Can Student Council be effective?

All-school president says anyone can be effective if they work hard, yet grade reps cite logistical concerns

by DHEVYN UNNI

EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the Student Council election next week, some officers say their year has not only been effective as they expected, while others say cordon goals is possible with hard work.

Senior Cultural Union representative Nicole Hurto publicly stated that Student Council is plagued by a lack of understanding about what officers can accomplish. Nicole is frustrated with lack of power granted by the administration and management of trivial issues.

Nicole has stopped attending Student Council meetings, saying they aren’t a good use of her time. She wants Student Council to have a faster-moving, more public role.

“At the meetings, we discuss the same things week after week, and it seems like nothing gets done,” Nicole said. “It takes an entire year to do a simple thing to happen. At the beginning of the year, we were discussing bathroom stall doors and bathroom sinks, and now the bleachers just got fixed and a lot of bathrooms stalls still don’t work.”

According to Nicole, others like the Principal’s Advisory Committee and the organizers of the school-wide walkout, have taken over Student Council’s role, while council members discuss what she described as trivial issues.

All-School President Elizabeth Van Ha sees Student Council as an effective leader, who can help with bills to the students while also planning events to promote school spirit.

According to Elizabeth, any Student Council member can initiate a bill to solve a problem they care about if willing to actively support it.

“A common misconception of people that join Student Council is that everything will be leveled for them,” Elizabeth said, “but the way I see it, is that once you are nominated, you are chosen to be a student leader and the grade sees you as one. It’s a way of sustainable, so it’s up to you to initiate the changes that you would like to see.”

According to Senior Vice President Cole Summerfelt, Elizabeth is one of the few Student Council members close enough with the administration to accomplish these student objectives because she attends many of their meetings.

“All of the powers that people think Student Council has, Fafa does,” Cole said, using Elizabeth’s nickname. He said the student body knows how involved Student Council is with the administration, but Elizabeth is typically the one who attends those meetings to share student opinions.

Cole said that the All-School President is much more accountable than other Student Council members, and conceded few members take as much initiative as Elizabeth.

While Elizabeth believes the distinction between the executive board and the class boards may contribute to a Student Council hierarchy, no one has more power for getting bills passed.

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First all-school sing builds community

by TALLA GOERGE-KARRON
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From “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” to “We Shall Overcome,” students from the youngest grades through high school sang together at the first-ever All-School Sing mid-day April 5 on Jackman Field. Created by Director Charlie Abelmann, the All-School Sing was the first step in a more comprehensive plan to bring together the entire Lab community, even though attendance from high school students was low.

Evolving the musical hobby—sings held at the lower school, the event was one step toward building school community through singing.

“I think song in and of itself has a very powerful ability to help create a sense of joy and spirit,” Dr. Abelmann said, and I also think that depending on the songs that you pick that the content of the song is very important message for a community.”

After noting that Lab’s different grade levels have different traditions, together, Dr. Abelmann wants to bring together the current and past traditions to an old traditions that existed when the school was smaller.

Adding the need for healthy schools build and foster a sense of community spirit and that happens through all kinds of different traditions and rituals, and we want to have a lot of traditions and rituals,” Dr. Abelmann said.

To Vivian Liang, the attendance from U-High was less than other schools, but the general idea of a singing event was well thought out.

“It was a good effort,” Vivian, a senior, said. “It was mainly lower and middle school kids. I didn’t see many high schoolers there, and the ones that were there really just enjoying the ambiance.”

In order to increase high school student’s attendance and enjoyment, Abelmann hopes the buddy system (which exists with some classes) expands to increase interaction at different age levels by matching all younger students with high school students.

Abelmann wants to hear ideas from students for future sings to bring the whole community together.

He said, “My hope is that this event inspires others to suggest ideas for how we can come together as a community.”
**Gun violence debate continues after marches**

by GRACE ZHANG

Assistant Editor

In order to maintain the momentum of national movements, Illinois legislators are pushing for permissive action to restrict access to guns, while students are advocating to recognize the decades of gun violence on the South Side and to include more diverse voices in the discussions.

At the Lab Schools walkout March 2, students gathered on the lawn, receiving the attention from multiple news outlets. The walkout prompted discussions about how the Lab community will approach the issue. Some students, including junior Alexx Tyn dall, said the Lab community on Wednesday released a statement because the movement was a national one.

"The fact that Lab has never really done anything about gun violence before, especially since it’s such a problem where we live, wasn’t adding up to me," Alexx said.

Alexx said community members should take each other on police brutality and other local forms of gun violence. She also believes that students should keep contacting local elected officials to make a difference in the Chicago area.

U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, a Demo crat who represents Illinois’ 7th District which includes portions of Chicago’s south and west sides, shares Alexx’s concerns and is moti vated to raise awareness about local gun violence.

For Davis, the issue of local gun violence is close to home. On Nov. 18, 2016, Rep. Davis’ grandson, Javon Wilson, then age 15, was fatally shot in a home invasion. Rep. Davis has pushed several pieces of legislation such as the Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act as well as a gun tax. The next steps, according to Rep. Davis, are to change perceptions of guns as necessary for self-pro tection, to improve mental health checks and to ban semi-automatic and automatic weapons.

"If we were to stop manufactur ing guns in this country, I would not have a problem doing it," Da vis said. "I think that is the [two] things we need to do, is strengthen our gun laws, keep teaching peo ple and the danger of guns." Rep. Davis encourages students and other youth to keep getting involved as much as they can by voting and participating in marches to pressure policy makers to make changes.

According to Rep. Davis, the key is what people do after media cov erage or gun violence diminishes.

"We can’t let it die down," he said. "If we let it die down, then nothing would change."

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**News in Brief**

**Jackman turf field will pose no health threat**

After months of disagreement, a committee of administrators and teachers has decided to install an alternate synthetic turf on Jack man Field. This specific type of turf poses no safety concerns, ac cording to Christopher Jones, Lab Schools associate director for fi nance and operations.

Mr. Jones said an alternative synthetic turf means that the recy cled rubber crumbs used in regular turf fields is replaced with the ex cess trim from athletic shoes. This type of infill comes straight from the factory, so there is no safety concerns that crumbilng along with it.

There had been debate earlier throughout the school over what kind of infill to use because some research suggests crumb rubber may pose health risks.

Sophomore Eli Hinerfeld, one of the strongest opponents to the crumb rubber turf field, said he is satisfied with the decision.

"This decision is important to the health of Lab students and they should be proud of their choice," Eli said.

The plan is to install the turf over the summer in time for the fall soccer season.

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**Some staff/background checks postponed**

As of April 2, the process began for Lab employees hired since July 2007 to undergo fingerprint-based background checks to comply with state law, but a plan to finger print employees hired before that date has been suspended for now.

After the Faculty Association filed a grievance over a proposed mandatory fingerprint-based background check for all employ ees, Lab Schools Director Charlie Ablemann decided to suspend the plan to fingerprint those hired before July 1, 2007.

The current contract for facul ty ends at the end of the 2018-19 academic year, so the administra tion and the FA will begin negotiat ing during the next school year, FA President Jim Catlett said. If the ad ministration still intends to imple ment the fingerprint-based back ground check for all faculty and staff, it would be negotiated then.

The updated security policy, ini tially communicated to the fac ulty and staff by Dr. Ablemann, was intended to innovate the Lab School’s security policy and to uni form practice, Dr. Ablemann said. Although, after facing criti cism from the FA on behalf of the Lab faculty, the administration’s plan will not be immediately im plemented.

Current practice is that before being hired all employees must under go a criminal background check, which includes a check of the sex offender database.

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**Smokati scratched in middle school restroom**

On April 6, students reported a swastika scratched into a mid dle school bathroom stall. Dean of Students Ana Campos notified the students, teachers and parents of spring musical “Pippin” during Labapalooza, an alternative to Spring Fling, April 14.

Any student who sees graffiti should report it to an administra tor.

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**Model UN places first at Northwestern**

In particular, as discussed in the individual awards, the Model UN team members received Best Large Delegation honors at Northwestern University, their final con ference of the year, last weekend.

"We were really excited to see how people did, especially the freshmen and sophomores," Ma ni Nimer, a junior board mem ber, said, "and we are really excit ed to see what they will be able to do next year."

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**Science team places second at Envirothon**

The varsity science team placed second and the junior varsity team placed fourth at Envirothon April 11 at the Danada House in Whea ton. Envirothon is a competition centered around environmental science and conservation, which includes five topics.

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Food service to improve with changes

by SONNY LEE

NEWS DEPUTY EDITOR

Changes made to the Ara mark’s food service operations in the past few weeks will speed the lunch lines but limit the hours stu dents may be able to visit the cof fee shop.

Among the changes are the ap parition of new food vendors. With Direction Amanda Molina and the use of the coffee shop staff in the cafeteria, the cafeteria now runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Six cafeteria employees left at the end of winter quarter. Chef Manager Efren Sosa said they had found better jobs or in addition to improving com munication with the cafeteria staff, Ms. Molina said her job is to watch the process and note any ways to provide better, more effi cient service.

"I’m going to start seeing the lines fixed, but finding them," Ms. Mo lina said.

Ms. Sosa explained the half熄 iced coffee shop is closed during the lunch hours so extra staff can provide support in the cafeteria and help make the lines quicker during the lunch time rush.

Students who have visited the cafeteria during slower hours, have to come with registers with no staff member available, meaning students possibly could leave the area without paying.

Ms. Molina explained that though the staff is often in the back restocking, there is should be someone attending the front. She encouraged students to find someone in the cafeteria office if no cashier is present.

Ms. Molina said students should soon see a difference in the food service culture.
Celebrities should use social platforms for activism

by SAMIRA GLAESER-KHAN

Normal people are not as successful as Hollywood celebrities when it comes to activism, especially in our current political climate. However, celebrities have the potential to effect change when their support is given to an issue that they feel strongly about.

When it comes to activism, celebrities have the most potential to make a difference. With their large following, financial resources and connections, celebrities can provide the support for citizens to enable change. Having large social media platforms in addition to financial resources and power in the industry, celebrities set an example from other industries and public figures such as Bill and Melinda Gates.

Celebrities have the largest potential to effect change when their philanthropy goes beyond a faceless donation. For example, Nicki Minaj privately donated millions of dollars to children’s education. However, she would have had a much larger impact if she had spoken out more publicly about the importance of education. Ms. Minaj could have shown young people, especially young girls, that they can both love school and be successful in the entertainment industry. It is not uncommon for other issues.

Another example is Minaj’s relationship with her philanthropy. When celebrities speak out about an issue, celebrities are giving people a face to the cause they are supporting. This can be a powerful tool when it comes to activism. When celebrities speak out about something they believe in, it is easier for others to believe in the cause. Celebrities can give the faces to the issues that are passionate about. Many people see celebrities as role models and their opinion about the issue will be more accepted by their fans and friends.

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Dragon Lights festival exhibits Chinese culture, arts

by EMMA TRONE

The soaring sounds of traditional flute and gong, a seven-stringed instrument, float over the crowds, who stroll delightfully through intricate displays of light. Visitors weave through heart-shaped arches, illuminated from within, or stand before a majestic dragon that stands two stories high, as the city skyline glitters in the background and cars rush by on Lake Shore Drive.

The Dragon Lights at Soldier Field is a nightly celebration of Chinese culture, which runs through May 6. While the glowing displays of Chinese folktales and cultural symbols are the main draw, the festival also stages traditional Chinese performance arts and live handcraft demonstrations such as knotting and inner-bottle painting.

The festival opens for visitors daily at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are available both at the door and online at dragonlightschicago.com, and cost $20 for adults, and $13 for children ages 4 to 14. The 19 liten displays that provide the “lights” at the festival were handcrafted and built by artisans, who traveled to Soldier Field from China to assemble the intricate scenes. Beyond the strikingly prominent twin dragons, which are centrally located and tower above visitors and the other arrangements, other displays depict cultural figures such as the moon goddess, Guanyin, China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang Di, with the famed terracotta warriors and arctors from the Peking opera.

With the displays, one feels a sense of old and new aesthetics coming together, with the subject matter depicted having ancient roots, the medium of lantern-making feels renewed with the emerging of modern technological advancements. With the twinkling lights from downtown Chicago as a backdrop, there’s no better place to explore Eastern culture, both old and new, right in your backyard. Catch this colorful celebration of Chinese culture before it closes.

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Hyde Park’s underpass murals spark conversations, community pride as art meets neighborhood history

by LEAH EMANUEL

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For students observing any religion, there is a tension in the student body whenever the topic of religion comes up in conversation. This lack of education about religion at Lab has contributed to a lack of exposure to religion first-hand and discomfort or intolerance during conversations about religion.

Smartphones are certainly useful in the world today. They make it possible to get by without one, since you can easily contact anyone you need to contact, get directions anywhere and access the internet. However, when cellphones are already integrated into our lives, they have no use inside the classroom.

When smartphones are present or visible in the classroom, they limit the learning environment. They tempt students to check their phones and not listen, disrespect their teachers.

Furthermore, the ion batteries in smartphones and other rechargeable devices emit radiation that many studies have proved harmful, possibly causing tumors according to the American Cancer Society.

Another solution to this issue would be to disband CU completely, with the exception of one person elected by students who would lead a committee to plan dances, just like Prom Committee does. The committee could be made up of students who want to plan homecoming and other high school-wide events. This would allow elected leaders to focus their time on other relevant student issues. At a minimum, there needs to be a clear division between these two groups. While there has been a recent at-temporaty attempt at transparency by publishing a quarterly report of what the grade-level leaders accomplished last quarter, there need to be more interactions between these leaders and their peers. The elected students currently seem disconnect-ed from the needs of their peers, which can root issues and prevent understanding the full potential of what StudCo and CU could do for students.

While next week is expected to bring out some people in their grades and have conversations about their concerns, this will create a greater sense of community, and the student body will better understand the root of why some students believe the core of why some students believe students’ ability to take the group seriously.

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Despite complaints, head guards now in use

by ABBY SLIMMON

To minimize the severity of possible concussions, the girls soccer players have been wearing protective head guards while on the field in both practice and games after being fitted on the first day of practice Feb. 26. And the complaints began almost immediately. One of the first complaints the girls had was the discomfort of the guards. Storelli Sports, the brand that Principal Stephanie Weber and the Athletic Director David Ribbens chose, sells head guards that come in increments of a quarter of an inch. Some players said their heads do not perfectly fit in any of the sizes offered, resulting in pounding headaches or the guards slipping off in the middle of games.

“A lot of the girls have really bad headaches while wearing them and after taking them off for hours after practice and games,” varsity player Grace Watson, a junior, said. “This is something that worried us especially towards the end of the season when it gets really warm, wearing them in March, April, when you’re always sweating and constantly running in the heat could lead to girls passing out.”

Varisty captain Elizabeth Van Houten mentioned that during their first game, two of the players’ head bands fell off because the sizing was not perfect.

“The point is to help protect our heads but it seems to be more of a detriment and distraction while playing,” Elizabeth, a senior, said. Mr. Ribbens mentioned that he is aware the sizing Storelli Sports provides is not perfect so they are looking into getting head guards with adjustable, velcro straps for the 2018-19 boys and girls soccer seasons.

Another issue the team has with the gear is that heading the ball is much different than it was previously. Earlier in the season, the players spent one of their practices learning how to head the ball in a new way.

“Because the heading is different, I get really confident on it. I head in the wrong place so I have to make sure I head in the right place,” Elizabeth said. “Because of the heading, I have to be more aware of where the ball is coming from and where the defenders are so I can get to the ball first.”

“When I was younger I didn’t take math seriously,” Elizabeth said. “It’s funny because everyone always says I’m so small, but I don’t feel small. My size definitely makes some things harder, but I barely think about it anymore.”

Annabel Stolze, a senior on the varsity level and the boys team to wear head guards was not the only one to wear them. Elizabeth, a senior, decided to wear the gear in order to avoid the band,” Elizabeth said. “The boys soccer players were wearing them in the middle of the game so I had to wear them too.”

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The boys soccer players were warned for gear in the middle of the game so when the order did not arrive until a week before the play-offs, they were not able to wear them. The Athletic Department plans to require the boys team to wear head guards from the beginning of the fall season.

Elizabeth, fellow varsity captain Tia Pilette and Anna Kenig-Ziesler as well as manager Karina Ribbens met with Ms. Weber before spring break to discuss their concerns about the head guards, but the captains said they have yet to hear any decision change from Ms. Weber.

“Teams train, bond on spring break trip

Players on the girls soccer, baseball and track and field teams — 42 athletes in all — traveled to Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida over spring break, from March 24 to March 28. They trained and competed in or near the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

“There’s huge value for all the teams for training, and weather conditions are really, really nice, obviously, so they’re able to get a week’s worth of training in,” Athletic Director David Ribbens said.

Greta List, a freshman on the girls soccer team, went on the trip to form new relationships with teammates and upperclassmen on the team.

“There were only 11 of us who went, but I think we got pretty close,” Greta said.

John McKee, a senior baseball player, said the trip helped him form new bonds.

“My favorite moment of the trip was the last game where we got a win against a really good team,” John said. “I think it showed that we made a lot of progress over the course of the trip.”

— OLIVIA CHENG
Tech helper Justin Clark breaks grouchy stereotype

by DHEVINI UNNI
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Lots of people say they spent their day “putting out fires,” but for Justin Clark that’s a true statement. Dealing with exploding laptops — which happened last month — may not be in the job description, but Mr. Clark greets students with a warm smile regardless of their problem.

Down in the basement, Mr. Clark works in Information Systems troubleshooting and training people in the programs that show how to use Lab’s technological resources. The child of two educators, Mr. Clark knew he wanted to combine his love for computers with education but didn’t know how until he got to Lab.

“I really wanted to use my powers for good, for education,” Mr. Clark said. “I do a lot of quick troubleshooting because I’ve seen a lot of things.

Outside of his job, he is an avid Chicago Cubs fan, even dressing from head to toe in Cubs gear for the first game of the season. After working at the Apple Store, Mr. Clark worked as the IT manager for the satirical publication The Onion. While working at Lab, Mr. Clark worked as the IT manager for his work helping people, which he currently does with his wife at homeless shelters including Inspiration Kitchen, teaching residents how to use email or a printer. This gives them the skills that they need to be able to hold a job.

“I would love to create and design ways for people to use technology,” Mr. Clark said. “I want to give back with this knowledge in some way. Maybe it’s working in senior citizen homes and showing them how to use technology, because I feel like they’re a forgotten part of this society. They think they don’t like it, but they really need it.”

While Mr. Clark may see giving back as a goal for the future, the students with exploding laptops and crashing software receive all the help they need from him, with the consistently friendly manner that makes him fun to work with.

罗马。当然。芝加哥。与最近涌入的新披萨餐厅的场景不同，芝加哥是一座以其披萨而自豪的城市，它已经能够容纳各种不同餐厅的特色比萨，而不仅仅是深盘比萨。

Bonci • 161 N. Sangamon St.
Opened in 2017, Bonci Pizza is the literal “new kid on the block.” The only other location of Bonci Pizza is in Rome, Italy. They sell their pizza slices by weighing them based on which toppings are on the pizza. Bonci Pizza serves Roman pizza or pizza al taglio, which translates to “pizza for cutting.” Peces are cut from large pizzas, which toppings are on the pizza. Bonci’s cuttable Roman-style pizza is unique to Chicago. The pizzeria is situated in a cozy nook, a wine bar with a checkered awning. The restaurant offers a range of toppings, from ricotta and zucchini to traditional sausage and tomato sauce. Other unique toppings include potato and goat cheese, different colored peppers, and a mushroom sauce. Roman pizza is not commonly found in Chicago, nor is the pizza being cut and weighed. With only about 15 stools, this is not a place to linger during the night, as it gets very busy. The slices typically cost between $5-7 and two is enough for a meal, and they do not accept cash.

Eataly • 43 E. Ohio St.
Open in 2013, Eataly Chicago is owned in part by celebrity chef Mario Batali. The Eataly restaurant area includes full-service stations and stations to buy food such as meat, cheese and pasta. Eataly has five locations in the United States and several throughout Europe and Asia. Eataly primarily serves Neapolitan-style pizza, a style that is known for its thin crust and tomatoes sauce. The restaurant offers toppings like arugula and prosciutto. Ary and bright, the restaurants are open to the rest of the store. The ambiance is light and modern, highlighted with white marble and furnishings throughout the grocery and restaurant. Seating includes tables and bar stools.

With two locations, this Detroit-style pizza place serves up brick pizza both in Chicago and Evanston. Located inside Revival Food Hall, which opened in 2016, Union Squared is surrounded by other small vendors, each with its own seating area and common tables. Detroit-style pizza has a rectangular thick crust. Thinner than a Chicago-style, it is also very crispy on the bottom. Union Squared’s pizza, thick and chewy, has a lot of cheese, which means greasy visible on the plate and top layer of the pizza. The thick coating of cheese gives the pizza a very heavy feel, but it satisfies in the moment and is filling. The restaurant offers toppings ranging from four-cheese to goat cheese with pesto. Bubbling with the noise of the other restaurants and people, the food hall is so no one feels inferior.”

Mr. Clark hopes to continue his work helping people, which he currently does with his wife at homeless shelters including Inspiration Kitchen, teaching residents how to use email or a printer. This gives them the skills that they need to be able to hold a job.

“Having been able to talk through someone’s problem and not make them feel like an idiot, not make them feel scared, not make them feel anxious is a huge asset,” Mr. Clark said. “I want to break that stereotype. A lot of the skills in IT is aligning with custom-er experiences and understanding how they feel. If I can tell people how to solve their problem with- out wanting to throw their laptop in a river, it’s really powerful. At Ap-ple we used to say, you’re repairing the relationship with the customer first, then the computer.”

According to Mali Bahroos, a technical support specialist with IS who works closely with Mr. Clark daily, that orientation to wards both students and his fellow workers is exactly what makes him special.

“Mr. Clark is very approachable,” Ms. Bahroos said. “Mozzarella, which means greasy visible on the plate and top layer of the pizza. The thick coating of cheese gives the pizza a very heavy feel, but it satisfies in the moment and is filling. The restaurant offers toppings ranging from four-cheese to goat cheese with pesto. Bubbling with the noise of the other restaurants and people, the food hall is perfect for a quick snack but not to have a lengthy meal or conversation. The pizzas cost from $23-26 for a pie that feeds three to four people and has eight slices. Half orders with four slices are also available.

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“There are many more conservatives at Lab than one might think. I've had plenty of people come up to me and say, 'I'm scared to say what I think, I'm just going to put my hands in my pockets,'” students debate, John said, and only step in if someone says something else, Mr. Janus said he will disagree if they do they will somehow get a lower grade or something like that. In Economics class, John said he finds himself changing his mind, he's not afraid of me or afraid to express his views after conversations with his more liberal peers. In contrast, Ishan Singh, a liberal junior, said he thinks U-High students treat conversations about ideology respectfully. She finds the importance is a two-way street. They agree with some conservatives, but they are so far outside that, politically, they are so outside that they couldn't stay in our school,” Alex Pietraszek, a high school learning coordinator, said conservatives have come to him saying they are afraid to voice their opinions.

“I do know that there are small groups of people who feel that, politically, they are so far outside that they couldn't stay in our school,” John said he thinks there are many others afraid to reveal they agree with some conservative views. He was in a group chat when the topic of school shootings came up, and John suggested that employing veterans as guards might work — given their experience in high-stress situations and experience with firearms. He said people have transferred out of our school.”

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The sound of a snare drum rat- tering through the speakers can be disruptive to the flattish sound; the floor is both soft and dreary. However, this location is not unfamiliar, as Chicago jazz clubs often feature similarly intimate settings. The music is the primary focus, with patrons enjoying the ambiance and the sound. The club is known for its historic jazz performances and its dedication to keeping the tradition alive.

Arriving from New Orleans in the 1920s, jazz became an integral part of Chicago culture as the city grew and prospered. "I think as a result of that, the identity of the style of jazz has a very New Orleans flavor to it," U-High jazz instructor Frank Dean said. "Some of the big pione ers were 'Jelly Roll' Morton, Sidonie Green, Louis Armstrong. Those are musicians that are very well known for being in the heart of New Orleans but really flour ished in Chicago."

In jazz clubs, musicians could develop their music while mak ing a living. That, in addition to the opportunities for interpersonal interaction, is why jazz culture in Chicago was large ly concentrated in clubs. In clas sical music clubs, including the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge in Uptown or Jazz Showcase in the Near West Side, one could immerse themselves in the jazz music Chicago is famous for. Walking into a jazz club in Chi cago today, attendees would feel an immediate sense of intima city that is not possible in classical music settings. Both clubs have close quarters, which allow musicians and their interaction with the crowd to affect the performance. Mr. Dean explained that the experience of being in a jazz club is an intimate one, where the audience can really go anywhere with it. "I think my all time favorite Chicago jazz club is its doors including Thelonious Monk, Art Blakey and Charlie Parker. On this album, "Live at the Bee Hive" — Knox was also where he began playing the upright bass, expression, it's some kind of art, everything after is improvised, Mr. Piane said, "Like I mentioned before — Chicago has a strong influence on me throughout my musical gift anywhere when he left New Orleans, but he chose to make his home here for a brief Nickels” Highlights gives just as much freedom and diverse palette — of gospel in the Chicago jazz scene. Mr. Piane moves to the genre. Yet Mr. Piane believes there are still distinct sounds of Chicago jazz.

"There are a lot of musicians from South Chicago who are playing in church," Mr. Piane said, "so I think there is a strong influence of gospel in the Chicago jazz sound. That brings me to the next point, although he primarily plays with the Davis Quintet, he also does all things — of jazz. For the next two days, the band would perform seven times, radically altering their style each time. This album is a great intro duction to the experimentation that Miles Davis was prone to, and gives a great window into what made him such an incredibly in fluential musician. Although the entire album is over seven hours, the houlong "Live at the Plugged Nickel" Highlights gives just as good a picture of Davis' genius. — Sam Fleming