Can You Spot Them?

With the holidays here, it’s a great time to look for ‘ghost signs’ and unlock the city’s history.

“NOW THAT I know what ghost signs are, I can’t stop looking for them!” Midway Photographer Tim Thomas III said after spending a brisk November Saturday driving around the city photographing them.

Ghost signs are old advertisements painted on the sides of buildings. The signs have faded over time and in many cases outlived the company or product they advocate.

A MASSIVE YELLOW advertisement (background photo) for a tailoring company towers over the street across the road from the old Dearborn Train Station. Painted on the southern facade of the old Franklin Building at 720 South Dearborn, a landmark of the Printers Row neighborhood, the sign promotes the company’s overalls, shirts and pants.

“CHICAGO PAPER COMPANY” (photos at left from top) can be seen from blocks away, painted on the side of an old factory in the Printers Row neighborhood in the South Loop.

WORN AND FADED from weather, and old furniture company’s sign is still visible on the upper portion of a building in the West Loop on Chicago Avenue.

TWO BUSINESSES remain advertised on the south wall of 1006 South Michigan Avenue. The top one was for Lightner Publishing Company, the bottom for an old hobbies shop. The opposite side of the building sports several more Ghost signs, including one for an old corset company.

Photos by Tim Thomas III
In the spirit of giving beyond the holidays
Soph goes to Cambodia to help children in need
Jeffery Li
Midway reporter

School drives put the gift in giving

AT LEAST SIX holiday drives in the school have served the community this year. One of them, led by Maggie Carton (in photo), benefitted the University of Illinois Craniofacial Center Holiday Toy Drive. Others included the Black Students’ Association annual toy collection; a clothes drive for the Broadway Youth Center sponsored by Spectrum; Future Beginnings Hot chocolate sale for Haiti, and High Schools against Cancer’s ice cream sundae sale and Great Lakes canoe drive. There were several bake sales, too.

Traveling far or staying home, holiday plans focus on family
Victoria Aponte-Blizzard
Midway reporter

JUST SOUTH of the West Side of the Korean coast is a volcanic island in the Korea Strait named Jeju Island. In 8th grade in Middle School, Sophomore Jordan Einhorn began a New Day Cambodia by collecting money for her Bus Mittzrah project in 8th grade in Middle School. After her first trip to Cambodia, Jordan decided she wanted to sponsor a 16-year-old Cambodian girl on her second trip.

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My own experiences traveling by myself as a girl, combined with seeing how ready Jordan was and recognizing how the opportunity was incredibly important, made me feel confident in my decision that Jordan should be able to go to Cambodia on her own. Mrs. Einhorn said. “I wanted her to have the chance for the world to open up to her. “For me, traveling the world on my own, transformed my life. I wanted Jordan to be able to have her own life-changing experience.”

“The most moving experience was the time when we had to pick five new kids for sponsorships. Their mothers would come up with their child begging for the life-changing chance, and it’s sad to know that the chance is very limited with most leaving with tears on their cheeks.”

“One memory I have that sticks out is of a little girl at this village we always revisit. She would have a big smile and gave hugs whenever we went. When I visited a garbage dump in Cambodia called Stung Mean Chey, I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the kids. “You get to see how much they appreciate life. “They love to keep in contact, be it receiving mail or getting an e-mail. The greatest joy from the visits was when the small children came out to greet me. They were happy for what they had in life and were full of smiles. “I definitely plan on visiting Cambodia again, and would like to do so every summer if I can.”

In IN CAMBODIA LAST summer for three hot weeks, Jordan Einhorn tutored children at the organization A New Day Cambodia in Phnom Penh. Impoverished children from slums in garbage dumps were provided better homes and educations by volunteers from the organization. Photo courtesy of Jordan Einhorn.

CONCLUDING THEIR caroling around Chicago, a cappella choral group Bel Canto will make their fi-

“MY DAD always tells me that he wants me to experience other cultures,” Sabrina said. “So whenever we go to places that’s always the main reason.”

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“She was so excited about coming to Cambodia,” Sabrina said. “She was so happy to see the children and to make new friends.”

“Merry Christmas”

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A new kind of design class
Students explore projects in wide range of media
Lindsay Aronson
Midway reporter

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designed book covers, movie packages and videogame logos adorn the walls of Art Teacher Brian Wildeman’s Belfield Art Alley classroom, recent projects produced by students in his new Design in Communication class.

“I saw this class as an opportunity to learn more about different mediums, especially since, in our world today, digital design is an essential form of media,” Amrita said. “It’s pretty amazing how much digital design can influence other art forms I’m interested in, as well.”

“In class, we are all able to help each other with our insights. Since we work in close quarters in Mr. Wildeman’s loft, sharing our ideas and what we’re working on is inevitable and thus very beneficial in improving our designs.”

GETTING REAL world experience in advertising attracts Senior Adrian Al- dan to the course.

“I think the class is really effective because it teaches you not only about graphic design but also how to advertise,” Adrian said. “I feel like being a good graphic designer is a good skill to have in the business world.”

In a recent project for the course, Adrian redesigned a cover for the book “1984” by George Orwell.

“The idea was to provide a cover image that evokes the emotion of the piece of media better than the original cover,” Adrian said. “By building numbers out of cardboard and casting a light from behind, the cover evoked gloom. It better suited ‘1984’, which is sort of a gloomy story.”

Other students in the class include Juniors Alex Ford and Terry Kirk, and Seniors Tyler Anderson, Becky Fox, Daniel Martinez and Gavin Ringquist.

Holocaust class trip offers unexpected experiences
Nick Chaskin
Editor-in-Chief

The early morning battle of travelers surrounds a group of eight U-Highers, not fully awake, waiting for the last of their party to arrive at O’Hare Airport for their 9 a.m. flight to the nation’s capital, Saturday, November 20.

Meanwhile, History Teacher Susan Shapiro finishes her battle with the United Airlines ticket office over Senior Jonathan Jou’s ticket, which apparently had been lost. No one doubts she will win. ARRIVING AT Ronald Reagan International Airport around midafternoon, the 12 seniors in Ms. Shapiro’s Holocaust elective began the annual three-day trip to Washington’s United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Visiting the museum provided a deep emotional connection to the material the class had covered, according to Ben Postone.

“Studying the Holocaust from an academic perspective, as we had done previously before the trip, is extremely important. But when you are in the exhibit, seeing the belongings of Holocaust victims, it gives a different kind of understanding,” Ben said.

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Dining spot beckons
U-Highers across Midway

Associated editor

Step out from the brink Chicago winter weather, enter through the glass doors of the Robust Coffee Lounge on the southwest corner of 63rd Street and Woodlawn Avenue and you will see customers relaxed in black-armred sofas, chairs jamming to music ranging from downbeat to 70s and 80s pop. Pass the sit-up bar on your way to the counter and order up a peanut butter, banana and bacon on Challah sandwich, homemade Belgium Waffles or the house specialty Mocha Diablo, a traditional mocha with house-made cayenne pepper syrup.

Before you sit down to devour your after-school snack, stop next to the bulletin board covered with flyers to check out upcoming neighborhood events. Pick up a book from the loaner library offering everything from Twilight Saga novels to ancient mythology primers, and then finally take a seat at a window-side dining table or a cozy spot in the more spacious booth area.

If you are able to conduct study groups in the more spacious booth areas. Customers don’t have to interfere with someone studying for their high school finals or their LSATs.

Though Mr. Sapstein admits not many University of Chicago students have checked out the lounge, he hopes students will learn of the young shop through recent ads around campus. “The U. of C. just resumed classes in October and we’re getting more students every week,” Mr. Sapstein said. “Unfortunately, there’s also a certain stigma south of the Midway that we’re trying to fight. “Up until this point, I don’t think there has been anything on this side of the Midway that was really an attraction for a student or teacher at the University. We are attempting to visually put ourselves out there so people know exactly what is over here.”

Having gone to the coffee lounge four times before with Suburban friends, Junior Rebecca Alexander, who lives south of the Midway on 61st Street and University Avenue, finds the place a cute, comfortable spot for students and adults.

“The coffee shop is just an awesome place to unwind and chill with friends,” Rebecca said. “Unfortunately, not many U-Highers know about the spot, but I think if more students heard good feedback and knew that people they knew went there, the café would receive a much larger U-High customer base.

“Many students are hesitant to go south of the Midway, but as long as you head that direction with other people during the day, there shouldn’t be a problem.”

Mid-way to finished

U-HIGHERS WONDERING when the new walkways across the Midway at Woodlawn and Ellis will be finished may have their answer.

Spring, 2011.

Although many people believe the construction is for underground crossways, they aren’t. Pedestrians will get broader sidewalks with enhanced lighting and new security cameras and phones as they traverse the Midway. In connection with the University’s safety initiatives, 50-foot lighting masts will illuminate the midway.

As asphalt replacement proceeds, Freshmen Frank Waggomere, left, and Max Volchenboum visit the pedestrian walkway construction site at the corner of Woodlawn and 60th Street.

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Exotic experiences in Lebanon

Family takes exotic ‘business trip’

Nick Phalen
Political editor

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ARRIVING FOR a midday treat, Sam Sentongo, left, Char- lie Jiang, Loren Sosnick, and Rosie Ellis search through the many tasteful, healthy options at HARPER FOODS before heading for some warming hot chocolate. Photo by Anna Rosenzweig.

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Gay teen tragedies get new attention

Nationwide, an issue; at U-High, not so much

When it comes to gay bashing at U-High, both students and faculty agree it’s a non-issue. In the past three months, at least nine teenagers in the United States either believed or had committed suicide after they were bullied or ostracized by their classmates.

In October at U-High, an openly gay male student cross-dressed at the Homecoming dance and turned out to be Senior Class King. His classmates assumed he was and bullied him often. "I'm less concerned with the bullies than the kids being picked on. The bullies might have a lot of reasons, but just because gaybashing isn't prominent as before school administrators removed it from their website. Ms. Kovacs said. "Bullying’s a quest for power, the equivalent of emotional oppression. Regardless of whether one is gay, the word ‘gay’ is often used as an insult. To get to the point of bullying, students need to depersonalize. It’s harder to hate someone if you know someone.”

High-profile help goes in ‘Better’ action

Late the night of September 9, the parents of Billy Lucas, a freshman at Greensburg (Indiana) High School, found him hanging, dead, from their barn’s rafters. Though Billy, 15 years old, never said he was gay, his classmates assumed he was and hated him. "And he wasn't the only student who took his life that month," Mr. Savage told the Honolulu Advertiser. "Last week, Aasberg from Minnesota, Cody Barker from Wisconsin, Asher Brown from Texas, Seth Walsh from California, Tyler Clementi from New Jersey, and was openly gay.\n
The suicide of 18-year-old Rutgers University Freshman Tyler Clementi garnered the most media coverage. Tyler jumped off the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee, New Jersey after his roommate used a webcam to capture and stream live a video of him with another man in their dorm room.

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Midway reporter Alex Barber with Columnist and Activist Dan Savage. Photo courtesy of Ms. Karen Plas.

SOON, THIS HOMOSEXUALITY-BULLYING THING IS A NATION-WIDE PROBLEM AND MUST BE STOPPED.

BUT WHY?

YOU AND YOUR CLASSMATES SHOULD BE ASHAMED.

What did you call them?

Art by Gene Cochrane

Despite critics, controversial groups uphold beliefs

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Welcome 20 new students, the Science Team added a new group designed to attract freshmen this year.

Science Olympiad Captains Aalap Herur-Raman and Michael Shapiro, both seniors, created the Building Team this fall. The team will debut at the jv: Loyola competition Saturday, February 12 at Loyola University.

Due to the overflow of returning members, Aalap and Michael created the Building Team to make way for freshmen to participate.

There are a lot of returning Varsity members this year, more than in previous years,” Aalap said. “As a result of those things, freshmen aren't going to be able to play as big a part as they would have in previous years. That's why we created the Building Team.”

“The Building Team just builds for competitions,” Aalap said. “This means they don't have to study fossils or other material for the test portion the night before the meet. Since we are limited to only 15 people per team, this is the only way we can have more people involved in what we want to build. “This group encourages creative freedom: people who join in are going to be able to decide what they want to build, come up with plans, obtain the resources, and build it. You can build things from robots to hovercrafts.”

Setting up place at the World Youth Science and Engineering State Championships last year, the Science Team is preparing for the WSYE Regional competition in February. U-High has won the WSYE Regional 10 times in the past seven years.

This is the Science Team's second year competing in Cannon Envirothon.

The Envirothon competitions are based on knowing information about forests, wild life, ground water, and current events.

“Basically, there's a short lecture and then you take a test as a team. After that, you need to work in lab which you identify anatomy, like talking about skull bones.”

Without seniors, debaters still raising the bar

Seniors never have been known to go where they have never gone before.

That place is the Tournament of Champions this May at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Placing in the Top Eight at the Iowa Caucus Tournament October 29-31 at Cedar Rapids and Top 16 at the University of Michigan Tournament November 5-7 at Ann Arbor, tournaments the team feels they did exceedingly well in, debaters credited their success to the meets in which they competed and the coaches.

“Year, a lot more pressure is on the junior members to do well, but the debate family is closer,” said Varsity Debater Robert Torpy, senior, “I feel more prepared debating higher level varsity students from other schools than to debate camp over the summer. I have high expectations for our varsity debaters as well as our novices, who are really eager to learn.”

With seven meets down and seven to go, members have been sharing their findings for novices' benefit, tying the debaters closer together.

When we have a topic, all of the members have to offer sound arguments throughout the team. We do better research that way,” Varsity Captain Charles Rafkin, junior, said. He is a third year debater.

Coach Sarah Grusin and Assistant Coach Vanessa Bernick have been focusing on helping the novices, as gave team members.

“With no seniors, we are able to work with the novices during the six-hour bus ride to Iowa Caucus,” Charlie said. “We tell them about their responsibilities of debate and we work with them individually.”
Why do U-Highers love math?

Editor-in-Chief
Rafi Khan

When I walk into Ms. McCullagh’s class every day, I’m overwhelemed with a mixture of fear and excitement.” Referring to Precalculus and A.P. Statistics Taskmaster Rosa McCullagh, senior Fraser Brown is only half joking.

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Coun...sit down and go over a bad test or talk about anything, really. She helps us deal with our own incompetence, which is one of her greatest strengths.” At U-High, Fraser’s story isn’t a unique one. COUNTLESS OTHER U-Highers can re-call tales about their math teachers, pointing to how their personalities and help outside class make math easier and more fun. The most mathematically minded U-Highers then take their curiosity to the University of Chicago to take Honors Calculus or the like, or to Math Team, which boasts about 30 members this year.

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“WHETHER IT’S because U-Highers have parents with high expectations or because they’re simply self-motivated, we have people who really come to us,” explained Advanced Algebra (AA) and Accelerated Precalculus (APC) “Guiding Light” Shau-...not simply sit on the very edge of my seat all class,” said Fraser, who’s had Ms. McCullagh the last two years, “just to be ready for a surprising question.”

“Though her strictness is intimidating, it keeps me focused and I know she’s going to come after me with a ruler if I get a question wrong. She’s kind and willing enough to sit down and go over a bad test or talk about anything, really. She helps us deal with our own incompetence, which is one of her greatest strengths.”

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“Of course, some whine, but they all even-tually suck it up,” she said with a laugh. “Most of my students get my humor, or perhaps they’re just laughing to be polite.” Others in the department mix humor with their lesson plans, which they say move so fast that there’s little time to go off.

“I LIKE TO JOKE around in class,” said Algebra, Trig and Geometry Officer Joseph Scroll, who recently picked up the nickname “Sergeant Scroll,” courtesy of Ms. Anderson.

“Kids put pressure on themselves and I try to help alleviate that with sarcasm and humor. But how I act depends largely on the subject. In classes that move as quickly as AAAT, there’s no time to fool around.”

While most math teachers succeed in combining fun and a grueling work ethic, Department Chairperson Jane Canright says each teacher has a distinct personality and teaching style.

“We STRUCTURE the curriculum so each course flows into the next and the same mate-rial is covered in each course, no matter who’s teaching” explained Ms. Canright.

“But we could never create a uniform way to teach each course, it simply wouldn’t work because each teacher teaches all teach so differently. For example, I like to be more sarcastic and funny when I teach. Others use analytic or logical ways to explain something, but if I try to use the same analogies, it wouldn’t be effective.”

BY FAR the most famous for quirky analogies and hilarious references is Math Seminar A.P. Calculus BC Guru Farukh Khan, who, in his usual quiet but classy manner, declined to interview or be photo-graphed for this (or as he made clear, any) Midway story.

Similarly, Math Team Head Coach Nadja Aquino declined to comment. But A.P. Calculus AB A Wizard Paul Guntz, usually humble and reserved, seemed almost eager to describe why he loves teaching U-Highers math.

“I TEACH math because I like the subject and it’s rewarding to explain something right and see the light bulb go off in a stu-dent’s brain, like ‘oh, I get it now,’ ” Mr. Guntz said.

“Or, though this doesn’t always happen, when students are happy to come to class because the material is engaging and they know I’ll try to present it well.”

“When I present problems here, students came with all sorts of ideas and methods that might or might not relate to the solution. At Lab, math isn’t about the right answer, it’s much more about coming up with creative and clever ways to get to the right answer.”

AS FOR Ms. McCullagh, she says her teach-ing mannerisms derive from her upbringing.

“I went to a conservative Catholic school in Omagh, Northern Ireland,” Ms. McCul-lagh explained. “And culturally, I expect rewarding to explain something.”

“I try to drive in and focused in hopes that I’ll pass it on. I believe that anybody can do math, as long as they can bring something to the table. “And largely, Lab Schoolers come ready to work.”

Why do their teachers love teaching math?

Why do their teachers love teaching math?
Which radioactive spider-U-Highers would choose

**Invisibility: 23**

**Flight: 27**

From transfiguration to telekinesis.

With the arrival of Superman from Detective Comics (D.C.) in the 1930s, superpowers and superheroes have dominated comic books, television, and movies. The endless variety of superpowers remains fantasized by U-Highers and U-High faculty alike.

**STEALING IDEAS**

From current seniors at Junior Retreat last April, Art Teacher Brian Wildeman desires the power to choose whatever power he wanted.

“So if I wanted to fly I would fly, and if I wanted to breathe water I would breathe water,” Mr. Wildeman said.

“Admittedly I got this idea at Junior Retreat when they were asked the exact same question, and one response was to be able to steal other people’s superpowers.”

**IT’S BETTER**

To be able to just be able to get whatever superpower you want rather than stealing it, because it’s mean. If you had a superpower, how would it feel if someone just took it?

“But if I actually was able to get a superpower in real life and not in the comic book sense, I would have some power to solve the current energy crisis.”

“I don’t know exactly how it would work, but I would start by getting people to realize that the handicap does here take up a lot of energy and many people need to turn off extra lights.”

**SIMILARLY,**

Sophomore Rex Gu chose the ability to materialize food from thin air for a charitable cause.

“If I woke up with these powers one day, I would go on pilgrimages to impoverished places and try to cure world hunger,” Rex said. “Also, it would save me a lot of money. I can have meals whenever I want.

“I’d take people out to eat as much as possible, but I wouldn’t let anyone know about my superpower, because then I would feel bad if I couldn’t get someone food. The only downside I could think of is the fact that I might actually get tired of food.”

**HOPEFUL TO BENEFIT**

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The power to laugh without making a sound or moving your mouth would be useful, believes Senior Yi Chang.

“You could laugh whenever you want,” Yi said. “Like if you’re at a teacher’s conference and someone whispers a funny joke in your ear, you can still have fun while not disturbing other people.”

“If I had this power, I would be laughing at everything everyday and I’d just watch Peter Chow the comedian on my laptop during Spanish class. In fact, I’d watch during all of the school hours.

“I bet that if everybody had this power, their GPAs would just go down since no one would concentrate.”

Wanting to communicate with the dead, Junior Dylan Lambert-Gilliam wants to channel the mind of the deceased Jim Henson, creator of shows “the Muppets” and “Sesame Street.”

“I WOULD HAVE little conferences with him in my head,” Dylan said. “Which is cool because he’s famous and also, he’s dead.

“I could use his creativity and business savvy. Like, back when Disney tried to buy out Sesame Street, he not only backed them down, but he pretended like he was offended and scared them into giving him more money.”

“At school, I would probably get everything done on time, and I’d be like Kermit the Frog all day. Of course I could use this power for good. Show me something he did that wasn’t good.”

**Hoping to benefit from the power of perspective, Senior Wolfgang Foulkes wants the ability to see other peoples’ points of view.**

“If I could see everything through other peoples’ perspective, I’d be a very pleasant person who understands everyone,” Wolfgang said. “I’d probably be less unpleasant to my teachers too.

“If women ask unfair questions that I don’t know how to answer, like ‘does this look fat on me’, then I would know just what to say.

**FOR THE POWER**

Of good, I’d use it to see both sides of a debate and reach a compromise. For evil, I could really piss someone off, since I’d know exactly what makes them mad. I’d also be the perfect salesman.”

Sophomore Maya Baroody desires a more traditional superpower, the ability to fly.

“It would let me fly away in a bad situation and just bolt,” Maya said.

“It would also be fun to be up in the air and go through clouds. I’ve always wanted to touch one.

**IF I WAS able to fly I would probably** be a part time superhero and my life would be a lot more fun, because flying would be a fun activity. I would mainly use it for transportation, like instead of walking to school it would be quicker to just fly there.”

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School this year, Miranda grew up in Hyde Park. **DOUBTFUL THAT SHE has superpowers, she credits her father, a novelist, for much of her math knowledge.** "I don’t think anybody really thinks of themselves as a superhero," Miranda said. "I wasn’t born knowing how to solve differential equations, but when I was in about fifth grade, my dad taught me a lot of the math he knew because he thought that I could probably understand it."

"I guess I might have taken to math a little faster than other people do, but it’s really mostly about the interest I have in it."

**CAPTAIN OF U-HIGH’S Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering team, Charles played 1st in both Mathematics and Biology at last year’s WYSE state finals.** He is a four-year veteran of both the Science and Math teams.

Working summers with his father, a University of Chicago molecular biologist, Charles credits his lab experience for his achievements.

"I obviously have some God-given characteristics, like being tall and having long arms, and those help out, but it’s really about how much work you put into it."

"So, it’s not really that I am so naturally good at biology or science, it’s just that I have been able to learn from my dad and gain experience that way, while also having the chance to learn on my own."

A superpowered math student, Freshman Miranda Garfinkle is taking A.P. Calculus BC.

"I usually would read comics or work on my collection."

"I read them so much. They were exciting to read and I think it got me to read more generally. They were something to do, like, instead of playing video games, I usually would read comics or work on my collection."

After helping the boys’ varsity basketball team win an Illinois High Schools Association Regional Championship last season, Senior Mike Turner was signed last month by Northwestern University as a Division I athlete. A 6-foot, 8-inch center, Mike has played for the varsity team since his freshman year.

One of only two U-Highers receiving a Division I scholarship this year—the other is Tina Umaniskiy, fencer—Mike lives in south suburban Matteson with his mother, a Chicago Public Schools employee.

**MIKE’S DETERMINATION** owes more to his prowess than his physical traits, he believes.

"As far as having superpowers, that’s not really something that I consider," Mike said. "Basketball is just something that I have been doing for so long and worked so hard on that I have gotten good at that way."

"I obviously have some God-given characteristics, like being tall and having long arms, and those help out, but it’s really about how much work you put into it."

"All the pressure on me comes from me, because I am the only one who can make myself better. And that’s something that I’ve really realized leading up to this year."
There’s a big diverse city outside to tap into

U-High just loves its diversity.

Administrators and admissions folks boast about it and use it as a selling point for the school. Teachers incorporate it into their curricula and students are told from day one they are part of a diverse, forward-thinking community. To a student who has grown up without a little help from the school, but while people in the school look at themselves constantly, they seem mostly oblivious to a whole world outside the school walls, readily available to be invited in.

The students slammed into lockers at a less accepting high school. The witnesses of frequent shots heard in our South Side back yard. The gay high school activists fighting against prejudice and bullying to prevent more suicides of gay teens. Chicago’s Latino activists.

They could all be part of diversity discussions at U-High.

In the past, U-High has brought in such outside perspectives. Back in April, 1991, Student Council planned a radical thing: A three week project on teenage sexuality. In the first week they covered AIDS and STDs, in the second rape and heterosexual relationships, and in the third, abortion and contraceptives. Science Teacher Daniel West, for example, wrote a letter to the Midway about how he felt Mr. Callen was trying to claim condom use to totaly prevent STDs like AIDS. He said he felt students should be advised to protect themselves by practicing abstinence until marriage, as he did.

It’s hard to imagine many people at U-High being that open, honest, candid and brave with an opinion that controversial today.

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U-High Mailbox
Student Council needs input to make changes people want

From Student Council President Emmy Ehrmann, senior:

I FREQUENTLY HEAR students say, “Student Council is such a joke!” or “What does Student Council even do?”

In my fourth year of Student Council, I know this misconception well.

The problem with this is that, to make things happen takes a great deal of work, much more than is ever seen or realized.

As the president of Student Council for the 2010-2011 year, I want to emphasize our dedication to the High School community.

We hold open meetings once a month are open to everyone’s ideas.

So, to the student who believes Student Council does little to nothing, we encourage you to come to us. We will continue to do everything in our power to create the change you want to see in U-High. How? We need your help.

Our 22 minds could never come up with the ideas of the other nearly 500 U-Highers.

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If you want to see a change in U-High, the first and best place to start is with Student Council.

Emmy

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BROODING on her sitting room couch, Martha, portrayed by Amy Morton, waits for her husband George, Tracy Letts, to pour her a cocktail in the Steppenwolf Theater’s production of Edward Albee’s “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” Later joined by a younger couple, the four become embroiled in many fights. Photo by Steppenwolf Theater.

THEATRE NICK PHALEN

60s Albee classic still brutally works

ALMOST 50 YEARS after Edward Albee’s “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” debuted on Broadway in 1962, the play has returned to Steppenwolf Theater, 1630 North Halsted Street, running through February 13. The story revolves around George, a history professor, and his wife Martha, the university president’s daughter, arguing, while they host Nick, a newly-hired professor, and his wife Sonya at their house one Saturday night.

Through countless rounds of drinks, the two couples become embroiled in many tense situations. Addressing everything from infidelity to addiction, their conversations slowly devolve into hostile confrontations.

Winner of the 1966 Tony Award for Best Play, “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” became a 1966 film, Oscar-winning Elizabeth Taylor portraying Martha. Starring Amy Morton and Tracy Letts as George and Martha and Madison Drisk and Carrie Coon as Nick and Sonya, most of the Steppenwolf production’s strengths rest in its subtleties.

True, especially as the script itself is not terribly lively. Through most of the show’s three hours, it seems to handle the same themes endlessly. Yet, the actors show their depth by delivering an impassioned performance. Building the plot towards its dark climax, the show’s energy rises without boding the audience with build-up. All told, the play’s strengths lie in the characters’ interactions. The deeper meaning that Mr. Albee tries to portray is largely lost in the wandering dialogue. But, that does little to detract from a re-awakening of the theater.

FILM MOIRA DIFFERING

Latest Potter adventure continues string of hits

THE HUNT Begins. In “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1,” Harry, Ron and Hermione have much more to hide from then angry professors. Enjoying enormous success at the box office, the Harry Potter films have grossed more than $6 billion so far with seven films over nine years. The books which generated the films launched Author J.K. Rowling from welfare into the world’s first billionaire author. With an entirely different premise than the other films, the latest installment continues a string of hits.

Enthusiastic with finding and destroying Voldemort’s horcruxes, objects which one stores pieces of their souls, and chased by an evil wizarding army, Harry must destroy the horcruxes before he can kill Voldemort, who would like nothing more then to brutally murder Harry as soon as he finds a strong enough wand.

With a gruesome show of Muggle (non-magical people) sympathizer brutality, the audience and the world of Harry Potter soon find out that a fully-revised Voldemort has taken control of the wizarding world, beginning a new reign of terror.

While readers of the Harry Potter book series know what happens, and understand the terminology, nonreaders won’t have any idea what’s going on at some parts. Horcruxes? Muggle? Not to mention the random flashbacks from previous movies. A little research should be done if you haven’t read the books before seeing this film.

The locations change so drastically and quickly that even though the mood stays sad and frustrated, it’s hard to get bored. Intense action scenes throughout the movie keep viewers on the edge of their seats, and the twists come so unexpectedly that jumping in your seat isn’t uncommon.

Director David Yates, who directed the previous two Harry Potter films, crafted Part 1 so most fans should be satisfied with the meticulously-created movie, and though weaknesses from the book do exist, they don’t hurt the main plot too much.

The tone of this PG-13 movie remains somber with a few exceptions. Though weaknesses from the book should be done if you haven’t read the books before seeing this film.

This medical drama has received numerous awards throughout its seven seasons. It has been honored with four Emmy Awards, including an award for creator and executive producer David Shore, as well as 23 other Emmy Award nominations.

“The house is always full of excitement, mainly controlled by the controversial doctor, House, himself, who trusts no one, especially all of his patients. His constant allows the show to betray so much more interesting, and offer surprises in the plot. House’s unique personality gives the show its own kind of humor by acting like a witty and arrogant medical doctor, but this season, “House” has lost some of its shine. In the final episode last season, Dr. Cuddy expressed her love for House, so this season offers a lot more romance.

Although it’s not as good as previous seasons, the show still keeps the viewers attention and wanting to see more. “House” is a show worth watching.

T.V. CHRISTIAN CASTANEDA

Unpredictable doctor keeps practicing

WITH DOCTORS MAKING dangerous decisions that put others’ lives in jeopardy, Fox’s T.V. show “House” follows an arrogant doctor that solves medical mysteries his own way without trusting anyone else.

In its seventh season, “House” airs 7 p.m. Mondays on channel 32. The show follows Dr. Gregory House (Hugh Laurie), the head of a team of diagnosticians at the fictional Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital in New Jersey. He shows himself as a disruptive, pain killer addict who walks around with a cane since he only has a half a muscle in his right leg.

House often quarrels with his boss, who became his girlfriend in recent episodes, and Dean of Medicine Dr. Lisa Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein). Dr. Lisa and House always crack jokes about each other and get into heated discussions on what to do with their patients. Dr. James Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) is an oncologist who is House’s best friend.

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“You are the best doctor I have ever met.” “You always have a way of saying things.” “You are a brilliant, charismatic man, and you are a truly good person.”

And the list goes on.

UNSTOPPABLE Dr. House.

HUGH LAURIE AND PATIENT IN “HOUSE”

Kanye continues venturesome journey

DENSE ORCHESTRATIONS, otherworldly concepts and pop sensibilities complement unflinchingly bravado in Kanye West’s fifth album, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy.”

After raising listeners’ eyebrows with the dark, minimalist electro-pop of “808s and Heartbreak,” West began a string of outrageous publicity appearances, including his now-legendary interview with the now-legendary interview with The Tonight Show’s Jay Leno, the double album release of “808s and Heartbreak,” and his now-legendary interview with The Tonight Show’s Jay Leno.

West revealed his outlandish intentions for the MTV Video Music Awards. “Twisted Fantasy” features production that both draws from and exceeds West’s previous albums. In “Blame Game,” he builds upon theLil Wayne-style modified vocals of “808s and Heartbreak,” but rather than bore the listener with unending auto-tune as he did in much of “808s,” he creatively uses distortions and panning to give the effect that he is conversing with himself.

His grandiose full álbum incorporates the warming basslines of electro, the chorused vocals of pop and the banging drums of underground hip hop.

“My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy” pulls together an impressive range of influences in a refreshingely coherent fashion, creating an experience that becomes increasingly rewarding upon repeated listenings.
The first step is to butcher your pork. With a good sharp knife cut the shoulder into one-inch cubes. The small size will make the meat more tender later.

Place all the meat with about half the salt into a heavy-bottomed and oven-safe pot over high heat. Cover the pot and let it sit for 10 minutes; stir the meat once after five minutes. The fat in the meat will cook out and essentially steam the meat. While the pork is on the stove grind your spices in either a mortar and pestle or an electric spice grinder. Then take your garlic cloves, smash them with the flat of your best chef knife and pour your spices from seed, Nick Chaskin uses a mortar and pestle to grind coriander and fenugreek seeds. The process is called brasing and will lend the meat a melt-in-your-mouth texture. While the meat is in the oven, make the salsa. For the salsa you will need:

- 4 red jalapeño peppers
- 1 red bell pepper
- 2 garlic cloves (crushed with the flat side of your knife)
- 1 red bell pepper
- 2 tsp red wine vinegar
- ½ tsp salt

Take the Jalapeños, cut off the stem end before quartering it lengthwise. Scrape out the seeds, and repeat the process on the bell pepper. Take all the ingredients, give them a rough chop with your knife before putting it all into a food processor and pureeing into a smooth paste.

When the meat is tender, stir in the cilantro and salsa. Then serve over the widest egg noodles you can find, as wide as the Midway’s sphere of influence if possible. I always like to simply pour the stew over a big bowl of noodles and dish it out family style. It is also worth noting that, like many stews, this makes for a wicked lunch.
Powering up, Maroons win exciting squeaker

Jeremy Wong
Associate editor

There’s something unmistakable about the start of a new season. You can see it in the faces of the U-High players, gathered around a whiteboard in the Sunny Gymnasium trainer’s room, radiating focus and anticipation, visualizing the swish of a made basket.

YOU CAN hear it in the voice of Coach Troy Caldwell, rapidly changing pitch as he briefs his troops with the game plan more than an hour before the 7 p.m. tipoff against Jones College Prep, Tuesday, November 22.

As the latest incarnation of the boys’ varsity responds to Coach Caldwell’s questions, their preparation is evident. Everyone knows his role in every intricately diagrammed play; each inquiry from the coach is answered correctly. The Maroons are ready.

“IF THEY play us man to man, they can forget it,” says Coach Caldwell, pacing back and forth. “We play defense, rebound, attack, win by 30.”

He certainly has no shortage of confidence in his team tonight.

“Fifty,” says Senior Matt Hanessian from the front row, his gangly, 6-foot, 5-inch frame filled up, with about 75 fans in attendance. Mostly parents fill the stands on a school night, with only a few devoted ancien-
tard fans making time from their homework to cheer on their team.

AFTER the start, U-High trails, 13-12. During a timeout, Coach Caldwell beelines for Mike, with a fiery look on his face. Seeking to motivate the big man, he implores his star to step up and take charge. A barrage of baskets sends the Maroons on a 12-0 run, but by the half their lead has shrunken back to a single point.

The buzzer signals the beginning of the third quarter, and teams head to the locker rooms for a fanfare. With three minutes left, the Mike Turner show begins, as he sprints back to the hoop to knock down a 3-pointer.

The NEXT trip downcourt, he catches the ball in the post and sits to the rim for an emphatic two-handed slam. Somewhere, Northwestern Head Coach Bill Carmody is licking his chops.

The fourth quarter arrives with the score 40-33, Maroons. Trailng by one with a minute to go, Jones must foul. Sent to the line, Alex calmly sinks a pair of free throws. As Jones prays up a last-second prayer, the buzzer sounds to the tune of 55-49, Maroons.

There’s something unmistakable about the start of a new season, and you can see it in the faces of the players as they trade handshakes, finally able to exhale, at least until tomorrow’s practice. They have a long road ahead.

Maroons go up against Pioneers, keep fighting hard against the odds

William Chung
Associate editor

As Sophomore Sophia Gatton slams into the left padded wall after a lay-up attempt, the collective gasp of the crowd reverberates throughout Upper Kovler, 6 p.m. Tuesday November 16. Using the wall as support, she gets up and limps to the court, shaken up once.

REFUSING her teammates’ help, she blinks back tears, ass that turns to the sideline in the fourth quarter, the score 40-17 in favor of St. Francis DeSales with 7:25 remaining. Two minutes later, despite the start of a black eye on her face, she returns as point guard again.

After 32 minutes of getting pushed, shoved, blocked, elbowed, and stolen from, Sophia and the Maroons are ready to give up.

Still, this wasn’t what they expected when they first entered the gym.

THE FIRST GAME of the season presents a test for the girls, who field three new starters. As they warm up, sporting bright white and maroon uniforms, the players display no smiling, joking around, or conversation except for gruff directions from the captains.

DeSales, in blue and gold, take every opportunity to laugh and make fun of each other. The crowds mirror the double bonus. One sends Rose flying to the ground.

She stands up, indignant, but the pain stops her short. The score is now 21-4, with the Maroons never getting a chance to turn it around. Briana moves on a loose ball, racking up foul after foul and placing the Maroons in the double bonus. One sends Rose flying to the ground.

She stands up, indignant, but the pain stops her short. Frustrated and beaten, she goes to the sideline to have a chat with Coach Tai Duncan.

For every point the Maroonsake out, the Pioneers respond with a redoubled effort to restrict U-High from scoring. The Maroons are forced to pass continuously, easy pickings for Pioneer takeaways.

THE PATTERN repeats itself over and over, and it’s almost a relief as the fourth quarter draws to a close. With only a few seconds left, it’s 47-25, Maroons ball.

Assistant Coach Baker Franke signals for a timeout, calling his players around his dry-erase board. Getting and taking fundamentals, he makes sharp but few swipes with his marker. He wants a quick score.

The play starts off, Rose desperately searches for an open woman. She finds Nadja, but a DeSales player immediately hounds her, and she passes to Briana. She can’t get anywhere, passing it to Sarah, and in turn to Sophia.

THE BALL ends up back in Briana’s hands, and with only three seconds left she makes a desperation heave over several Pioneer hands. The ball falls way short.

The buzzer goes off.
For well-bonded team chemistry, just add H2O

Jeremy Woo
Sports editor

Their exhaustion is marked with every trailing ripple of water. Every day, boys’ swimmers exit the locker room facing grueling practice and intense cross-training led by Varsity Coach Paul Guntty and J.V. Coach Tony Del Campo.

With all the tough work they do in and around the pool, the boys know only one way to cope: having fun.

“I like to cultivate good cheer and team love every day,” said Mike Bannody, senior. “I think the boys’ swim team is by far the closest team at U-High. We have cardio loads before meets where we eat together, and we hang out at each other’s houses all the time outside of school. It’s truly a special experience.”

Mike, in his fourth year on the team, contributes significantly to team chemistry.

“Mike IS a leader, and one of the best swimmers on the team,” Senior Aalap Herur-Raman said. “He always conducts our stretches, and plays a big part in organizing our team gatherings. Mike is friendly, and always tries hard, which keeps us from slacking off too much.”

Another senior, David Chung, also plays a big part in the team’s success.

“David is a role model for everybody,” Sophomore William Chung explained his brother, Sophomore William Chung, “because he never slack off. He never takes unnecessary breaks or makes excuses for himself. He and Mike sometimes carry us during meets with their skill.”

“DAVID IS not only a great swimmer, but also a really nice guy,” Aalap added. “He will always offer quiet tips on the side, but never seems to judge you. He’s quiet, but he leads by example.”

Another group, known as “Laneway 1” because of its usual practice location, particularly contributes to the collective joviality.

“Laneway 1 usually consists of Isaac Nicholas, Amir Hay, and Matt Soble,” Mike said. “They are goofy as heck and their jokes take the pressure off of everyone, helping us relax. In addition to being valuable assets, they are the true mediators of the team.”

The boys got their first taste of competition December 4 at the Bremen Pentathlon; placing 2nd of six teams. They swam in the St. Viator Invitational December 12, with results coming past Midway deadline.

With today’s meet in southwestern Cinci with Morton High School looming, the boys maintain their calm.

“There’s a relaxing aura about swimming, because it’s so individual,” Aalap said. “It’s your personal times that really matter, and the team is there to support you. The pressure might be on you, but everyone is really there to help. Though the team’s collective score matters, we encourage one another and still have a lot of fun.”

For fencers, motivation and mentoring make productive mix

William Chung
Sports editor

Not so weird after all.

Encouraging veterans and newcomers, the Fencing Club is anticipating the heart of the season after the holiday break.

Captain Tina Umanskiy, senior, understands that in fencing, experience is the key to dominant success.

“Experience is the biggest contributing factor I guess,” Tina said. “Players who’ve been in fencing for a while are really a big help in terms of getting the team prepared and helping newbies with explaining how tournaments run and whatnot. When I think about it, most of the people on the team have actually fenced before.”

Tina’s teammates appreciate her devotion to the team.

“She’s got a lot of energy and helps keep fencing practice fun,” Junior Andrew Xu said.

“Not only that but she’s also a great foil fencer and I know she puts in lots of work to help the other fencers on their technique. She wins us tournaments, which is awesome too and great for morale.”

Several veteran fencers have joined the team. Sophomores Willa, Charlie and Nathaniel Green, triplets, all played on club teams before they joined the Maroons.

Another standout newcomer is national-ally-ranked fencer, Harrison MacRae, freshman.

“HARRISON WON 1st place at our first competition, which was not only impressive but it also showed his maturity on and off the fencing strip,” Tina said.

“He really set a good standard for the whole team, in terms of goal setting and how to approach the tournaments mentally. I think that the team really benefits from fencers like Harrison, the Greens, and our other older fencers because we have a big team and there are only so many things a coach can do.”

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Scoreboard

BOYS’ BASKETBALL–Jones, November 22, home: Varsity won 55-49; CHS, November 24, home: Varsity lost 64-60; St. Francis DeSales, November 26, home: Varsity won 54-46; Park, December 3, away: Varsity won 45-32; Northridge College Prep, December 4, away: Varsity lost 51-45; Latin, December 7, away: Varsity lost 55-63.

UPCOMING GAMES–De La Salle, December 14, away; Edgar, December 17, home; Bremen Invitational, December 27-29, Southern Illinois University.

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL–St. Francis DeSales, November 16, home: Varsity lost 47-23; Holy Trinity, November 23, away: Varsity won 50-33; Woodlands, December 1, home: Varsity lost 39-34; Willows Academy, December 3, home: Varsity lost 53-38; Edgar Academy, December 7, away: Varsity lost 32-27; UPCOMING GAMES–Park, December 14, away; St. Scholastica, December 17, away; Luther North, December 18, away.

BOYS’ SWIMMING–Bremen Invitational, December 4, away: Varsity placed 2nd out of 6 teams. UPCOMING MEETS–Morton H.S. (Cicero), December 14, away.
Athletes give the gift of themselves

Mentoring city youngsters, U-High teams don't wait for the holidays to contribute

Duncan Weinstein
Midway reporter

On a warm overcast Friday this Fall, fans screamed instructions at a bipartisan boy dribbling a soccer ball toward his own goal at one end of Douglas Park on Chicago’s West Side. The shot is saved, and the goalie keeps trying to punt, but misses.

Witnessing this scene were members of the U-High varsity soccer team while refereeing games and evaluating teams at Chicago SCORES. SCORES, the local affiliate of national program America SCORES. It provides both boys and girls interschool soccer leagues for underprivileged, inner city elementary school students.

SEENING PARALLELS between current campers at BIG and playing baseball as a kid, Senior Liam Mireles feels nostalgic.

“It’s nice for us to see younger kids with the same interest in the game we have. At that age there isn’t that much of a competitive aspect, they’re just playing for fun and that is what baseball is all about.”

Always willing to help out, Senior Jeremy Woo explains what baseball can offer to kids.

“COACH WALKER gave me a call and I was happy to help,” Jeremy said. “BIG gives the kids who really want to play baseball a place to hone their skills. The more you put in the more you get out, which is true in life. It’s great to be able to offer that to people.”

Senior Amir Hay describes what SCORES means to the kids.

“For some kids, soccer is just a fun activity, but there are other kids that really wish they had the time and money to join a real club,” Amir explained. “For now they will play here and work on their skills. It’s a haven for older kids. It keeps them off the streets. Even though it’s only a few hours a week, it boosts them up.”

GOING TO SCORES for the first time this season, Amir confessed, “I was worried the kids would want to see that I wasn’t from around here, but they didn’t and I was happy to help. I think it’s a great program.”

That turned out not to be the case at all. Since I was required to go, I wasn’t happy at first. Afterward I was really upset with myself for not wanting to go. It was really good feeling to know that I had helped out, even just for an afternoon.”

Bringing U-High players to SCORES for the past 10 years, Coach Moses values the experience.

“It puts things in perspective for the U-High student,” Coach Moses said. “It’s easy for them to take advantage of their situation and opportunity and this gives them a sense of difference. I have always been pretty privileged and I appreciate that.”

“This is an opportunity to give back.”

FOR SPORTS HEROES, look no further than U-High teams

Matt Hanessian
Sports commentator

Hero [be-er]: a man of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities.

U-High is lucky enough to have a number of its own heroes, notably in both academic areas as well as the arts. But, U-High enjoys its share of athletic heroes as well.

TAKING DANNY Levine, Class of 2010, for instance. His driving heading goal to win the boys soccer Regional Championship last year in overtime was nothing short of heroic.

Take Gabbie Clark, also Class of 2010, who defeated the reigning Illinois State Champion of Girls Tennis, Parker’s Elizabeth Epstein. Or, look at Nick Kogelman, Class of 2007, the first U-High golfer to make the Illinois High School Association State Tournament.

Each athlete has his or her own hero. Some screamed “and Jordan wins” as the imaginary clock wound down and the basketball buried itself in the net.

SOME PRETENDED they were tennis champion Pete Sampras, firing serves and rushing the net as if Wimbledon had come to Hyde Park.

Freshman Varsity Basketballer Max Rothschild has always counted down between them on the court.”

“Max always looked up to Kobe Bryant and he tried to emulate Kobe’s style of play on the court. He has a large repertoire of moves, and I am trying to learn a large arsenal of moves as well.”

Senior Soccerman Amir Hay also tries to integrate some of his favorite players’ moves into his game.

“IT’S ALWAYS fun to watch Ronaldinho, play,” Amir explained. “He is very skilled, and the way he plays is mesmerizing to me. He is always smiling, and it looks like he is not even trying.”

“I have tried some of the moves that he does, but nothing really comes of it,” Amir said. “Ronaldinho puts in so much work.”

Before a hero is made, a hero is watched.

Kobe Bryant grew up watching Magic Johnson’s Lakers take on Larry Bird’s Celtics.

Many U-High athletes agree: They owe an everlasting debt to those who paved the way for the heroes of today to ascend to new heights in every area of life, as they give them the goals they aspire to.
In the spirit of the holidays, sports editors Jeremy Woo and Matt Hanessian bring a little cheer.

(To the tune of “Same Girl,” by R. Kelly featuring Usher.)

J: Yo Matt!
M: What up, Jere?
J: I wanna introduce you to this guard, think I really love this guard.
M: Nah?
J: He jumps so high!
M: Straight up, dog.
J: Standing about 6 foot 3, his crossover is killing me.
M: Derrick Rose is the man.
J: Leavin’ a few broken, he dishes it to Joakim.
M: While other teams are moping, we find whoever’s open.
J: More luck than a four-leaf clover, the buzzer sounds, game over, the season’s looking golden.
M: Wait a minute: hold on, man. Is their coach Tom Thibodeau?
J: Yep.
M: Three straight playoff trips?
J: Yeap!
M: Three-point shots so wet, each one leaves the net with pizzazz.
J: SPLASH!
M: No Coach Vinny Del Negro?
J: Yeap.
M: No superstar egos?
M: No Coach Vinny Del Negro?
J: Yeap! Plus they still have Forward Luol…
M: Deng?
J: Tell me what’s wrong, dog? There’s nothing to be worried about! The Central Division is surely up for grabs.
M: I just didn’t know how much you really liked the Bulls?
J: Are you telling me you love ‘em?
M: I whispered in that Packers fan’s ear, “Take that”!
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J: Yeap too?
M: In the NFC North, we’re scarin’ all those cats!
J: So true! Despite all the turnovers I wish we could undo!
M: Sometimes I watch them lose and think what has the world come to?
J: Watching all the highlights on my phone, dreamin’ of the Super Bowl, in the Cowboys’ Dome.
M: We rootin’ for the same team, the same team, the same team.
J: Jay Cutler can throw it across the ocean!
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New course will reveal stress reduction secrets

Annette Cochran
Midway reporter

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The goal of a new Phys Ed course is to help students manage their stress.
Lower it.

BENDING INTO yoga poses and meditating serenely, students will explore a multitude of relaxation methods in Phys Ed Teacher Meghan Janda’s Stress Reduction class. Fifty-seven students in three sections will begin the unit January 24.
After developing a yoga unit in 2005, Ms. Janda envisioned a class to go more in-depth with stress management.

ARMS ON HER KNEES in a traditional meditation position, Phys Ed Teacher Meghan Janda relaxes her muscles. In her new Stress Reduction class, Ms. Janda’s students will learn effective, scientifically-based methods for relaxing and managing their stress. Photo by Christian Castaneda.

Both: We rootin’ for the same team, the same team.
J: Michael Jordan was the man!
M: You know I love Space Jam.
Both: It’s the same team, the same team.
M: I can’t believe we’ve been pullin’ for the Bears.
Both: Same team, same team.
J: Where does Miami think they’re goin’?
M: The Bulls will bring the title home.
Both: Jere, Matt, man we been rootin’ for the same team.
M: Let’s talk football, the Bears are showing mad bravado!
J: Yessir, they truly represent Chicago!
M: Major props to the D, getting those interceptions.
J: It’s truly unreal, could this be the film “Inception?”
M: For sure, Devin Hester is running back punts in my dreams.
J: I got so excited when Matt Forte hits the seams!
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Both: Same team, same team.
M: Sending wide receivers in motion.
M: Sippin’ on some championship potion.
Both: We been rootin’ for the same team.

Spruce Up For Those Family Holiday Pictures

Anita Rosic visits Hair Design International waiting for a styling to show off on an upcoming girls’ night out. Photo by Christian Castaneda.

FULL OF ANTICIPATION, Ana Rosic visits Hair Design International for a styling to show off on an upcoming girls’ night out. Photo by Christian Castaneda.

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HOLIDAYS wouldn’t be the holidays in the Loop without street musicians. These three drummers attracted passersby to stop and perhaps give a contribution into the blue bucket. The drummers kept their beats going, never engaging in conversation with their audience. They didn’t need to. They said it all with their music.

HERALDING THE HOLIDAYS

WITH ITS FAMOUS decorations along State Street, Marshall Field’s drew world-wide fame. Macy’s has protected that heritage carefully. “Macy’s dresses the store outside as well as inside,” Anisha said. “It’s a big block of holiday spirit and, at its heart, defines downtown Chicago.” Macy’s also continued the tradition of decorated windows with animated figures at an extravagant level long absent from most cities. This year the figures are paper-constructed in vintage style and the theme is "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," based on the famous 1897 editorial in the New York Sun.

DEDECORATED ANNUALLY for the holiday festivities, Macy’s dramatic artistry echoes its predecessor Marshall Field’s traditions. “Macy’s really highlights the holiday spirit with its ambitious decorations with beautiful colors,” Anisha said. “There also is a decorum about it all that reflects a long heritage. You feel you are in a Christmas wonderland.” The location is the world-known original atrium in the Marshall Field building which has lured travelers from around the world at holiday time.

THE TRADITION

AS SKATERS gather beneath the Bean in Millennium Park, families slide, glide and fall in a bright and cold Saturday afternoon. “This photo really captures the movement of the people,” said Anisha Sisodia, who took all the photos on this page. “I loved the way families moved in groups on the ice. You could definitely feel the sense of family and holiday spirit in the air with people bustling in and out of the cafe right by the rink to grab cups of hot cocoa.”

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HOLIDAY CHEER in the Windy City

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