first visit of evaluators representing the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) the day of the Recruitment Open House, October 26, Senior Talia Nasr describes life at the Lab Schools with Ms. Laura Montgomery from John Burroughs School in St. Louis and Ms. Roseann Lyons from University School in Milwaukee. At school October 26-29, the ISACS representatives came to compare what they saw with an extensive school self-study. They sat in on classes, met with student organizations, talked with alums and parents and examined school and student publications. After their visit they would follow up with their own report including commendations and recommendations. Committee members praised students, faculty, parents, administrators and the Lab Schools for their cooperative commitment to quality education. Among recommendations was improving communication between facets of the school community.

## Teacher contract gets vote, mixed reactions

By Tom Stanley-Becker

Editor-in-Chief

Feeling that they could have staged more job actions or been more proactive in negotiating sessions, many Faculty Association members said that a tentative contract agreement would probably be ratified but not without dissatisfaction.

The Faculty Association voted on the three-year collective bargaining agreement, reached at the November 20 bargaining session, last week.

SINCE EARLY October until just recently, teachers had stopped performing voluntary jobs not required by contract, including chaperoning, advising student clubs, meeting with students after school, providing math tutoring before school.

After announcing the job actions, the Faculty Association agreed to a University proposal to invite a mediator, Mr. Javier Ramirez, from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to assist with the negotiations starting with the November 6 session.

The tentative agreement resolves the central issue of salaries by providing for average increases for the three years of 4.04 percent, 4.06 percent and 3.81 percent.

THE AVERAGE increases include both an across-the-board component and step increases based on years of teaching at the Lab Schools. If the contract is ratified, increases will be reflected in teachers' new paychecks. The negotiating team recommended that the Faculty Association ratify the tentative agreement at a November 24 meeting. The team then presented the agreement to interested members at a December 1 meeting attended by 23

faculty members, including four high school teachers.

The Faculty Association defended its job actions in a November 11 e-mail to parents, stating that the protests did not affect "essential responsibilities" such as classes.

"To demonstrate our dissatisfaction with the lack of a contract and to stress the urgency of settling the matter satisfactorily, however, the Faculty has for the time being cancelled or postponed activities that are not contractual obligation."

THE NEW contract is fair, believes Lab Schools Director David Magill.

"The University believes that this is the most generous proposal made to an employee group at the University of Chicago," Mr. Magill said. "In Cook County, the average contract that includes step and general increases was 4.6 percent. So, we are a bit above average. In the new contract, we increased the value of some of the steps. I think the faculty will vote yes on the new contract."

While he expects teachers to accept the pact, Physics Teacher David Derbes does not believe it is fair given expected increases in living costs.

"MY SENSE is people are disappointed about the dollar value but they are not disappointed enough to go ahead with any kind of strike or job actions," Mr. Derbes said. "I think the contract will pass with reluctant support. I am going to vote against the contract since the numbers are not good enough," Mr. Derbes stated.

"Chicago had an 8.2 percent inflation this year. Primarily, it's the money and also the fact that the University dug in its heels nearly into December, the University has moved very little and we moved a lot."

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"Ferrets have all the personality of dogs, but are small enough to pick up with one hand if they're trying to get somewhere they shouldn't be."  
—Claire Labarbera, junior

## It's a zoo here! U-Highers enjoy unusual companions

Lizards, centipedes among enjoyment-giving pets

By Amy Feldman  
Midway reporter

Releasing a small insect into a glass cage inhabited by a 10-inch brown-scaled reptile, Senior Will Montag feeds his pet lizard an extra cricket, on a recent Friday afternoon in his Hyde Park home. The lizard already had consumed his morning meal of nine crickets.

Ferrets, centipedes and hedgehogs are among other unusual pets U-Highers enjoy.

**WILL RECEIVED** his first lizard as a present on Christmas Day when he was 11. He said he grew fond of his new pet, leading him to buy more reptiles, including a snake, a newt and two lizards.

"Reptiles are very friendly most of the time," Will said. "It's really nice to come home after a long day at school and be able to feed them and scratch them under the chin. With a lizard you really have to be able to understand what it might be thinking in order to take care of its needs. You have to build up a greater empathy with reptiles."

A common misconception of reptiles is that they have aggressive and dangerous attitudes, Will added.

**"MOST OF** the time, the reaction to my pets is either 'ew, what is that, I want to pet it,' or people tend to say 'oh my God he's got a snake, run for your lives!'" Will said.

"When they're in a cage, people just think it's cool, but if I take them out and I'm holding them, people tend to start running for the fire escapes. Not that they've ever actually done that, but if you bring a

lizard to school, people are going to ignore the voice of reason that says it can't actually hurt them unless its claws are on their face."

Discovering a cardboard box infested with centipedes, invertebrate animals with segmented bodies, Junior P.T. Bell said he feeds them regularly.

**"I WAS** really scared of the centipedes when I first discovered them in my basement, but I wanted to conquer my fears of them," P.T. said. "So, instead of squishing them, I keep them in the box I found them in and feed them random stuff from the basement, usually different types of insects."

"I haven't conquered my fears yet, but I'm making good progress. Once I get over my phobia, I plan to set them free outside."

With limitations from her father's allergies to cats and dogs, Junior Claire LaBarbera's family chose ferrets.

**"EACH INDIVIDUAL** ferret has a very distinct personality, in terms of how much they like to play, how much they like to sleep and how aggressive they are," Claire said. "Within 30 seconds to five minutes of trying to sleep with the ferrets out, one of the males, Zap, is biting my feet. It's called a war dance and it's really funny because ferrets are not very graceful and don't really look where they're going."

Hedgehogs are unique because they are nocturnal and have spiny backs, Senior Erica Jordan says.

"It was fun for the first couple of years when I first

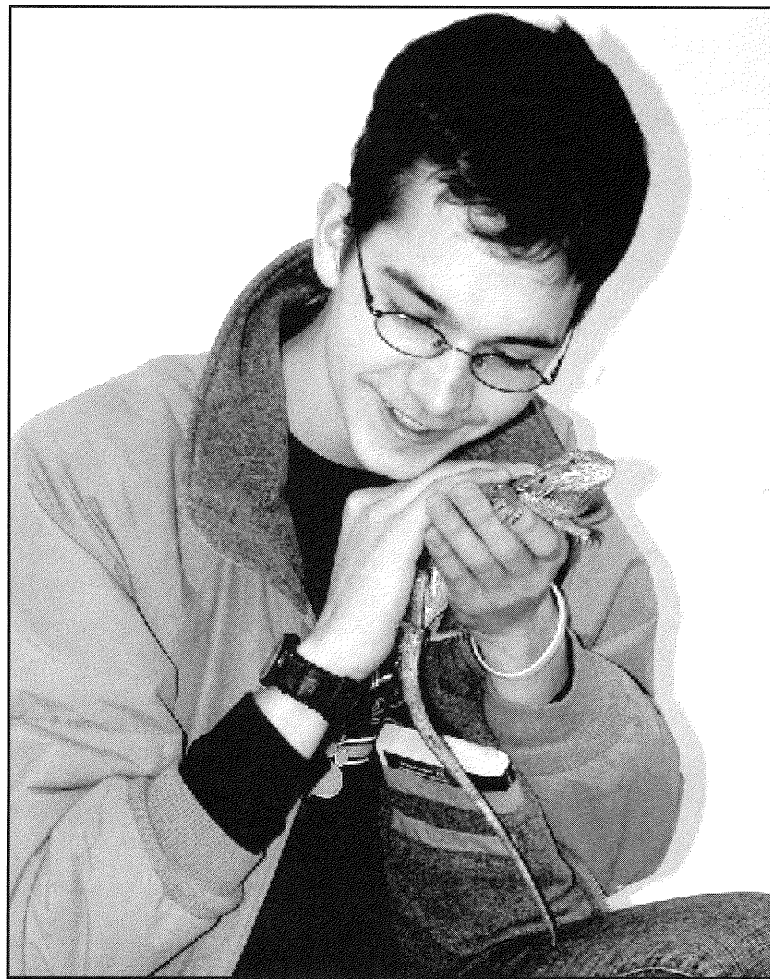


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**GENTLY STROKING** his pet's coarse back, Will Montag dedicated 10 minutes of a recent Friday afternoon to play with his Bearded Dragon lizard.

got a hedgehog in 4th grade, but I couldn't really play with it because it was nocturnal, and it wasn't soft and cuddly," Erica said. "If I tried to wake it, it would get upset and raise up its spikes. It just sat in the basement of my house all day. In 7th grade, my mom decided that we should give it away to a friend of mine."

## Enjoy the Finer Things in Life



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**TAKING A break** from a long day, Isaac Nicholas and Jeff Brehm enjoy some fresh pastry and hot coffee.

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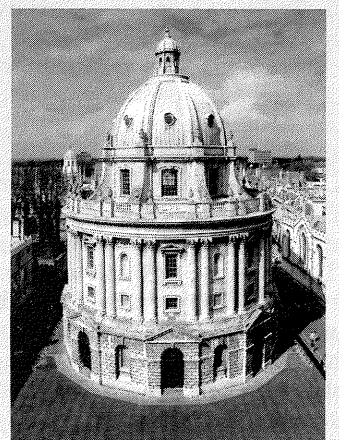
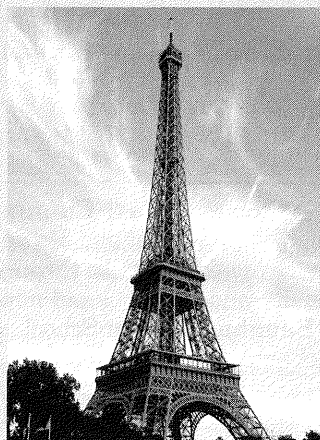
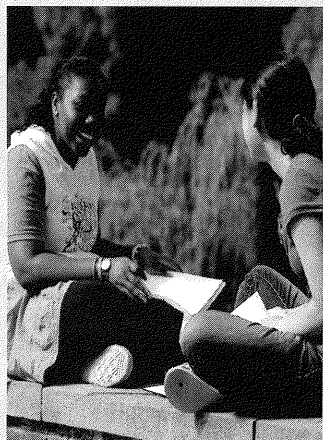
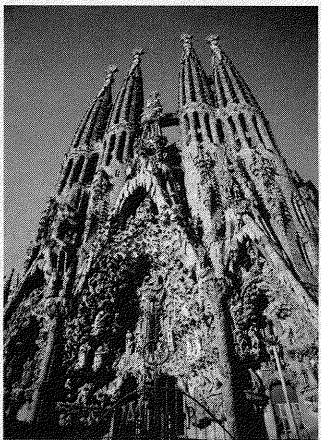
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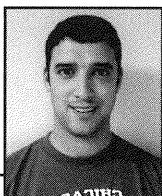
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"I think the biggest athletic difference since my time at U-High is that nowadays, students are honing their skills in only one sport. When I was here, a lot of students would play three different sports."  
— Mr. Tom Piane, phys ed teacher

## From U-Higher to U-High teacher

### Grads recall their student days here

By Isaac Stanley-Becker  
Midway reporter

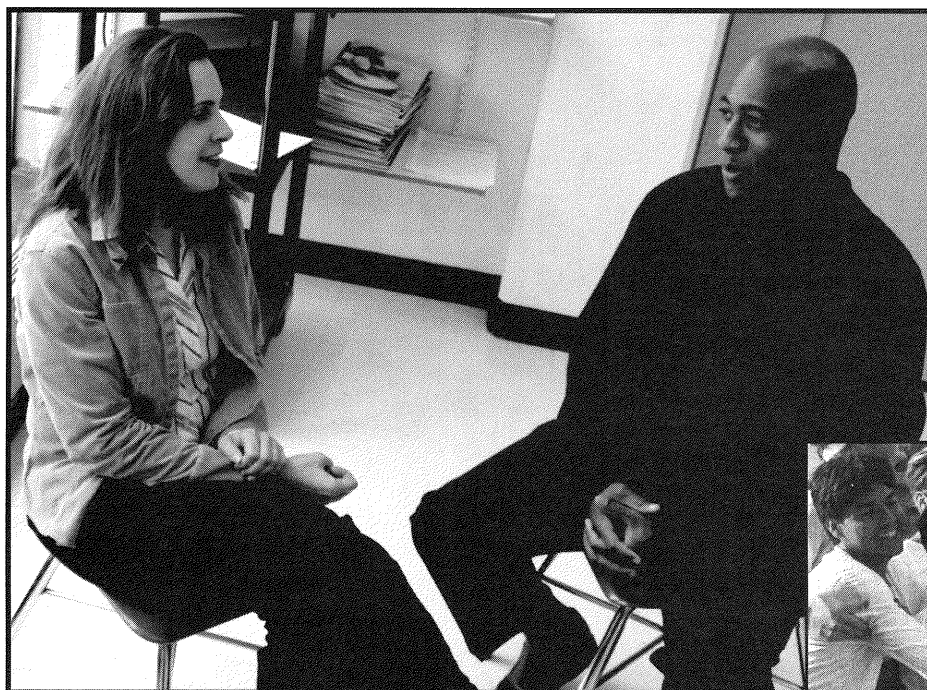
Once upon a time, 22 years ago, but not far away, Counselor Camille Baughn-Cunningham, '84 U-High graduate, dressed in jeans and a sweatshirt, ate pizza in the cafeteria and put shaving cream on classmates' lockers.

Before returning as teachers, Ms. Baughn-Cunningham; Mr. Chris Harper, learning counselor and track coach; Mr. Tom Piane, phys ed; Ms. Marty Billingsley, computer science; Ms. Suzanne Baum, foreign language; Ms. Laura Gill, Middle School math; and Mr. Mike Moses, phys ed, were all U-Highers.

Some belong to Lab Schools dynasties, with children or parents who have school ties.

**COMING TO** the Lower School in 1975, Ms. Baughn-Cunningham remembered her years at U-High, recalling some funny and care-free memories.

"The time we put shaving cream on the lockers was certainly a really silly thing," Ms. Baughn-Cunningham said. "That might have been a senior prank. Senior pranks were so silly. I definitely remember the time when all the seniors put lady bugs in the ventilation system and then when we disassembled and reassembled a car in the entrance where the High School and Middle School meet on the second floor. We just thought it



**TWO GRADS** who returned to teach at their alma mater, Ms. Suzanne Baum, '87, and Mr. Chris Harper, '92, reminisce about their student years at U-High.

was very clever and creative without hurting anyone or anything."

**AFTER WORKING** as a clinical psychologist at DePaul University and then Francis Parker, Ms. Baughn-Cunningham jumped at the chance to return to U-High.

"It felt like a once in a lifetime opportunity," Ms. Baughn-Cunningham said. "I wanted to go back to a place that had been so important to me as a learning institution and to bring something back to the community."

Photo by Joe Boisvert



Photo from 1966 U-Highlights

**PART OF** the seven-member varsity cheerleading squad, Ms. Laura (Hollander) Gill, '66, is on the right next to Fanchon Weiss, '67.



Photo from 1995 U-Highlights

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**, Mr. Tom Piane '95, high-fived teammates after the Maroons won the Independent School League soccer championship. The Piane family is regarded as a Lab Schools dynasty.

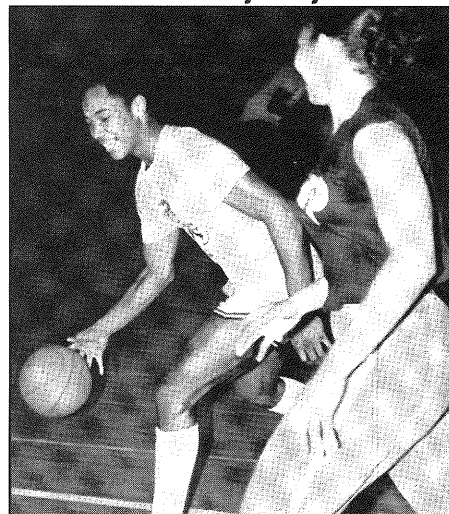


Photo from 1980 U-Highlights

**AN OUTSTANDING** athlete and all-around student, Mr. Mike Moses '80, left, dribbled the basketball past Sabine Fethiere '81, right, at a Saturday play program in Sunny Gym.



Photo from 1991 U-Highlights

**SETTING A** new ISL meet record, Mr. Chris Harper '92, finished 1st in the 200-meter race.

**A HISTORY-MAKING** athlete and all-around popular student, Ms. Marty Billingsley, '76, celebrates graduation with classmates including Barbara Bormuth.

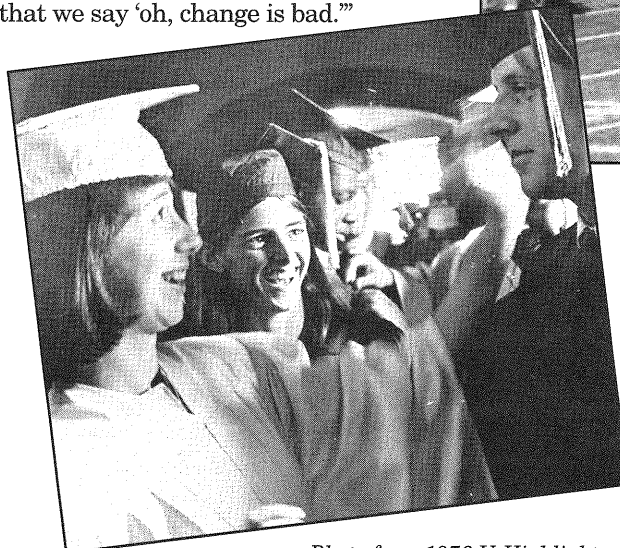


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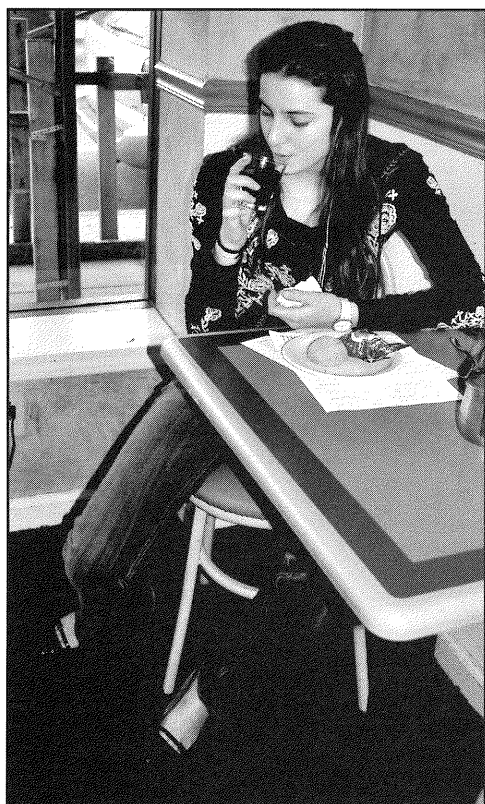


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**AFTER FINISHING** her homework, Catherine Yunis heads over to The Nile Restaurant and enjoys hot tea and some delicious Middle Eastern snacks.

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*"The praying mantises have helped us by giving a live demonstration on the things we're learning about in class."*  
—Rosie Cuneo-Grant, freshman



## Praying mantises graduate from yard to U-High classroom

By Katherine Holt  
Midway reporter

Gathered around A.P. Biology Teacher Dan Jones last month during 8th period, students watched as two female praying mantises, cupped in his hands, attacked each other with their front legs.

Discovered by Mr. Jones' son on their front lawn in South suburban New Lenox earlier this quarter, the praying mantises offer Mr. Jones' students a living example of predatory behavior. Dwelling in moist habitat cages filled with leaves and sticks, the large insects can be seen outside U-High 213.

"I BROUGHT them into school because they are a really good example of a predator," Mr. Jones explained. "They are the most human like insect that people can relate to because their eyes are like human eyes. They are binocular and they just look right at you. The shape of their body is almost like ours because of their shoulder-like arm attachments.

"They are also easily kept. They eat about one cricket a day and they get some of their water from that. I also lightly spray water on them, and they lick the water off themselves also. One male mated with one female at school and they laid nine egg cases. Each egg case lays 200 to 300 eggs and has the potential to have 1,000-2,000 babies from the eggs that were laid at school.

"After the eggs hatch, my Introductory Biology class will work with them by determining the ratio between the color of parent and the new-born baby color."

MR. JONES' Introductory Biology students enjoy



Photo by Kendall Gordon

AS A PRAYING mantis contently sits aside his hand, Science Teacher Dan Jones discusses the predatory insect with his 1st period Introductory Biology class in U-High 213.

learning from real life insects.

"Sometimes in class he will relate the mantises to the topic he is teaching about," said Freshman Molly Petchenik, a student in Mr. Jones' Introductory Biology class.

"He taught us about predatory behaviors and showed us how the praying mantises attacked their

prey. First they hide and stalk their prey. Then they attack their prey and hold it down. They have really strong jaws so while they are holding their prey down they eat the head first. I like having the mantises in class because it's interesting to actually see the way the animals move and to learn from watching them move."

## Health, Wellness course takes phys ed students to classroom

By Sydney Scarlata  
Midway reporter

While their classmates hurry across Kenwood Mall towards Sunny Gymnasium for an afternoon phys ed class, students in Mr. Pete Miller's Health and Wellness unit head to U-High 308.

The new six-week course goes in-depth into student's notions on drugs, diet, stress and sexuality, according to students who take the class.

Split into Health 9 for freshmen and Health 10 for sophomores, the units are now requirements for underclassmen.

Creating the unit three years ago, when Mr. Miller was department chairperson, phys ed teachers felt students were not receiving a proper

education on health and wellness.

"We did complete the process of what the curriculum should be this summer," Mr. Miller said.

"We recognized that we as a school were not doing much in classes to address health and wellness in any meaningful way.

"This unit was developed to education sophomores and freshmen on what we felt are important for students to know and experience concerning health and wellness. And we believe the course will continue to evolve.

Conducted during the fall and winter quarters last year, the Substance Abuse program is being moved forward a quarter to allow advisories more time establish relationships among their members.

## Students find mathematicians' lives add up to interesting biographies

By Charles Jiang  
Midway reporter

Mathematicians' lives are not just about math.

That's what Discrete Math students learned after writing biographies about mathematicians in Math Teachers Jane Canright and Farukh Khan's classes.

Mathematicians included Lady Lovelace, Alan Turing and Blaise Pascal, people who non-mathematicians might not even know exist.

"Students should be exposed to math history," explained Ms. Canright, who teaches two Discrete classes, with Mr. Khan teaching the third class.

"This was a chance for them to do a different kind of math. I've always been interested in the year-to-year

differences in what students think about different mathematicians. For some mathematicians, parts of their lives jump out at you and those papers are mostly the same.

"But each year there's at least one paper about someone nobody's ever written about. This year there were two like that."

At first unsettled about writing a paper for math, Sophomore Ana Ovtcharova developed an interest in Ada Byron Lovelace, an English woman who worked with basic number theory.

"I picked Ada because she's a woman," Ana said. "You don't see many women mathematicians and because I'm interested in what she did, which was work on the analytical engine that Charles Babbage invented."

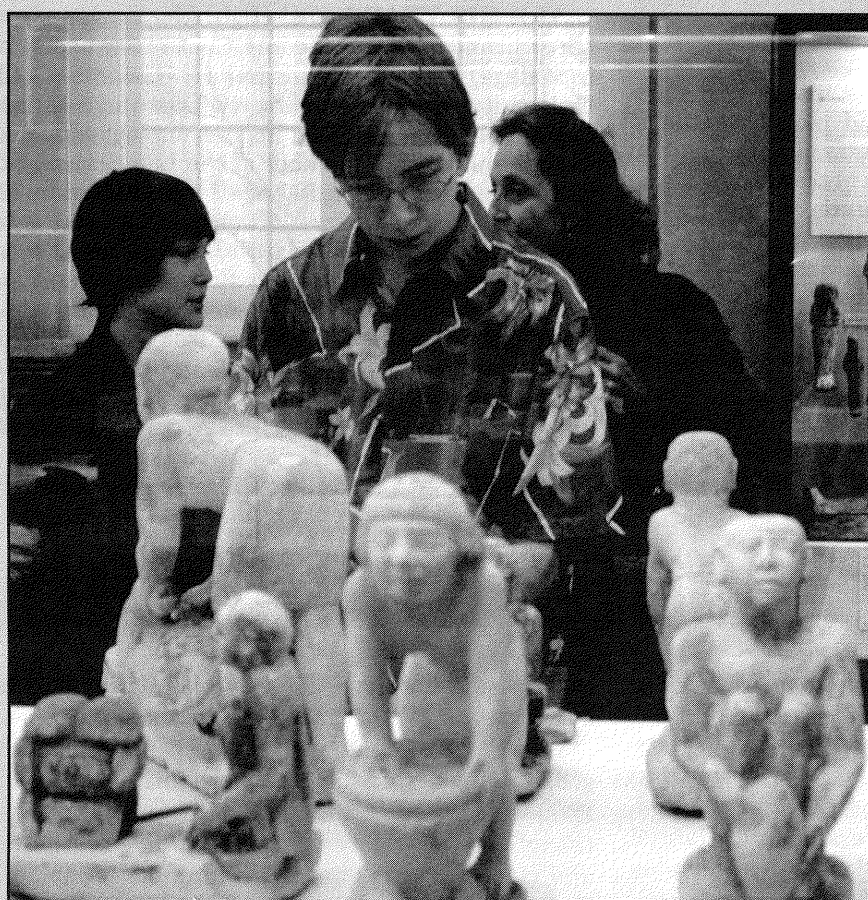


Photo by Emily Chiu

## Hunting for answers in a museum

EXAMINING ANCIENT Egyptian carvings through a display case, Sophomore Erik Gustafson works on a scavenger hunt for Ms. Andrea Martonffy's Early World History class at the Oriental Institute. Each student was given a sheet with questions and had to look through different sections of the museum for the answers.

## Faculty, staff get new additions

A librarian and several new staff members have arrived this quarter.

Mr. Patrick Fuller has joined the faculty as High School librarian. Mr. Fuller, 28, is a graduate of the University of Illinois in Chicago and University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Joining the Auxiliary Programs staff, Ms. Nancy Kubal will focus on the Summer Lab program and North Side bus services.

In the Information Technology Department, two tech support associates have joined the Help Desk team

Ms. Ariel Trader previously worked at Apple. Mr. Chris Foreman has taught graphic design, written for the tech website Ars Technica, taken photos for Alternative Press, released indie records, designed t-shirts for Hot Topic and studied computer engineering.





# MOVERS, SHAKERS & ROLE M

## A nurturer of education

By Gabriel Bump  
Editor-in-Chief

Working his impressive 6 foot, 5 inch frame through a crowded corridor one recent fall morning, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools Arne Duncan, U-High '82, visited a school he oversees on the South Side.

During his seven-years as CEO, Mr. Duncan has visited all 600 CPS schools.

**MOST MORNINGS** Mr. Duncan meets with students, teachers and principals, connecting a caring voice to his dominating figure.

With an ever-bright infectious smile and short, cropped, dark hair, Mr. Duncan could be mistaken for a veteran NBA player.

In fact he starred as a U-High varsity basketballer. Cocaptain his senior year with classmate Kwame Raoul, now an Illinois State Senator, Mr. Duncan went on to play at Harvard and briefly in Australia.

**PLAYING PROFESSIONALLY** and working with children who were wards of the state, he also met his future wife, Karen, while Down Under. Mrs. Duncan taught phys ed at the Lab Schools for nine years, serving as athletic director and phys ed chairperson from 1997-2001.

Mr. Duncan has carried the CPS through constant upward progression on his broad shoulders: Increasing graduation rates, decreasing dropout rates and aggressively revamping historically underperforming schools.

Last year, CPS seniors won \$156 million worth of college scholarships and grants.

**"WE'RE ON** a mission here," Mr. Duncan explained in a phone conversation during a brief break in his hectic daily schedule. "We've come a long way. I want us to be the best big city school system. We still have a lot of hard work ahead of us. This past year we've closed 19 schools and opened 34 new schools.

"We've gone from 2.4 applicants for every job opening to 10. We're focused on new school creation and continuing to bring in the best talent. Violence in schools has gone down over the past three years, at this point. I don't want to jinx anything. I worry a tremendous amount about violence in communities and schools. If we try it alone we're going to fail. It's going to take a huge effort from every part of the city.

"I talk about it all the time with my staff, the only



Art by Eric Cochrane

ARNE DUNCAN

way to get better is too keep pushing. It is critically important. I try to create a climate where debate is encouraged. A big part of my life is to challenge the status quo. It's just like an English class at Lab. We have a lot of Lab alums working on our staff."

**ASIDE FROM** his family, Mr. Duncan's closest friends are Ariel Capital Management CEO John Rogers Jr., U-High '76 and Senator Raoul.

"I pretty much do two things in my free time: spend time with my family and play basketball," Mr. Duncan chuckled. "I'm a pretty simple guy. You can either find me at work, with my family, or at the gym. It's so important that you make time for the relationships that are meaningful to you.

"When I was Middle School, I looked up to John Rogers. He was my M.J. He's been my hero since I was 10 years old. Kwame Raoul was one of my best friends at Lab. Most of my friends are from the basketball community.

"If I mess something up, I can count on John or Kwame calling me out on it. Those are friendships that are going to always be there. It has nothing to do with whatever jobs we have."

## A good-natured visionary in the business of life

By Adrian Aldana  
Midway reporter

When President-elect Barack Obama is inaugurated into office January 20, a friend and fellow U-Higher, John Rogers, U-High '76, will watch close by. Having gathered funds in Illinois for Mr. Obama's campaign, Mr. Rogers, now cochairman of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, is preparing for the event through fundraising. Mr. Rogers's ties with the Obama Family go back to his years at Princeton University.

At Princeton University, Mr. Rogers, father of Victoria Rogers, '08 graduate, played basketball with Craig Robinson, Michelle Obama's older brother, and met the Obama Family through him.

**AT ARIEL** Capital Management, the money management company Mr. Rogers founded, Mr. Obama would do debate prep work in an office that later became named after him. A few paces from that office, Mr. Rogers's office displays a paper-cluttered desk across a wall of photos of himself with Barack Obama, Jesse Jackson, among others, and a floor-to-ceiling window overlooking Millennium Park.

Dressed in a blue sweater, dress pants, and white gym shoes on a Saturday afternoon, Mr. Rogers accepted an interview, despite his busy schedule.

Growing up in Hyde Park, Mr. Rogers said he saw how hard his parents worked. Both were involved politically, and he learned a strong sense of community service.

"Being involved politically is being involved with the community," Mr. Rogers said.

**ALL HIS YEARS** at U-High, Mr. Rogers played on the baseball and basketball teams. Continuing to play basketball in college, he earned a degree in economics at Princeton University. As Chief Executive Officer and chairman of Ariel Capital Management, Mr. Rogers employs numerous former U-Highers. He is a member of the Lab Schools Board. And he received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007, along with Arne Duncan, '82, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools and a longtime friend, who works with Mr. Rogers to help the community through education.

Mr. Rogers established the Ariel Foundation in 1989, to create programs to help students under a student-teacher-parent relationship to learning.

"It was a way to coordinate our profits," said Mr. Rogers. "It gave us the opportunity to hire Arne to run the foundation for us."

**THROUGH MAYOR** Richard Daley's New School Initiative

## Making a difference with co

By Denise Akuamoah  
Associate editor

Laughing at his former fear of crime on Chicago's South Side, the brown-haired, brown-eyed Hyde Park Herald editor Gabriel Piemonte proclaims his admiration for busy Monday deadlines.

Overseeing reporting, editing copy and reviewing layouts, Mr. Piemonte works 60 hours a week to ensure give the community a reflective Hyde Park Herald and Lakefront Outlook, which covers the Bronzeville area.

**BORN AND RAISED** in Boston, the 40-year-old editor began his writing career early in elementary school. The Suffolk University graduate said he enjoys the fact that journalism allows the reporter to ask anyone in the neighborhood anything they want and they as cooperative members of the community would have to respond to the questions.

Editor of the Herald for about two years, Mr. Piemonte moved to Chicago from Boston nine years ago. In Boston he was a freelance reporter for the West Roxbury Transcript. He came Rogers Park on the North Side of the Windy City to write for the News Star Booster. He came to the Herald in 2000.

"While I was in college, I was hanging out with friends and one of them had a cousin she wanted me to visit," he said in a phone interview. "When we

came here I was blown away by it. It always struck my mind as a great place and it seemed like the place to be.

**"I APPLIED** to many newspapers here in '99 but I had a good feeling about the interview with the Herald in early 2000. I actually came here reluctantly. All my friends thought it was really dangerous to live on the South Side and Hyde Park was boring. I think it's funny because now that I live here, they never come to visit so they don't really know.

"I love it. Not just the people, but the neighborhood as well. There are a lot of things I really like about this job. The moments I really appreciate are Mondays. Mondays are really challenging because we put the two papers together and we get them proofread and sent to the printer.

"I get this feeling we've done a good job of reflecting the community for the week. That when you pick up the paper, you'll get a good feeling of what is going on in the neighborhood in that week's issue."

**HE BELIEVES** a story on the displacement of people in public housing, to be his most memorable piece. It also resulted in a change in direction for him personally.

"I was the real estate and development reporter covering stories generally on public housing and reporting on the subject made me very skeptical," he said. "The Chicago Housing Authority said they were tearing down homes like the State Street Corridor, Robert Taylor homes and Stateway Gardens.

"When I started writing the series in 2001, I tended to



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GABRIEL PIEMONTE



*"With the Olympic bid and our soon to be president, Chicago is finally receiving the positive worldwide press it has deserved for years. The only thing missing is good sports."*  
- Alex Zimmer, senior

# Leaders

## MODELS

*In any major international newspaper or media outlet, a few years ago, it was rare to see a constant focus on Chicago and Hyde Park. But in the past few months the city and the neighborhood have emerged as news phenomena. This issue's centerspread chronicles this development from a different angle, four people who have provided distinctive leadership.*



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JOHN ROGERS

Program, the Ariel Foundation corporately sponsored a Chicago Public School, the Ariel Community Academy, located in North Kenwood. Since 1996, the Ariel Education Initiative, the former Ariel Foundation, has provided children from low-income neighborhoods with educational and financial opportunities at the Academy. Along with the public school curriculum, the academy fosters an education of financial matters, teaching how the stock market works, and economic basics.

"In our junior board, we have kids pick real stocks, deal with, real money and get experiences with our analysts," explained Mr. Rogers in his calm voice. "We want to encourage other financial service companies to partner with public schools like we've done, so we can get executives involved with kids. Young people need to know how the stock market works. I think we need more financial literacy in public schools, and you don't learn this stuff in school."

"Arne Duncan is in the process of creating a financial service curriculum in public schools. It will prepare them to make good investment choices for life's financial needs."

## Community newspapers

dismiss the subject of politic rhetoric. I never thought they would remove these people from their homes. I never imagined they would simply empty the building whether these people had a place to go or not. To have people be moved away and sent to a shelter, a relative's home, or the streets. Slowly but surely, I lost contacts, which was like slowly losing contact with the neighborhood. It was very intense.

"**THAT WAS** the reason why I left reporting in 2003 and worked in public housing because it was so traumatic when you start reporting outside the neighborhood and you lose contact. In Hyde Park, it's great because we're stable. But for some people in Bronzeville that couldn't happen because they were being displaced. It's important for the people to be able to tell their story regardless of their circumstances or where they live."

Back in journalism at the Herald he hopes eventually to resume reporting and writing about public housing.

"My reporters do housing stories but I haven't done any because my energy and attention has been focused on learning my job," he explained. "My intent is to get back to those stories that in my opinion are important not only to the neighborhood, but to the city as well."

"**AS AN EDITOR** you begin to think about what you leave behind. If I think about it, I think about the idea of integrity, that there is an internal soundness. That what I am putting out is in touch with the mood of the community and somehow shows that mood."

Mr. Piemonte said his title as editor makes working on the

Herald staff has given him a different experience from being a reporter and writer.

"One thing that's definitely different is that I'm the editor," he chuckled. "I'm the guy that everyone yells at. When you're the reporter you can blame the editor. I've been the freelance writer, the reporter and even the associate editor."

"**SO IT'S DIFFERENT** because I'm no longer down there on the food chain."

"I've had a much greater handle on the news staff. I've hired every reporter here and I've been able to shape the paper in terms of community and in terms of my priorities for the paper."

In his free time, Mr. Piemonte relaxes by reading a book or watching CANTV, Chicago Access Network Television, a network that broadcasts local, relevant issues from Chicago's neighborhoods and communities.

"**I GO ON** dates with my girlfriend," he said.

"I read a lot. I read everything—more nonfiction than fiction because I get impatient with fiction."

"I do watch television occasionally but I don't have cable, which is okay if you're not really into sitcoms, reality T.V. and game shows."

"I think CANTV is great. Sometimes it's incredibly awful, but sometimes it's really great because it records the community, which is something we are really lucky to have."

## An acclaimed journalist moves to a new challenge

By Kyle Brunke  
Associate editor

If she tires of rarely having a moment to herself, Ann Marie Lipinski certainly maintains a brilliant disguise. In a recent interview beyond the open door of her University Administration Building office, the new U. of C. Vice President for Civic Engagement, and former Chicago Tribune editor-in-chief, had questions of her own that needed answering.

Mrs. Lipinski, 52, resigned July 14 after seven years as editor of the Tribune. The veteran journalist rose through the newsroom ranks following a summer internship in 1978, eventually winning a 1988 Pulitzer Prize for a 10-month investigative series on corruption in the Chicago City Council.

**NOW AIMING** to increase the University's efforts to work with its neighbors, Mrs. Lipinski will provide leadership and coordination over initiatives across the campus, in areas such as educational awareness and economic development.

U-High parent of Freshman Caroline Kagan, Mrs. Lipinski took her new job October 1.

"I've been trying to spend a lot of time meeting people," she said, "going out throughout neighboring communities in the city and also within the University, mostly listening to people talk and trying to learn how we can be better partners in this city. Trying to figure out a lot of projects that were well underway when I got there and joining those projects midstream, some of which had been underway for a long time, like 53rd Street development and some that I'm a part of and have not a clue how they'll turn out like 2016."

"**I'M THE** University representative on the Olympic effort. It's a fair amount of work and thinking that needs to be done, not knowing even if Chicago will get the games. Obviously, the University would be a big partner of that because of our location."

University students impart wide-ranging ideas for civic projects, Mrs. Lipinski has found.

"There were a series of meetings set up for me with a variety of student groups on campus," Mrs. Lipinski said. "These are students who kind of self-select and are especially interested in volunteer activity or some level of civic and urban engagement. They have great ambitions for the university and big ideas about how we can be a better citizen as an

institution.

"I'm actually working with some of them to think about how we can create a very routine and formal relationship with students over time as opposed to a casual greeting, someone drops by and says I'm interested in 'X project.' How do we make sure that they're an ongoing part of the conversation we're having about a number of projects?"

"**I'VE HAD** students from all over the University really want to be a part of what we're doing which is fantastic. I'll find out when we really start working with students, how hard, or how easy that is."

"I've said to any number of them who have been interested, 'But aren't you really busy? Do have the time for this?'"

"And some of them quite frankly don't and they make that clear they'd like to stay in touch but they probably don't have a whole lot of time to give."

"Others seem to think that they do or that they can somehow efficiently manage that. The students I've been meeting with are passionate about this kind of work, or at the very least, very curious."

**STUDENT DISCUSSION** has also included the current plight of news media, Mrs. Lipinski said.

"One of the groups that I met with on campus was a large group of college students who are working on some publication," she explained. "We talked a lot about the future of news media and information."

"While this is a very difficult time for that industry. It's not because people are reading less or consuming less information. It's a difficult time because the old business model is broken."

"The fact is that you have huge and growing audiences for news media and evolving ways of presenting news. Some of the old models are very challenged now because they are lacking for the economic support that's kept them afloat all these years."

"**JOURNALISM IS** in fact alive and very vibrant. They need to think about creating a new business model to support that because gathering news and information is a very expensive proposition."

"I'm really optimistic about that and I think in some ways this is the golden age of information."

Despite boasting a University label, Ms. Lipinski encourages U-Highers to engage in communication between the two facilities.

"I would really welcome a conversation with U-High students," Mrs. Lipinski said. "I know there is a lot on the board there and I know over the years that there are any number of civic projects that come up over time in the High School and even in the Middle School."



Art by Eric Cochrane

ANN MARIE LIPINSKI



# 14 Competitors

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"We have a really difficult Olympiad Regional this year, but I think we're going to do really well."

—Aaron Buikema, senior

## Math Team reaches higher

By Bill Steuben

Midway reporter

Looking to improve on its 4th and 7th place North Suburban Math League (NSML) finishes at New Trier in Winnetka, September 25, and home, October 15, Math Team headed into its third meet at Hinsdale South in Southwest Darien, December 4. Results came after Midway presstime.

Individual and team goals have led to healthy competition among team members and better scores overall, according to Junior Joey Klonowski, last year's State Champion. "I want to finish 1st in our division at state," Joey said. "That is, unless someone else from our school beats me, which would be fun."

"I think this should be a good year because we have people who were individual State Champions for our grade in me, Charles Du and Caroline Bank last year as well as two or three freshmen that could win this year," Joey said. "I'm hoping that we can win in-

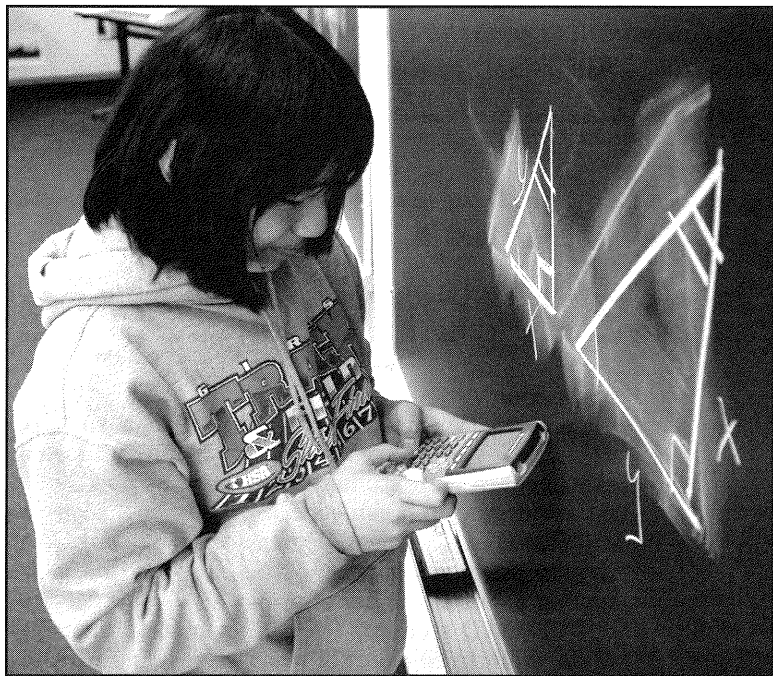
dividual State Championships for all the grades this year. That would be really awesome."

Although the team continues to benefit from the individual scores of Sophomore Charles Du and Senior Caroline Bank, Head Coach Nadja Aquino, math teacher, focuses on overall team performances.

"If our team was reduced to just Charles, we would get last in every competition because of the way they are structured. We need depth," Coach Aquino said. "Our goal is to be 1st in the state and to have fun while doing it."

"Something we can definitely improve on this year is our score on the Illinois Math League (IML) contests and the way to do that is to encourage participation among students," Coach Aquino said. "There is no limit on the number of students that can compete and the more students we have, the better chance we have of getting better scores."

Math Team will next compete January 28 at St. Ignatius.



AFTER LAST year's 1st place finish in U-High's division of the North Suburban Math League, Math Team hopes to replicate its previous success with talents like Senior Emily Kuo.

## U.N.ers head for Harvard

By Leslie Sibener

Midway reporter

Representing the United Kingdom, 19 Model U.N. delegates will compete this Thursday through Sunday at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

At last year's conference, the team won Best Small Delegation and individual awards for most delegates.

Delegates follow rigid guidelines in preparation for Harvard, said Director of Recruitment Leah Sibener, senior.

"First people must know their topic," Leah said. "We've been researching for Harvard since July so we've really done well with this part because we are so prepared already. Second, people have to know their country's policy. They've got to be accurate, or it's useless. Third, each pair makes about 30 solutions per topic. And last,

practicing public speaking."

At a conference November 14-16 at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, 19 delegates representing Japan, Finland and Jamaica won the secretary-general's award for Outstanding Representation by a Small Delegation. Model U.N. faced 75 delegates from Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County, Virginia.

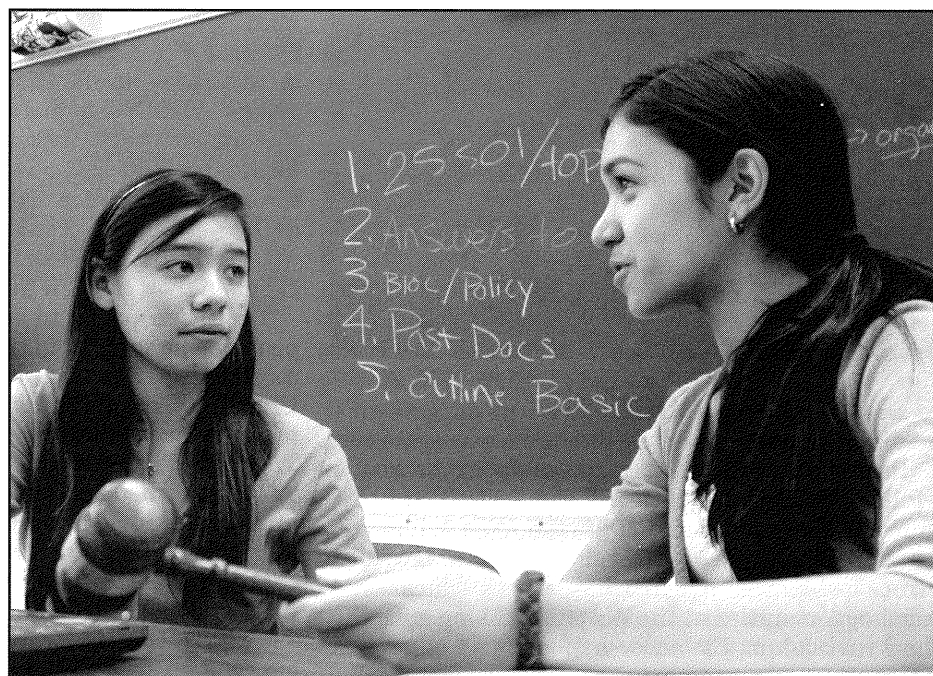
Winners are as follows:

**BEST DELEGATES**—Karlin Gatton, Claudia Yang, Malvika Jolly, Mark Wittels, Robert Meyer, Danielle Kutasov, Sam Neal

**OUTSTANDING DELEGATES**—Jonah Breslau, Nathan Eckstein, Sydney Small, Molly Petchenik, Jaya Sah, Rosie Cuneo-Grant

**COMMENDATIONS**—Andrej Rosic, Joe Philipson

Upcoming meets include the University of Chicago, February 5-8, and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, March 5-8.



PREPARING MODEL U.N. for the Harvard conference are Director of Recruitment Leah Sibener, left, and President Jaya Sah. Both are seniors.

## Science Team tackles tourney

By Andrew Zheng

Midway reporter

Participating in categories from Bridge Building to Herpetology (the study of amphibians and reptiles), the 15-member Varsity Science Team will compete Saturday, January 24 in an invitational tournament at Central High School in far northwestern Crystal Lake.

Part of the Science Olympiad program, a series of contests that involve chemistry, earth science, biology and physics, the Crystal Lake Invitational will prepare team members for the Olympiad's Regional, State and National competitions.

While Science Team did not participate in the invitionals last year, it placed 2nd at the Regional competition.

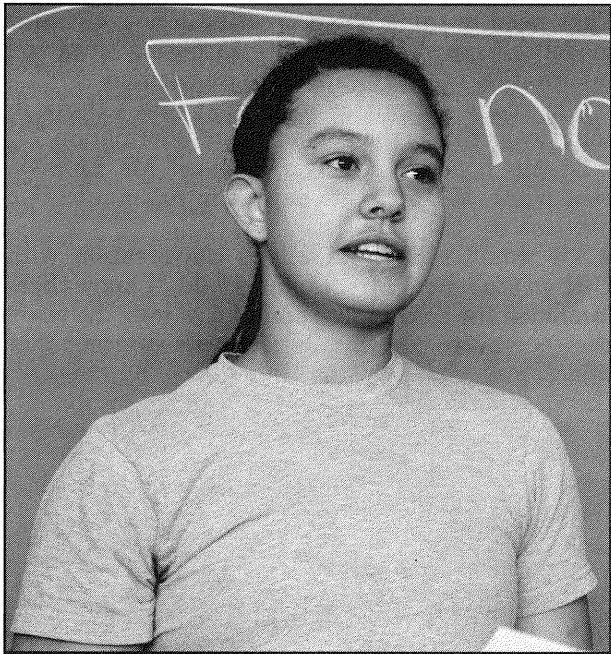
"Events can involve just sitting down and taking a test, performing experiments like a chemical titration, or designing and building something for an engineering project," said Senior Johanna Heineman-Pieper, Science Olympiad cocaptain with Se-

nior Aaron Buikema. "There are six of these building projects, including the Egg-o-naut, an activity where we have to use a water-powered rocket to launch and land an egg without breaking it."

In addition to the Olympiad, Science Team will also participate Tuesday, February 3 in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) competition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"At WYSE, the activities involved are essentially just taking tests and winning medals," said WYSE Captain Abraham Kohrman, senior. "There are a total of seven separate tests, specifically biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, math and physics."

"Fourteen members of our team will take the tests, with each person taking two, and the participating members will be decided through tryout tests," Abraham said. "We're strong at every event, especially math and computer science, and we have been undefeated in each of the eight years we've participated in WYSE."



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD Captain Johanna Heineman-Pieper, senior, will lead Science Team to Regional, State and National competitions.

## Freshmen rack up debate awards

By Joyce Harduvel

Midway reporter

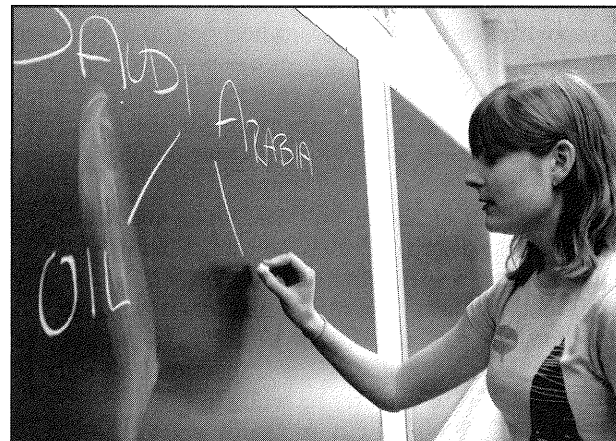
Novice debaters Isaac Stanley-Becker and Charlie Raffin will compete this Friday and Saturday at the Kelly Invitational in Chicago after winning 1st place at both the Iowa Caucuses, October 31-November 2 at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, and the Glenbrook Speech and Debate Tournament, November 22-24 at Glenbrook North in Northbrook and Glenbrook South in Glenview. Both are freshmen.

Six members traveled four-and-a-half hours to the Iowa Caucuses. Debating the national high school topic, the need for the United States to increase al-

ternative energy incentives, they faced teams from the Midwest. Charlie won the First Speaker Award and Isaac won 3rd.

"To relate to the election, we read evidence saying that passing their plan would shift national focus onto a certain issue that favored one of the candidates, depending on the situation, and cause a candidate to win who may create international problems like an Iran strike or a nuclear war," Isaac said. "Arguing about something that you heard about on the news and in school every day was especially exciting."

First-year coach Ms. Sarah Grusin, a junior at the University of Chicago, will study abroad during winter quarter. Faculty Sponsor Melissa Warehall, college adviser, will continue to organize the team and chaperon tournaments.



RETURNING YESTERDAY from the Ohio Valley Invitational at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Debate Captain Elisabeth Morant, senior, will head this Friday and Saturday to Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, Iowa.

All photos by Emily Chiu



"I wasn't sure of what I could find to do in Evanston. As it turns out, they have a pretty good selection of shops and activities."

—Isabella Prenta, junior



## As winter gains hold killings of teenagers in city retain grip, too

*Third of a continuing series.*

**By Gabriel Bump**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Through crunching foliage and a cool November night breeze, 17-year-old Johnathan Welsh headed south on May Street on way to his South Side home, only a few doors away.

At the intersection of 60th and May, neighbors reported hearing a heated argument between Johnathan and an unidentified man.

**JOHNATHAN WOULD** not make it home.

The argument reached a tragic crescendo when the man pulled out a gun and fatally shot Johnathan in the upper torso practically on his front doorstep.

For residents of Chicago's West and South sides, this occurrence has turned into commonplace.

Homicide reports are issued in bulk almost daily with most killings, such as Jonathan's, involving young African-American males.

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOL** system reflects the city's high murder rate.

More than 60 Chicago Public School students have been killed throughout the past two years. Most of them were slain on their way home.

For U-High Senior Patrick Philzaire, who often took public transportation to his Southwest suburban home before getting a car two years ago, entering certain parts of Chicago warrants a heightened sense of awareness.

**"YOU'RE PUTTING** yourself at risk when you take public transportation," Patrick said. "People that are doing the robbing and killing are taking advantage of people. It shouldn't be that way, but it is."

"You should know the risk whenever you take the bus or train at night. Just passing 63rd street heading south, you can tell there's a difference and you prepare yourself."

"There should be more supervision on the CTA and Metra but there isn't."

### FIRST PERSON DENISE AKUAMOAH

## A family's tragedy, a city's disgrace

NO ONE WANTS to say goodbye to loved ones. It's unfortunate that one of my idols, Academy Award winning actress and hit record vocalist Jennifer Hudson had to do so November 2.

During a stay in Florida, the 27-year-old "Dream-girl" received news that her 57-year-old mother, Mrs. Darnell Donerson, and 29-year-old brother Jason had been murdered October 24 in their South Side Englewood home. William Balfour, Hudson's estranged brother-in-law, was later charged.

**MS. HUDSON'S** 7-year-old-nephew, Julian King, was reported missing from the home. Hoping to find the boy alive after offering a \$100,000 reward, the family was devastated to discover three days later that the boy died from multiple gunshot wounds in Balfour's SUV.

Such misfortune can break a person, force her to do crazy things. But not Jennifer Hudson.

In the midst of the inconceivable pain she's experiencing, she holds her head up high and provides support for family members with her strength. I admire her for her unyielding faith in God and her living up to the inspiration of "Your Grace and Your Mercy," a song sung at the November 2 funeral.

**EVEN THOUGH** I believe that God will continue to guide Hudson and her family, my faith doesn't change the fact that Chicago holds the disgraceful title of "Murder Capital 2008" with a record of more than 500 murders to date.

It's funny how I've lived all my life safely in the "Hyde Park bubble" while people in Englewood believe that shooting is an inevitable occurrence. It's not fair that I can walk around my neighbored untroubled, while another girl my age fears for her life if she walks across notorious gang territory. Why does life have to be this way for some?

I know that for me, personally, I want to do all that I can to rid Chicago of its new title.



Denise

**ADMIRING** A window display at Asinamali, Isabella Prenta and Simone Bagetto critiqued different outfits including a sweater dress and scarf made by local Evanston designers.



## A real college town with plenty of style

*Nearby Evanston offers a lot  
to enjoy just north of Chicago*

**C**olonial style mansions with ionic columns on parking meter lined streets, abundant dining options, eclectic vintage clothing and used bookstores characterize Evanston, the well-known college town surrounding Northwestern University. Every year, Evanston becomes a home to several U-High graduates at N.U.

Located on the other side of the Chicago northern city limits on the Lake Michigan, Evanston was founded in 1836 and now has a population of about 74,239.

Chosen as the home for Northwestern University and named in 1863 after John Evans, the University's founder, the city includes 10 elementary schools, three middle schools, two magnet schools and three special schools and centers. U-Highers can easily visit Evanston on the L via the CTA's Purple Line which departs from Howard Street.

**BLENDING IN** with Northwestern University students on a crisp Friday afternoon, Juniors Simone Bagetto and Isabella Prenta strolled down Sherman Avenue, Evanston's main shopping and dining street.

Intrigued by a window display showcasing sequined handbags and woolen dresses, Simone and Isabella stopped to enter Crossroads Trading Company, 1730 Sherman Avenue. As they browsed through the store, they noted that unlike downtown Chicago business, the selection focused less on designers.

Crossroads Trading Company offers recycled clothing traded and bought from locals and Northwestern University students, pointed out Floor Supervisor Janet Kaehler.

**"WE BUY,** trade and sell fashionable new and used clothing," Ms. Kaehler said. "When you see something you want in the store, you can either pay cash for it, or you can bring in some of your clothes. If you decide to trade, then we give you a credit of 50 percent for what we will retail your goods for. To sell to us, you need a valid photo ID and you must be at least 18 years old. But if you're not, then you have to bring one of your parents."

Living currently in downtown Evanston during her junior year at Northwestern University, Priyanka Rupani, 2006 U-High graduate, said the city allows her to get away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Chicago.

"Evanston is a nice place for students to drive up to because you get to experience small antique shops and boutiques," Priyanka said. "It's close enough to the city also, so you can have the best of both worlds, really. I also like it because right



**HOLDING** the perfect outfit, Isabella Prenta picked out a tweed empire waist skirt at Crossroads Trading Company.

now they just put the lights up for Christmas on Sherman Avenue and you feel like you're part of a small suburb and community.

**"I ALSO THINK** most people assume that Evanston is full of mostly whites, and there are some parts where it is primarily white, but you'll really meet anyone and everyone here."

Evanston offers a wide selection of famous Italian restaurants including Dave's Italian Kitchen, 1635 Chicago Avenue, many Thai restaurants and coffeehouses.

"Dave's Italian Kitchen is really popular with college students," Priyanka said. "Trattoria is a very cute sit down place if you're going out on a Saturday. My favorite place is Flat Top Grill. I go there with my friends most weekends or to one of the Thai places."

**TAKING A QUICK** turn at the corner of Sherman Avenue, Simone and Isabella wanted to visit some arts and crafts stores that were unique to Evanston. They found Born Toulouse Alley Gallery, 1712 Sherman Avenue.

"The gallery included high quality custom framing, posters and postcards," Isabella said. "I think my favorite part were the wall posters that were displayed in these huge floor length books."

To the rear of the alley, Simone and Isabella saw a small house with an awning, 1712 Sherman Avenue.

**"I THINK** my favorite place that we visited today was Bookman's Alley," Simone said. "Bookcases stood from the top of red brick walls to creaking floors, displaying used and fine books. There were homey cubicles, which included collectible items and old copies of famous stories."

Walking back to the main street, Simone and Isabella noticed a fine aroma of Greek cuisine wafting through the air. They found themselves in front of one of Evanston's healthy eats, Pita Petes, 1571 Sherman Avenue. Viewing the menu outside, They finally decided on sharing a pita sandwich and an oatmeal raisin cookie under a mural inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night."

Then they left the restaurant and enjoyed a stunning sunset on Lake Michigan.





*"I want to learn more types of dance outside of ballroom. I would join a group in Chicago, but I don't think I will be in America long enough. I leave in a month for Germany."*  
—Alicia Wandel, junior

## Talent, time, commitment: The dancer's life

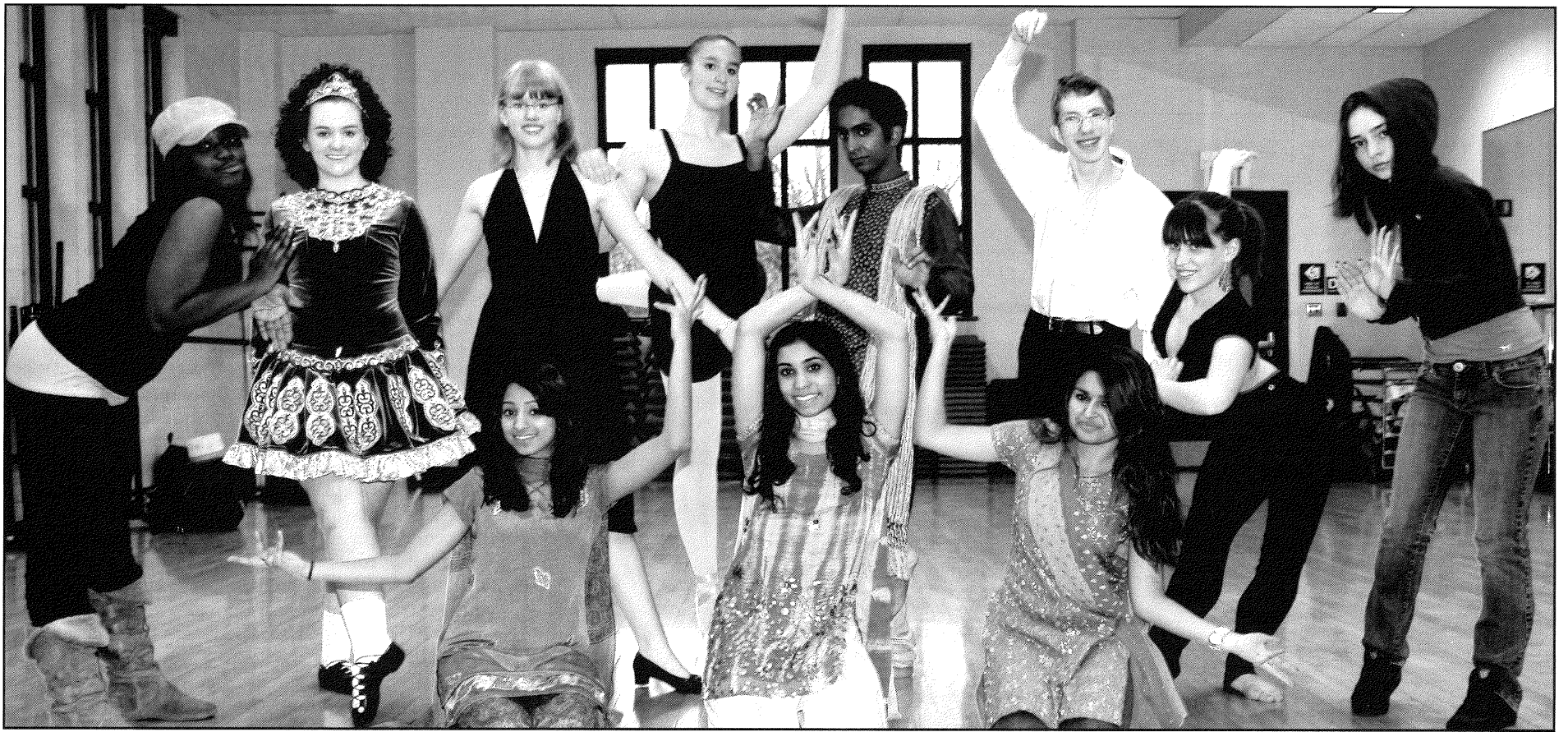


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DANCERS and their dances, from left: Anshellie Akuamoah, hip hop; Sarah Tully, Irish Folk; Alicia Wandel, ballroom; Janu Arun, Bhangra; Emily Kleeman, ballet;

Natalia Khosla, Bhangra; Aneesh Kanakamedala, Bhangra; Samson Eder, salsa; Rohini Tobaccowala, Bhangra; Rachel Turner, ballet; and Alexis Madara, hip hop.

*Time is at a premium, art can be a harsh master, U-High enthusiasts find*

By Mitchell Stern  
Associate editor

From the graceful movements of ballet to the boldness of Bhangra, U-High dancers dedicate them-

selves to learning, performing and perfecting their dance.

Preparing for holiday season dance performances across Chicago, many, including Junior Emily Kleeman, practice

daily. Emily will perform in "Snow," a part of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at Mandel Hall this Saturday.

"I GIVE UP a large portion of my life, especially when we have 'The Nutcracker,' which starts happening in the beginning of October when there are auditions," Emily said. "If a person who auditioned gets chosen for a part, practice starts the same week and meets every day. So, I really have no time to waste."

Most of her life Senior Sarah Tully has studied Irish folk dance, after being introduced to it at age 5, according to Sarah.

"I've been dancing for 11 years and have gotten really serious pretty quickly," Sarah said. "By the time I was 8, I was dancing three or four times a week. Now, I have it everyday."

"I DO COMPETITIONS and I also teach. I have my own location for teaching Irish dancing in the South Loop of Chicago and I teach kids ranging in the ages of 3 to 12."

"I also have an after school program at Lab that I did last year and will do this year as well for Irish dancing, which is after school on Thursdays."

A finalist in the 2007 World Championships for Irish Dancing last May in Scotland, Sarah won a gold medal.

"THERE ARE soloists and there are groups where the people dance together," Sarah said. "The people will dance and then will be judged on their technique, ability and other complicated stuff, such as having turned out feet and curled toes."

"I didn't win anything as a soloist, but one of the groups that I was in did win gold. I hope to qualify as a soloist for this year's world championships. Usually they are held in Ireland, but this year they are in America."

Dancing the Northwest Indian style of Bhangra since she was 3, Junior Natalia Khosla said her parents learned Bhangra when they were young.

"MY PARENTS moved from India to America in a group of other Indians and they did Bhangra, so I do it too," Natalia said. "I don't take classes, but I learned Bhangra through

my parents and through parties and family get togethers where the people are dancing it.

"It isn't really something that is taught through instruction, you really just pick up on it."

INDIAN ROOTS influenced Senior Rohini Tobaccowala to do Bharatnatyam, a traditional dance form from South India.

"I started Bharatnatyam when I was 6 years old," Rohini said. "I stopped in 3rd grade to focus on soccer."

"But when I turned 15, my views changed and I got back into contact with my old Bharatnatyam teacher and I told her I wanted to do it as a part of my culture."

"So I started doing that in Hyde Park along with Janu Arun, who is also a senior. "Our junior year, we decided to start this Bhangra team and so I joined because I had experience in Indian dancing and I thought it would be fun."

"So, we had five people doing that dance. Bhangra is more hip-hop and it is faster beat while Bharatnatyam is like telling a poem through concise movements."

TAKING SUMMER salsa classes at Latin Street Dancing Company, Senior Samson Eder said learning dance is a luxury that he couldn't continue during the school year.

"I got in trouble with my parents because I couldn't really balance the educational part of my life and the dancing part of my life," Samson said.

"So I don't dance over the school year like I do in the summer. But once I get that fixed, I will be able to get more involved."

"I enjoy salsa. It's fast paced and energetic, so it's fun to do."

"Also, I was meeting all of these cool people who are really good at the dance when I was dancing it, which is very helpful."

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—Junior Emily Kleeman



## AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

# History made...and lost

Ever since Lab Schools parent Barack Obama declared his candidacy for President, the Midway's editors have been careful to avoid compromising his family's security in the school. Though several parents and faculty members have suggested a story on the Secret Service protection that came to the school, the Midway never mentioned that detail, following the University of Chicago's example in its news statements.

Mr. Obama's campaign ended in Grant Park, November 4, as he accepted his election victory surrounded by thousands of cheering supporters and cameras telecasting the event worldwide. As the new President-elect, Mr. Obama and his family's security detail at school expanded dramatically.

**THE MORNING** after the rally, an equally historic (for the Lab Schools) scene unfolded as Michelle Obama took her Lower and Middle School daughters to their classes. Before the Obamas and their entourage of Secret Service personnel arrived around 10 a.m., a group of about 40 students, teachers and parents had waited more than 45 minutes for a glimpse of the next First Family. Among the group were two Midway and U-Highlights photographers, Joe Boisvert and Adam Gelman, and their faculty adviser, Ms. Liese Ricketts.

On two occasions, school administrators requested the crowd move inside Judd Hall. Initially, Ms. Ricketts protested on the basis of free-press rights as she wanted the photographers to take photos outside, but after a second administrator insisted the onlookers go inside, they complied. The group was rewarded when Ms. Obama stopped to shake hands and pose for pictures as she exited the building.

The next day Ms. Ricketts met with Lab Schools Director David Magill, who informed her that the Secret Service had directed student photographers only to photograph the Obamas inside the school. Mr. Magill assured Ms. Ricketts that the school was attempting to gain clearance for student photographers.

**FOLLOWING UP** on the Secret Service's directive, Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler requested advice from the Student Press Law Center in Washington. In his response, Attorney Advocate Adam Goldstein wrote in part,

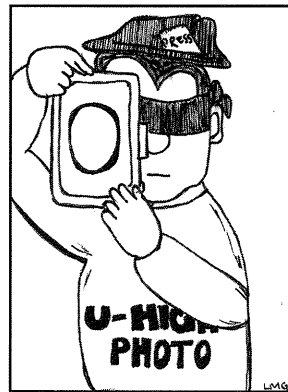
"Problems with the Secret Service are so rare – and the Secret Service's mission so vague – that there isn't a lot by the way of precedent to work with.

"While the Secret Service may not have to articulate precisely what leads them to the conclusion that an activity would endanger the family, they do have to reasonably reach that conclusion.

"There is no real practice of the Secret Service preventing photos of the children of a President...so this does sound like an aberration and not something the service has a blanket justification for doing."

**MR. BRASLER** weighed in with his personal experience as a journalist.

"Thousands and thousands of on-the-street photos



Art by Lauline Gough

of Presidents and Presidents-to-be have been taken since the camera was invented. I've never heard of any government agency attempting to stop anyone from taking photos in public places. My experience in covering Presidencies as a journalist myself goes back to the John Kennedy years and there seemed no limit then in anyone getting photos in even the most private situations.

"The bottom line is that when photography in public situations is prohibited, the nation loses an irreplaceable part of its authentic visual history."

**WHILE PROFESSIONAL** photojournalists, and for that matter anyone passing by with a camera, enjoy unfettered access to Mr. Obama, U-High student photographers were deprived of a singular educational experience and the entire Lab Schools community lost an incredible moment in its history. The same day U-High's photojournalists were denied the right to take photos on a public street, Mr. Magill sent an e-mail addressed to "the Entire Laboratory Schools Community."

"Yesterday, the Laboratory Schools achieved a first in its 112-year history. A family from our community will soon become residents of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue! Our Schools are not in the business of taking political positions, and we respect the differences of opinion that are represented among our parents and students. This is an essential part of who we are and consistent with the values practiced by the University of Chicago.

"Having said that, we are extremely proud that one of our own has been elected the President of the United States and that his family, who have taken such an active part in the Laboratory Schools and the University, will be in a position to devote their talent, energy, and good will to the rest of the country and to the world."

Get the picture? Too bad we couldn't get ours.

## SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Denise Akuamoah

What is your best, and worst, holiday memory?



Sean

**SEAN KEANE, freshman:** My worst holiday memory was when I was 11 and I was told that Santa wasn't real. I kind of found out by myself, though, when I saw my grandma wrapping gifts "from Santa Claus." My favorite holiday memory was at my house when all of my family was there and I got my first drum set.



Ariane

**ARIANE CARTER, sophomore:** My worst holiday memory was at my aunt's house when we had a big meal and the dogs ate half of it. My favorite holiday memory was two years ago when my family from Arizona came. It was really nice to spend Christmas with them because I hadn't seen them in a while.



Sara

**SARA POSNER, junior:** I don't think I have a worst memory because Hanukkah is always great! I think my favorite would have to be when we had family friends over who weren't Jewish and we set up a game of dreidel in our living room and we played for most of the night. It was so much fun plus there was chocolate involved. It was nice to play in a bigger group than just the four of us.



Rachel

**RACHEL BISHOP, senior:** Last year we went to Cape Cod to visit my grandparents and the bag with our presents in it got lost in the airport and they didn't find it until we got home on New Year's Day! My favorite memory is when my brother Nathan and I were younger and we decorated the tree and we used to put fake snow underneath it. Nathan and I would put play mobile characters and scenes in the fake snow.

## OPINION KYLE BRUNKE

# Finding himself Millennial parked

CALL ME A SLACKER MILLENNIAL.

By no means can anyone justifiably characterize the Millennial Generation, those born between 1980 and 2001, at so early a point in time.

Still, that hasn't deterred long-teethed men and women from writing lengthy books or articles on the matter, trying to explain our perceived sense of entitlement and why we regard ourselves in the highest esteem.

**RON ALSOP**, author of "The Trophy Kids Grow Up: How the Millennial Generation is Shaking Up the Workplace" (Jossey-Bass), believes most Millennials were praised in both times of success and failure during their childhoods.

Parents closely nurtured the growth of each child and sports participation almost always guaranteed a shiny, golden trophy. From these factors alone, a child was usually assured a high self-esteem. God bless the American Youth Soccer Organization.

The result, as Mr. Alsop explains, dramatically alters the workplace attitude. Millennials demand adjustable work schedules, promotions, fulfilling jobs and higher pay.

**IF THE** American Millennial way of life implies job enthusiasm, then I might as well be turning Japanese.

(Don't worry; I never generalize about the Land of the Rising Sun. I leave that to the Wall Street Journal.)

In a November 1 article, Hiroko Tabuchi relates the story of 24-year-old Hidekazu Nishikido, an agent at a Japanese staffing company. Promoted to a new job that provides a better salary, Mr. Nishikido now finds himself working late into the night to complete his work.

What would be fine for some people, the foreign Millennial considers harmful to his personal time. He no longer expresses any desire for a future promotion.

**AS THE ARTICLE** further elaborates, Mr. Nishikido's feeling towards the corporate world relates to a majority of up-and-coming Japanese workers. Many are choosing jobs that require less work and fewer responsibilities.

Experts blame this phenomenon on several reasons. Wage differences between job rankings have decreased over the past decade and young workers saw older generations suffer job cuts during economic instability in the 1990s and early 2000s, despite hard work and sacrifice.

Japanese have named these younger individuals *hodo-hodo zoku* – "so-so folks." To no surprise, the article headline reads like a confused baby boomer: "Slacker Nation? Young Japanese Shun Corporate Promotions."

**I SUPPOSE** America has some way to go before we become a nation of so-so folks. Double goes for U-High, a place where students and leadership go hand in hand. The brochure said something to that effect.

So I guess I feel like stranger in a strange land because I've been telling a lie. Here goes: I don't read books and I don't read the Wall Street Journal.

In fact, an October 28 WSJ article provided a summary of Mr. Alsop's book. Both articles were supplied through a Millennial parent.

However, if I were to read a book, I'd probably start shopping in an Asian bookstore. Japanese authors have written numerous books commending the "slacker nation" mentality. Mr. Tabuchi specifically mentions "Slow Career: Job Survival for People Not Rushing Career Advancement."

Chapters include "Forget goals, just stay true to yourself" and "Not everybody needs to become a leader." Maybe I'll use them as self-help lines and start trying to sound like a therapist.



Kyle

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## FASHION RONNIE FOX

### North Side offers gifts for any holiday budget

WHILE COMBINING lesser known designers with high fashion labels, Tragically Hip offers holiday gifts for all budgets.

Located in the Lakeview neighborhood, at 914 West Belmont Avenue, Tragically Hip does not overprice their merchandise like the nearby stores.

Prices range from \$5 for a pair of earrings to \$80 for a dress.

Walking into the tiny store, a wide array of accessories are spread out on a counter in the center of the store.

Ranging from handmade chandelier earrings to wide patent buckled belts and Jackie-O sunglasses, Tragically Hip displayed the retro themed accessories that are popular for the holidays.

This urban boutique showcases un-

der-the-radar designers like the \$40 animal print blouses by The Clothing Company and \$60 floral patterned dresses by Necessary Objects.

Whereas many of Chicago's boutiques carry mainstream designers such as Citizen for Humanity and Betsey Johnson, Tragically Hip carries everything from plaid dresses with a built in belt by Oboe Clothing to high end jeans such as Vigoss Jeans.

Prepared for the winter season, cotton hound's-tooth print scarves and plaid hats and mittens from Tragically Hip are a welcome sight, from the typical Burberry scarves and Coach gloves seen in the U-High hallways.

Although, the white, black and red coats adorning the walls were all designed by BB Dakota so that they all resembled one another.

True to its name Tragically Hip had an amazing array of fashions to



Ronnie



Photo by Rachel Turner

**TRENDY WINTER FASHIONS** at Tragically Hip, 914 West Belmont, catch the eye of Senior Alexis Madara, searching for a perfect outfit to wear during the holidays. The boutique and its many surrounding shops on the popular North Side street provide funky and untraditional seasonal outfits.

choose from for the holidays, from relatively conservative dresses by XOXO for holiday dinners with the

family to fancier cocktail dress by Coffee Shop for a fun New Year's Eve with friends.

## FILM JULIE CARLSON

### Action-packed sequel offers some 'Solace' from series

DURING THE FIRST 20 minutes of "Quantum of Solace," superspy James Bond hardly utters a word. It's understandable: after all, he is preoccupied with a car chase, then torture, then a roof chase, then a rope fight, then a knife fight, then a motorboat explosion.

Although hardly original, the lightning fast action in the adrenaline charged opening serves as a clear reminder that Bond, played by Daniel Craig ("The Golden Compass," "Munich"),

is a pure killing machine. Unlike the 21 previous Bond films, "Quantum of Solace" truly serves as a sequel, beginning just twenty minutes after the end of 2006's "Casino Royale" where Bond lost his girlfriend, Vesper.

Her death troubles Bond and he searches for revenge while battling Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), a charming ecological terrorist who secretly wants to control Bolivia's water supply by overthrowing the country's government. Per usual, Bond gets distracted by Greene's Bolivian mistress,

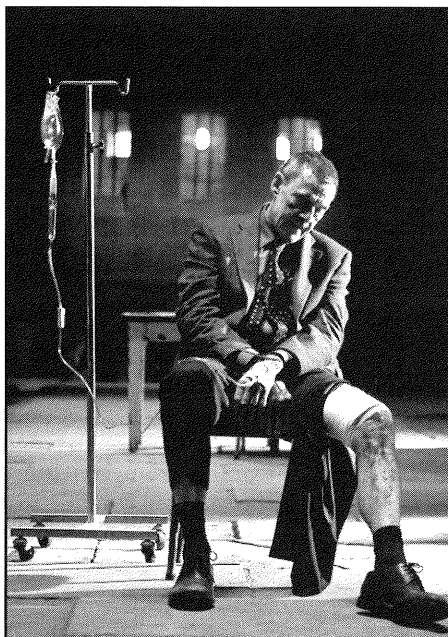
Camille (Olga Kurylenko). However, her fighting skills and personal story outweigh those of most previous "Bond girls," who largely just stood around in bathing suits.

A cast stand out, Judi Dench ("Notes on a Scandal," "The Chronicles of Riddick") once again brings sarcastic humor into the role of M, Bond's cold superior. Craig also does another enjoyable job with his role, making Bond oddly more realistic than his predecessor, Pierce Brosnan, ever managed to do. Although he does bed a few women and order his cliché shaken martini, the Bond in "Quantum of Solace" seems like a more effective, albeit violent, secret agent than the schmoozing, suave past Bonds. He even shows rare but powerful moments of genuine human emotion while attempting to avenge Vesper's death.

But there certainly are parts where "Quantum of Solace" feels deficient, almost as though director Mark Forster ("Stranger than Fiction," "Monster's Ball") cut scenes to keep the film's running time low. And the predictable action does contrast almost too much with the sophisticated, developed plot



Julie



**SHOT IN THE LEG** by Bond during the final scene of 'Casino Royale,' the interrogation of Mr. White (Jesper Christensen) is one of numerous cliché plot devices present in 'Solace'.

featured in "Casino Royale."

Despite these shortcomings, "Quantum of Solace" unsurprisingly grabbed slot number one at the box office its opening weekend, November 14-16, while earning \$70.4 million. It deserves this success: above all, "Quantum of Solace" is a thrilling journey and easily among the best action films this year.

## MUSIC DENISE AKUAHOMAH

### Dueling Davids both win this time

WHEN IT comes to the Billboard charts, sophisticated and easygoing outshines the young and the restless.

Extending the competition to their careers, American Idol Season Seven finalists David Archuleta and David Cook released their self-titled albums within a week of each other. Archuleta debuted at #2 and Cook at #3 (he had to battle Beyonce).

Winner David Cook presents his sophomore album (RCA 19 Records), with a mature commercial post-grunge sound that contradicts the bland and sappy love songs executed by the precocious vocal skills of younger runner-up David Archuleta's debut album (Jive).

Cook continued earlier career successes by getting a #3 hit single with "The Time of My Life" even before his new album was completed.

He demonstrates versatility throughout the album. During the head-rocking song, "Declaration," Cook breaks from his normal vocal range to a straining voice where is screaming, unpleasant but interesting.

Carried along by heavy drums and a strong bass guitar, Cook declares, "You're my inspiration as I stand alone against the world cause you love and you bleed and you stole my soul to set me free."

Contrastingly, Archuleta has one approach, pathetic and whiny. His single "Crush" reached number 2, but there's no telling if tracks such as like "A Little Too Not Over You" and "Desperate" will produce similar success.

Cook proves that sophisticated beats premature. Fortunately for Archuleta, his cute looks and sweet voice makes him worthy competition. Both these American idols could come out the winners this round.

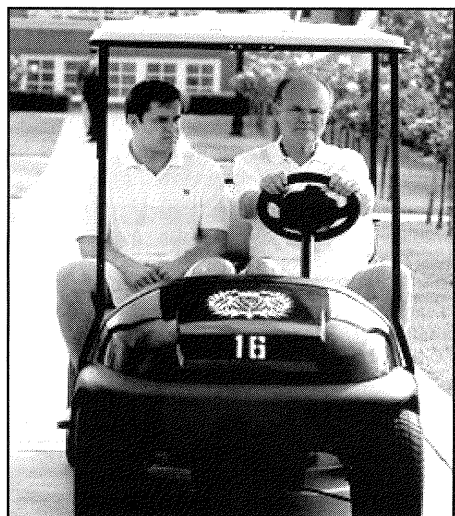


Denise



## TELEVISION SAM FRAMPTON

### British humor brightens every 'Worst Week'



**TENSIONS BETWEEN** Sam (Kyle Bornheimer) and his in-laws provide witty and comical situations in 'Worst Week.'

HUMILIATING MISHAPS in a distinctly uppercrust atmosphere provide the catalyst for CBS' "Worst Week," 9:30 p.m. Mondays on WBBM, channel 2.

"Worst Week" premiered in September to wide viewership and mixed reviews.

Newsday hailed it as "the best new comedy on network T.V. this season," while the New York Post dubbed it "one of the worst new shows of the week."

Based on the British sitcom "The Worst Week of my Life," "Worst Week" retains the often lewd humor characteristic of British television.

With the story set against a cheerful and suburban backdrop, the protagon-



Sam

nist, Sam, played by Kyle Bornheimer, navigates the unsure territory of staying with his pregnant fiancée and her parents while finding things never quite turn out as he plans.

Sam's innumerable misfortunes include his father-in-law visiting his office, only to find a stripper maliciously sent by one of his coworkers.

Each episode of "Worst Week" follows the classic sitcom storyline, with Sam's fiancée Melanie, played by Erin Hayes, offering a sane voice amid quintessential T.V. family chaos.

Fans of "Family Guy" and "Curb your Enthusiasm" will find "Worst Week" satisfyingly entertaining.

The show provides some hard earned laughs and an interesting look at comedy as itacross the pond.



## COOKING WITH NICK CHASKIN

# How sweet it is for holidays, and it doesn't need flour

THE HOLIDAY season can be daunting for any cook. With expectations for delicious food, the pressure to create a dish appropriate for the season's festivities can become overwhelming.

Luckily, an easy and memorable dessert for the holiday season is a flourless chocolate cake – elegant and sophisticated, with sublime texture and rich, luxurious flavor.



Nick

**USING THE** highest quality chocolate possible makes the difference with this dessert.

To start you will need:

- 8 oz. High quality, chopped bittersweet chocolate, I prefer a 60% cocoa chocolate.
- 1/2 lb. of unsalted butter
- 6 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, plus about 1/4 of a cup to dust the final cake with.
- 1 tbl. Confectioners' sugar

You will also need a 10-inch spring form cake pan, if you don't have one you can use a 10 inch cake pan.

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees with the rack in the middle position.

Butter your cake pan and line the bottom with a round of parchment paper.

Place a heat resistant bowl over a saucepan with a few inches of simmering water. Stirring continuously, melt your chocolate and butter in the bowl. This technique – a double boiler – melts the chocolate while keeping it from burning.

**REMOVE YOUR BOWL** from the heat and whisk in the sugar. Stir in your eggs, one at a time.

Sift into the batter a cup of the cocoa powder. To prevent clumping, don't sift it all in at once – sift a little, then stir a little, until it's just incorporated.

Pour your batter into the pan and bake until a thin crust forms and a tooth pick inserted into the center comes out with moist crumbs stuck to it, 35 to 40 minutes.

**LET THE** cake cool in the pan for 10 min before turning it out onto a plate.

Dust it with rest of the cocoa powder and confectioners' sugar.

A simple yet elegant presentation causes every one who sees it to imagine the smooth, rich flavor and soft, velvety texture, making this cake a truly memorable dessert.



Photo by Hanna Redleaf

A RICH flourless chocolate cake, in a festive holiday design with a fresh chocolate sauce, is among many French cakes typical of the season.

## TECHNOLOGY SAM FRAMPTON

### Just plug 'em in and become a music monster

EASE OF USE and a fun interface have helped Apple's Garageband music recording software revolutionize the digital audio workstation market.

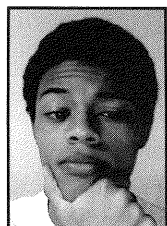
Shipped with all Macintosh computers, the application makes digital recording extraordinarily accessible. Unfortunately, Garageband's loops and software instruments become lackluster with regular use. For more serious music producers, Apple has created a little known solution to this problem: synthesis and effect programs called audio unit (A.U.)

plug ins, compatible with Garageband.

Numerous free A.U. plug-ins available on the internet offer a solid base of synths and effects to begin exploring.

While Garageband loads the plug-ins at startup, knowing their location may be helpful for users to install them. Newcomers can find the folder by opening library/audio/plugin-components. To access them in Garageband, double click on a track, click the "details" triangle at the bottom of the "track info" window, then select A.U. synthesizers from the "generator" menu and A.U. effects under "effects."

Wacky analog synth sounds highlight Green Oak



Sam



Photo by Loren Kole

**DIGITAL KEYBOARDS** on Apple's Garageband allow the production of intricate techno beats.

Software's "Crystal" plug-in, free at [greenoak.com/crystal](http://greenoak.com/crystal). The plug-in includes basic analog synth settings for shaping notes. Envelope, the most useful setting, allows you to control the accent and sustain, adding subtle professionalism to Garageband projects. Easy to learn, Crystal's plentiful user options makes it my preferred A.U. synthesizer.

Wonderfully simple, Luxonix Software's LFX-1310 – free at [luxonix.com](http://luxonix.com) – offers 24 different adjustable effects. The plug-in covers basic studio effects such as reverb and chorus. It adds several unique options, such as "bathroom," which make a track sound like you recorded it in a bathroom. Used in Moderation, the effects can give a fresh sheen to Garageband projects. LFX 1310's intuitive controls easily make it my top choice for A.U. effects.

## OPINION ROHINI TOBACOWALA

### Sleigh bells ring, are you screaming? 'Tis a vexsome season

LIKE SOME people this holiday season, I find myself in a December dilemma.

When I was younger, my parents used to put a two-foot short Christmas tree in our living room. We would decorate the tree with ornaments and a star at the tip like we saw in movies. As Hindus from India, my parents were trying to get my sister and I familiar with American traditions.

**BUT SOONER OR LATER**, trying to adapt to the American way during the holiday season was difficult. For instance, we would even think of attending midnight church services on Christmas, but felt it was only for Christians.

We would visit some of my friends' houses and see eight-foot Christmas trees, almost touching the ceiling, a few days after Thanksgiving. Presents were always scattered around the tree and ornaments were brighter and more festive than mine.

And during Christmas break, those same friends would ask me what I got for Christmas. I would say that my family doesn't celebrate Christmas. At least, we don't give presents to one another.

**QUITELY IN** my head, I felt like I was missing out. But I was also missing out on other significant holidays like Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

For example, my Jewish friends would tell me about how each night of Hanukkah they got a new present. I felt envious or confused. At least just for the month of December, I thought it would be more fun to be Jewish or Christian.

I wondered then how come on the Hindu holiday, Diwali, the festival of lights, has there been no gift giving. I pondered why Diwali isn't a "day off" at school whereas we get a two-week break for the holiday season.

**THESE QUESTIONS** still invade my head every holiday season and aren't clearly answered. But one thing I've noticed is the way Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa can have a large impact on a Hindu like me. I've come to realize that December isn't about identifying yourself with a religion or a specific holiday.

While I don't necessary follow the traditions of these religions, I still very much feel a part of the holiday season. Walking on Michigan Avenue, hearing Santa hit his bell for donations or seeing the lights lit up always brings a smile to my face. I don't have to be labeled Christian, Jewish or African American because in our differences, we find meaning.



Rohini

## THEOREM OF THE MONTH RAFI KHAN

### You write this headline; we sure couldn't

Editor's note: U-High, let math strike fear in your hearts no longer. To showcase the Math Department, "Theorem of the month" will explain favorite theorems, with teachers' comments and advice thrown in.



Rafi

DESPITE THE LONG name, the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT) is by no means the scariest one out there.

First proven by the Bohemian Bernard Placidus Johann Nepomuk Bolzano in 19th century Prague, the IVT will ring a bell with Pre-calculus and Calculus students who use it to approximate the location of functions' zeroes.

The theorem states if a function  $f(x)$  is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ , and  $f(x)$  changes signs between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is a  $c$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

In English, Bolzano's Theorem says if a function is positive at a point  $a$  and negative at point  $b$  (or vice versa), it equals zero somewhere between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Its elegance appeals to Math Teacher Shauna Anderson who found the theorem accessible and easy to understand when she learned it in high school.

"The Intermediate Value Theorem comes up in the Pre-calculus course when everything about the zeroes of polynomial functions is coming together in October," Ms. Anderson said. "Students have learned to find zeroes by factoring, with various formulas and by graphing, but this theorem lays out visually exactly what a zero is and why the other ways of finding zeroes make perfect sense. My favorite part of teaching math; when students see how all the dots connect and say 'Oh, I get it now!'"





"If we win seven games in a row  
I'll get a mohawk"  
—Junior Daniel Levine, boys' basketball guard

## Basketballers aim for title contention

*Boys head for critical match  
with ISL foe Morgan Park*

By Matt Luchins

Sports editor

Heading into Friday's crucial Independent School League encounter with Morgan Park Academy, the boys' basketball team aims to continue their conference title ambitions.

"MPA has gotten a lot better since we played them last year," Head Coach Troy Caldwell said, referring to the Maroons 62-50 victory.

"They have a first-team All-Conference guard in Damon Williams. We need to dictate our tempo and swarm defensively. If we do that I'm confident we can win."

**OPENING THE** year with a 2-1 finish in the St. Benedict Thanksgiving Tournament, the Maroons defeated St. Benedict for the first time in several years and narrowly lost to Providence St. Mel and 6-8 Sophomore Phillip Jackson, a Division I prospect.

"Against St. Mel we had a lot of mental lapses that cost us the game," Coach Caldwell said.

"We came out with a lot more focus and energy the rest of the tournament. We played well defensively and our scoring was balanced throughout the team.

"We have a lot of depth. We don't have a set starting lineup because we have six or seven players who can start depending on the opponent and all 12 guys can come in and contribute."

**TO INCREASE** the team's focus, Coach Caldwell banned players from talking to Midway reporters.

"I want our guys concentrated on the goals we have set," Coach Caldwell explained. "We're trying to win our first ISL Championship since 2000 and we haven't accomplished that yet so there's no need for players to get distracted or comment on what we have done."

Results of recent games are as follows:

**Providence St Mel**, away, November 24: Varsity lost 63-57; **St. Benedict**, away, November 26: Varsity won 74-52; **Roosevelt**, away, November 28: Varsity won by forfeit; **Francis Parker**, home, December 5: Results past Midway deadline; **North Shore Country Day**, home, December 6: Results past Midway deadline.



Photo by Kendall Gordon

## Girls aiming for fast-paced action facing ISL rivals

By Rachel Sylora

Midway reporter

Conditioning and footwork drills figure largely as the girls' basketball team faces Lake Forest Academy 6 p.m. tonight, on the North Shore. It's the Maroons' second Independent School League encounter.

The girls are aiming to repeat as ISL Champions, beat archrival Latin, and establish a presence in the 2A Regional Tournament.

**"WE ARE** working to mesh as a team and conditioning to play a fast paced game," Coach Meghan Janda said. "Our j.v. and varsity each have a total of six players, so everyone needs to be conditioned to play all four quarters."

Committed to Illinois State University in downstate Normal, Senior Alexis Jenkins (see story page 22), cocaptain with Senior Johanna Heineman-Pieper and Junior Gabby Lubin, says the team's strength is the fast break.

"Our team is quick, well-conditioned, and has good stamina," Alexis explained. "This helps because we've got good passing skills and we can whip the ball down the court and hit an easy layup."

**QUICKNESS AND** proven strategies will play a key part in winning tonight's game, players say.

"LFA generally has big, tall players, who can score short shots and can get many offensive and defensive rebounds due to their height," Johanna said. "They aren't generally a fast team, but they do have some speed, which makes them formidable opponents. We plan to beat them by using our speed to get fast break shots."

**WARMING UP** before leading the Maroons to a 74-13 drubbing of St. Francis de Sales in the Midway Classic Tournament, November 19, Junior Gabby Lubin launches a deep jumper. Gabby, one of three cocaptains, scored 17 points in the 3rd quarter on her way to a game high 26.

## Swimmers benefit from numbers

By Andrew Zheng

Midway reporter

After opening up the season last Friday with the Bremen Pentathlon at Bremen High School in south suburban Midlothian, boy swimmers will compete in their second meet at 4:30 p.m. at home against Northside College Prep.

"It was a hard meet for us last year," said Varsity Coach Paul Gunty. "The j.v. team won, but varsity was defeated. It was a close match on both levels."

"We expect to do at least as well as last year. Even though we lost a couple of strong seniors like Won Hee this year, there are a lot of swimmers, including Rui Lou, who didn't participate last year but will return this season. We also have a lot of new members joining this year, which will allow us to fill more events."

The new swimmers have swelled the team to about 20 members, according to Captain Max Budovich, senior.

"Having more swimmers participate in more events means better times and more points," Max said. "Before, even with a couple really strong seniors, we weren't able to win some of the meets because we didn't have enough people. With more people competing, each person can focus on the events that they want to."

Practice, which began November 24, has been geared towards improving stamina and technique.

"There's a big difference between swimming recreationally and swimming three miles in practice every day," said Mr. Gunty. "We'll be working to improve the new swimmers' endurance and strokes."

"One of the new things we'll be doing this year will be dry-land training," Max said. "That's essentially weights and general strength training, and while some people have done that in previous years, this year we'll make it part of the team's training."

## Dance Troupe gets new choreographer

By Ronnie Fox

Fashion editor

Clad in black SoLow sweats and tank tops, Dance Troupe stretched for its first meeting with new choreographer Elizabeth Leopold, to prepare for its second performance, last Friday.

After Senior Isabel Del Canto replaced Senior Denise Akuamoah as captain, she decided a choreographer was

needed.

"The first change we made was in hiring Elizabeth Leopold," Isabel said. "She was recommended to us by the Dance Troupe adviser Frances Spaltro."

"Although we had good performances on our own, we wanted to step away from the routine dances we did. Elizabeth is going to teach us how to do add aspects of ballet, jazz and modern to our routines."

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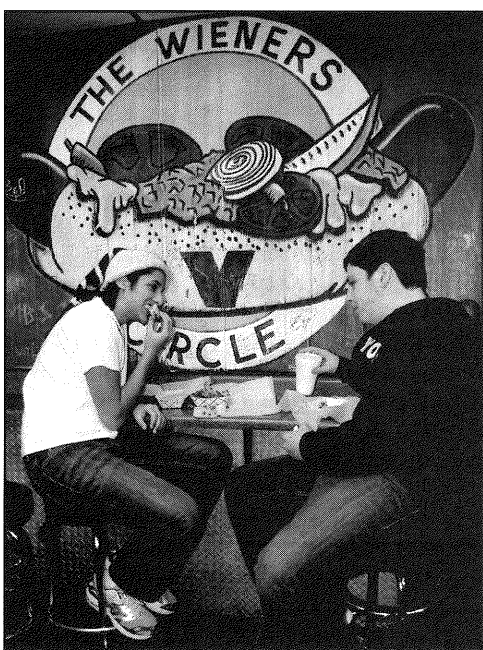
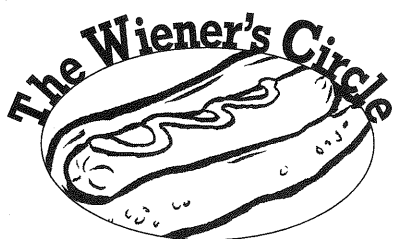


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STEPPING in from the cold, Jacob Chereskin and Eric Pettinato quickly devour their hearty meal.



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"We're like a family so spending three days together at State was a lot of fun."  
—Senior Josey Mintel, girls' cross country captain



## Cross country teams 'peak at the right time'

By Isadora Ruyter-Harcourt  
Midway reporter

Completing the best combined season in Coach Bud James' 20-year career, girls' and boys' cross country finished 15th and 20th respectively at State, November 8 at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Both Maroon teams placed 2nd at Sectionals, November 1 at Niles West High School. Junior Sherry Fu took 1st place, while the boys top

finisher Senior Aaron Buikema, came in 8th. At State, Sherry also claimed the team's top spot in 36th place, while Sophomore Robert Meyer led the boys in 87th place.

"We do so well because we peak at the right time, other teams at other schools don't," Coach James said. "In the beginning we are tired at races because we train so hard but then we cool down and we are refreshed at the end of the season for the most important races. I'm expecting to see a really good team next year. Even though key runners are leaving, others are emerging like Sophomores

Thomas Aquino, Robert Meyer, Ben Buchheim-Jurisson, Juniors Aoife MacMahon, Sherry Fu, and Sarah Curci, who will be a freshman next year."

Senior Emily Kuo, girls cocaptain with Sherry and Senior Josey Mintel, also endorsed the training methods.

"The coaches understand how to train us so that we peak at the State meet," said Emily. "The reason we do so well is because we are a co-ed team. It puts more competition in running, and we challenge ourselves more."

## Soccermen make history with season

By Gabriel Bump  
Editor-in-Chief

Claiming the Independent School League and Regional crowns, varsity soccermen ended a historic season with a loss 2-0 to St. Joseph, November 1, in Sectional finals at Riverside-Brookfield High School.

Dominating conference play, the Maroons convincingly won their first ISL title in 8 years against archrival Latin, October 7, away.

**ALSO PUTTING** in impressive performances against athletic powerhouses Lake Forest Academy and Mount Carmel, the seasoned squad recorded a record number of shutouts, 12, through a near season long 16-game winning streak.

The win against Mount Carmel awarded Head Coach Mike Moses his 200th career victory (see story below). For Coach Moses the win epitomized the team's superior, cohesive play.

"It seemed like people were devoted to the system and playing off each other," Coach Moses said. "Defensively we were strong all season just because we didn't give up a lot of goals."

**"WHEN WE** played our game, we passed and prepared for the next play. When we took positive touches, things would really start to gel.

"If we had to play St. Joe 10 times, we might win three out of those 10. They just seemed more focused on what they wanted to do. It was a matter of them doing what they wanted to do instead of playing against us."

A four-year varsity team member,



Photo by Jeremy Handrup

**SWINGING A FREE KICK** into the St. Joseph penalty box, Senior Nate Wise aims to pick out a Maroon jersey in Sectional Finals, November 1. The Maroons fell 2-0 to the Chargers, who went on to finish 4th in Class AA.

Senior Nate Wise, cocaptain with Seniors Phil Bohan and Morgan Murphy, feels this team proved the best he's played for.

"This season was the most fun I've had playing soccer," Nate said. "The results show our understanding of the system. The Mount Carmel game was a huge win and the Juarez game was super exciting, it was great having the whole school behind us."

"We didn't play a super bad game against St. Joes, but it was too bad that we ended out season like that."

## Coach records milestone win

By Benny Wah  
Midway reporter

Routing athletic powerhouse Mt. Carmel away, October 18, Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach Michael Moses recorded his 200th win as boys' coach, becoming the 42nd high school coach in Illinois to reach that milestone, according to the Illinois High School Association website.



Mr. Moses

The victory came as the boys avenged a Sectionals Final defeat two years ago, taking a 5-0 lead before settling for a 5-2 win over the Caravan.

An '81 U-High graduate, Coach Moses returned to the school in 1990.

"I started subbing at Lab and coached Middle School girls' basketball and just waited until someone retired for me to

get the job," Coach Moses said. Among notable players U-High players, Coach Moses mentored 2000 graduate Andy Rosenband, a professional indoor soccer player, and 2002 graduate John Oxtoby, sixth leading scorer in State history.

Aside from winning 200 games as boys' coach, Coach Moses has also received the Myro Rys Sportsmanship award with the boys' team, and gathered 100 victories and two Sectionals titles with the girls' soccer team.

"There really is no single star or two people that bring up the entire team, it's a team effort," said Coach Moses, clad head-to-toe in his traditional all Adidas merchandise. "I'm particularly proud that this group of guys got to win the 200th because some have been on varsity for 3 years and they got to see the progress of the program and their work pay off."

## Golfers see winning future

By Bill Steuben  
Midway reporter

Lining up his second putt on the 18th green for a team low 79 at Sectionals at the Links of Carillon in west suburban Plainfield, October 14, Senior Jeremy Handrup stood over the ball in anticipation of making the last putt of the day. Jeremy missed the cut for State by two strokes.

Cocaptain with Junior Evan Levin, Jeremy became the team's highest placing tournament golfer, finishing with a 76 and medaling 15th place at the St. Rita High School Shootout, September 20.

"I looked forward to the opportunity to

play 18 holes because you have a chance to improve your play as the round goes on," Jeremy said. "I get excited in between the front and back nines when I see the scorecard added up. At Sectionals, I shot 42 on the front and 37 on the back."

Also playing well at Sectionals, Sophomore Matt Hanessian shot an 82 and missed the cut by four strokes.

"Along with reaching Sectionals as a team again, we should place in the top two in the ISL, seeing as we have five of our six '08 varsity team members returning and 10 j.v. players waiting to make the jump from j.v. to varsity," Matt said, looking to next year.

## Volleyballers end with honors

By Leslie Sibener  
Midway reporter

Losing 13-25, 10-25 to west suburban Montini High School in the first round of Regionals, October 30, in Upper Kovler, girls' varsity volleyballers ended their 11-15 season with honors to come.

A few weeks after the Regional match, the Independent School League coaches awarded Senior Christina Verdirame, cocaptain with Junior Kiara Davis, to the 1st team All Conference, while Kiara made the 2nd team All Conference. Seniors Alex Bullock and Kate Reott received honorable mentions.

For Christina the Montini loss did not reflect Maroons' progress.

"All things considered it was a good game,"

Christina said. "I wish we could have won, but we came a long way in the season. Having a small team creates some problems. Our team is relatively small, and we had to play all the tall girls, who were hitting really hard. They out-played us. We have a lot of individual talent, and even when playing harder teams we play well and hold our own."

For Coach Lisa Miller, the most satisfying win came against Morgan Park Academy on September 27, with an end score of 25-10, 25-20.

"We were playing them on their courts, on a Saturday, on their Homecoming," Coach Miller said. "Everything clicked and everybody played well. Mentally, emotionally, and physically, everybody was there. It was a real feeling of accomplishment."





"Zeke has been a great part of the basketball program over the past couple years. Zeke's role has been huge, but Danny Levine will do more than just fill his shoes."  
—Mark Woerner, junior

# A first in U-High sports history

*Two seniors sign college agreements in ceremony*

By Tom Wile  
Midway reporter

Overwhelmed, excited, proud. 12:30 p.m., Wednesday November 12, 2008 in a ceremony in Upper Kovler, Seniors Zeke Upshaw and Alexis Jenkins signed full scholarships to a Division I school, Illinois State in Normal, a first in U-High history.

**AS A** four-year girls' varsity basketball starter at U-High, Point Guard Alexis Jenkins has held the title of First Team ISL the past three seasons and even captured ISL Player of the Year the last two seasons. Last season as cocaptain she led the team to their first ISL Championship in 20 years.

During his time at U-High, Zeke Upshaw has also started all four years on the boys' varsity basketball team. He made back-to-back First Team All-Conference squads, and won the ISL MVP last year.

Although offered full scholarships from Princeton, Northern Illinois, and James Madison, Alexis chose Illinois State for its close community.

**"I CHOSE** Illinois State because I really liked the coaches," Alexis said. "They are very family oriented. Most of them have kids, so they take their experiences from their normal families and apply that to the team family."

Zeke also bypassed offers from Ball State, Wagner and defending MVC champion Drake, selecting Illinois State for the coaches and the new facilities.

"I liked the coaches," Zeke said. "The high school coach knew the assistant coach there, so I was already familiar with a couple of the coaches there. I also liked the campus atmosphere a lot, I just saw myself there. They also just got brand new workout facilities and a new multimillion dollar locker room."



Photo by Jeremy Handrup

HER AGREEMENT with Illinois State University on the table, Alexis Jenkins is surrounded by her coach and parents.

Comfortable with the ISU style of play, Zeke said his U-High tactics will transfer well.

**"THEIR SYSTEM** is a lot like here at Lab," Zeke explained. "It's a three-guard system, it's fast but tough, so they like big guards like me. On offense they do a lot of drive and kicks which is something we do a lot here."

Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach Meghan Janda believes that Alexis's hard-working mentality has been evident her entire basketball career.

"She'll always seek out competition, whether it's at Lab or at other basketball programs," Coach Janda explained. "If she does a spin move straight into a

layup, she'll try to do a spin move, behind-the-back, into a layup."

**ALEXIS SAYS** she plans to work even harder on her game, since she is following a star.

Kristi Cirone, the current point guard for Illinois State, was named MVC Player of the Year last year, becoming only the 4th player in conference history, and the 1st player in school history to win the award back-to-back.

"I have a little concern about filling the shoes of Kristi Cirone," Alexis said. "She is a great point guard, and she has been their best player for a while now."

## Groovin' at Joan's



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## Tennis star continues saga of sisters' sports dynasty

By Nick Phalen  
Midway reporter

Dark, cold nights are not ideal for playing career defining tennis matches.

Junior Gabbie Clark learned the hard way the night of Wednesday, October 1, battling Francis Parker School's Elizabeth Epstein, 2007 winner of the IHSA Girls' State Tennis Final.

**APPROACHING 7 P.M.** and the middle of their third set, both Gabbie and Elizabeth were struggling to see well enough in the encroaching darkness to remain competitive.

Gabbie had just lost the first two games of the set, but she won the six remaining games to beat Epstein.

Off the court, Gabbie's composure reflects the complete opposite of her on-court intensity. She exhibits a bright and carefree disposition, sometimes hardly getting through a sentence without chuckling.

**GABBIE GREW UP** in Hyde Park. Her parents are both lawyers.

Her sisters Adrienne, 2001 graduate, and Camille, 2005, well-known U-High tennis team captains, placed in State Tennis Finals, as well. Now 25, Adrienne attends medical school at University of Pittsburgh, and Camille, 20, is a junior at Syracuse University.

Gabbie can remember going to her sisters' matches and even playing in tournaments alongside them.

**"I STARTED** playing because of them," Gabbie recalled. "Because I wanted to do anything they did just like an annoying little sister. I went to a tournament with Camille in Columbus and I was 9 and Camille was 13."

"I got 4th in that national tourna-

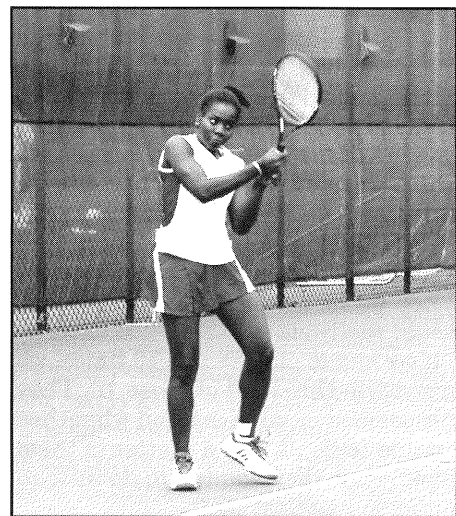


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**FOLLOWING THROUGH** with a powerful volley, Gabbie Clark readies herself for a return hit.

ment and then when I was 11 I got second at the same tournament. In this past summer I got 8th in doubles in super nationals with Jenny Hois, and in a national open I got second in doubles. I also got 3rd this summer at the Midwest Open and at the Midwest Closed I got 7th."

Regarding her sisters, Gabby said, "I kind of like being a legacy. I mean in the tennis world I'm just another girl in the Top 100. But here everyone makes such a big deal about it that we are like the tennis queens of U-High."

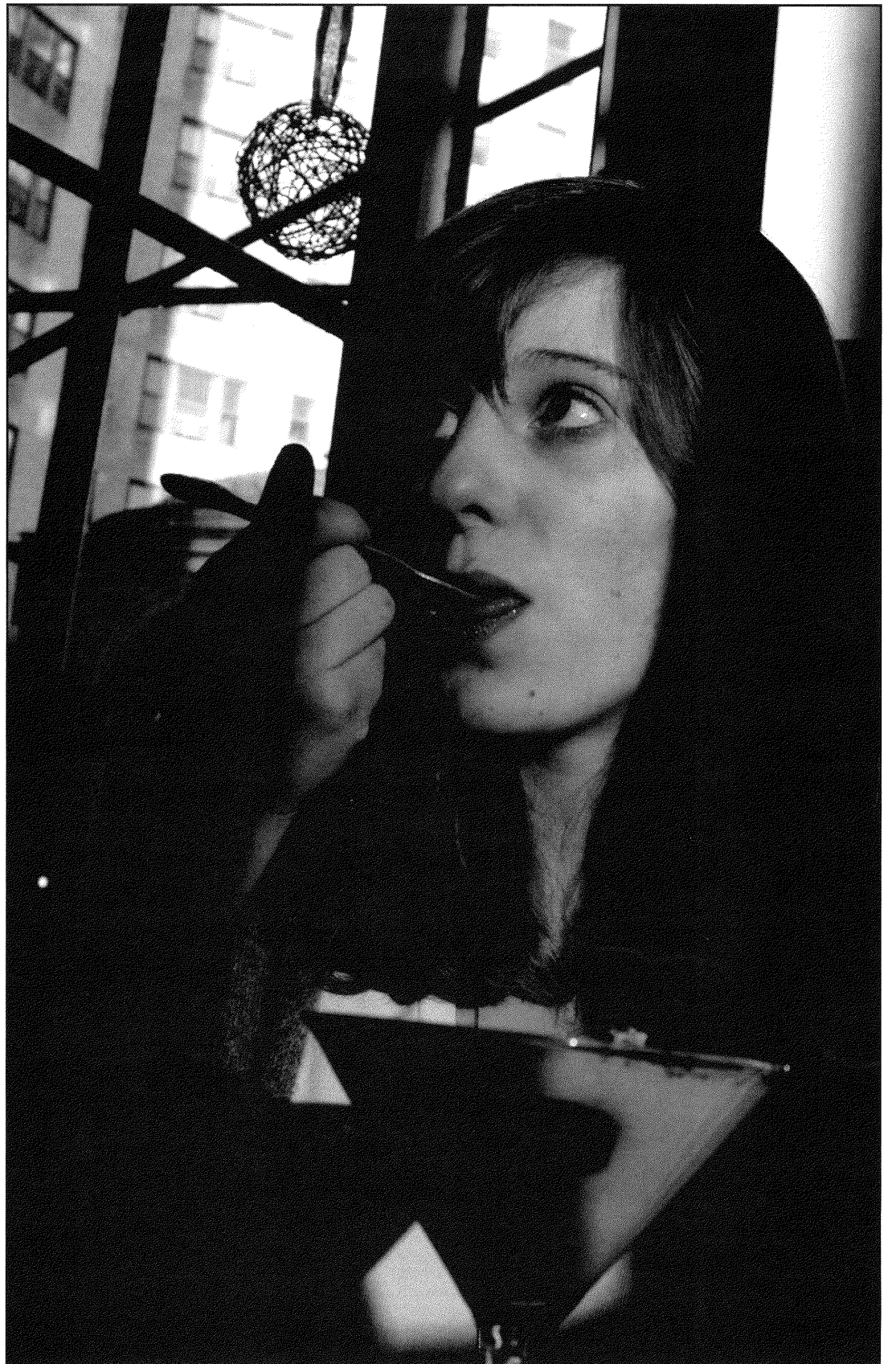
**HER RECENT** triumph over Epstein, however, Gabbie credits to her own skill and determination.

"I definitely wanted it more than her. I mean, beating Elizabeth was like the best thing that happened to me in my High School career. I think it came down to the fact that I wanted to win more than she wanted to not lose."



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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 pre-

miered 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.



Lena Horne, 1946-48

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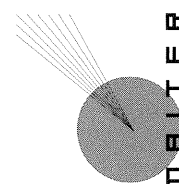
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### Visiting speakers bring world into the school

A STEADY STREAM of guest speakers have enriched classes this quarter.

MR. JASON TYLER, '89 U-High graduate and senior vice president at Ariel Capital Management spoke to Mr. Chris Janus' Economics classes November 19 about the value of investing. He encouraged his audience to have "the courage to think against the grain."

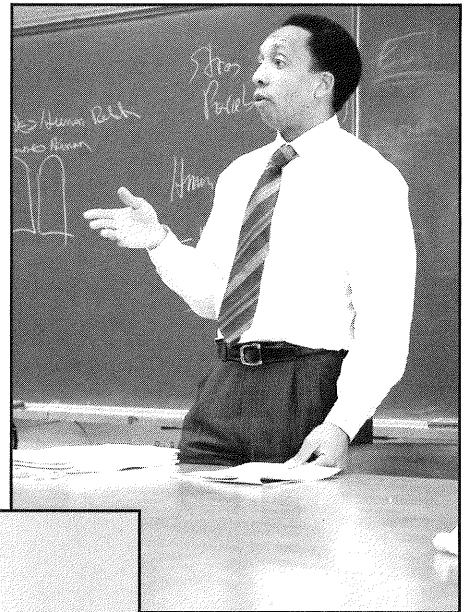


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U. OF C. DEAN of Social Sciences Mark Hansen spoke November 20 to Ms. Cindy Jurisson's Election class, saying that using sophisticated quantitative data analysis an election outcome can be accurately predicted. Dean Hansen discussed factors including the incumbent Presidency, state of the economy and the voters' partisanship.

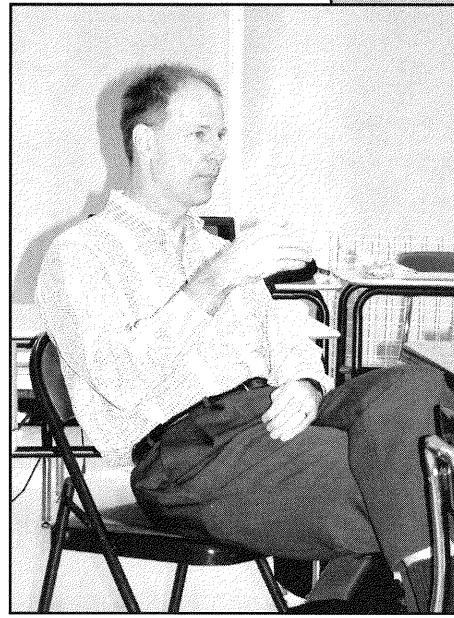


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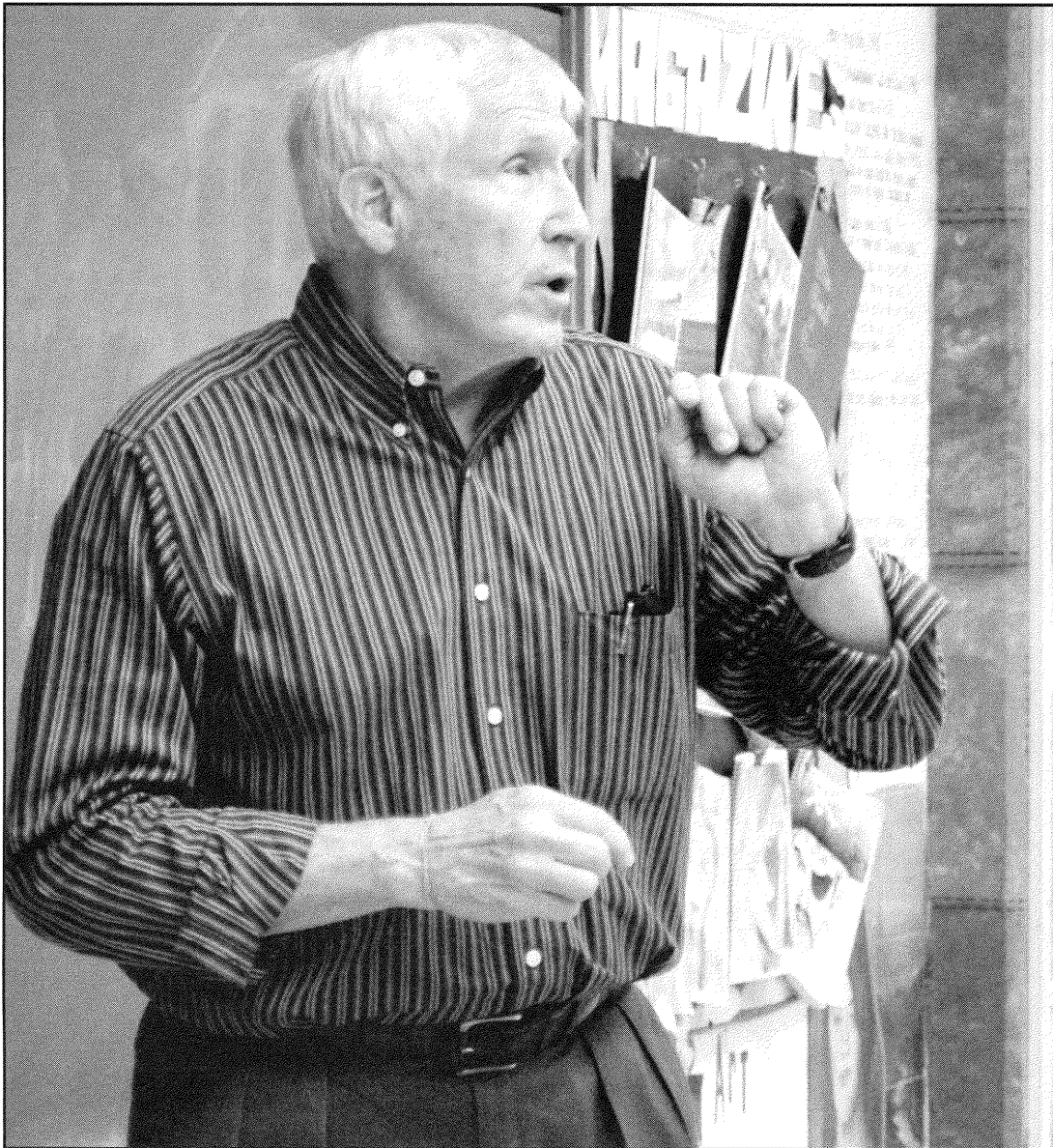


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U. OF C. SENIOR LECTURER in Economics at U. of C. Allen Sanderson spoke to Economics students October 17, explaining how Nobel Prize winners are chosen and why so many educators from the University have received the honor. He also discussed how the nation's current financial crisis could affect a change in the choices as different philosophies into favor or criticism.

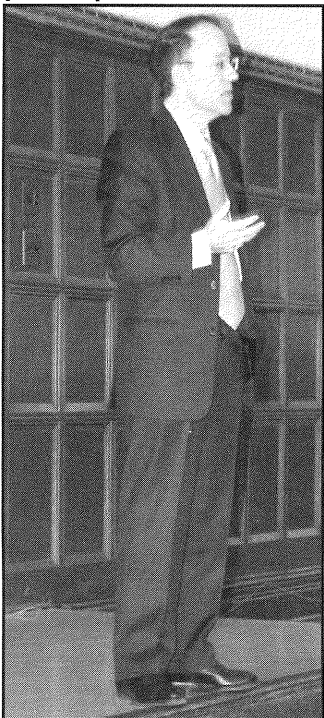


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CONSUL GENERAL of France in Chicago, M. Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissiere, spoke on France's presidency of the European Union. He provided a history of the European Union and described the changes it has undergone in recent years. He said Union countries regard President-Elect Barack Obama with favor. Teachers Andrea Martonffy and Catie Bell, who have been fostering special programs for faculty and students, arranged the presentation. World Languages Teacher Steve Farver introduced the speaker.

Other recent speakers have included U. of C. Economics Professor John Cochrane, U-High parent and Class of 1975 graduate to Economics students October 3; another U. of C. economics professor, Steve Kaplan, October 8; race and politics expert Mr. Michael Dawson for the Election class November 18; and journalist Niko Koppel for photojournalists also November 18 (see story page 2).

Mrs. Susan Shapiro's Holocaust students also heard several speakers, including survivors and a historian. The class' trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. will be covered in the next issue of the Midway.

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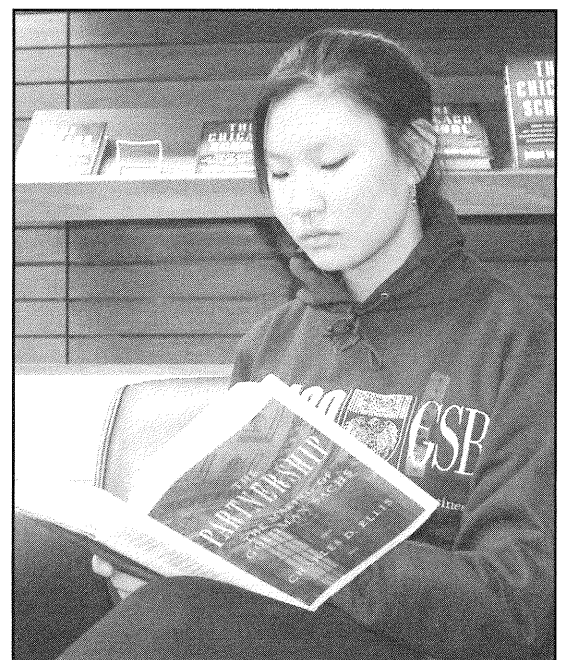


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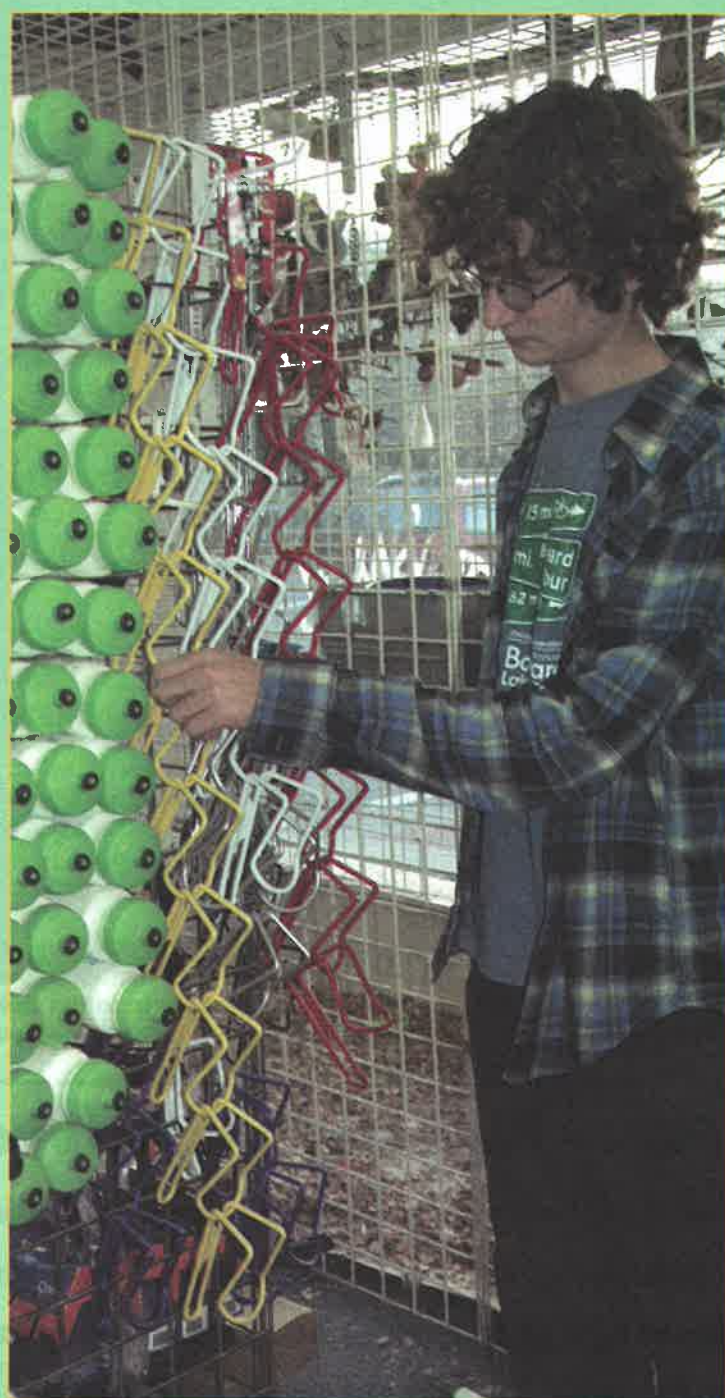
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