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."

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."

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 Randrup captures a slice of that seasonal excitement.

Mystery
THIS NONSENICAL, 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."

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."
Point of View

“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

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.

“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 a biga, which is the Nigerian version of a kebab. It is made out of meat with very spicy seasonings.”

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“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, very spicy seasonings.

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“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.

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 Bovisert, 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 with intensive and lengthy rehearsals.

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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 sweatshirt, 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 photographer friend, Alix Dejan, who ran a business in Harlem photographing drug dealers.

“I’d walk around with him, and there was always one time when 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 ’09 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 boost to reconstruct slums from the 1930s which she found in a New York City dumpster.
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 Juliaanna 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 and segmentation 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. Branharm 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 architectual firms have been commissioned to guide the Lab Schools expansion and renovations. They are Valorlo 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 61 years.

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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 Pace 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 team board, which is a subcommittee of the board, 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, 5420 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 BSA President Denise Akumosah, 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."

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“Hey that we can collect a lot of items because BSA really wants to help the community.”

—Denise Akumosah, senior
Mr. Obama and friends go to Washington

U-Highers revel in historic win

By Nathan Bishop

Editor-in-Chief

Moving 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, 1971 to 73, is serving as cochairperson of the Obama-Eiden 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.

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 pressuring of his celebrity status with many students buying one of them.

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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 clinched the Presidency. Joe Boisvert snapped five photos of the spectacle, with the web-publication, "The Daily Beast," featuring them.

"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 enorm, 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."

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"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 I 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 surprised in a place such as U-High, where forming unique opinions and ideas is a critical part of our academic curriculum."

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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

CHARACTER SKETCH ANDREW SYLORA

From beautiful Barrington to the big city

At 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 it’s 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 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."

"Mariissa 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."

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 Davenport.

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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Teacher contract gets vote, mixed reactions

By Tom Stanley-Becker
Editor-in-Chief

 Feeling that the 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 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 aUniversity 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

- an across-the-board component and step increases based on years of teaching at the Lab Schools. If the contract is...
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 life!,'" 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."

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"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."

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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 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.”

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.

Ms. Cunningham met her future husband, David, in 4th grade. They were friends throughout Middle and High School and now have a daughter in the Lower School. Coming from a family of Lab Schools teachers, including his father Dominic Piane, High School music; mother Kathleen Piane, Lower School teacher; and brother Marc Piane, former music teacher, Mr. Piane, '95 U-High graduate, shared his memories of senior year on the boys' soccer team. “I remember when we won the ISL championship my senior year. It was a very close race and, because of win-loss records, it came down to a match between two other schools. I remember Mr. Moses calling me at home to tell me that the team that we needed to lose had lost and that we were ISL champions. We all ordered jackets after that and made a picture that said 'da coach' with a picture of Mr. Moses coaching and put it on a big poster.”

COMING TO the Middle School in 1972, Ms. Billingsley, '77 U-High graduate, recalled becoming the track team's first female runner. “I was on the boys' track team and I remember going to meets,” Ms. Billingsley said. “We had a couple of very good runners and so I would always compete for coming in 3rd or so. But it was wonderful to be on the team because the guys were very accepting of me. They just saw me as another runner.” With twin daughters in the Lower School, Ms. Billingsley cherishes the continuity of the Lab Schools. “My mom was a lifer at Lab as well. I tell my kids as we walk up the Blaine stairs, ‘your grandmother walked up these stairs every day when she was a little girl.’ I love that continuity and that tradition of the school. But it’s not to say that we say ‘oh, change is bad.’”

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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
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. 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 learning from real life insects.

“Sometimes in class we 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.”

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

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 feel 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 to 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 Carnright and Farah 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. Carnright, 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 every 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.”

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.

Photo by Kendall Gordon
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. Co-captain in 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 1993-2001.

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 $166 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 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 very important that I 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."

Mr. Rogers accepted an offer to play professional basketball, and working his way up to become a major player.

"By the time 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. It feels good, especially if you pick up the paper, you'll get a good feeling of what is going on in the neighborhood in that week's issue.

I feel involved with whatever jobs we have."
In any major international newspaper or media outlet, a few years ago, it was rare to see a commercial enterprise as focused as Chicago and Hyde Park. But in the past three years, neighborhood newspapers have emerged as news phenomena. This issue's special section chronicles this development from a different angle, four people who have provided distinctive leadership.

ANN MARIE LIPINSKI

Program, the Ariel Foundation corporately sponsored a Chicago Public School, the Ariel Community Academy, for three years. Since 1998, 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 a 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."
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 press time. Individual and team goals have led to healthy competition among team members and overall team performances, 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 individual 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 performance.

"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 by all 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.

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 southwestern 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 invitational 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-Pierp, Science Olympiad co-captain with Senior 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."

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 Kolly 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 alternative 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 Israeli-Palestinian one 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 Wareah, college adviser, will continue to organize the team and chaperon tournaments.

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

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 - Emily Goffin, Claudia Yang, Malvika Jolly, Mark Witkis, Robert Morey, Dinesh Kodikan Sam Nair
OUTSTANDING DELEGATES - Joseph Biskin, Nathan Tucker, Sydney Smith, Molly Petchenik, Jaya Sah, Rosie Cuneo-Grant

COMMEMTATIONS - Andrej Small, Molly Petchenik, Jaya Sah, Rosie Cuneo-Grant

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

**ADMIRING A window display at Asinamali, Isabella Prenta and Simone Baggetto 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

Colonial style mansions with Ionic columns, parking meter lined streets, abundant dining options, eclectic vintage clothing and bookstores are characteristic of 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.

BRANDING IN with Northwestern University students on a crisp Friday afternoon, Juniors Simone Baggetto and Isabella Prenta strolled down Sherman Avenue, Evanston’s main shopping and dining street.

Intrigued by a window display showcasing acquired 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 focuses on designers.

Crossroads Trading Company offers relaxed clothing 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 one of your own clothes and 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 can experience small and unique 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 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 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 cooing floors, displaying used and fine books. There were honey cubbies, 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 Pete’s, 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.

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

As winter gains bold 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 Wolfe headed south on May Street on his way to his South Side home, only a few doors away.

At the intersection of 60th and May, neighbors reported seeing 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 Johnathan’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 in their teens.

For U-High Senior Patrick Philizaire, 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 you. 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 north street sometimes, you feel 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 AKUAMOH**

A family’s tragedy, a city’s disgrace

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

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

MRS. 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 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.

It’s funny how I’ve lived all my life safely in the “Hyde Park bubble” while people in Englewood believe their neighborhood is an innocent place. It’s not fair that I can walk around my neighborhood 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.

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Story and photos by Rohini Tobacccowala, editor-in-chief and photjournalist
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— Alicia Wandel, junior

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TO SATISFY her craving for Asian and Western cuisines, Vicky Tsay heads over to the Sitdown for a delectable meal.

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“I give up a large portion of my life, especially when we have ‘The Nutcracker,’ I really have no time to waste.”

— Junior Emily Kleeman
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SAY WHAT?
Compiled by Denise Akuamoah

What is your worst, and highest, holiday memory?

SEAN KEANE, freshman: My worst holiday memory was when I was 11 and I was told that family friends from the other side of the family would be coming over for Christmas. I kind of found out by myself, though, when I saw my grandma wrapping gifts in Santa Claus. My favorite holiday memory was at my house when all of my family gathered and we had the fake snow.

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 and I went to Arizona 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.

SARA POSNER, junior: I don’t think I have a worst memory because Hanukkah is always great! I think my favorite holiday would have to be when we had family from Arizona come. It was really nice to spend Christmas with them because I hadn’t seen them in a year.

RACHEL BISHOP, senior: Last year we went to Cape Cod to visit my grandfather and we stayed in a big house with ten presents in it. It got lost in the airport and we finally found 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 men with decorations on it. We would regularly switch and play mobile characters and scenes in the fake snow.

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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 $4 for a pair of earrings to $80 for a dress.

Walking into the 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 high end jeans such as Vigoss for a pair of earrings, the store offers everything from plaid dresses to handmade chandelier earrings.

The boutique and its many surrounding shops on the popular North Side street provide fun and unusual seasonal gifts. Tragically Hip displayed the retro themed accessories that are popular for the holidays. True to the Hip's unique style, the boutique had an amazing array of fashions to choose from for the holidays, from relatively conservative dresses by XOXO for holiday dinners with the family to fancier cocktail dresses by Coffee Shop for a fun New Year's Eve with friends.

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 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 he screams, 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."

British humor brightens every 'Worst Week'

HUMILIATING MISHAPS in a distinctly uppercrust atmosphere provide the catalyst for CBS' "Worst Week," 9:30 p.m. Mondays on WBMM, channel 2. "Worst Week" promises to capture the Tuesday to wide viewership and mixed reviews.

Nowaday billed 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 protagonist, Sam, played by Kyle Bornheimer, navigates the unsere 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 sone 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 itascrows the pond.
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 excellent dessert for the holiday season is a flourless chocolate cake - elegant, effortless, and delectable.

To make a high-quality, chocolate cake, you need:

- 10 oz. High-quality, chopped bittersweet chocolate
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 6 large eggs
- 1 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 c. Confectioners’ sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

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.

Pour your melted chocolate mixture over the batter and bake until a thin crust forms and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out with moist crumbs stuck to it, 35 to 40 minutes.

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

OPINION ROHINI TOBACCOWALA

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 to 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 get for Christmas. I would say that my family doesn’t celebrate Christmas. At least, we don’t give presents to one another. I feel 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.

THEMERE OF THE MONTH RAFI KHAN

You write this headline; we sure couldn’t

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(c) changes signs between f(a) and f(b), then there is a c in [a, b] such that f(c) = 0.
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 1st 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 won 63-57; St. Benedict, away, November 24: Varsity won 74-62; Roosevelt, away, November 28: Varsity won by forfeit; Francis Parker, home, December 6: Results past Midway deadline.

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

Girls aiming for fast-paced action facing ISL rivals

By Rachel Sylora
Midway reporter

 Conditioning and footwork drills figured 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), co-captain with Senior Johanna Heinemann-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 games, 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."
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 30th 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 Pu 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, Jurisjen, Junior Riley MacAdam, Sherry Pu and Sarah Curci, who will be a freshman next year."

Senior Emily Kuo, girls' coach 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."

Soccer men make history with season  

By Gabriel Bump  
Editor-in-Chief

Claiming the Independent School League's Regional title, varsity soccermen secured 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 archival Latin, October 7, away.

ALSO PUTTING in impressive performances against athletic powerhouse 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 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 the 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 too much."

"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 just doing what they wanted to do instead of playing against us."

A four-year varsity team member, Senior Nate Wise, co-captain 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 tied his 200th win as boys' coach, becoming the 42nd head coach in Illinois to reach that milestone, according to the Illinois High School Association website.

Mr. Moses 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 Cranes. An 91 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, six 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 team's superior, cohesive play.

"Really there is no single star or two people that make 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.

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

"I looked forward to the opportunity to SWING A FREE KICK into the St. Joseph penalty box, Senior Nate Wise aims to pick out a Maroon jersey in Sectionals, November 1. The Maroons fell 2-0 to the Chargers, who went on to finish 4th in Class AA.

Volleyballers end with honors  

By Leslie Sibener  
Midway reporter

Losing 12-25, 10-25 to west suburban Montini High School in the first round of Regionals, October 30, in Upper Kovler, girls' varsity volleyballers ended its 11-15 season with honors to come.

"I was surprised that I made such a big improvement since my freshman year. In high school I never made such a big improvement at the same time it seems like I was always trying to improve, I never really knew what I was doing, but I think I've got a little bit more control of the ball," said Emily. "I think that I've learned how to serve and how to receive."

"We started playing as a team rather than just one person doing it all and the girls just got better every time," said Emily. "I think that we're a lot more experienced now than we were when we started playing as a team."

"I'd like to thank my team for helping me improve and for being so supportive," said Emily. "I think that we've all worked hard to improve and I think we've all done a great job."

"I'm really proud of this team because we worked so hard to improve. We had a lot of individual talent, and even when playing harder teams we played well and held 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."
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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 Ms. Cindy Junrison’s Election class, saying hat 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.

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.

CONSUL GENERAL of France in Chicago, M. Jean-Baptiste Main de Bologne, 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 Martonoff and Catie Bell, who have been fostering special programs for faculty and students, arranged the presentation. World Languages Teacher Steve Darby 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 6; race and politics expert Mr. Michael Dawson for the Election class November 18; and journalist Niko Kaplan 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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“A different view of the Chicago economy and the current financial crisis”

President Joe Biden has been called the most pro-business President since Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is a different view of the Chicago economy and the current financial crisis.

As the Biden administration takes office, the Chicago economy is facing a number of challenges. The pandemic has caused a significant impact on the city’s economy, with many businesses struggling to stay afloat.

While the pandemic has been a difficult time for many, there are also positive signs on the horizon. With the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine, there is hope that the pandemic will eventually come to an end.

In addition to the pandemic, the city is also facing a number of other challenges. The city’s budget is in a state of crisis, with a number of departments facing cuts.

The city is also facing a number of environmental challenges. Climate change is causing sea levels to rise, and the city is vulnerable to a number of natural disasters.

Despite these challenges, there is hope for the future. The city is working to address these issues, and there are a number of initiatives in place to help drive economic growth.

In conclusion, the Chicago economy is facing a number of challenges, but there is hope for the future. The city is working to address these issues, and there are a number of initiatives in place to help drive economic growth.
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