

Spirit Week to pitch pies to herald Homecoming

By Nick Phalen
Associate editor

U-Highers will shove pie in schoolmates' faces tomorrow while dressed up as twins, don retro outfits Thursday, and display their class color Friday, all part of a Spirit Week leading up to the Homecoming Dance, 8-11 p.m., Saturday, at International House, 1414 East 59th Street.

Tickets are available for \$10 outside Dean of Students Larry McFarlane's office. Students can cast votes for Homecoming royalty nominees there during lunch period this week.

For the dance, last year's D.J., Jamal Smallz, will return. "I hope that we can keep people dancing happily and

safely all night long," said Cultural Union President Julia Baird, senior, looking for a large crowd.

"The Senior Prom committee will be selling drinks and checking coats again to raise money for Prom. The decorations will be pretty simple. This year we are planning to decorate at least part of the room with a red theme, because that's the seniors' color. We also will have some banners, paper ribbons and maybe streamers."

U-Highers will be required to show I.D. cards; guests will need to show passes, available through tomorrow.

With a plan to award points to students who participate in Spirit Week, Cultural Union will award the winner cookies at the end of the week, according to Julia.

"For Spirit Week this year we're planning to have a winner each day chosen by Mr. McFarlane," Julia ex-

plained. "Then the person who has the most points at the end of the week will win free cookies. I hope that people really get into it this year, that everyone gets dressed up and even maybe gets a little competitive."

"On Twin Day, we're planning to have the Pie Eating Contest at lunch, and the twins who Mr. McFarlane thinks are the best from each grade will feed each other pie instead of just eating it."

"Then on Decade Day, the idea is that everyone gets to choose the decade that they like the most, and they think has the best style. The '80s are usually the most popular, but I like it when people choose something else and look really awesome."

"On Class Colors Day the seniors' color is red; juniors, green; sophomores, blue; and freshman, yellow."

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Faculty take on students for first assembly

By Charles Jlang
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Seeking revenge for a 23-29 loss two years ago, faculty members will face students in a basketball game 9 a.m., 2nd period Friday in Upper Kovler. It is the first of four assemblies being planned by Student Council.

A 15-member faculty team will compete against 12 students, chosen from each grade by Student Council, according to President Jack Brewer, senior.

"WE WANTED to start the year off with a fun sort of assembly," Jack said. "Student Council discussed it last year, but didn't make real plans. When Mr. Horvat talked to us two weeks ago and said he had enough faculty for a basketball team, we decided to do the game."

Principal Matt Horvat would like the game to become a tradition.

"I thought we'd try to have the game every other year, because it gets stale if we do it too often," Mr. Horvat said. "When we held the game two years ago, some faculty told me that we should keep doing it but not every year. Other faculty don't want to use their class time for fun assemblies, they just want to teach."

THE SECOND ASSEMBLY, December 18, will address homophobia.

"Many Student Council members and all of Queer-Straight Alliance see homophobia as a big problem at Lab," Jack said. "We hope that, with the assembly, people will be more aware of homophobia and acknowledge that it exists here. Right now I think nobody wants to admit that it's a problem."



Photo by Adam Gelman

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

ZESTY CHEFS presidents Lida Wu, left, and Yoko Koide employ food samples and a bright sign to attract prospective members during Club Shopping September 21. The event enticed U-Highers to learn about and join student organizations.



Photo by Loren Kole

AT THE MEDICI Lab Schools Associate Director (Educational Programs) Jason Lopez talks with Midway Editor Rafi Khan for this story, which required two interviews (and lunches).

An outsider finding his fit Jason Lopez hauls plenty of experience Lab Schools can use

By Rafi Khan
Associate editor

What are you doing? Why are you doing it? I want to ask those questions to each and every person at the Lab Schools.

In his first month on the job, Associate Director (Educational Programs) Jason Lopez has been all around the school, determined to learn all he can about everyone.

A FORMER DOWNTOWN, Pennsylvania, school district administrator, Mr. Lopez began his career here by addressing Lab Schools principals and department heads at an All-Schools Council meeting September 2.

"Teachers here already know a lot about what they do, so in no way did I want to be patronizing," Mr. Lopez said. "I presented a simple self-identification activity: I asked the faculty to describe themselves, to finish the sentence 'I am...' in three different ways. Then I asked them questions like: 'How do these things define you?' 'Does your significant other know these things about you?' 'Would you know these things about your students?'"

"I think these questions draw teachers' attentions to how much they know about students and how they can style their teaching to be conscious of everyone's differences. That's what we mean when we talk about appreciating diversity, not having the same number of white students as Mexican, black and Asian students."

MR. LOPEZ discussed similar topics at a Parents' Association meeting September 14 and with veteran teachers at a Professional Renewal workshop series kickoff September 2.

Mr. Lopez, his wife Pernilla, director of global human resources at IKEA, the Swedish furniture retailer; and his son Sebastian, a junior, moved to downtown Chicago four months ago. His daughter Sine is studying social justice and psychology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

"When Sebastian shadowed at Lab last year, he realized the uniqueness of U-High's perspective," Mr. Lopez said. "Teachers and students have relationships here like in few other institutions in the nation. Still, it's not perfect. I'm not saying anything's broken; but things can always get better. I'm here to find and improve those things."

"I'M ALSO working to integrate the educational program from Nursery through 12th grade so that 6th grade students are building off the 5th grade curriculum, not relearning it."

"To do that effectively, I need to learn the ways of the school, so I try and attend every class, teacher meeting and potluck that I can and ask the questions that I do."

Mr. Lopez says his passion for community integration stems from feeling like an outsider all his life.

"I grew up in Colorado and went to a private high school of 900 kids where I was one of maybe 25 kids of color; I'm a Native American and Mexican mix," Mr. Lopez explained. "I played on the basketball team, so hung out with the jocks a lot, but also was all-honors and experienced the nerd life, a combination that was rare and coupled with my race in making me feel different."

"AFTER GRADUATING from college, I taught honors classes and coached basketball at a public high school in Los Angeles. I was only 23 when the city was struck by the 1992 Rodney King riots, and the school, already racially divided, attacked itself, literally in its own hallways. I couldn't believe what was happening, so I stood up and yelled 'My kids, come with me!' referring to my students, and led the way to an empty classroom."

"An amazing thing happened. Not only did my students come, but my basketball players, too. The Mexican students, thinking I was referring to them, also followed. Soon, I was sitting in a room with 50 kids of every color and creed, talking for four hours about the violence that was going on right outside the door."

"First I thought 'this is weird', but then I realized, this can work. People want to grow, to learn about people not like themselves."

"AS FOR WHY I do what I do, I believe in it and I love it. I've spent years as an educator, and it's more than preaching subject matter. It's when you know your students, their names and habits and what they look like when they're confused."

"When you know they practice a certain religion so you can ease the homework on the holidays they observe. When they trust you, come to you with their problems, and you can be more than a soundboard."

"That's what I envision as the future of the Lab Schools."

AS THE MIDWAY SEES IT

Stop the madness...because it's dangerous

Contrary to what Americans hear and see on political talk shows, Washington, D.C., is not entirely comprised of Nazis, Communists, Fascists, religious fanatics and racists.

These claims, ranging from the partially substantiated to the completely ludicrous, have been coming from both the Conservative and the Liberal media. They represent a worrisome trend towards a society increasingly polarized along ideological lines. What was once the realm of ideologues and extremists is increasingly being viewed as the mainstream.

EVEN IN President Barack Obama's supposedly post-racial, post-negative America, well-known political figures have dragged down substantive debate.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter claimed that an "overwhelming portion" of opposition to Obama's health care plan is racially motivated. Yet every President in history has met with opposition, especially when trying to implement drastic reform such as Obama hopes to do with health care.

Former President Bill Clinton lost a similar health care battle in the '90s. Not many believe his plan failed because of racism.

RECENTLY, CONSERVATIVE talk show host Rush Limbaugh called the beating of a white student in Belleville, Illinois by two black classmates an example of how "in Obama's America the white kids now get beat up with the black kids cheering." Police and the white student himself called it a case of bullying, not exactly a foreign concept to anyone who has ever attended school.

Politics have always involved character assassination, uncomplimentary generalizations about opposing parties, and lots of unsupported and ridiculous claims. But right now, with the U.S. fighting two wars in the Middle East and struggling to get through the Great Recession, the level of animosity



between the political parties is especially counterproductive. Legitimate issues such as health care and the economy are overshadowed by finger-pointing and ridiculous and offensive comparisons.

To quote another line in vogue with the media, these verbal attacks present a teachable moment. Just because U-Highers aren't in the spotlight does not mean these falsities do not warrant our thoughts and conversations. Though Obama's election signaled a step towards

color and background blind politics, it was only a step. Those who oppose Obama's health care plan are not necessarily racist, just concerned about a rise in taxes or the deficit. Americans who support the plan are not necessarily socialists, but worried by increasing insurance costs and the 45.6 million Americans without health care. While Obama is still trying to fulfill his promise of bringing change to America, it's becoming less and less clear whether Americans are ready for it.

Art by Gene Cochrane

10-second editorial: First-Day report card

■ THE STUDENT-FACULTY First Day Committee successfully made sweeping changes to last year's schedule, but some U-Highers said they wish the committee had gone farther.

A return to 20-minute class periods enabled students to experience all

their classes rather than a few. Clever student-designed workshops based on the summer reading novel, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" by Mark Haddon, sustained a welcome change from discussions of often unread reading material.

But the unchanged format of the First Day Assembly fell short on interest and excitement, as it had in previous years.

While the guest speaker, U. of C. Computational Institute Director Ian Foster, knew his topic well, students said they found computational thinking hard to process. Using the concepts of the speaker's field, students at the assembly could be grouped into three categories: Bored with the speaker; ignoring the speaker or simply clueless. Compare that to the shorter and more interactive Student Council Assembly, which had students cheering.

While it's difficult to create a First Day format that everyone would be happy with, these alterations have paved the way for more changes to come next year.

SAY WHAT?

Compiled by Sydney Scarlata

Now that you're a U-Higher, what do you think of your new school?

JAMIE HEILBRUNN, junior from Fairview High School, Boulder, Colorado: I'm finding Lab to be a really friendly and welcoming environment. The teachers are really helpful and understanding. I was out sick for most of the first week and they were very considerate.



Jamie

WILLIAM CHUNG, freshman from Whitney Young, Chicago: It's been going well. The students are really accepting of new students and everyone's individual talents. I made friends pretty easily. The homework has been tough, though that's to be expected.



William

BRIANNA SOLOLA, sophomore from Munster (Indiana) High School: I'm really enjoying it so far. I like that we can leave campus for lunch. So far the kids at U-High have been really nice, and they take school much more seriously than at my old school. I like the fact that the students take a more active role in class discussions.



Brianna

TINA UMANSKIY, junior from Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois: It's so much smaller than my old school, and the students are more welcoming and less intimidating. Also, everyone is more aware of a new student. Classes have been pretty similar to my old school and everything has been going smoothly so far.



Tina

OPINION BENNY WAH

Health care and U-High do connect

ASK U-HIGHERS if they support health care reform and you might get a surprise. While a majority of the 48 students I asked religiously support the plan, the dissenters included more than the occasional Republican. These usually Democratic opponents fear the plan would cause them to switch schools.

House Democrats introduced a health care reform bill July 31 to extend health care coverage to the 45.6 million uninsured Americans. To fund the \$1 trillion plan, Democrats proposed to tax individuals with an income of over \$280,000 and families with an income of above \$350,000 from 1 to 5.4 percent, according to OpenCongress.org

BUT AT LEAST seven students I talked with from high-earning families would struggle fitting the U-High tuition, \$22,671, into their budget if the tax is imposed. While Senator Max Baucus (D-Montana) recently introduced a plan that eliminated this tax, it has not been introduced as a formal bill and aspects of the plan remain unclear.

Half the student body has a parent employed at the University of Chicago. That half gets 50 percent off tuition and children of Lab Schools faculty pay nothing.

U-Highers who have no affiliation to the University may receive financial aid, but even with half-off scholarships the price tag of a four-year U-High education is more than \$40,000. Resident tuition for the University of Illinois at Chicago, a local university with research opportunities, is comparable.

THE SEVEN students who seemed most worried had only one parent working or a combined family income just over \$350,000. With free high schools, like Walter Payton College Prep or Whitney Young Magnet High School, able to challenge U-High's academic quality, current and prospective students have a viable alternative.

These U-Highers include talented individuals who contribute to Lab Schools' culture. Classrooms filled only with the obscenely rich and those with parents employed by the University would exclude a group of gifted artists and academics that make U-High what it is. Lab Schools without a part of its student body would be without a part of its identity.

Despite my own liberal-centrist views, I don't think health care reform is as important to me as the people who would have to leave U-High. A change from the diverse, intelligent, endearingly weird and creative student pool that molded my experience at the Lab Schools is too great a shock for me to remain here.

In the interest of the students and of the Lab Schools, I think I'll pass on this "change"

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"It was weird when I went to shake the referee's hand after a club soccer game and he refused. I didn't know it was because of Swine Flu at first, so I thought it was just a joke."

-J.R. Mahung, senior



Photo by Kyra Sturgill

FIRST-DAY MAZE

THIS PLASTIC SHEET plastic-sheet labyrinth was among several First-Day activities related to the summer book reading, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" by Mark Haddon. Computer Science Teacher Marty Billingsley sponsored this activity.

The day also included an assembly with U. of C. Computational Institute Director Ian Foster's speech, a closing assembly sponsored by Student Council, and 20-minute classes so all students could meet their teachers and classmates.

Brief-ly

Thirty U-High seniors reach Semifinals in two national scholarship programs

Twenty-seven seniors, 10 more than both last year and the year before, have been named Semifinalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship Foundation program.

Three others have been honored as Semifinalists in the associated National Achievement Scholarship program for outstanding African-American students.

Semifinalist standing is based on standardized test scores. Those honored now will compete for Finalist standing based on test scores, cocurricular involvement, counselor recommendations, grades and essays.

Semifinalists are as follows:

MERIT—Michael Angone, Brian Carlisle, Kaitlyn Chang, Jennifer Glick, Peter Hansen, Natalia Khosla, Joseph Klonowski, Danielle Kutasov, Becca Lucas, Matt Luchins, Aoife MacMahon, Neil Mehta, Claire Milsted, James Phillips, Varsha Raghavan, Zack Reneacu-Wedeon, Warren Shepro, Daniel Simmons-Marengo, Sydney Small, Julia Solomon-Strauss, Paul Weichselbaum, Andy Zheng.

ACHIEVEMENT—Stephen Bardo, Lucille Benoit, Sarah Lloyd.

RECITAL NIGHT—Showcasing classical music performances by students in the High School and grades 7 and 8 in the Middle School, Recital Night, sponsored by the Music Department, is scheduled for two separate dates to accommodate large turnouts.

A jury of Music Department faculty choose 30 musicians and vocalists from the Middle and High Schools through scheduled auditions, with each student limited to one piece.

Fifteen chosen performers in grades 7-9 play 7 p.m., Thursday, October 15, while the other 15 performers in grades 10-12 follow 7 p.m., Thursday, October 22. Both concerts are at Fulton Hall in Goodspeed, 1010 East 59th Street.

SOPHOMORE RETREAT—Mixing community service and fun, sophomores traveled September 23-25 to Perlstein Resort and Conference Center in Lake Delton, Wisconsin for the annual sophomore retreat.

"We arrived Wednesday and went to a water park that night," Dean of Students Larry McFarlane said. "Thursday we went to do community service in Madison at three or four different sites with people from Dane County."

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!—Having directed education efforts for public and private schools for 25 years, and aiding scholarship and diversity efforts at

the Lab Schools, John Rogers, U-High '76, is now Lab Schools Board chairperson.

Mr. Rogers founded Ariel Capital Management in 1983. In 1991, Mr. Rogers started the Ariel Foundation, a char-

ity providing academic enrichment, family support and community service for children. Mayor Richard Daley awarded Ariel sponsorship of Ariel Community Academy, a Chicago public school, in 1992.

Father of 2008 graduate, Victoria Rogers, Mr. Rogers has served as an executive co-chairman of the Lab Schools expansion campaign.

"I'm very honored, I feel really lucky, and I'm excited about it," Mr. Rogers said. "I love the Lab School. It's an exciting opportunity to serve an institution I care so much about."

JAZZ FEST OPENER—Jazz Band opened the Hyde Park Jazz Festival, Saturday, performing at the main stage on the Midway. In its second consecutive year playing at the festival, the band performed standards including Miles Davis' "Nardis" and Eddie Harris' "Freedom Jazz Dance."

Juniors Sam Frampton and Yael Litwin also performed at the Young Lions Stage during the Chicago Jazz Festival late August. As part of the Jazz Institute of Chicago's Jazz Ambassadors program, they were among 10 Chicago high school students chosen by audition to participate in the six-week learning and performance experience.

The Jazz Institute also awarded Yael the 2009 Kiweitt-Wang Mentorship Award, granting 20 free lessons with a Chicago musician of choice.

OPEN HOUSE—High parents will fill the shoes of their children during the annual Parent Open House, 7-9, Thursday.

A buffet dinner in the cafeteria sponsored by the Parents' Association at 5:30 p.m. will precede Open House. Copies of students' schedule will be available for parents in the David Scheuneman Gallery, according to Principal Matt Horvat.

"This is really just to give parents a chance to put a face to each teacher," Mr. Horvat said. "They will attend 10 minute presentations with each of their child's teachers. They get to meet the teachers and feel connected to the school."

"I also think parents use it as a chance to reconnect with each other and socialize."

"Students who want to volunteer will be given a chance to sign up in the high school office. They pass out schedules and help parents find their way around the school."

School institutes measures to keep flu from spreading

By Mitchell Stern

Associate editor

Hand sanitizer and tissues have been placed throughout the school September 8 to prevent the spread of the H1N1 flu (Swine Flu) and other contagious illnesses.

With H1N1 vaccinations unavailable throughout Illinois until mid-October, more than half the state risks infection, according to a KMOV, a CBS television affiliate in St. Louis, Missouri.

More than 700 schools in the nation have been closed because of H1N1, and at Washington State University in Pullman, September 3, health officials confirmed 2,000 of 18,000 students infected with H1N1 flu as of that day, according to a bulletin issued by the Health Department.

THOUGH NO case of the flu had been reported, Lab Schools administrators formulated an emergency plan.

"For the epidemic, we have an emergency management team," Nurse Martha Baggetto said. "If there were reason, we could also work with the State Department of Public Health. It depends what the issue is. The cornerstone is communication, getting sound information out to students, parents and faculty."

"There is not a magic number of illnesses that would make the school close. Obviously, if you are sick, you can't go to school. What we are doing is gathering information on how many people are absent because they are sick."

"FOR EXAMPLE," if one third of the student body were out, I would have the Illinois Department of Public Health recommend closing the school.

"I don't think school is going to close for H1N1. The reason it's such a big deal is because it's so contagious and because it affects young people more often than adults."



Martha Baggetto

A Dose of Med-ucation



Photo by Loren Kole

It doesn't take too much thought for Hannah Constantin to figure out where to unwind after a stressful day of classes.

The homework may just be piling on, but salads are always piled high at the Medici. Along with chilled beverages and many gourmet entrees to choose from, you'll be ready to work again in no time! Anything you select will be stress free, guaranteed!



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"I think boys' varsity soccer will win ISL, but what really counts is that I get the most comfortable spot on the bench."
-Giuseppe Zingales, senior

Soccermen close in on 2nd ISL title

Boys' varsity soccermen kick off at Latin, 4:30 p.m. today, seeking a victory that would clinch their second consecutive Independent School League title.

"Along with Parker, Latin's one of the hardest games we'll play in Conference," said Senior Zack Reneau-Wedeem, cocaptain with Senior Oliver Elfenbaum. "We beat Parker 3-0 but they fought hard and we expect the same from Latin."

A win would take the boys' record to 10-1 before tomorrow's Sectional seeding meeting, where Coach Mike Moses expects the Maroons to take the #2 seed. After seven starters graduated from last year's squad, which garnered a Sectional Final appearance and shattered school marks in consecutive wins and shutouts, several players have combined to fill the gaps according to Zack.

"Mark Woerner has been solid at left-defense taking the spot of Jamie Veeneman," Zack said. "Andy Harris' finishing has been great and he's giving us goals when we need them."

Results are as follows:

Northridge College Prep, September 8, home: **Varsity** won 2-0, j.v. won 4-1; **Morgan Park Academy**, September 11, home: **Varsity** won 6-0; **Thornton Fractional**, September 12, home: **Varsity** won 7-1; **Kelly**, September 15, home: **Varsity** won 3-0; **Parker**, September 17, home: **Varsity** won 3-0; **Elgin Academy**, September 22, away: **Varsity** won 8-0.

Former coach honored

Former P.E. Teacher Sandy Patlak, a 27 year soccer coach and an Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Famer, got his name inscribed onto the IHSSCA Wall of Fame at its dedication, September 20 at Toyota Park in Bridgeview.

Tennis girls keep streak

Undefeated in ISL so far, girls face two more challenges

Coping with frequent varsity lineup switches, girls' tennis battles Woodlands 4:30 p.m., tomorrow at home aiming to stay undefeated against Independent School League teams.

The Wildcats, who topped U-High's 4th place finish at the ISL Conference last year, pose a potent threat to the Maroons as the ISL Conference Tournament, 9 a.m., Saturday, October 10 at Stagg Field, nears.

"The key match against Woodlands is between U-High's Senior Gabbie Clark and Woodland's Annie Sullivan," Coach Gerold Hanck said.

"Annie finished in the top 10 at State last year, and has been Gabbie's rival for a couple of years. For the ISL Conference, We expect North Shore Country Day to be the strongest team. We defeated Latin 5-0 and Parker 5-0 this season, so they are no longer threats."

Upcoming opponents also include ISL competitor Elgin 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 2 at home and nonconference Stagg 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 5 away and Oak Park River Forest 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, away.

"Elgin and Sandburg won't pose a huge threat to us, but Oak Park River Forest is always tough," Coach Hanck said.

"Two of our players, Junior Maggie Carton and Sophomore Leslie Sibener were injured early in the season,



Photo by Adam Gelman

REACHING FOR a backhand return, Freshman Laura Anderson has established herself as second singles player.

which caused our doubles lineup to change. It's been hard on everyone, but now that they are back our team can stay stable until ISL."

Scores of recent matches are as follows:

Latin, home, September 8: **Varsity** won 5-0, j.v. won 3-2. **St. Ignatius**, away, September 10: **Varsity** lost 2-3, j.v. lost 2-3. **Mother McAuley**, away, September 14: **Varsity** won 5-0, j.v. won 3-2. **Parker**, away, September 15: **Varsity** won 5-0, j.v. won 3-2. **Fenwick**, away, September 16: **Varsity** won 4-1, j.v. lost 0-5. **Morgan Park Academy**, away, September 17: **Varsity** won 3-2, j.v. won 5-0.

Golfers aim to keep focus

Playing 18 holes for the second time this season, varsity golfers will see familiar faces at the Independent School League Championships, 9:30 a.m., tomorrow at Cog Hill, 12294 Archer Avenue.

With an 8-2 season, the Maroons suffered their only losses to ISL opponents North Shore Country Day September 11 and Latin September 21. The Maroons have focused on short-term goals, according to Coach Micah Christensen.

"We know what we have to score, and have just been trying to chip off a few strokes here and there in the last few meets," Coach Christensen said. "If we stay focused we should do well the rest of the season, especially during these last few tournaments."

"Evan Levin of course has done great and has been consistently shooting under 40, but Jack Burns and Matt Hanessian are staying very consistent as well."

A 5-4 j.v. faces Urban Prep, 4 p.m., today at home.

"I think it's great that we've gotten a chance this year to play some 18-hole courses," said Coach Joan Vande Velde. "The great thing about our j.v. team is that the spirit is spectacular every match, and everyone is always edging everyone else on to score well."

Scores of recent meets are as follows:

Northridge College Prep, September 8, home: **Varsity** won 187-195, j.v. lost 160-146; **Francis Parker**, September 10, home: **Varsity** won 173-0, j.v. won 152-160; **North Shore Country Day**, September 11, away: **Varsity** lost 146-170; **Elgin**, September 15, away: **Varsity** won 173-182, j.v. won 182-239; **Morgan Park**, September 17, home: **Varsity** won 182-199, j.v. won 153-0; **Latin**, September 21, away: **Varsity** lost 172-158, j.v. lost 225-172.

More than you think you'll need at the U.M.



Photo by Loren Kole

ARMS LOADED with fudge cookies from the U.M., Frasier Brown looks for more candy to satisfy her sweet tooth.

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Swimmers zero in on details

Building off momentum from a September 8 win over Morton, varsity girl swimmers take on Lane Tech, 5 p.m., today at the largest school in Chicago.

Despite disqualifications in two relays against Morton, the Maroons pulled off a 85-70 win.

Captain Bettina Wiesenthal believes better attendance and closer attention during practice will prevent further disqualifications.

"I feel that if swimmers can focus more on technique and pay attention to the little details like touching with two hands

on breaststroke and butterfly," Bettina said, "we can avoid DQs during meets, and compete at a more competitive level against better teams like Latin."

J.V. has progressed quickly, said Coach Marty Billingsley.

"Already the swimmers have been dropping time off their personal records and pushing themselves in harder sets. The team has been working really hard and I'm really impressed by the seven new freshmen. I feel as though they are a great addition and will about a lot more depth to the team."

Volleyballers protect ISL dominance

Rebounding with four consecutive wins after an 0-5 Timothy West Tournament loss, varsity volleyballers look to continue their streak against Morgan Park Academy, 6 p.m., today, away.

Still undefeated in the ISL, the Maroons have a 6-6 record overall.

A starting player for varsity, Senior Sarah Lloyd said Timothy West was a good team experience despite the result.

"We had a tournament where we played a bunch of big schools," Sarah said. "We

didn't win any games but we played really well as a team. We learned to trust each other which can be really important late in the season."

With only one win to show for j.v.'s first five games, Freshman Maya Hansen, freshman, says the team is struggling to come together.

"During our first games we were confused about our positions on the court," Maya said. "We improved a lot and played better against Nazareth."

Runners consistently taking top spots

Running in their fifth meet of 11, cross country races 4 p.m., today at the Mather High School Invitational in the northwest side.

Despite standout Junior Robert Meyer's longterm injury, the team has flourished.

At the Kenwood Invitational, September 10, girls took 1st and the boys finished 2nd. Girls again placed 1st at the Gordon Tech Invitational, September 12.

Boys' score was unavailable.

In the first home meet, September 15, the girls gained a third victory, while

the boys placed 5th. In the second home meet, September 22, they ranked 3rd and 4th respectively, with Freshman Sarah Curci finishing 1st and Junior Ben Buchheim-Jurisson finishing 3rd.

"Most everyone is running faster," Coach Bud James said. "I am really happy with the girls. Sarah won a race for the first time. On the boys, Ben Buchheim-Jurisson and Thomas Aquino run fantastically. The other guys look really well. Sebastian Lopez is getting faster, and so are Ben Meyer, Henry Bergman, Jason Peng and Luis Saldana."

Reporters for this issue's sports stories were as follows: volleyball, Sydney Scarlata; boys' soccer, Matt Luchins; girls' tennis, Rachel Sylora, golf, Andrew Sylora; girls' swim, Sydney Scarlata; cross country, Adrian Aldana.