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Starting from scratch, retiring teacher created U-High journalism

By Mike Glick
Editor-in-Chief

Wayne Brasler grew up a St. Louis boy.

As he shifted from Normandy High School to Harris Teachers College to the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Mr. Brasler never had any desire to leave Missouri.

“Normandy High School saved my life,” Mr. Brasler said. “When I got to Normandy, my whole life opened up. I turned from a loner, an introvert, painfully shy, to very social, very outgoing and took it maybe seven days. I was suddenly surrounded by friends. Suddenly, people liked me. I was going to football games, I was going to parties.”

“I didn’t know about Normandy was that at Open House, Mary Still, my journalism teacher and a most important person in my life story, had told my parents, ‘This is his destiny. You have to get him to the University of Missouri School of Journalism.’”

“My parents didn’t have the money. They told them, ‘I don’t care how you do it, but do it.’ Well, I couldn’t afford to go to the University of Missouri, so for two years I went to Harris Teachers College, where it was only $75 dollars a semester.

“The first day at Harris there were five of us from Normandy, all of us very unhappy to be there, and in walks the yearbook editor with a photographer. It’s Carol Leasck, aren’t you?” And she said yes, and I said, ‘I’m Wayne Brasler from Normandy.’ And she said, ‘I know who you are.’ And I asked her, ‘Are I going to be happy here?” And she said, ‘You can be a very big frog in a very small pond if you want to be.’”

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Antarctica, Antigua, Argentina among vacation destinations

By Syrah Russell
Midway reporter
Traveling in Antarctica for three weeks over winter break, junior Grace Broderick will participate in a research and learning program sponsored by two education and research organizations with 90 other high school students from around the world. Grace applied to the program through People to People and received her acceptance early last February.
Grace will fly to Argentina December 26 then travel on a research boat operated by Students on Ice, which conducts annual expeditions to the Antarctic and Arctic for high school students. The trip will commence through Drake Passage through locations including a dormant volcanic island and bird havens, as the voyagers study the biology of Antarctica and the Shetland Islands.

“I’VE ALWAYS WANTED to be a paleontologist,” Grace said. “I am looking to learn a lot about the scientific process and meet people with very different backgrounds from mine, but similar goals. The trip supposedly includes a lot of adventure. They use a fleet of small Zodiac boats to make landings along the coast if we notice something interesting we want to check out.”

Visiting the Caribbean for the second year, senior Leah Rosenzweig with her family will vacation on Antigua island.

“Last time I went, I learned how to kite-board, which was really fun, but difficult,” Leah said. “Unfortunately, because the weather was unpredictable, I only got one day to do it, so instead I went water-skiing. I am excited to head back again.”

In BARcelona, senior Jonah Berg will experience Spanish culture, including medieval villages.

“I’m very excited to visit Spain since my family is originally from the area,” Jonah said. “I’ve always loved Spanish architecture. We will be staying in the heart of the city where there is a lot to see and do.”

French Teacher Catherine Collet-Jarard expects to enjoy a Christmas day dinner of shellfish, oysters, scallops, smoked salmon, fish and turkey with her family in Nantes, a large city in western France.

“I’VE ALWAYS been GRATEFUL to my father for cooking this extravagant and succulent dinner all by himself,” Ms. Collet said. “As a professional chef, he does not let anyone in the kitchen for fear of me burning something. It is a real common thread that came out in all of my groups.”

THE KEYNOTE speaker, Michael Eric Dyson, sociology professor at George Washington University, emphasized the connection between the present and history.

“Some people flaunt their money while others hide their income but the point there is a lack of discussion. We also have to work with administration to create more open spaces like DUS where people can talk freely.”

Other delegates also said they realized U-Highers also have trouble addressing differing learning abilities and different socio-economic status, which are race and ethnicity, age, diversity, which are race and ethnicity, age, status, gender, sexual orientation, and family structure.

There is a lack of understanding of everyone’s other diversity. A diverse population goes beyond race.

Respect for everyone proved a theme throughout programs.”

“In all of my groups, we talked about self-acceptance and self-love,” junior Olivia Perozo said. “What makes us unique is important. That was a really common thread that came out in all of my groups.”

Concerts brighten holiday time

By Marissa Martinez
Associate editor
The practiced sounds of Beginning U-High Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Bel Canto will resound in Mandel Hall for the Fall Concert, 7:30 tonight.

Directed by music teachers Francisco Dean and Cathy Janovjak, the Band will present four pieces. Highlighted by “Sarabande,” the fifth movement from the Mozart piece “Eine Kleine Nacht Musik,” or “A Little Serenade,” written in 1787, for which the Chamber Orchestra, conducted by teachers Francisco Dean and Will Canto will contrast the South Poleанская антарктическая экспедиция 1984 года, а также встреча с оленями.

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Holocaust class trip offers unexpected experiences

By Luke Murphy
Associate editor

It was a right train. The smell of old leather, sweat and grit. To the left and rightcountless leather shoes lined my path. The footwear of those who were forced to make it. That scent, above all, will stick.

History teacher Susan Shapiro was leading 10 seniors in her Holocaust elective for the 21styear on a three-day trip to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., Saturday-Tuesday, November 22-25. History teacher Paul Horton also participated in the trip.

The students went to the Museum on Sunday and it found it packed with families and at least 10 other school field trip groups. From outside the Museum, people lined up around the back and the main entrance. Walking inside, U-Highers were immediately struck by its ominous nature.

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Science team kicks off season with ISO
By Dhevan Unni
Midway reporter
After competing in the Harlem Invitational last Saturday (after Midway premature) for the first time, U-High’s Science Olympic team begins to prepare for the Nilescu Invitational January 10, the Northern Invitational January 16, and updating study guides.

Other components of the Science Team—Wycliffe School, Youth in Science and Engineer- 

Jay
ing, Junior Engineer- 

And, Environment face a challenging schedule of competitions in Winter and Spring quarters.
Captains see the events as offering valuable experience and clues to forming team rosters.

We’re taking a more hard numbers based approach to designing rosters,” said senior Jay Dhanoa, team co-captain. “We’re discussing how Invitational lets us take the team as a whole for a test run, so we can rearrange events and people.”

WYSE captain Walker Melton, junior, also recognizes the experience angle. “Last year we have enough quality competitors that we don’t have to actively seek new members.”

Successful Model U.N. still looking to build strengths
By Ileana Minor
Midway reporter
After winning Best Small Delegation during the Princeton conference November 20-23 in New Jersey, Model U.N. will prepare to compete at Harvard’s Horace Mann and Dalton schools for Best Large Delegation at the Harvard regional tournaments January 29 - February 2 at the Sheraton Boston hotel, giving the new delegates opportunities to push their strengths.

To choose the new delegates, the team staged a mock conference December 8 at school. Veterans led a simulation focused on the strengths and weaknesses found in the new delegates at the University of Virginia, November 22-24, at Walter Payton High School.

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1st place in the orall competition, scoring 46 out of a possible 50 points. Blocker and freshman Elbert Du won 4 and lost 2 and advanced to octafinals this Saturday, December 20. Varsity team juniors Alina Cui and Eriko Koide, copresident with senior Jax Ingras- 

Photo by Nikita Dulin

Debate brings home honors
By Talia Goerge-Karron
Midway reporter
After a strong performance at Glenbrooks tournament in Glenview Illinois November 22-24, the Debate team prepares to compete against de- 

bate teams from 127 schools, 31 states and 2 countries at the John Edie Holiday De- 

bate Tournament host- 

ed by the Blake School at the Hyatt Downtown Minneapolis December 19-21.

At the Glenbrook North and South tournament in Glenview, Illinois November 22-24, Varsity team members and Environment face a challenging 

Spring quarters. Captains see the events as offering 

important, Walker said. “We run our team twice a week, so we can rearrange events to keep them running very well.”

“While we could have done better, we were happy to beat the other team and answer correctly gets the points.”

"The new members have been doing very well," Claret said. "We run our practices like tournaments so they al- ways know what to expect. " 

They placed 3rd and 4th at two novice tournaments earlier this year. I actually had someone from another school come up to me to say that his novices were intimidated by ours.”

Following their success with younger members, Scholastic Bowl has started a Middle School team for grades 6-8. English Teacher Colin Bennert-May is faculty advisor for both the High School and Middle School teams.

"The best way to have good players is to get them involved as soon as possible,” Claret explained.

"They meet during their activity pe- 

riods, but are also open for anyone in a tournament setting. There aren’t many middle school tournaments, but we hope to bring them to one this year."
More than two years after her father died tragically after saving two young boys from drowning, someone Genevieve Liu can take pride in pushing through overwhelming grief to help other teenagers who have lost parents.

Dr. Donald Liu, renowned head of pediatric surgery at the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children’s Center, had been with his family at a vacation home in Lakeside, Michigan, enjoying the end of summer with another family. At Cherry Beach on Lake Michigan, two young boys in the other family decided to go boogie boarding. Watching them, Dr. Liu noticed they were in the water drifting from shore. He dove into the Lake, managed to get the boys into a canoe, then swimming toward shore was pulled under. Frantic resuscitation efforts which followed did not succeed.

Dr. Liu’s death became national news and still resonates. The loss was particularly felt in the University community and the memorial service at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation drew 3,000 people. A feature story on what followed will appear in the 2014 U-High yearbook.

By Jackie Walker
Associate Editor

Immigration reform sparks mixed reactions at U-High

By Elizabeth Meyer
Midway reporter

Overriding Congress using an executive order, President Barack Obama approving November 20 an immigration reform bill providing illegal immigrants a path to citizenship has gotten a variety of opinion at U-High.

According to the Pew Hispanic Research Center, the number of Hispanic immigrants living in the United States has risen from 3.9 million people in 2000 to 11.1 million in 2011. Often these immigrants work hard and have families who are willing to pay taxes and abide by the law. The President’s Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will allow millions of these immigrants currently living in America for at least five years to become legal citizens.

Many critics believe the President’s decision had nothing to do with immigration, but represents a counter tactic after Republican electoral victories in November.

Last year, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents in the Senate came together to pass a bipartisan bill that would have doubled the number of Border Patrol agents, given undocumented immigrants citizenship if they could pay a fine and start paying taxes and boosted the American economy.

Republicans in the House blocked the bill from a vote, so the President’s recent decision overrode Congress and passed the bill himself.

History teacher Charles Disantis believes that the President’s decision was not intended to slam Republicans.

“I DON’T TEND to see Obama as the vengeful sort,” Mr. Disantis said. “He always advocated for minorities, and I think this has been in his mind for a long time. It makes more sense economically to let immigrants in. Directing resources toward border control has been inefficient.”

Model U.N. vice president Karen Reppy, senior, expressed similar views. “I definitely think that there is an aspect of trying to override the barrier that is the Republican party,” she said. “That is one of the features of executive action, after all.”

“HOWEVER, I ALSO think that he genuinely wants to get immigration reform passed. That was one of his goals when he was first elected.”

Model U.N. vice president Karen Reppy, senior, sees no problem with the President overriding Congress.

“I don’t believe Obama overstepped his bounds; previous presidents, including George H. W. Bush, have taken actually very similar actions,” Karen explained.

“In fact, if you look back, Obama has not taken very much executive action compared to other Presidents before him.”

“It is an unfortunate fact that Obama’s decision has been so criticized. This is not a political action; it is about protecting immigrants who have been in this country for a long time. We must see this from a humane point of view and recognize the positive benefits.”
When U-High Student Govern

When government presidents faced off with the Principal

By Miciaeh Buchheim-Jurissoon

Associate editor

Conceived in 1915 and approved by the faculty and administrator in 1916, the SLCC is the student council that consists of two branches: Student Council (SCC) and Student Legislative Council (SLCC). The SCC was the primary organ of the student government and consisted of two branches beside Student Council. Student Union was founded in 1915, while the Student Council was founded in 1916, until it was replaced by the Student Legislative Council (SLCC) in 1920. The SLCC is responsible for decision-making, budgets, social events, and rule enforcement.

“STUDENT BOARD handled student discipline, but also tried to come up with rules that we thought were correct instead of rules just coming from faculty,” Wendy Blum Coggins, a 1966 U-High graduate and member of both Student Board and Student Union, said in a phone interview.

“[The SLCC] isn’t just a body that’s supposed to represent students, it also had veto powers on bills the Council passed. Approved by administrators and the faculty, the new SLCC constitution gave legislative powers to the student body,” Pitts said.

“The daughter of U-High graduates, Ms. Coggins was involved in various student organizations during the 1960s. For example, student government worked with a $1,300 budget that came from left-pocket funds. Student Council both allocated the budget funds assuming accountability for it, publishing both mid-year and end-of-year reports in the 1965-1966 school year, that provided frank analyses of the Council’s actions during the school year and what could have been done better.

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he could coexist with the Committee as long as he had veto power over it. Early in the next school year, the Committee on Rules put together a proposal for off-campus privileges for all students. Though the Committee included Principal Margaret Pfaadt and Dean of Students Stan Goddard, the Director vetoed the proposal. By 1973, many students felt that SLCC was proving powerless because administrators were repeatedly currying the initiatives, according to the Midway. For most of the year, not enough representatives showed up to SLCC meetings to give levity to the school year.

**AT THE END OF THE DECADE,** SLCC presented a proposal to the principal that the Student Bill of Rights be made a part of the school year.

**I REMEMBER WE SPENT** the first three months of the school year tacking with the budget and trying to figure out how to spend the funds equitably among the many clubs and interest groups, Scott Edelstein, Class of 1983 and president of the SLCC in 1982-1983 school year said in a phone interview. "The principal was not pleased that SLCC spent so much time budgeting and wanted us doing something else for the community."

Mr. Edelstein, who currently leads the international healthcare practice at law firm Jones Day, the world’s third largest law firm, remembers student government planning a number of events but having a difficult time trying to gain power in the school.

"It was a difficult year in terms of raising morale and school spirit," Mr. Edelstein said. "We had a lot of events like a blood drive and fundraisers for a local charity. But perhaps the most powerful issue was the issue of sexuality. We were just coming out, and after we sent out a survey to students, we found overwhelmingly that they wanted have access to computers in school, we wanted to get computer labs and computer training in the school. I was surprised by how many faculty were opposed to this, especially English and history teachers." IN THE 1983-1984 SCHOOL YEAR, the Midway criticized Student Council for accomplishing little, which was particularly different from the 1981-1982 school year when SLCC was particularly pleased with the Council resolving and canceling many of the events it had planned.

In the 1983-1984 school year, SLCC presented a proposal that essentially lays down new rules for school events. "We are drafting a new academic freedom policy that essentially lays down new rules for school events," John Brasler, who once wrote a history of high school student governments, attended a high school student government report. "The principal was not pleased with the Council doing anything that would bring the event to a halt.

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As the Midway sees it
School needs policy on political protest

Open discussion has been a staple at U-High since the school was founded. However, because of a recent decision to first permit and then prohibit an event supporting pro-Palestinian political activist Rasmea Odeh, numerous U-Highers have thrown up their arms in disgust.

Many U-Highers do not agree with Odeh’s actions before her arguably unfair trial. But they do believe a discussion about her at school would be valuable. Having a conversation makes sense. At a time when Mike Brown’s death in Ferguson has garnered extreme national attention, a time when Eric Garner was choked by police and died in New York City, such issues need to be discussed.

It does not matter who holds the “bet-ter” or “right” opinion on each issue. In most cases such a side does not exist. A chunk of U-Highers backed a senator on the other side of the equation. Few U-High-ers would feel comfortable vocalizing opposition to Julia’s views. Nobody did in the active Facebook conversa-tion on “Overboard at U-High?”, but a few even agreed to speak on the record with the Midway.

This unwillingness to take unpopular views has proven an issue in many recent controversies. Few people have agreed to speak with the Midway about the popular opinion that the policemen who killed Mike Brown and Eric Gar-ner overstepped their boundaries.

Some U-Highers do believe that the policemen did the jobs they had to do. They just do not voice those views publicly. If only one side feels at ease speak-ing, freedom of discussion does not exist. Freedom of speech means stu-dents feel they can take any stance without feeling threatened. This school prides itself on fostering active and healthy discussion on contro-versial issues. DICE has continually led the way in encouraging stu-dents to express their views on topics as controversial as affirmative action.

But we need to distinguish in both action and in writing between an organ-ized discussion and a political event occurring in a place U-Highers cannot avoid. The school needs to devise a logical and simple policy outlining what form protest can take in the school, regard-less of the politics of the protest.

The next time this happens students should know what to expect.

Midway Mailbox

In Rasmea Odeh case, administrators cannot take sides

From Geri Ross, senior: A recent planned rally at school in support of Rasmea Odeh has sparked controversy, as the administration struggled to decide whether to sup-port this optional school event. As a private educational institution, the administra-tion’s support for this event that advocates for Rasmea Odeh makes the Lab School a forum where advocates opinion instead of dis-pensating information. Lab’s decision to advocate instead of educate prevents Lab School from functioning as a safe environment conducive to learning.

Rasmea Odeh was recently con-victed by a federal jury in Detroit of illegally procuring naturalization by falsely answering questions about whether she ever had been convicted or imprisoned. In 1970, Odeh was con-victed in Israel of involvement in the 1969 supermarket bombing in Jerusa-lem in which two Hebrew University students were killed, and another at-tempted bombing of the British Con-sulate. Even though Odeh was given a life sentence, after ten years, she was released by Israel as a large-scale prisoner swap for an Israeli soldier captured in Lebanon.

Odeh was convicted of falsifying answers on her immigration application because she did not disclose her Israeli conviction and imprisonment. Supporters of Odeh claim she was tor-tured by the Israeli military into con-fessing to being apart of the planning of two terrorist bombings in Jerusa-lem, and the American justice system did not give Rasmea Odeh a fair trial because Americans have a strong Is-raeli bias.

Pro-Palestinian activist groups around the country have taken up Rasmea Odeh’s case as an example of Americans trying to intimidate and oppress Palestinians. There have been many people fighting for and against Rasmea Odeh’s release, but one thing all agree on is that this case is not just about Rasmea Odeh, but also about the larger Israel versus Palestine conflicts. Just as Lab School would never advocate for a particular political candidate, so too Lab School should not take a side in the Israel vs. Pales-tine debate about Rasmea Odeh.

Quick Q

What are you most looking forward to about being a second-quarter senior? JESSE KIM: First and foremost, I look for-ward to the full nights of sleep. Then I look forward to less four years of irregular sleep and I’m excited to finally reap the benefits of being a senior. I’ll also be done with all of this college application stuff. I’ll have the time to do the things I want to do.

IVANA JURETA: I’m most looking forward to the hectic and stressful time of applying to col-leges to be over. Second, I’m looking for-ward to senior year. I’ll relax, leaving time to hang out with friends and just enjoy senior year.

ANNA KNESE: I’m looking forward to the college application process to be over. I’m also looking forward to Senior Getaway because, who isn’t?

MAX BROWN: I’m looking forward to checking out completely. I’m kind of joking but not really.
Cozy winter fashions

Simple yet classic, Nigel Van Ha stays cozy in a Bossini sweater and Uniqulo pants while Ilna Dutton stands out in a holiday floral babadoll dress from American Apparel.

While Schuler Small enjoys comfort is a sign of his Dad's love, with sweaters with a grey button-up and hunter green chinos from J Crew, Whitney Thomas stands out in a Club Monaco color-blocked skirt and J Crew blouse.

Story and photos by Alex Thompson

Sporting comfy holiday sweaters and multiple layers, U-Highers plan to brave another Chicago winter balancing fashion and comfort.

Trying to keep her personal style despite the cold, senior Katie Adlika focuses on color for her holiday attire.

"Winter is a hard season to dress for," senior Katie Adlika observed. "You want to express your style, but at the same time you want to be warm and comfortable. Dresses are my go-to outfit before the snow hits and then I switch to fuzzy sweaters and uggs to withstand the cold days.

Similarly, sophomore Alex Land said, "In the Spring I like to wear lighter, more flowy clothes. But during the winter I love layering darker pieces and sweaters. Function over fashion, in this case staying warm in the winter is a top priority for me."

Senior Jarrett Lampdale said it takes like pair comfort and active wear.

"I am all being comfortable," he explained, "so I would say my general style is really casual.

"Some days I'll wear nicer sweaters and jeans and maybe some sperrys, but I also like to tone it down and wear some adidas soccer pants, gym shoes and an athletic sweater.

"In terms of fashion I am all over the place."

Formal and seasonal, Eamon Keenan and Taylor Thompson dress up in a J Crew sweater with Levi's pants and an Urban Outfitters mistletoe dress.

By Raghu Somula

Dining columnist

Music, wi-fi, and a modern look. Valois has none of those.

Valois, on 1518 East 53rd Street, doesn't resemble anything close to the new establishments of Harper Court. No. Valois is a cafeteria-style, short order, steam table eatery where nothing, from the prices to the atmosphere, seems to have changed since it first opened in 1921. But why is this old restaurant's peak hour lines longer than Chipotle's? Best known for its traditional American breakfasts and open from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Valois attracts lines going out the door most days, but you can get through the line in about five minutes.

IT'S SIMPLE REALITY. Grab a tray, and talk to the first person behind the counter, who is usually the cook. Order either breakfast, lunch, dinner, or something else from the seven unique daily specials. They serve everything from omelets to daily rotating lunch specials and sides of beef, pork and prime rib, all roasted on-site, most under seven dollars. Don't forget cash, because they don't accept credit cards.

It is the best breakfast place I have ever been to. Even on a Wednesday at 7 a.m. peak hour, my cheese omelet and potatoes, prepared under five minutes, tasted delicious.

Fresh off the griddle with the perfect combination of salty and starchy, crunchy exterior with a soft inside, the hash browns blew me away. But it isn't just the quality or the size of the food that attracts so many Hyde Parkers to stand in line.

IS IT THE BACKGROUND of plates being washed or the sizzle of a chicken breast on the grill? Certainly it isn't the cafeteria look, with coated wall murals and a large number of people buzzing about, right? Maybe I'm looking at this wrong. Yes. It is the cafeteria atmosphere that attracts them.

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By Clyde Schwab

**Associate editor**

After a successful tournament show- ing at New Trier High School Decem- ber 6, the fencing team will hold a tournament at the Homewood-Flossmoor tourna- ment this Saturday.

According to junior Fabrice Guyot- ser, the Decem- ber 5, boy swimmers will make the trek to Northside College Prep to square off against the Mustangs to- ward this season.

Photo by Jarrett Lampley

**By Clyde Schwab**

**Associate editor**

After capturing the Lisle Thanksgiving Tourna- ment crown November 29 under new coach Rob Trier, the Maroons' swimmers will travel north to Parker today to take on the Colonels at 6 p.m. The Colonels (2-13, 0-7) will be led by a big heat Timothy Christmas 50-28 November 28 and took down Prospects Charter 50-33 November 30. Senior Jason Kobayashi, Sean Moran and sophomore Jameel Alausa received All-Tournament Team Honors.

The Maroons and Elgin to begin conference play (results came after Midway press time), U-High will look to maintain momentum from last season's 12-0 ISL.

"Parker is always a tough matchup for us be- cause it's a rivalry game, so they give our maxi- mum effort. It's not an easy game. We don't have the same core as last year. I am sure they are used to the sign for us that we came together so quickly.

In years past we could rely on feeding Max Roths- born from last season's 12-0 ISL record.

"For thE TEAM serves as the team's assis- tant coach. Maroons are coached by John Moran, Rob Ley has assumed coaching duties this year, senior Ben Rallins, juniors Autumn Espinosa, Kendall, Ken Jubelirer, Cel- ebrating our win over the Warriors December 9 at home.

"While, I've been asked to score a bit more this year, my role as a leader is the most important to our team. I want us to grow together as a team. Like I said, we have a young team so their overall development is the number one concern.

"I was excited about the foundation of success this year that lasts beyond the season, open the door for the team.

"Last year a lot of new swimmers joined the team, adding to what al- ready was a very solid base," Fabrice explained. "Many of us have made year round commitment to the sport. I think what this year has been us all just pushing to get up a year and improving together.

"We are swimming a lot," Fabrice continued with emphasis. "Lately we've been opting for very long sets as opposed to sprint sets. Its just a way to get us in shape as some of us came in to the season a little out of shape."
Boys’ Soccer

Despite losses in the ISL Championship and Regionals, the U-High varsity soccer team compiled a 7-7-3 record, placing 2nd in the ISL. JV soccermen won four ISL games en route to the ISL crown and 4-10 record overall.


Cross Country


Girls’ Volleyball

Seeking another Regional Championship, the girls’ volleyball team received the unlucky draw of Chicago Christian. The loss capped an 18-8 season for the Maroons.


Girls’ Tennis

Jacobs Tournament, August 30, away: Varsity lost 6-3; Chico- gland Jewish High School, August 26, away: Varsity won 6-3; Latin School, September 16, away: Varsity lost 2-3; Tri-Match with Egin & Parker, September 20, away: Varsity lost 3-2; ISL Tri-Match with NSCD and NRF, August 22, away: Varsity won 4-1; IHSA Sectionals, September 22, home: Girls placed fourth.

Girls’ Swimming

North Shore Country Day School, October 13, home: Girls’ team placed third (750), ISL Sectional Champions.

Girls’ Swimming Illinois Math and Science, September 16, home: Breezeland Brookfield Invitational; September 28, away: St. Francis HS-Wheaton, September 23, home: Lane Technical High School; October 7, home: St. Laurence Academy, October 11, away: Maine East Invitational, October 18, away: Ignite Invitational/October 21, home: ISU Quad-Meet, October 25, home; Whitney Young, October 28, away; IHSA Sectionals, November 5, home: Girls’ team placed third (750), ISL Sectional Champions, November 15, away: the Maroons placed fourth, 4th, reclaiming three records of the meet.

Baseball in Winter air

By Luke Murphy

In the middle of December, there was chatter in the hall that U-Highers aren’t used to hearing. Talk I’m not used to hearing. Talk I’m not used to hearing. Talk I’m not used to hearing. Talk I’m not used to hearing. Talk I’m not used to hearing.

The futurity of Chicago baseball is well documented. The Cubs, who began as a franchise in 1900, have won three championships, won in 1904, 1906, and 1907. The Cubs, dubbed the “Lovable Losers,” have two championships, won in their first two years as a franchise, 1906 and 1908. The next 106 years? Well, everybody knows how that went. And yet, coming off a year in which both the Cubs and White Sox finished with 89 losses, there is talk of baseball. On a day that I can see my breath. There is baseball in the air.

On December 11 the White Sox acquired right-handed pitcher Jeff Samardzija, an ex-Cub, and soon after Ben Glick, Junior, sees the White Sox。

The Cubs would not be undone. One day later, they had agreed on terms with left-handed pitcher Jon Lester on a seven-year, 155 million dollar contract, announcing their intentions to compete in 2015.

Lifelong Cubs fan Benny Friedman, senior, sees the Lester signing as the start of an exciting era for Cubs fans. “I think the Jon Lester signing shows the franchise’s seriousness about winning these next few years,” Benny said. “It signals the opening of the World Series window. He provides a true ace and leadership to a team who’s key to success required just two things.”

Ben Glick, junior, sees the White Sox acquisitions as a big step.

“Samardzija is an elite right-hander, something our already good starting rotation was clearly missing,” Ben said. “He will be a very solid number two. Robertson proved he can hold leads and closer saves in New York. I think my goal for the team is to get this to be a Lab varisty sport that sticks.”

Girls’ Swimming

After a tough day of testing during the final days of fall quarter, Milo Dandy looks forward to a fresh fruit smoothie.

Authentic Asian cuisine has never been easier to get. With the winter season right around the corner, De Rice provides cover from the harsh weather and offers warm savory dishes for the hungry stomach. Stop in today!

Luscious dining at practical prices!

Photo by Della Brown
Holiday joy in the Windy City

By Averie Miller
Midway reporter

Carols and bells echo through Daley Plaza along with aromas of nuts and cheese. A brass quartet comprised of a trombone player, a baritone player and two trumpet players switches between traditional Christmas carols and Jamaican tunes, creating a unique sound. A 57-foot Christmas tree decked with red and green ornaments towers over pedestrians. Accompanying the Christmas decorations, an 18-foot metal menorah is displayed in front of the shops.

Christkindlmarket is an annual open-air Christmas festival located in downtown Chicago (and this year, for the first time, west suburban Oakbrook Center) where families can enjoy classic German dining, shopping and Christmas decorations. First held in Chicago in 1996 on Pioneer Court, this is the 19th time the festival has been held in Chicago.

Excited to shop for unique crafts and try out new foods, junior Ariel Gans goes to the Christkindlmarket during the holidays with her parents and twin sister.

“I’ve gone to Christkindlmarket every year since I could walk,” Ariel said. “I look forward to it and it’s free admission, so I go multiple times each season. It has this mix of local charm and international style to it that I’ve never seen anywhere else. It’s so cool to see so many foods that I’ve never heard of from all over the globe like Germany and Poland. I always walk out with some intricate hand-made craft, and I get a lot of gifts for my friends there. It’s my favorite way to get into the holiday spirit.”

Mary Brady gazes up at the Christkindlmarket Christmas tree, one of the many attractions at the Daley Center. The market offers its German and other international specialties until December 23.

After eating at the market, Benny Friedman and Clay Surmeier swung by the Toni Bavarian Lederhosen Bear stand. Benny and Clay finally bought two bears for $30 to be wrapped as Christmas presents.

Calling his friends over to see the Santa’s Workshop window at Macy’s, Benny Friedman continues down State Street on a windy, frigid day last week. By the weekend, temperatures warmed.

Puppetteers and their puppets brave the cold to put on shows for holiday shoppers on Michigan Avenue. Bundled up customers flock to the blaring cartoonish music, dancing puppets and colorfully painted backdrop.

A brass quartet comprised of a trombone player, a baritone player and two trumpet players alternate between traditional Christmas carols and upbeat Jamaican tunes down the street from the Daley Center.

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