While pieces of fish simmered over a stovetop in the second floor kitchen of St. Martin de Porres women's shelter on a recent, rainy Friday afternoon, bursts of laughter interrupted the occasional crackle and sizzle.

The same noise persisted throughout the old building's walls lined with motivational plaques, photos and house etiquette reminders.

Tucked into a wall around the corner, a small playroom resembles that of any daycare. Paintings of sea life and forests are part of a mural that wraps around the room. Children play with toys and argue on the floor. Every now and then a crying baby cut off the cartoon playing on a small television.

DOWN THE stairs, across from a tiny preschool classroom, two rooms are lined with perfectly made-up bunk beds. Most of them are blanketed with plaid sheets, a few with yellow, but each one exhibits a unique feature. Teddy bears or photos of loved ones give the uniform rooms several flickers of personality.

Each woman at St. Martin is a recovering drug addict and each one smiles as easily as they recite the date St. Martin became their home.

Located six blocks from the Lab Schools, at 6423 South Woodlawn Avenue, St. Martin is a private, non-profit, Christian shelter for women recovering from substance abuse and their children. Supported by church, foundation, corporate and private donations, the shelter does not accept any public funds.

WITH BEDS for up to 120 residents, St. Martin de Porres has housed, fed and assisted over 13,000 women and children since Sisters Connie Driscoll and Therese O'Sullivan founded it in 1983. Sister Driscoll died in 2005 and Sister O'Sullivan is now the Executive Director of St. Martin.

Residents live at St. Martin for an average of seven and one-half months and, after they leave, only five percent return to a homeless shelter, according to Larry Elder's 2001 book Ten Things You Can't Say in America. Of the 14 current staff members at St. Martin, eight are former residents.

Speaking softly and choosing her words carefully, Sister O'Sullivan, a petite, light-brown haired woman with glasses, explained why she and Sister Driscoll founded St. Martin.

"WE DECIDED to do this since we knew there was a terrible plight in the city for the homeless," she sighed. "We did originally just work with the homeless. Then we realized a lot of the women were homeless because of substance abuse. There are 35 to 37 women. It is an open facility so we cannot help men. We don't have space for men."

Having first come to St. Martin's as a resident with two children in 2001, Sylvia Davis is now the shelter's director.

"THIS IS not your ordinary shelter," she said proudly. "This is a shelter for recovering women only. Everyone female who lives here has an addiction, alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and heroin. We have to phone screen people who come in so that they can make the choice for themselves. Some women and other people come to shelters because of the economy and other difficult situations in their lives but they do not have an addiction. We teach them how to stay clean."

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Senior Tom Stanley-Becker, one of six Midway editors-in-chief, will receive the honor from the Illinois Journalism Education Association at a luncheon June 6 at the Executive Mansion in Springfield. IJEA President Randy Swikle will also present the award at the Awards Assembly June 8 at Mal Palesky Theatre in Ida Noyes Hall.

Tom was selected based on his journalistic achievements both in the Midway and the professional press, his academic and activities records, and recommendations.

"Tom is an outstanding candidate," Mr. Swikle wrote in a note to Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasier, who advises the Midway and U-Highlights with Photojournalism Teacher Lisie Bickerts. "The competition was excellent. He has a bright future."

Tom will receive a $300 scholarship and is a candidate for National High School Journalist of the Year.

"WHEN PRINCIPAL Matt Horvat and I told Tom of the award he just smiled," Mr. Brasier said. "The fact is Tom has never even spoken of awards. From the beginning he went out for the big assignments, took extra work and was focused on doing his best and constantly growing as a journalist. He's always been courageous in the topics he's taken on and in his reporting."
**Academic teams pile up victories in math, science, debate, Model U.N. meets**

Ending the year strong, every academic team has won major awards.

**DEFEATING 43 other schools, Math Team placed 1st in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Regional February 22 at St. Ignatius High School, finishing 40 points ahead of Marmion Academy.**

First-place winners included Freshman Charlie Jiang, Algebra 1; Sophomore Charles Du, Geometry; and Senior Emily Kuo, Precalculus.

Other high placers included Freshman Robert Radway, 3rd in Algebra 1; Sophomore Maya Fishbach, 2nd in Geometry; Junior Daniel Simmons-Marengo, 4th in Algebra 2; and Senior Linda Zhao, 3rd in Precalculus.

**LOOKING TO REPEAT** the past two years’ 1st place titles in the ICTM State Contest, Math Team will go to the University of Illinois this weekend to compete with 51 other schools in Division 3A.

“Relay event at State involves the four members sitting one behind the other in a column,” Head Coach Nadja Aquino explained. “A problem is first given to the first person whose answer is an important part of the next member’s question. Scoring is evaluated based on accuracy and a bonus is given for early finishers. Each school gets to field four relay teams, two freshman-sophomore teams and two junior-senior teams.”

“In preparation for State we added an additional practice during double lunch on Thursdays dedicated specifically to relay practice. The team continues to practice eight-person and calculator contests at Wednesday meetings and individual competitors are given old contests to complete on their own time.”

“Given the fact that we won it the previous two years and have a strong and deep team, we expect to win State this year as well.”

**WINNING THE WORLD** Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering State Finals April 8 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Science Team made its highest score in 12 years of participating.

With 496.3 points of 500, the U-Highers competed against more than 800 schools in the under 700 student division. U-High qualified for State after winning Regionals February 3 and advancing at Sectionals March 19.

At State, 14 contestants took two 40-minute multiple-choice exams in Math, Chemistry, English, Physics, Engineering Graphics, Computer Science or Biology.

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**'Alice' looks back to prepare for Rites of May ‘Wonderland’**

**By Leslie Sibener**

Midway reporter

Reverting back to her childhood ways, Senior Shirley Qin says she is molding her character Alice for the Rites of May play “Alice In Wonderland.” Twenty-four students cast by Drama Teacher Lidija Ambronsi will perform the Lewis Carroll classic 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, May 14-17 on a once-a-year stage outside the cafeteria.

Familiar with her character, having read “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” Shirley found her own way to connect to the unique personality. “I do like to be Alice,” Shirley explained. “She has a very childish personality and sees the world in a different way from everyone else. In the book Alice talks to herself by Drama Teacher Lidija Ambronsi will perform the Lewis Carroll classic 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, May 14-17 on a once-a-year stage outside the cafeteria. Familiar with her character, having read “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” Shirley found her own way to connect to the unique personality. “I do like to be Alice,” Shirley explains. “She has a very childish personality and sees the world in a different way from everyone else. In the book Alice talks to herself.

**Faculty explores language arts**

**By Jonathan Reed**

Midway reporter

“The Music of the Boswell Sisters,” “The Language of Photography” and “Incendiary and Hate Speech.” Believe it or not, these topics are included in the assembly opened with 54 U-Highers reading the name, age and school of Chicago teenagers killed in 2008 and 2009. Six other CeaseFire representatives answered questions about how they could help. “The assembly was eye-opening,” Molly said.

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**Raising awareness of violence**

“IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANY of you,” said two representatives from CeaseFire, a Chicago violence prevention organization, at an all-school March 13 at International House. “Street violence is a disease and anyone can catch it. We were both in gangs until CeaseFire helped us get out.” Organized by Cultural Union President Isabel Del Canto and Vice President Molly Simon, the assembly opened with 54 U-Highers reading the name, age and school of Chicago teenagers killed in 2008 and 2009. Six other CeaseFire representatives answered questions about how they could help. “The assembly was eye-opening,” Molly said.

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**57th Street Art Fair**

Saturday June 6, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday June 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
"The WACA Conference enlightened people not only by introducing vast flows of creative ideas, but making them also decide which ideas were valid and could hold water in the real lages." — Rafi Khan, sophomore

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FIRST PERSON GABRIEL BUMP

Free spirits soar at conference in nation's capital

FULLY UNDERSTANDING the sheer size of the Newsweek in Washington D.C. is nearly impossible at first glance. The façade on Pennsylvania Avenue consists of a 74-foot-high engraving of the First Amendment placed next to a 78-foot glass window. For most of the Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Conference Program, March 14-19, this monument of news history served as my home.

THE PROGRAM annually honors a boy and girl from each state with $1,000 journalism scholarships and an all-expense paid trip to the nations capital. Our second morning consisted of a drive to NBC studios for a Sunday taping of "Meet the Press." Moderator David Gregory stayed after the show and answered questions regarding the future of news media, among other topics. Any doubts I felt about pursuing a career in journalism were erased by the reassuring message he conveyed about the importance of real reporters, not bloggers.

The final day’s medal ceremony also on the 7th floor, provided a fitting crescendo for the whole trip. After hearing lectures at the Newsroom in Washington, D.C., Gabriel Bump, Illinois and thinking, "Don't trip, you made it this far without making a fool of yourself.'

FIRST PERSON ADRIAN ALDANA

Spring vacation in far-away places

WALKING ON my hands and feet to avoid standing, I remained terrified as I approached a cliff edge on Mount Gwongeumseong, at an altitude of 1200 meters, in Seoraksan National Park, South Korea. Feeling the cool mountain breeze, I carefully traversed the mountain peak, listening to the rhythmic Buddhist chanting echoing throughout the valley. As I watched the cloudy slowly drift among the forested mountains, I felt grateful toward my sister-in-law’s family for having planned this three-day trip to Sokcho City, on the northeastern coast of South Korea, March 16-18.

Traveling to South Korea and Japan, I spent my first week in Korea, during March 12-22. My mom, dad, brother, sister-in-law, and Seoul, via the subway system, guided by my Korean-speaking sister-in-law. Taking Line 2, we emerged from the subway station, eager to experience a Korean market. The afternoon was windy and cold. We walked on narrow streets among crowds of young, Western-looking Koreans. We entered one of many small stores stocked with trinkets, where the saleswoman kindly greeted us in both Korean and English. After buying colorfully painted porcelain shot glasses and wood-painted fans, we exited the store bowing and saying "kamsamnida," which means "thank you," as the saleswoman smiled in return.

A day after our arrival in Seoul, we traveled to the Insadong district, a famous market neighborhood in Seoul, via the subway system, guided by my Korean-speaking sister-in-law. Taking Line 2, we emerged from the subway station, eager to experience a Korean market. The afternoon was windy and cold. We walked on narrow streets among crowds of young, Western-looking Koreans. We entered one of many small stores stocked with trinkets, where the saleswoman kindly greeted us in both Korean and English. After buying colorfully painted porcelain shot glasses and wood-painted fans, we exited the store bowing and saying "kamsamnida," which means "thank you," as the saleswoman smiled in return.

FIRST PERSON GRAHAM SALINGER, CLASS OF 2008

Life-changing experiences in South America

"IDEAS INTO action, action into service." At American University, it’s more than a mantra, it’s a reality seen on campus.

Beyond the glamour of Washington D.C., this man with a mission was able to travel to Colom­bia in January as one of 16 American University delegates working in Colombia as part of a week-and-a-half trip sponsored by World Vision for Peace, a nonprofit organization operating in South America for over 20 years.

It began with an invitation to visit at the Memory Gallery, an organization dedicated to re­storing the memory of victims of the revolutionary armed forces and the paramilitaries. The training could not prepare us, however, for the next 11 days as we heard the stories of victims of massacres at the hands of the government. Paramilitaries would invade citizens’ land and kill families. Within a week, a transnational company would come in and start operating on the stolen land.

According to the victims, there was a systematic torture, murder and kidnapping of community orga­nizers in Trujillo from 1968 through 1994. This could not stop the Trujillano people, though, from creating an alliance of 15 organizations in memory of the victims. Showing us a mausoleum dedicated to a priest who was murdered, they told us they live for the killed.

At this moment, thousands of miles away, Don Graham, colleague and friend of mine, "idea into action, action into service" isn’t a catch phrase, but the only way to live. We are the bravery of the single mom who does the best she can for her family. We are the spirit of those who came before us and made the world a little easier for us.

Photo courtesy of Gabriel Bump

DISCUSSING THE LATEST lecture, Alex Fryer and Vogtri Ulgumgan enjoy a short between speakers at the World Affairs Councils of America’s National Conference in Washington, D.C.

FIRST PERSON MATT LUCHINS

Mixed impressions fill Affairs Council trip

LOOKING OUT from the Canadian Embassy, the nighttime view of Congress and the National Mall turned into a highlight of the World Affairs Councils of America’s (WACA) National Conference. The annual conference, February 18-21 in Wash­ington D.C. at the Mayflower Hotel, focused on "The Global Economy: A World of Change, A World of Challenge." The program included nine speakers, two breakout sessions and hours d'oeuvres at a for­eign embassy. A national organization dedicated to educating Americans on global issues, WACA waived the $500 ticket fee for 28 U-High students and His­tory Teachers Paul Horton and Andrea Martynuf. The conference’s first speaker, David Stafford, Northrop Grumman vice president—not the Lab Schools associate director—provided an inspiring beginning.

His speech on efficiently collect­ing data on climate change was described by U-High delegates as "vacious" and "hard to judge since I fell asleep after five minutes."

Though the speakers improved with time, the fidgeting figures of those around me, adults included, proved that 90-minute lectures given in a grand ballroom filled with chandeliers, hard candies and other distractions couldn’t hold anyone’s attention.

That left the breakout sessions to shine. The first consisted of Q&A with foreign ambassadors. I wan­dered into a sparsely filled room with Ukrainian Ambassador Oleh Shamsur. What followed was the most educational part of the trip.

Though my A.P. Economics class with History Teacher Chris Janus had familiarized me with most of the topics covered by the speakers, the in-depth look at Ukraine’s politics and economics was unique, something you can’t get in a classroom. But maybe not as unique as Canada’s finest salmon.

Photo courtesy of Adrian Aldana

TAKING IN THE SIGHTS at Seoraksan National Park in South Korea, Sophomore Adrian Aldana...left, reconnected with his extended family. Adri­an’s first visit to Asia also included stops in Tokyo and Seoul, where his family explored the city and took in the nightlife.
CHARACTER SKETCH BY ANDREW SYLORA

**Couldn’t be more similar or more different**

**NATHAN AND RACHEL BISHOP**

A counselor returns, a teacher leaves

By Sonya Dhindsa

Midway reporter

Happy to “reconnect with faculty friends I’ve made in the past,” former College Counselor William Tracy has returned to U-High to split Guidance Counselor Asra Ahmed’s responsibilities. She is working halftime after giving birth to her son, Zayan.

Mr. Tracy moved from Chicago 10 years ago to be closer to his family in Arizona. He was contacted by former Guidance Counselor Bob Bachand to aid Mrs. Ahmed.

“He asked me to come down and fill the position because the school wanted someone who already knew work with people my age in leadership roles as well as how to be a responsible member of a team that depends on you,” Nathan explained.

“I can go home and for some reason decide not to do homework and I’m the only one who will suffer from that decision. But in the Midway, it doesn’t turn in a story, the entire paper takes a hit. I’m really proud of the paper and the people I work with in there. We all work very hard and I think it shows through the vital role the paper plays in the school.”

Rachel, crowned Formal queen this year, says she finds happiness in the community aspects of her activities.

“CURRENTLY, I’m on the board of the Queer Straight Alliance as a treasurer and it’s been one of my primary focuses here at U-High,” Rachel said. “I think it is a civil rights issue that needs attention and through QSA we can find ways to be active and get attention, and I hope I can do more in college as well.

“I’m also a Peer Leader and the experience of guiding a discussion and getting people involved and inspired to do in community work is really a rewarding thing.”

Despite divergent school activities, Nathan and Rachel both share one interest, soccer.

“NATHAN STARTED to play soccer in the local American Youth Soccer Organization when he was 6 and I joined AYSO when I was 7,” Rachel said.

“In 6th grade I started to join small clubs and in 7th grade I started to play school soccer.”

Nathan and Rachel will attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Nathan is interested in possibly double majoring in international relations and history, while Rachel anticipates majoring in biology or public policy.

Nathan and Rachel credit their experience at the Lab Schools as being a defining part of their lives.

“U-HIGH REALLY fosters a sense of freedom,” Rachel said. “You learn to manage classes, class options and tailor anything to your interest. Planning is a big thing here and I think that has been a defining aspect throughout high school.”

“Work ethic has been a big thing for me,” Nathan said. “The Lab Schools really teaches you how to work hard and be responsible. It’s great to be surrounded by enthusiastic students.

At other schools, caring about your schoolwork would be strange, but here at U-High, it’s a positive thing.”

“We have had amazing friends throughout and there have been shifts in friend groups, but I’m really happy that I’m going off to college connected to this great group of classmates.”

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—Rohini Tobaccowala, Midway editor-in-chief
Trains offer big picture of Chicago on fast track  

**Leslie Sibenær**  
Midway reporter

After the travelers boarded the 7:57 a.m. Green Line above 63rd and Garfield, the train began to make its way North, then West at Lake to Oak Park. The six-train cars ran, with quiet neighborhoods as empty as the station immediately replacing the view of the platform. Shoving over on hard grey, plastic seats a Midway reporter, U-High parent, a photographer, and another U-Higher, bundled in sweaters and jackets, looked through the train windows over the dilapidated buildings and waste ridden ground. While each of them had ridden the L before, none had taken a trip of the entire L network.

TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO two Midway reporters and a photographer rode the entirety of the Chicago L train system for "The Insider," a Midway feature section. Since then the names of the lines have changed since from parks and neighborhoods to colors.

This reporter, U-High parent Steven Sibenær, a photographer and regular L rider Senior Sofia Iatridis traveled the system for an updated view on riding the L during a chilly Saturday morning. Armed with maps the group met at 7 a.m. at the Garfield Green Line station and attempted to familiarize themselves with the intricate system before boarding for the first time.

BRICK WALLS WERE shortened for the original construction of the L, which stood inches away from scratched windowpanes as the train rumbled towards the skyline. Arriving at the crowded Clark station in the Loop the group transferred onto the Purple Line, known as the Evanston Express until 1993.

"Attention customers, an outbound train from the Loop will be arriving shortly."

The train sped out of the Loop, heading North to Evanston. Hurdling up the rusty tracks, when the L reached Evanston, it felt different compared to the crumbling buildings of the South Side. The train ran at ground level displaying the neighborhood.

The story of Chicago's L Lines

Since 1892, when chugging little steam engines dragged cars on the earliest streetcar railway line south from Congress Street in the Loop to 39th Street, the L has been a Chicago landmark. Eventually the so-called "alley L" reached Jackson Park for the Columbian Exposition. Now, more than a century later, the L system has both expanded and shrunk, been built up and then torn down, and constantly modernized with new cars and improved safety systems. The L today represents a merger of lines built and formerly operated by competing companies. Those companies came together in 1963 to build the downtown Loop. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) took over all the rails and streetcars and buses in 1947. Now the system stretches from Wilmette on the north to 95th Street on the south, from O'Hare Airport on the west to Lake Michigan on the east, and makes its way North, then West at Lake to Oak Park. The six-train cars ran, with quiet neighborhoods as empty as the station immediately replacing the view of the platform. Shoving over on hard grey, plastic seats a Midway reporter, U-High parent, a photographer, and another U-Higher, bundled in sweaters and jackets, looked through the train windows over the dilapidated buildings and waste ridden ground. While each of them had ridden the L before, none had taken a trip of the entire L network.

After returning from Evanston, the train pulled into the Fullerton station filled with anxious college students preparing for an afternoon in the Loop. Boarding the Brown Line in her black and white checkered pea coat and bright purple sunglasses, Albrie, a freshman at DePaul University, traveled into the city on the to buy her friend a birthday present. "Usually I take the L to visit my boyfriend who goes to Loyola or to shop," Albrie said. "The only thing I don't like is that sometimes it takes a long time to get from place to place. When I don't take the train, I take the bus because I don't have a car. But really, if I ever need to go someplace, it's like, 'Oh, the L!'"

OPEN AND SPACIOUS, the Van Buren station services travelers that board the Yellow, Purple, Pink, Blue, or Orange Line. Three of the many travelers on the Orange Line going southwest to Midway Airport included Troy, Jennifer and their 2-year-old son, Benjamin in a hippo hat and the最早 elevated railway line south from Congress Street in the Loop to 39th Street. Eventually the so-called "alley L" reached Evanston, it felt different compared to the crumbling buildings of the South Side. The train ran at ground level displaying the neighborhood.

Photos by Emily Chiu

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Pooring for tickets at the Randolph Street L stop, Sofia Iatridis is one of the 9560 travelers who use the Purple Line daily.
"I have to work around school to work on this one guitar. I've been building for three years, but I plan to do it more often after high school."

-Robert Vavra, senior

**Guitar playing grows into passion for guitar rescue for senior musician**

_Bobby Wah_  
Midway reporter

Clad in a black T-shirt and blue jeans, surrounded by hand chisel and mahogany, Senior Robert Vavra looks through his rustled brown hair to dampen a broken guitar neck. On a quiet Saturday at home, right before spring break, Robert repairs another broken guitar. Playing the violin and guitar since 5th grade, Robert started fixing his instruments. With Robert's interest in guitar repair growing, his father located a professional luthier, a stringed instrument builder and repairer, two summers ago to teach him. Mr. Bruce Roper, luthier and folk singer, gave Robert an internship at his workshop in North Lincoln Avenue that same summer.

**AFTER THREE** years of work on his homemade guitar with Mr. Roper's assistance, Robert plans to finish this month.

"The guitar is acoustic. The first thing I had to do was pick out the shape of guitar that I wanted, going to use and shape into a guitar," Robert said. "I used a number of tools, including a band saw, a router, hand chisel and hammer."

"The key thing that binds a guitar together is wood glue. You'd be surprised with how strong it is. Another key to guitar building is sandpaper: without the sandpaper I would be unable to have a refined guitar."

In addition to learning the techniques of guitar building and repair, Robert gained a new perspective on his work from Mr. Roper. "I think the most important thing I learned besides how to fix almost any guitar is that it's all in the detail, things you can only feel," Robert said. "I've applied this concept to my schoolwork as well and it's improved my writing and I pay more attention to the little things now.

"FOCUSING on detail provides a creative and relaxing outlet, Robert explained. "I think just being at the workshop, fixing a broken neck or something, lets you sort out the creases in your life while you can focus."

"It's like finding yourself through meditation and being able to express yourself through the repair. There are so many things you can add to the guitar. The woods you use affect the sound, the color you paint it and the design also give character to the guitar. Bruce tends to use mahogany, birch, woods that give that warm country sound."

**UNDER the watchful eye of his teacher, Mr. Bruce Roper, Robert shapes his guitar using a wooden form.**

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By Joanna Orszulak  
Midway reporter

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Academic teams (continued from page 3)

more or Biology.

Attributing much of this year's success to career modifications, WTRJ Captains Abraham Abramson, senior, changed the number of students assigned to take each exam and competed in Engineering Graphics for the first time. "This year there were more than three in each event except for Chemistry," Abramson said. "You need a minimum of two people in each event, but more is better because scores are calculated using the two highest-scoring tests in each subject."

"This year we had a lot of students that we thought had potential," Abramson said. "We wanted to focus more on schools this year. We thought diversity was too broad a topic."

"The theme this year for Flava Fest was 'our community, our voice, to focus more on schools this year. We thought diversity was too broad a topic.'" - Milla Davenport, senior

TALKING IT OVER

WORKING TO build relationships with classmates in the first of a series of group journal writing activities during April 1-3 at the Salvation Army's Camp Wonder in Wisconsin, that facility replaced Restoratun Center near Woodstock, which has closed.

Election candidates

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"The display cases around school showcase some art, but this would give students more creativity because they could submit outside works in addition to class works. Also it would centralize all art into one place as opposed to seeing photography in one place and painting in another."

As of April 22, the candidates are as follows:

STUDENT COUNCIL President: Jack Brewer, North Nurses-cross; vice president: Maritessa Cagian, Kaela Tamminen; treasurer: Kysa Blemming; secretary: Oliver Eistersohn, Faith Dremper.

CULTURAL UNION-President: Alan Acosta; vice president: Samantha Acosta.

NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS-Presi­dent: Lucas Bradley, Lauren Schima; vice president: Natasha Khoday; Cultural Union representatives: Cassidy Carey, Nicole Massoud, Jaziek Remenu-Wedeen, Ian Simpson.

NEXT YEAR'S JUNIORS-Presi­dent: Emery Bremner; vice presi­dent: Sabina Kozakiewicz; Cultural Union representatives: Maggie Carton, Amy Northrop, Nathanae Ross, Mattie Soble, Rachel Szyman.

NEXT YEAR'S SOPHOMORES-President: Cathy Ludwig, vice president: Alejandro Acevedo, Cordi Bond, Kayli Estrada, Blythe Bremner, vice president: Charlie Ritzkin, Andrew Finster; Cultural Union representatives: Daniel Enzer, Ceci Eisentrub.
BY KATHERINE HOLT

Midway reporter

A
merican Apparel, Gap, Old Navy. While U-Highers still shop at popular stores such as American Apparel and Fitch, some say they are going off beat stores and lesser known brands, such as Crossroads Trading Company.

TWO BLOCKS east of the Fullerton Red line station, Metropark, 2042 North Halsted, right off North Lake Shore Drive, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, is a hip boutique selling contemporary-looking clothes and music catering to Lincoln Park inhabitants and inhabitants.

While taking her usual afternoon walk around her Lincoln Park neighborhood, recently, Sophomore Danielle Vardirame stepped into Metropark to check out new shirts that had recently come in.

"My style is more simple, but with a unique twist at Metropark, a great store for me," Danielle said. "I found it about two years ago when I was walking by and I noticed that I didn't have a whim to check it out and immediately liked it."

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AT THE CORNER of North Avenue and Honore Street, Senior Sarah Tully walked through the glass windows at their newest selection of trendy clothes. The people there are very nonchalant. They wear like long-sleeved shirts and faded jeans, and traded, according to Sarah, it is more simple, but with a unique twist. "IT'S REALLY a busy store for how small it is and its not organized like many other stores. All of the clothes are hung and laid out by outfit instead of different sections. I like it because it's so different from every other chain store you see downtown. The clothes they sell are clothes that you would only see in that store, which makes it unique. The people that work there are great. They wear like dark clothes and t-shirts with bands on them and they have a lot of tattoos and multi-colored Mohawks.

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"I BUY a lot of my clothes and shoes there because they sell a lot of cool brands such as 'Billinare Boys Club,' 'Ice Cream' and their own brand, LJD$E, which they have this specific logo for," Mario said.

"It has the letters I, D, R and S in a box shape but the D is angled to the right. Mario explained.

"I like their retro-urban look because is my

Going Downtown for a day of shopping without actually buying anything

By BILL STUBBEN

Midway reporter

N early missing the northbound Metra train for a cup of peach ice cream, Junior Matt Luchins sprinted across the 57th Street platform barely making the Millennium Station-bound train. Matt was meeting up with Junior Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham and this writer for a Saturday afternoon experiment for the Midway of going to stores, but not actually buying anything.

Sitting across from us, Matt ate his ice cream slowly and savored the taste for as long as he could. Matt described the ice cream as "oatly w.gif" and "delicious" despite the close call with the train. "WHAT IF I can't make it?" Julia said in a wary voice. Matt replied, "We can help you, plus I don't have that much to spend anyway."

I agreed but had $60 to spend on my credit card so I wasn't broken.

When we walked out of Millennium Station, we agreed that Macy's should be the first place we shopped. Matt knew the general direction and it wasn't long before we spotted the signature Marshall Field's clock branching out from the building.

We walked in and were suddenly knee deep in a sea of people and merchandise. Funnily enough, the first thing we saw was the men's underwear department. Despite Julia's interest in the area, or rather the photos there, Matt and I convinced her to move on.

LEFT TURN. Right turn. Up an escalator and into the part of the store devoted to Tommy Hilfiger. Julia immediately decided that Matt and I had to try on something. The question was: "What to try on?"

Thankfully passing a few sweater vests, we arrived at a rainbow of collared shirts. Julia grabbed a pink shirt and threw it at me. Then she grabbed a blue shirt and tossed it to Matt.

While Julia was choosing colors for Matt and me, a dressed male Macy's employee stood about 10 yards away watching us. As we headed for the changing room, he followed us and reminded us that if the shirts were too big, "they would shrink in the wash."

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type of style. The brands they sell and just their overall big fashion is what I like. Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham thought that she would just have to buy something but ended up not spending anything during the day.

**Wish List.** Julia drifted toward the window of a diamond store and thought up a wish list that cost a small fortune. Everyone agreed the jewelry would have looked great on her.

Carrying mostly women's clothing with a small section on the first floor catering to men, Zara's sells sophisticated and casual looking clothing. "I first heard of Zara when my mom bought me a pair of shoes from there," Antonio explained. "She said that it was a store in the suburbs that she found and that thought I would like. "Zara has this unique style that really fits me, and you can't find at any other store."

**Decision.** One of the store's two locations in Chicago was marked down from $60 to $16. The clothing which is regularly marked down signifying Sarah and Mario, traveled also to Legrand stores offers many different styles, unlike what happened earlier. This time however, it was Matt whom Julia and I had to pull away from the men's underwear section. We chose to visit Water Tower Place next because Matt had never been to The American Girl Store. But we weren't able to walk straight there. There was a necessary pit-stop at Fannie May and we all got free samples of its latest chocolate creation.

"That's me!" Julia exclaimed looking through the glass at an American Girl doll with blonde hair, blue eyes, and two pony tails. The American Girl Store was packed with little girls and their mothers so Matt and I felt a bit out of place but Julia reminisced and loved it.

**Came to Spend.** This stop also meant I was going to talk to my grandmother on my birthday and on Christmas. In this economy, I'm just being more mindful and conscious about how I spend.

Alex's family looks for the best prices and buys only when necessary to save for the unexpected. According to Mrs. Sanchez-Fryer, "I'M ALWAYS SHOPPING at least once a week for groceries, but for personal or home items I only go as needed, not as a pastime."

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**Purchased.** Taking the elevator this time we reached the fourth floor, which was labeled "Women's shoes" among other things. We wandered around seeing items ranging from fur coats to pink flamingoes until we finally found women's shoes. Because of the possibility of being attended to by another Macy's employee, Julia did not actually try on any shoes. "I have been to the movies recently and saw something that I really want to buy, so I'll tell myself, 'someone else might need something more than I do,'" Monica said. "I only ask for about $50 and some changes from my parents when I go out with friends."

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**Restrictions.** "We also spend a lot of time out and about, like biking along the Lakefront. I use a debit card, and also get money from my grandma on my birthdays and on Christmas. In this economy, I'm just being more mindful and conscious about how I spend."

"I'm saving for anything unexpected that may arise, like if gasoline prices go up again. I try to buy the best-quality items we can afford, and shop around and do research for the best prices."

**Changing.** "The way we do it with Alex is, we don't give her a set allowance. This year we gave her a debit card, so she has freedom as to how she spends her money but we can monitor how much she uses with deposits."

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What happens after school? Jeremy Handrup finds out

Taking pictures since he was 8, Senior Jeremy Handrup decided to focus on after-school activities for his final photojournalism project. "The idea was, 'What do kids do after school ends?'" Jeremy explained. "That is, what do kids do when they exit the public sphere of school and enter their private lives. Some kids use the time to rest and some use it to engage in their hobbies and passions."

"I think the feature turned out well and I like the images. I think it would have been better to get more students for the feature, because I think a lot of people already know Richard Tomlinson does the band, but I think the ones of Mark Schutz are very funny." Jeremy said he plans to continue photography throughout college. "I'm going to be getting a BFA, a Bachelor of Fine Arts, no matter where I go. My ultimate aspiration is to be a fine arts photographer. I realize that's a pretty lofty goal and I'm going to try to do everything to make that happen."

"There are also other more realistic job opportunities with photography, like photojournalism, advertising, and film."

"I KNOW that a major part of my post-school routine involves sleeping, so such a picture had to be included in this photoessay," Jeremy said (photo above). "I like that the remotes are included on the right side of the picture indicating T.V. being watched, an integral part of the post-school nap. I arrived at Mark Schutz's house and he was already in his robe, which worked well for this photo shoot."

"I WENT over to Max Budovitch's house to watch their band practice for ArtsFest," Jeremy said (photo at right). "When they started playing I was immediately inspired to photograph them. At this point everyone knows that Manchild is awesome, so listening to them practice was a real treat."

"I like this picture because Kevin Bruke is silhouetted, which contrasts nicely with Max B. being well lit. The space was really cool with the one overhead light illuminating the whole room."

"NATE WISE has spent countless hours in his room and around his house messing around with a soccer ball," Jeremy said (photos from left). "The overhead light creates awesome shadows on his face and on the ground. I think the ball in focus and in the air gives a strong centrality to the image."

"I KNOW vaguely about Kendall Gorden's horse riding, but had never experienced it in person. When I got there I didn't know what to expect, but after I saw the way she handled the horse and did her jumps, I was impressed. It was fun being exposed to something I had never seen before."

"MUCH LIKE the post-school sleep session, a video game session is a necessary part of my after school routine. I like how the T.V. screen is the sole light source in the image."
Midway Mailbox

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Contact time goal disconnects student life

Sometimes 45 minutes of class just isn’t enough.
That calculus problem gets left unexplained.
The French Revolution falls one step short of the guillotine. Yeats’ imagery still doesn’t make any sense. But is the answer to this dilemma an additional 30 minutes of class for each subject each week?

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City still decimates murders, killings continue

Chicagoland is now witnessing what happens when an immovable object comes in contact with an unstoppable force, over and over again. Violence in this city, particularly among teenagers, has claimed 33 Chicago Public School students this year as part of a three-year trend labeled by some as an epidemic.

Last winter, basketball games turned from metaphoric shooting ranges to actual ones in the blink of an eye.

Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman, whose previous job was head of the Chicago Transit Authority, said last month that involving in school activities generally is a way to stay safe.

In actuality, there is no safe haven from reality.

Each year, the city tries to think up solutions to this problem, but it persists.

That’s because Chicago officials and Richard M. Daley are now staring down the barrel of decades of social issues boiling to a near explosion.

As long as teenagers don’t have stable homes to go back to every night, comfort is going to elude itself in other forms. The corner looks a lot warmer through the windows of a troubled household. That will happen overnight and it sure won’t change with more police and stricter curfew.

Just drive east on 67th Street from Stony Island during any given school season you can’t help but notice more police on foot. U-Highers are taught that learning doesn’t end when class does. Seeking help during free periods and double lunch forces students to organize their own time effectively.

Increasing class time doesn’t necessarily guarantee more learning. A student can decide to go out with friends during a free period, or could study what exactly Yeats meant by “This is no country for old men.” Going the extra mile is part of the learning process.

Let U-Highers do that individually, instead of sending a wrecking ball into student independence.

SAYWHAT?

Compiled by Denise Akuamoah

Are you for or against Chicago becoming the host of the 2016 Olympics?

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Midway through "Observe and Report," a glorified mall cop (Ronnie Barnhardt) violently beats a drug-dealing gang with a nightstick. Despite the recent black comedy feels like a carpool circuit. I'm still almost inspired enough to learn the musical notation for the British rock band. Falling forward, looking back.

When you're pushing 20 and have nothing to show for it besides a soon-to-be-framed high school diploma, the rear view mirror sometimes resembles a losing hand in poker.

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You'll never fall 'Asleep' with these witty rhymes

You're playing to be perfect to a famous chow sour candy, Sour Patch Kids, Roth's decision to have the album lack a central focus exemplifies the role of pop culture. Roth's success since signing to Schoolboy Music in 2006 has done nothing but rise. He has been featured on hip hop magazine XXL's "Hip-Hop Class of '09" issue as one of the 10 best "freshmen" in the hip hop game. His debut single, "Falling Forward," looking back.

On your birthday, I'll toast you with a song. I'll raise a glass to your life, the memories that you've made. No matter what's come your way, you've always been strong. Happy birthday to you, my dear friend! May your day be filled with love, laughter, and all the things that make you smile.

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The more pronounced treatment of 9/11 also adds some interesting twists to the stories. Tommy occasionally experiences flashes of 9/11. When he does, he becomes NC-17. But again, neither he nor the cast executes these elements with style. Fittingly, the movie had only modest success during its opening weekend, earning $1 million and fourth place at the box office.

If Hill made the script funnier or crafted the film better, "Observe and Report" could have worked. Unfortunately, the elements don't add up and viewers are left with a forgettable, mildly disturbing mess.
Deconstructing Senioritis

As the weather improves and we take our lunches outside, we endure the same stifling disease afflicting generations of Americans have consumed: Egg salad, potato salad, fried chicken, lemonade and enough mayonnaise to stagger a team of oxen in their trucks.

Don't take me wrong; the classic picnic spread has its place in the world. Yet there is so much more to be had.

JAMAICAN MEAT pies, also known as patties, are thought to have descended from the slave family from sugar plantations in the Caribbean and are still sold by street vendors all over Jamaica. The pies mild spice and moist, colorful filling make a fresh feast to any lunch, while its tender and flaky shell allows easy portability.

To begin you will need:
- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1-1/2 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- In a large bowl, add one cup of your flour, mix with warm water and oil and beat with a whisk until smooth. Use a mixing spoon and add your remaining flour 1/2 cup at a time, while mixing, until a soft dough has come together. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead the dough until it's smooth and slightly sticky. Place in a lightly oiled bowl and leave covered in a warm pan until it has doubled in bulk. While your dough is rising make your filling, you will need:
- 1 pound cooked beef
- 1 teaspoon Chili powder
- 3/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/2 cup minced red bell pepper (for color)
- 4 ounce can of undrained mild green peppers
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed and minced
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 egg, beaten with 1/4 teaspoon salt (for wash)

In A LARGE pan over medium heat, saute the beef; add spices, vegetables, roasted green chilies, garlic and continue cooking until your vegetables have become soft and the meat is no longer pink.

Add the salt, breadcrumbs and flour. These will absorb the excess juices in the filling which, if left to their own devices, would make your crustすぎる자ac Hugan Grant. Let your filling cool down to room temperature.

When the dough has doubled in size, get your mixing spoon, preheat your oven to 425 degrees, turn out the dough onto a floured work surface and divide it into 10 pieces. Roll each piece out in to a small circle, six inches in diameter. Portion out 1/4 cup of your filling in each round's center. With a moist finger, wet the edge of half the circle; fold in half, crimping the curved edge with a fork. Brush your pies with the egg and lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake your pies until the egg has set, around 20-25 minutes.

CRIMPING THE meat pie's open edge with a fork keeps the seam from breaking open while it bakes.

What the true Facebook threat is

AMID THE MYRIAD profiles, pictures and applications that comprise the social networking site Facebook, a malicious piece of software called Koobface has surfaced. Classified as a computer worm because of its ability to spread over the internet, Koobface was first detected by the Facebook Company last August.

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Designer to steal credit card numbers and passwords, Koobface bears many of the traits of an infected user's Facebook friends with its ability to spread via the social networking site MySpace - only infects Windows operating system users and exists in roughly 20,000 variants, according to B.C. Magazine U.K.

Facebook's security page (Facebook.com/security) suggests that infected users run an online scan (for instance, Security.Symantec.com). Users with Koobface-infected computers can eliminate it by searching for the files "tmark2.dat" and "mstrok.exe" and dragging them into the trashcan. Though the Facebook Company has sued worm developers in the past, it has not yet found the makers of Koobface.

Facebook, which has more than 175 million active users according to its website, provides an ideal environment for spreading worms. While similar threats exist on MySpace, Koobface and other viruses take advantage of Facebook's social atmosphere. Users generally display their real name and the viral message will likely appear to come from a real life acquaintance.

OPINION ROHINI TOBBACWALLA

An ailment, the cure: Deconstructing Senioritis

SENIOR BLACK. Senior slump. Senioritis.

All are the same sickly, dull periods that affects high school seniors. Symptoms include laziness, excessive wearing of eyeglasses, repetitive abstraction from class and an uninterested attitude.

The only cure is graduation.

As a HIGH SENIOR I have noticed even the Valedictorian types have blown off some work. Senioritis is inevitable but justified. Freshmen year, we all make an effort to get into college. By Spring Break of junior year, it becomes clear that college is right around the corner. By 9th/10th grade, we've learned each other's names. There's a new force to push us. It's more like, if we get a B in a class or a C on one test, we just shrug but for certain reasons.

The single biggest factor that seniors will stop doing work, that it almost is peer pressure to stop doing work in general. There's just no drive anymore because there's so much force behind the push to stop working.

THEOREM OF THE MONTH RAFI KHAN

It has something to do with 'squeezing'? Maybe?

SOME PEOPLE FOR an introduction to hilbertian in mathematics. Based on a most amateur-like definition of theorems and definitions, the Square-Cube Theorem may entice an embarrased smile to the lips but requires some decoding to understand.

If a function, f(x), is between two others, g(x) and h(x) and the limit as x approaches a for g(x) and h(x) is L, then the limit as a approaches a for f(x) is also L.

ALLOW ME to explain. If you're still there. Imagine g and h are two rivers that flow side by side but meet at some point L and you are walking in between them. When you arrive at L, there is nowhere for you to go but through the water. Many believe the theorem was discovered by Archimedes and Eudoxus, ancient Greeks attempting to compute the constant relating a circle's diameter to its circumference, known as pi. Carl Friedrich Gauss, the "prince of math teachers" then formalized the theorem in the above language early 19th century.

The "SQUEEZING" nature gives rise to the theorem's aliases "Ham-Sandwich Theorem" and "Strengthened Theorem'' (not to be confused with "Ham-Sandwich Theorem" - that's not a joke), comical namesakes which drew the attention of Math Teacher Paul Gunty. "I always thought the Squeeze Theorem was hilarious, ever since I saw it back in my college days," Mr. Gunty said. "It allows you to find limits of tricky series and trigonometric functions by comparison to similar ones. It was the name, however, that won me over; contrary to popular belief, math teachers have a sense of humor, too.

What should I do with 'squeezing'? Maybe?

If a function, f(x), is between two others, g(x) and h(x) and the limit as x approaches a for g(x) and h(x) is L, then the mean value between a and c is also L.
Homeless shelter
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THE RECOVERY program has several aspects, according to Ms. Davis.
"It is a highly structured recovery program," she explained. "We have a broad range of classes, both mandatory and optional programs, GED, parenting, career management, alcoholics anonymous group, knitting, and computer classes.

"Working a program of recovery has a spiritual side. Women have to come to understand a way to recover from addiction and that there is a God. Overtime, they come to believe in a power greater than themselves. In recovery, you have to have a spiritual awakening.

DAILY EVENTS are highly structured, Ms. Davis explained.
"Wake up time is 6 a.m.," she said as her son came running into her arms. "The women have to wake up, get children to school, get coffee and then go to phase group by 7:15. We push education because we want them to realize that high school education is key within this society. Women do daily chores. They also have a three and one-half hour pass outside. They can do their laundry, go shopping. But everyone has to be back by 4:45."

Escaping hectic and haunted pasts, women at St. Martin view the strict system as necessary for their recovery. For 24-year-old Virginia Torres, a crack addiction wore her down to near exhaustion and ultimately separated her from her four children.

"I need structure," Ms. Torres explained while sitting behind the shelter's front desk. "I have a drug problem and I came here about a month ago. I lived in Tampa. I gave up the rights to my kids in November. I got sick and tired of being sick and tired. The father of my kids was acting like a child. I was literally cutting myself because of him. About three months ago, my mom talked to me about this program. Sister Therese told my mother that whenever I was ready, I should call her."

UPSTAIRS, OUTSIDE of the kitchen, 23-year-old Luz-Maria Rivlin held a sleeping baby on her pregnant stomach and recalled when her crack and heroin addiction finally brought her to St. Martin.
"I had to come to a program. It was either I lose my kid or come here and get my act together," Ms. Rivlin said with her hand placed across her son's back. "The structure is amazing. It's what you make out of it and I've gotten a lot out of this place. I thought it was okay to get high, I saw my mom smoking. My mom still gets high."

After leaving St. Martin, Ms. Rivlin hopes to become a nurse's assistant. Most residents have career plans for when they finish their rehabilitation. For 42-year-old Maureen Nzeribe, who was once an accountant for the city, helping others is her dream.

"MY GOAL is to have my own recovery home, it was a dream I had," Ms. Nzeribe explained. "I would not wish what I've been through on my worst enemy. That's my dream, to help someone. I'm holding back tears. I thank god everyday. It's not just structure with what you're doing but with what you're thinking. I lacked a lot of coping skills. I didn't deal with anything. Drugs had become everything. I didn't have the confidence to do anything else."

"It's not my first time in a recovery home, but there's something miraculous about this place."
Soccer girls strive to repeat history

By Andrew Zheng
Midway reporter

Heading into a home match against long-time rival Homewood-Flossmoor High School in south suburban Flossmoor, Saturday, April 18, Track Coach Bud James went through his usual operations.

Joyously carrying his roughly six-foot frame from runner to runner, Mr. James slapped backs and offered words of support. With a baseball cap pulled over his short brown hair, almost completely shielding his glasses, Mr. James never slowed down.

Race after race he recorded times and assured his runners they did a “great job” even as they finished behind several other schools. Before they could even catch their breaths, Mr. James offered hugs and praise.

Bud James embodies living inspiration

Midway reporter

Starting the season with a record of 6-2 as of last Wednesday, the varsity soccer girls will try to repeat last year’s win that sealed the Independent School League title. With a record of 6-2 as of last Wednesday, the varsity soccer girls will try to repeat last year’s win that sealed the Independent School League title.

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The team has suffered from small size with 32 girls on the roster, among them 10 freshmen, nine sophomores, seven juniors, and six seniors across both varsity and jv.

“Four shorties, it’s much more than the matches we played over spring break, when we had to have a few of the jv’s kids help us out,” Coach Moses said.

Loyola Academy, March 29, owen: Varsity won 6-0; Jacobo, March 29, owen: Varsity won 4-2; Francis Parker, March 31, owen: Varsity won 6-1; Elmwood Park, April 4, owen: Varsity won 6-1; Eight, owen: Varsity won 6-0; Jacobi Park, April 14, owen: Varsity won 6-0; Elgin Park, April 20, owen: Varsity won 6-0.

Heart bypass surgery awes U-High viewers at Museum

By Amy Feldman
Midway reporter

Two large video screens displayed a team of surgeons performing heart bypass surgery to 32 U-Highers, the morning of April 22, at the Museum of Science and Industry. The surgery took place at the Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in west suburban Downers Grove. Throughout the videoconference, presenters from the Museum’s staff described what students were seeing, and encouraged them to ask questions.

Phys Ed chairperson Daniel Dyra and former chairperson Pete Miller organized the trip. The two groups arranged to present a short program at the Museum of Science and Industry’s Live From the Heart program, which broadcasts heart surgeries for school groups into the Museum.

“It makes the whole concept of heart health far more real than the textbook when you can see an example of someone in poor health and what they have to undergo,” Mr. Miller said. “We hope a message of keeping in shape and in good cardiovascular health will come through to the students.”

Versatility puts track teams in sweet position

By Isadora Ruyter-Harcourt
Midway reporter

Confident in his team’s abilities in both short and long distances, Track and Field Coach Bud James believes his runners can make a strong showing at the ISCA track meet today at 3 p.m. Illiana Christian will also compete.

The season has begun promisingly, according to Coach James, with several team members breaking personal records.

The team has run six meets so far, four coed, one girls, and one boys meet—all away.

“We’LL HAVE good people on the distance,” Coach James said. “Robert Meyer and Aaron Buikema will be strong for us. We’ll do well on the distance, Cross country helps for that. We’ll do well in the sprint relays. We have strong girls, led by Leah Sibener. We also have strong boys, like Joe Hurst, Zack Renaeu-Weeden, Nate Wise, and Matt Fitzpatrick. We drink a lot of water—we’re well hydrated! Little things like that help.

“We have really good leaders this year. They lead by example. Not only by running fast, but by having good personalities—they’re easy leaders to follow.”

We’ve said it for years: Students need to use their lockers.

"We’ve said it for years; Students need to use their lockers.” —David Ribbens, Athletic Director
Basketball teams finish big seasons

By Matt Luchina
Sports Editor

As Senior Zeke Upshaw stepped back from a triple threat and launched a three-pointer towards Upper Kolver's north basket, he already knew the Regional Final against Lindblom, March 6, would be his last high school home game. When the future Illinois State guard's shot hit rim and bounced away, he realized it would be his last game in a U-High jersey.

**THE 57-54 UPSET** defeat stopped the Maroons 22-5 season one game short of their preseason goal, a Regional Title. Though past teams have advanced farther in the State playoffs, the win-loss mark set a boys' school record.

The girls' season followed a parallel course. **THEY ROASTED** a girls' record 23-3 mark, a spot in the Chicago Sun-Times top 25 Illinois teams and U-High's other Illinois State-bound guard, Senior Alexis Jenkins.

Yet the girls fell at home to a physical Glenbard South team in the Regional Final, February 19. Though the Maroons led 42-40, the Maroons trailed by just five until Alexis fouled out with a little more than three minutes left.

**BOTH TEAMS** will lose their top player to graduation, but other stars remain.

Boys return Juniors Jordan Gipson, a point guard and Stephan Bardo, who played both small and power forward.

The pair transferred from basketball powerhouse Whitney Young this year and gained Independent School League All-Conference honors.

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SPORTS GABE BUMP

**Why is the City of Big Shoulders all gigly?**

By Sydney Scarlata
Midway reporter

With strong showings at two competitive tournaments earlier this month, varsity and j.v. tennismen will count on strong first singles and doubles performances against archival Latin at 4:30 p.m. today, at home.

At the Evanston Invitational, April 11, varsity finished 2nd of 8 teams. A week later, they placed 3rd of 8 at the Brother Rice Crusader Classic, April 18.

"Although the rain has prevented us from practicing outside, I already see signs of improvement during practice," said Varsity Head Coach Gerald Hanck.

"The team did excellently at our first competition, the Evanston Invitational. Sophomore Tyler Anderson gained 2nd place in singles, and varsity by six, both teams opened with strong showings at two competitive tournaments that inconsistent attendance at practice has hindered the team's performance.

"Although we have had a strong season I think the number of players who show up at practice everyday should be larger," said Coach.

"If more people came to practice, we would be even more successful during matches."

Scores were as follows:

**Evanston Invitational:** April 11. Varsity placed 2nd of 9: Morgan Park Academy, April 15, (away); Varsity won 5-0, j.v. won 6-0: North Shore Country Day School.

**Brother Rice Tournament:** Varsity placed 3rd of 8: Perkins; April 22. Varsity lost 4-1, j.v lost 4-1.

Girls retain leadership and scoring prowess from Junior Gabby Labin, a co-captain and second-leading scorer, as well as the low post presence of 6 foot Junior Madeline Stecy.

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Baseball teams counting on strong pitching

By Tom Wilde
Midway reporter

Relying on solid pitching to last through the late innings, j.v. baseballers look to their hurlers to keep today's conference game against Northridge Prep close. The encounter starts at 4:30 p.m., in Washington Park.

After rain delayed j.v.'s season by four games and varsity by six, both teams opened with doubleheaders against Latin, April 19.

"IN THE FIRST GAME, they were feeling really tense, which led to a lot of errors, and we lost 15-3," said V.J. Coach Dan Dyra.

"With strong showings at two competitive tournaments last year, we were able to settle down, and our fielding improved tremendously, but we still lost the game 11-8."

Losing to Northridge last year, Coach Dyra hopes his machine can remain dependable throughout the contest.

"LAST YEAR, we kept it pretty close," Coach Dyra said. "Until the later innings, when our pitching ran out of gas, and we ended up losing by ten runs."

For today's 4:30 p.m. game, away to North Shore, the varsity players believe fundamentals will propel them to victory.

"North Shore is a pretty decent team," said Senior Tim Parsons, a four-year varsity starter. "I mean, we pretty much prepare for everyone the same way, as long as you're prepared you can beat anyone."

"WITH EVERYONE on the team getting at least two hits on the day, U-High breezed through their first test, the doubleheader against Latin, 8-5 and 13-11."

"Everyone looked great out there," said Senior Mike Casey, the team's other four-year starter. "Our hitting was stellar, and our two and three starters did an excellent job."

"Our fielding was mediocre, but that's just something we will have to work on in the next couple of weeks."

**SCORES** were as follows:

Chicago Hope Academy, March 31. Postponed. Pleasanton College Prep, April 1. Postponed. Lake Forest Academy, April 4. Postponed. Holy Trinity High School. April 7. Cancelled. Seaton Academy, April 10. (away); Varsity lost 1-0; Morgan Park Academy, April 15, (away); Varsity won 9-5; North Shore Country Day School, April 19. (away); Varsity won 9-5; North Shore Country Day. (away); Postponed to April 28, result post Midway deadline: St. Benedict High School, April 22, home. JV lost 11-10.
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