Who’s on first? For Presidency, too early to tell

By Akila Raoul
Editor in Chief

A failing economy and lack of leadership could hurt President Barack Obama’s chances of re-election, political pundits and U-Highers agree.

With unemployment rates having risen from 8.8 percent to 9.1 percent since 2008, many feel America has taken a turn for the worse under President Obama. As his first term in office comes to an end with a 43 percent approval rating, the Republican Primary cycle is starting up. A New York Times Magazine cover story November 6 reports one study concluding the President has a 17 percent chance of being re-elected.

"LEADING THE 16 Republican candidates are former governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney, leading with 25 percent of the polls; former Godfather’s Pizza CEO Herman Cain, with 23 percent; and Texas Governor Rick Perry with 14 percent, according to ABC News and the Washington Post."

While he believes that Mitt Romney will prove the Republican candidate, Sophomore Eliot Levmore does not think he has a chance to win the national election.

"Obama is likely to be reelected," Eliot said. "It is almost certain that Romney will be the Republican candidate. While Romney is good at what he does it’s unlikely that he’ll win a national election. He’s lacking support from the majority of republicans and his Mormonism makes him unattractive to the large base of evangelical republicans."

"THE ONLY WAY I could see Obama not winning is if there is a lack of voter turnout. While we aren’t doing well under Obama, the rest of the world isn’t doing that great either. He has reduced our overseas presence and he’s been pretty good at keeping the peace. He’s not perfect but he’s better than the alternative. There have been better presidents but he is certainly better than Bush or McCain."

"Obama’s real challenge is getting enough people to go out to vote for him but I feel like the people who would vote would support Obama over Romney."

Fully bucking Mitt Romney because of his apparent ability to fix America’s economy, Senior Robert Radway believes Obama’s track record of not delivering to the American people will hurt his chances of being reelected.

"I DO NOT THINK Obama will be reelected but it really depends on the Democratic turnout," Robert said. "He has not done a good job as president and has not really resolved the problems America is in. He promised a lot of things before he was elected and he has not been living up to those promises."

"There was also the issue with the government funding over the summer and how there was almost a government shutdown. I do not think he took a good stance on that and how he was so partisan. Calling names and taking sides is not what a president should do especially not in a split congress. It was not very productive."

Believing many Americans are frightened of the direction America is moving, Senior Victoria Bills thinks the search for an alternative could cause a loss for President Obama.

"THE LACK of enthusiasm for Obama could be beaten," Victoria said. "In reality a lot of Americans are focusing on the bad aspects of his presidency and are looking for an alternative. Obama has done many good things for the country such as the stimulus, reversing effects on national security, and the attempt to withdraw troops from Iraq. However, many people see these as small minute things and don’t see the grand picture. They see that the economy is still in a recession and the high unemployment numbers."

"I think any of the Republican candidates could be a threat for Obama. Obama has been effective in going back and recollecting supporters from before but what he has is short term plans. Getting new people behind him will be difficult and it is hard for him to look good in the spotlight because he is facing a lot of opposition on the front."

While not impressed with many of the Republican candidates except Mitt Romney, History Teacher Chris Janus believes the failing economy and Obama’s lack of leadership could harm his chances for a second term.

"LIKE MANY PEOPLE, I believe Obama has a real chance of losing for two main reasons," Mr. Janus said. "The economy is not going well and that is a key factor to how well one will do as president. He has also had a failure of leadership by not articulating where the country should be going."

While Mr. Janus believes Herman Cain is running an effective campaign, he sees no way that he could be the Republican nominee.

"Herman Cain is the hot new flavor," Mr. Janus said. "He has a lot of charisma and relates well to people but I don’t think the Republican Party is ready for a black candidate."

"Ironically most likely is (continues on page 8)"
Tuesday brought twins day and at least one triplets bunch. Photos by Remy Lewis.

GRADES DONNED ASSIGNED COLORS on Friday. Jordan Davis is in the red.

PIRATES VERSUS Ninjas Day Thursday, found Lexie now in ready to kidnap a ship. Here Lexlie Barber, left, and Carol Guzman ready for snooze time.

PAJAMA DAY, Monday (photos from left,) brought out an assortment of nightwear, October 15. Student Council and Cultural Union came up with daily themes.

SPIRIT WEEK, October 10-14, got U-Highers in the mood for the Homecoming Dance students in grades 5-12.

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By Sydney Scarlata
Executive Director of Special Projects

Five minutes can make a difference.

As part of a required assembly October 27 organized by the Invisible Children Club, co-presidents Saisha Nanduri and Gaya Coomaraswamy invited members or “Roadies” of the national Invisible Children organization, a group committed to stopping the abduction of children for use as child soldiers, to show a film “Tony” created by group members, explaining the cause.

As U-HIGHERS filled into the Ida Noyes Theater, the Roadies rushed to begin the film so the entire film could be played. After an emotional story of a Ugandan teenager, Tony, Invisible Children Co-Founder Lauren Poole ended the film by saying that the best way to support the cause is to purchase merchandise and send in donations.

The film’s ending made many question the organization’s true intentions, including Student Council President Andrew Palmer.

“I thought the group was overly aggressive,” Andrew said. “The film was very powerful until the last five minutes and I really think it inspired people to get involved in the cause.”

FOLLOWING THE assembly, Roadies and Dean of Students Larry McFarlane argued over the Roadies selling Invisible Children products in the cafeteria.

“The group was not allowed to sell their merchandise on school property because it is a violation of school policy,” Mr. McFarlane said. "Instead, they set up a table of goods in the cafeteria. When the group was asked not to sell their material in school, they referred to a contract they had which called for a $600 honorarium if they were not allowed to sell their merchandise. After they turned over the contract, it was unsigned with nothing about an honorarium. Overall, they were obnoxious and claimed the school owed them money. “My opinion of the organization definitely felt a few notches. I question how much of their money is actually supporting their cause. It is obvious to me that the last five minutes of the movie was the most important part to them.”

“The intent of the U-High club is great and I applaud them for all the work that has been done. We’re not going to tell Gaya or Saisha that they can’t do the club, they should just question the group they are supporting. Now, we will insist on viewing any movies that clubs want to show at assemblies.”

Saisha hopes the U-High club’s goal isn’t lost by the assembly’s outcome. “Our intention was to show the school what we are doing for the cause,” Saisha said. “We were hoping to inspire people and we still may use the original documentary without the last part, to spread awareness.

“GAYA AND I had seen the Tony film previously, but without the ending. Before the assembly, the Roadies told me ‘We have to get the last five minutes in because it’s a follow up to the film.’ I just assumed that it was a summary of what the organization is doing now.

“We are genuinely concerned with the conflict in Central Africa. I think Invisible Children, the organization, does a good job of inspiring and explaining the problem. We started out with Invisible Children and they really inspired us so we decided not to give up on them. We looked at their financial records and nothing looked suspicious to us.”

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By Spencer Lee
Editor-in-Chief

A series of University of Chicago professors will give programs in all-school assemblies beginning next month, according to Student Council President Andrew Palmer. But, unlike previous assemblies, students will not be required to attend.

“The whole idea behind this was to use the connection between U-High and the University, it would make sense to increase accessibility for our students.”

Scheduled to talk first is Professor of Economics at the Booth School of Business Austan Goolsbee, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers for President Obama.

“We decided to have him talk because he has worked on the Obama Administration, which he will be able to tell us about," Andrew said. “Because of his knowledge of economics and what he teaches is relevant to many U-Highers, we think we will have a good turnout.”

“We are also planning to have an assembly mid December that discusses the issue of recent locker thefts and the subject of stealing.”

The Council is also planning to follow-up the student-faculty basketball game with a student-faculty volleyball game. Students won the first encounter, October 6, 42-26.

“The sign-up sheet will be up on the Student Council Board by the staircase going to the cafeteria,” Andrew said.

The Council has also been focusing on projects benefitting the quality of student life. “We are also trying to use the things around us to improve the way things are run," Andrew said. “We set up the Regenstein Library drop off box in Rowley Library, so students could easily return books borrowed from Regenstein.”

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Fun costumes make colorful Spirit Week

Moving to Redmond, Washington on the outskirts of Seattle, Principal Matthew Horvat will take a new position as the head of the Overlake School at the end of June.

Mr. Horvat made the announcement at a brief meeting with faculty members November 8.

At the meeting, Lab Schools Director David Magill reportedly said a committee of faculty members, parents, and administrators would begin their search for a replacement after Thanksgiving.

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Assembly unexpectedly travels off the rails

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Midway adds reporters’ club after Beginning classes lost

By JR Reed
Editor-in-Chief

Eight freshmen and a sophomore have joined a new Club, reporting on the Midway Department started three weeks ago by Midway editors-in-chief.

Because only five students were able to find periods in their weekly schedules to enroll in Beginning Journalism, the editors realized the program could not continue without having more help in writing stories, according to Akila Rasouli, editor-in-chief with Spencer Lee, Nicholas Phalen, and JR Reed, all seniors.

FIRST USING the Club Shopping Assembly to attract students and then talking with freshmans English and history classes, the editors-in-chief recruited students to join the journalism program, specifically highlighting skills they have learned during their time in the office.

“We were fortunate to get a lot of students interested in coming into the office once a week to become part of the staff,” Akila said.

“There are two different groups which meet once a week, just based on whether Tuesdays or Fridays work better for them. At the meetings, Mr. Brasler has taught the students basic interviewing and story writing techniques.

“It’s likely their first stories will appear as a special feature package the February 21 Midway.”

The newcomers will be getting the same experience as journalism class members do though not experience the journalism study which occurs in the classes.

All of the contributing reporters will be on the same types of deadlines as everyone else on the staff,” Akila explained. “Each one of them already has their own mailbox, and they will stay here late in the office on deadline nights with the rest of the staff.”

ONE OF the students involved in the Contributing Reporters’ Club, Freshman Christine Obert-Hong, said she joined to improve her writing skills.

“After my experience working on the Middle School newspaper The Jammed Locker here at Lab, I thought it would be a good idea to join the paper in High School,” Christine said.

“When I was a Middle School student, I always loved handing out the paper. I definitely think the experience will help me in my English and history courses, but also when I’m writing just for fun.”

“ALSO, FROM WHAT I’ve heard from students who have worked on the Midway staff, I am hoping the experience will help introduce me to a variety of new people as well.”

Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler feels the new club “is an inspirational idea that will help keep the Midway in print this year despite its difficult publishing situation.”

few seniors survive ambush as fatal game draws to end

By Spencer Lee
Editor-in-Chief

Watching your back became a reality for seniors participating in the Assassination Game facilitated by Student Council.

Seniors who wished to join the game were asked to complete a short scavenger hunt via Facebook, asking joiners to click or go to certain pages online and follow the clues. Upon completion, seniors were then invited to a secret event explaining the rules and logistics of the game.

Players paired up with their choice of one partner, and are assigned their target. The only weapons allowed during the game are water guns and water balloons. Protective gear, such as ponchos, are allowed in the game.

THE GAME, planned and initiated September 25 by Senior Class President Ary Hansen and Senior Class Council Representative Daniel Eimer, involves about 80 seniors, paired to “assassinate” one another through the use of water guns and water balloons.

“I first got the idea from a friend who worked as a Counselor with me at Greenwoods Camp for Boys last summer,” Daniel explained.

“After I was taught the basics, I realized that this was a great way to bond the senior class together, and talked with Ary to see what we could do.”

Meeting with Dean of Students Larry McFarlane, Daniel and Ary tailored the game to suit the school and its rules.

“After meeting with Mac, we established that no ‘assassinations’ would be allowed on school grounds,” Daniel said. “That meant that if you were on the black top on Kenwood, that would be okay, but in a classroom or anywhere indoors it would be prohibited.”

Players who have ‘assassinated’ their targets are required to send a photo of their target to either Daniel or Ary to prove that they eliminated them from the game.

“So far, about 30 people are still in the game,” Ary said. “There was a lot of excitement going around when the Game first started. After all, what better way to make friends than to plot murders together, right?”

SENIOR TONY GONZALES, still alive in the game, believes that not trusting anyone is a huge key to success in the Game.

“I think a lot of people are out because they couldn’t keep a low profile,” he said. “My partner and I just kept our mouths shut. I didn’t even use any protection, I just assumed everybody was against us.”

“However, when application deadlines started rolling by, and the amount of homework increased, the Game lost energy and now no one is really doing anything to keep playing.”

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Students laud vivid acting, staging in Fall Production

By Marissa Page
Associate editor

Outstanding acting and mood-drenched staging were cited by U-Highers who helped fill Belfield Theatre October 27–29 for the Fall Production of Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet.”

Many students cited particularly standout performances by freshmen and the effectiveness of a multi-level stage placed between two tiers of audience seating. They also liked the presentation of scenes rather than the entire play while keeping the story coherent and compelling.

THE ACTORS portraying Romeo and Juliet provided their own point of interest.

Freshman Harry Thornton had moved with his family to Chicago from Oregon five weeks before school started and Junior Gloria Zingales was returning to U-High after a year with her family in Italy.

Sophomore Phil Healy, seeing a U-High play the first time, said he was shocked.

Sophomore Stefania Gomez also admired the staging.

“Romeo and Juliet,’ and although I’ve never seen a theatre interpretation of it, I’ve read the play several times and watched the movies,” Stefania said. “I thought it was interesting how the actors used the stage.

“I thought they were inventive with the limited space provided, despite the fact that they didn’t have a lot of flexibility to change the setting for each scene didn’t leave them with a lot of options. I thought they successfully worked around their limitations.”

Drama Teachers Lucija Ambrosini, director, and Allen Ambrosini, technical director, won praise for effectively framing the play for a young audience as an emotion-laden tragedy in a taut presentation of three shorter acts than usual.

The student directors were Seniors Giorgi Plys-Garzotto and Jolisha Johnson.

Romeo, Romeo, where art thou? Not in Oregon any more

By Victoria Aponte-Blizzard
Associate editor

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A big fan of “Romeo and Juliet,” Junior Stefania Gomez also admired the staging.

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Harry

Harry became interested in the performing arts because of his father’s experiences as a rock bassist. Harry plays the cello with a string quartet at the Music Institute of Chicago in Winnetka.

“I started playing the cello when I was 5 through a music program at the University of Oregon,” Harry said. “Music is a pure way to express yourself. I find it a great outlet.”

AS FOR DRAMA, he explained. “The summer of 4th grade I took a youth theatre enrichment program at the University of Oregon, and the instructor recommended I try out for local performances. One of my most memorable moments on stage was at the Oregon Bach Festival in my role as young David in Arthur Honegger’s ‘King David.’ I got to defeat the giant Goliath.”

Although he did not audition particularly for the role of Romeo in the Fall Production, Harry said he was happy to land it.

“I’m a freshman and just moved here, so I wasn’t expecting to get the leading role at all,” he said. “I tried out just hoping to be a part of the production.

“When I found out I was Romeo, I was really excited. He’s a complicated guy, and it’s hard to do justice to such a great script. Here was an opportunity to see what I could do.”

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Thanks-givings bring travel, tofu turkey

By Marissa Page
Associate editor

Mexican-bound for Thanksgiving vacation with her family, Sophomore Lindsey Aronson is one of several U-Highers traveling for Turkey Day.

"Usually, I stay in the Midwest for Thanksgiving because a lot of my family lives here," Lindsey said. "But this year, my parents wanted to change it up and get out of the cold, so we've decided to go to our timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The place we stay is usually so clean and open, plus it has great views of the ocean. We'll be there for five days, relaxing, eating tacos, going to the beach, reading and possibly scuba diving. While we're there I'm hoping to finally obtain my scuba license.

ALSO TRAVELING for Thanksgiving, though just a 28-minute flight away, Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler is headed for Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"My Thanksgiving is very interesting," Mr. Brasler said. "Every year I fly to Milwaukee with two pilot friends and we have dinner with two nuns who I've known for 40 years now. One of the nuns is a sister of my late best friend. It's a very nice tradition, and the dinner is always quite festive."

Senior John Lin is also headed nearby, to Dowagiac, Michigan.

"EACH THANKSGIVING, my mom, dad, friend Josh and I go to Michigan and stay at our house in Little Crooked Lake," John said. "On Wednesday, it's tradition for Josh and I to drive up to Benton Harbor, shop at an outlet mall there and then see a movie together.

"Thanksgiving morning, I wake up really early and make omelets for everybody. Then Josh and I watch a ton of horror movies, eat boxes of Oreos and go swimming in the lake, despite the fact that the water's usually freezing. If the weather is way too cold for swimming, we bundle up and go for a walk in the forest. After, we help my parents get dinner ready. Our Thanksgiving meal consists of a mix of Chinese and traditional Thanksgiving foods. We have duck, turkey, rice and mashed potatoes."

Traditional Thanksgiving foods won't be part of dinner for Freshman Charlotte Ellenbaum.

"My mother, sister and I are vegetarians, so my whole family eats Tofurkey for Thanksgiving dinner," Charlotte said. "We also make vegetarian stuffing. It usually tastes really bad, so I cover my piece in ketchup and try to force it down. The family rule is everyone has to have at least one bite, and if it's really, really horrible then we can order pizza."

By comparison, Computer Science Teacher Baker Franke remembers a particularly full Thanksgiving.

"One year, my birthday, November 21, fell the day before Thanksgiving," Mr. Franke said. "We had two gorge-fests in a row. I really like barbeque ribs, so on Wednesday we had a huge rib fest, and then on Thursday we ate the traditional Thanksgiving fare. My family almost died from being so bloated."

Every Friday during lunch in the cafeteria Senior Brenda Benitez can be found wearing a short-sleeved T-shirt and American Eagle Outfitters skinny jeans selling one-dollar churros toundead house settling in Guatemala.

Latinos Unidos vice president with Senior Christian Castaneda, Brenda has sold churros since her freshman year. Though born in Chicago, Brenda is still influenced by her Mexican parents' heritage.

BRENDA ISN'T A LIFER at the Lab Schools, coming to U-High from Lenart Gifted Regional School, in the Chatham neighborhood.

Her first day at U-High she was introduced to Lincoln Park Juniors by Senior Gaya Coomaraswamy, a rowing team outsiders of U-High, and then joined varsity basketball two years later.

Brenda's life has been richly influenced by her cultural heritage.

"BEING MEXICAN-AMERICAN has sort of forced me to better myself not only for my benefit but also for the community’s," Brenda said. "I've always tried to fight the stereotypes. I think Latino culture is one of the cultures underrepresented at Lab.

"Searching for job opportunities, Brenda's parents moved from Mexico to Chicago 20 years ago because a family member lived here.

For many years, Brenda visited her grandparents in Amatepec, a small town in Mexico State other year until security issues arose.

"MY GRANDPARENTS LIVE in a really remote part of Southern Mexico," Brenda said. "We used to visit almost every summer but we haven’t been back in three years. The area has become really dangerous because of kidnapping and drug trafficking.
"There’s been kidnappings all over but Amatepec was really hard hit, although it's been a lot safer lately according to my grandparents. The area is really different though and it’s always hard to get used to when we first get there.

"Most houses in the area don’t have running water or phones. My grandfather’s house is one of the few with both.

"YOU SEE so much poverty and lack of education in Amatepec but also a huge difference in how much technology they have.

"There’s no internet access either which is a big deal because they don’t have access to news and what’s going on in the world."

Brenda also attends rowing practice for two-and-a-half hours six days a week for the Lincoln Park Juniors.

She found out about rowing at the beginning of her freshman year when she asked Gaya, now one of her best friends, why her hands were roughened up.

"At Freshman Orientation I saw Gaya’s hand and I freaked out because she had all these blisters," Brenda said.

"She explained that she rowed, and it sounded so interesting I started rowing, and I've stuck with it since.

LAST MAY BRENDAS BOAT qualified for Nationals after her team of eight rowers won the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships in Ohio. Rowing really pushes you and makes you mentally stronger," Brenda said. "It’s also a huge team sport and it takes a big commitment because you need eight people to move the boat and if someone doesn’t show up for practice you can’t go anywhere."

Developing a passion for sports in general, Brenda says joining varsity basketball her junior year was one of the best decisions she ever made.

"MY OLD SCHOOL didn’t have any girls sports teams because there was a large problem with funding," Brenda said.

"I’ve always wanted to play basketball and my friend and I even tried out for the boys’ team at Lenart even though the coaches basically said upfront we couldn’t join the team."

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Occupied protests offer U-Highers opportunity to judge for themselves

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U-High, it seems, four years of near political silence may have been broken last month. The Occupy Chicago protests, part of the international Occupy Wall Street movement, have been drawing thousands to Lafayette and Jackson Streets downtown to protest economic inequality and corporate influence. Among them have consistently been several U-Highers.

Occupy Wall Street, beginning last month in New York City, quickly gained national recognition. Though protesters drew media criticism for their unclear goals, more than 15,000 people took to the streets in New York City, and about 3,000 people have participated in the Occupy Chicago spin-off.

For the U-Highers who have joined in, this represents a type of political action practically unheard of since Barack Obama’s 2008 campaign.

Four years ago, U-High Students for Barack Obama was one of the largest high school campaign organizations in the state.

Older U-Highers can doubtless still remember the feeling of action. Some made weekly trips to Indiana to canvass voters, others called supporters or simply talked to adults they knew about voting.

Since then, ambivalence has proved the norm. Neither the 2010 midterm elections nor the last year’s mayoral contest inspired many U-Highers to campaign.

Perhaps Occupy Chicago could become U-Highers’ new cause.

Many students argue that the protesters are too vague or uninformed about the issues they are so passionate about. Others say that corporate influence is too irrelevant from everyone’s day-to-day lives to be a call to action.

It seems, however, that corporations are taking advantage of consumers and buying elections should matter to all Americans, especially those who cannot vote. Perhaps Occupy Chicago could be U-Highers’ new cause.

For old dance problems, new solutions welcome

“Where were the mothers when these girls were getting dressed?”

So asked many chaperons after last month’s Homecoming Dance which once again showcased plenty of sexu-

ally suggestive dancing and often too tight, barely there fashions.

Yet while many chaperons and par-

ents at the dance complained that the provocative dancing proved inappropriate for a high school dance, stu-

dents would argue that the dancing is just teenagers being teenagers and reflecting the culture of the 21st century.

As much as the pounding hip-hop and catchy pop tunes remain a part of our generation, so does the fast paced dancing known colloquially as juking.

Adults argue this form of dancing could be very well lead way to further ac-

tions. But, for many students, it is sim-

ply a way to relieve stress and express feelings otherwise suppressed by the pressures of school. With no danger of pregnancy and no sharing of germs, juk-

ing is, in essence; completely harmless.

However, after concerns with the fash-

ions modeled by the girls at the dance arose, a meeting of administrators, fac-

ulty and Student Government represen-

atives will discuss the clothes issue.

Perhaps they will discuss the unoffi-

cial senior themes which in recent years have included some form of the word “hose,” only encouraging provocative dressing, this year being “Apache Bros and Navajoes.”

This trend which would be offen-

sive to most girls any other time, is suddenly all right for Homecom-

ing themes and one can only expect risqué fashions when they are at-

empting to emulate “hoes.”

Yes, while the mothers of many dancegoers might appear to be ab-

sent, the efforts of the school to pre-

vent future mishaps at the dances are commendable.

OPINION DUNCAN WEINSTEIN

Following in the many footsteps of Abe Lincoln and Santa Claus

“THAT BEARD isn’t going to shave itself.”

So said an anti-beard, but obviously jealous, freshman recently. He, and many other U-Highers, are practically drooling for me to shave.

SINCE MY BEARD emerged into the world this summer, humanity has seemingly divided into four camps: Beard haters, beard lovers, undecideds, and believers in my individual choice.

Beard haters have been by far the most passionate. A 2010 U-High graduate staged an intervention on Facebook.

A freshman offered to buy me a razor. My best friend mocks me, talking to my beard as a separate person. Instead of “hi,” many U-Highers greet me with “shave.”

But other, friendlier U-High-

ers have become my compatriots in beard solidarity. Liking beards, I have so-

lidified friendships through admiration of my beard.

And they’re right to support me. A beard comes with many advantages.

For example, a beard compensates for my face not changing enough. 5th grade.

Bearded, people often confuse me for college student. It’s better to resemble a college student than a middle schooler. That, and the ability to make a grown man envious brings with it some satis-

faction.

ALSO, MY HALLOWEEN costume saw many compliments. Abe-

ham Lincoln, Wolverine, Paul Bunyan, etc. Too bad 16 year olds are too old to go Trick-

-or-Treating.

Plus, I can stroke my beard and feel wise.

As winter sets in, I grew my own scar.

HAVING addressed the advantages, some beard myths require deb-

unking.

Having a beard doesn’t save time shaving. Having a beard requires more careful shaving, plus trimming time.

Food does not get stuck in my beard, nor does my beard itch.

The main, and only, disadvantage of beardedness remains the little problem of people hating it. But what can I do, haters gonna hate.

While beards don’t suit everyone, I like mine, and so the beard stays, at least un-

til Spring.
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poons. Abandoned, crumbling projects containing cracked roads and 
seedy bar’s neon signs illuminating expired people on the streets. Wel- 
come to New Greenwich and Dayton, two vastly different time zones. 

**CoOKING WITH ANEESH KANAKAMEDALA**

**An Island’s twist to a traditional bird keeps it hot**

Definitely not the bird Pilgrims and Indians once shared on Thanksgiving, Tandoori turkey, with its South Asian Indian spice, will fire up your holiday. Americans eat over 45 million turkeys during Thanksgiving, according to the United States Department of Agricul- 
ture, leaving a lot of room for turkey experimentation. Making Tandoori Turkey instead of the traditional stuffed bird is more ethnic, flavorful and showcases your culinary skills.

### BASTING THE TURKEY every 30 minutes in the oven will give the bird its red, charred look while also reapply- 
ing flavor that may burn off.

**Photo courtesy of Aneesh.**

**You will need:**

- 2 head of garlic
- 10 pieces of garlic (1-inch long, peeled
- 3 jalapenos sliced into 1/2-inch rounds
- 3 bunches of thyme, finely chopped
- 3 bunches of rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 Turkey 20 pounds
- ¼ cup chili powder
- 1 cup garam masala
- ½ cup garam masala*  
- 1 sticks butter, sliced into 1/8-inch slivers

**Optional vegetables of your choice to cover pan**

**Note:** You can buy garam masala from an Indian su- permarket or make your own. Just blend green cardamom 
pods, Black peppercorns, cloves, Malabar katu, cinnamon, coriander seeds, and star anise in according to your taste preference.

**MarinaDE:** Remove cloves from one head of garlic and put in a blender along with five pieces of ginger. Blend until it forms a wet paste. In a bucket, put in the turkey and fill with until it covers the bird. Add the jalapeno slices, herbs, garlic-ginger paste and enough ice to keep the turkey cool overnight. The tur- key should be fully marinated by the next day.

**TURKEY:** Preheat your oven to 375 degrees with rack at lowest position. Remove turkey from marinade and place in a roasting pan. You may choose to first cover the roasting pan bottom with sliced vegetables of your choice. Blend cloves from garlic and ginger pieces to- gether to make more ginger-garlic paste. Combine the chilli powder, yogurt, garam masala, and ginger-garlic paste together and rub on inside the turkey, mak- ing sure to get all sides.

Carefully cut 1/2-inch slits, as few as possible, in the turkey skin and push butter slices in between the meat and the skin making sure to cover all areas. Tuck wings under the bird and tie legs together with kitchen twine.

Bake the prepared turkey, basting turkey with its juic- es every hour and rotating pan after two hours until a thermometer stuck into the thickest part of the thighs reads 165 degrees, about two and a half to three hours. Remove turkey from oven and let rest for 30 minutes until carving, letting the juices redistribute. Cutting prematurely will cause the juice to leak from the meat, leaving your turkey dry and tasteless.

**Music Marissa Page**

**Echoes of ‘Metals’ ring loud and clear**

IF FEIST’S fifth album, “Metals,” were a metal, it would be aluminnum foil—light, shiny and sometimes quite sharp. Debuting in 1999 with the album “Monarch (Lay Your Jewelled Head Down),” Canadian art-pop singer-song- 
writer Leslie Feist, known professionally as Feist, was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Although her first album was an underground success, Feist gained no commercial recognition until she released her two subsequent albums, 2004’s “Let It Die” and “The Reminder” in 2007. The latter included her hit single “1234,” which reached number 8 on the U.S. Charts after being featured in an iPod Nano commercial. “The Reminder” also re- ceived four nominations for the 2008 Grammy Awards and five wins at the Juno Awards.

**With A SERENE, almost balatic tone; Feist’s voice fits and floats through her romantic, whimsical songs with a soft ease.**

**Stylistically, “Metals” is harking, simple and ethereal. Feist makes great use of booming gospel choruses, sud- den crescendos and the technique “variation,” or taking a basic melody and altering it repeatedly. The sound quality of each song is slightly underdeveloped, giving the album a hipster-y vibe.**

**Darker tracks like “Graveyard,” “A Commotion” and “Get It Wrong Get It Right” include nods to musicians like space-rock group Broken Bells, eccentric vocalist Lykke Li, and indie-folk singer Bon Iver, respectively. Some songs, particularly “The Bad in Each Other” and “The Circle Married the Line,” demonstrate Feist’s in- credible vocal range and capacity for high notes.**

Apart from that, “Metals” under-works the songstress’ feathery vocals, which, combined with her generally un- complicated lyrics, become cloyingly sweet and syrupy. **NEARLY UBQUITOUS, vaguely martialistic percus- sion and bursts of spirited choral accom- 
paniment offset Feist’s soft voice; the contrast of these elements adds depth and pizzazz to what would otherwise be a collec- 
tion of thin, gauzy lullabies.**
Happy Halloween

An EGYPTIAN-THEMED Halloween enlivened Uppergrade halls last Thursday, Oct. 29. Many U-Highers, including from left Shreya Han, Anika Rassol and Emma Polson helped prepare festivities with a safe celebration. Photo by Lili Steffen.

Lunch business

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For Z&H, the one-year-old restaurant on 57th Street, the change caused Z&H staff to scrap a regular menu and marketed themselves to hide the restaurant, although weather the change of location causes a big difference in the market, although we’ll probably be more sure later on.”

According to Edwardo’s Manager Reynaldo Servano, business is slow because of the economy, not cause on Thursday we saw so many kids. We were cause it just looked like it’s too crowded.”

“Even if we had to leave a huge dent in 57th Street businesses’ income, but there are still a lot of people I know that don’t have a balance they need to move forward.”

Having 5th period free, Sophomore Alexis Acosta says she has enough time to finish work everyday. “I don’t think it misses that much though,” Alexis said. “I have 5th free every day, which is pretty nice. I can’t usually go out-of-school with friends, since not everyone has a free period though. I can somewhat go out with people during the free periods on every Thursday and Fridays, but sometimes they are assembled in an extra period.”

“Last year I mainly went to study groups for my biology class. During double lunch, I did a lot of work, and sometimes I would also take that time to take early breaks to Potholes. If I didn’t have a choice though, I would be fine with changing the schedule back to the way it was last year.”

“I think the reason a lot of people have a problem with losing double lunch is because they’re not much of a break during the school day, since they don’t have a chance to do homework, and they don’t have a balance they need to move forward.”

“The concert will include not only holiday music, but some pieces from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods, as well as world and jazz music. The Choir will present several a cappella numbers, including the “U-High Auld Lang” by Craig Coutre. The program is dedicated to the memory of the students who have left us.”

Coppeland-Traveling to Washington, D.C., November 15-18, 2016, 11 seniors in History Teacher Susan Shapton’s Hopkins- caustic election will affect the United States Hopkins Memorial Mathematical cup and use its libraries for preparing research papers. French Teacher Steven Farver will accompany the group.

USA Today will publish the information. The delegates include 10 from the class and six from an ever- increasing independent study program with Mrs. Shapiro. They are as follows:


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President campaign

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Mitt Romney because he is vastly more electable.

“Last election cycle he ran the worst campaign I’ve ever seen but he has improved dramatically. I am very unimpressed with everything in the field except Romney, who I now take seriously.”

Romney can fix the problems and he knows how to. He has an effective message and it’s going to be a real contest and the outcome is still undecided.

History Teacher Charles Bransham believes the only thing that could hurt Obama’s chance of re-election is the economy.

Obama has a good chance of being re-elected,” Mr. Branshan said. “He has a personal goodwill and he is also not easy to defeat. He has been a skilled politician in the past and he also has a lot of money.

On the other hand, I think his chances right now are less than 50-50 because the economy is poor. People do tend to vote from their pocketbooks and it could be difficult for a President with a nine percent unemployment rate to be re-elected.”

An even two dozen U-High seniors have qualified as semifinalists in this year’s National Merit Scholarship Program, placing them in the top four thousand highest scoring seniors. In the next step, finalists will be chosen on test scores, extracurricular involvement, counselor recom- mendations, grades and essays.

In the associated National Achievement program for outstanding African-American students five seniors were named.

NINE STUDENTS from Stuttgart, Germany, lived with U-Highers October 14-November 3, returning a visit from U-Highers last July. Studying in Chicago style hot dogs and homemade dumpling, Frederick Daniel Wizy, left in the photo, and his guest Lorenzo Lombreghi enjoy enjoying party October 15 at the Daiter Art Gallery.

“The clothes here are much cheaper than in Germany, so I went every Friday and Saturday shopping,” Lorenzo said. “There are a lot more stores though. It was nice because it came back in the University Market when it still existed, Nood- les etc., or the Medici.”

Spectrum President Mara Weisbach said. “Each workshop drew about fifteen to twenty students, which was a decent turnout but I wish there had been more. Our Wednesday and Thursday workshops seemed to be the most popular, and I was re- ally happy with the way they went. Overall I’d say it was a success.”

FUTURE U-HIGHER—Another candidate for Lab Schools admission has made a decision. World Language Teacher Becky Lopez and Francisco Nava welcomed Francisco Rafael Nava in the world Lab Schools.”

The possible graduate of the U-High Class of 2000 weighed in at 5 pounds, 6 inches.

IN PRINT AGAIN—A column on leg- endary mantis in Ralf Khan and a boys’ soccer photo by Jackie Roberts appear in the Summer issue of “Ad- viser Update,” newsletter of the Dow Jones News Fund. The column and photo both won 2nd place awards in the annual high school contest of the National Federation of Press Women. The Midwest was the only publication to win two first place awards. Ralf is now a freshman at Yale and Jackie a freshman at Boston University.

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SECOND PART OF A TWO-PART STORY

In the first installment of this investigation, the Midway addressed what a variety of sports offered, including inactivity, and the negative effects that may follow. The story also looked at the role of a student in a high school who suffered from injury at U-High.

Josh Reed tells the story of his 16-year-old senior experience and the impact that injury has had on him.

The story of Josh Reed's experience is about overcoming obstacles and finding strength in the face of adversity. It is a testament to the resilience and determination of individuals who face challenges in their lives.

The story of Josh Reed's experience is a reminder of the importance of perseverance and the role of encouragement in overcoming obstacles.

The story of Josh Reed's experience is a reflection on the impact of injury on individuals and the importance of support systems in facilitating recovery.

The story of Josh Reed's experience is a call to action, encouraging individuals to seek help and support in times of need.

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The story of Josh Reed's experience is a reminder of the importance of recognizing and valuing the contributions of individuals who face challenges.
**Volleyballers take long view; they’re on their way up from season to season**

By Meryl Charleston

We had two goals for state, to be All State and break 18 minutes, only two seconds behind the 25th finisher. Sarah advanced to State as an individual based on her 3rd place finish at the Benson Sectional, October 22nd.

**SARA’S sea-son was highlighted by eight wins, including at the Independ-ent School League conference meet, where she was named ISL Cross Country Runner of the Year, and at Regionals, where she beat the Chi-cago Public League Champion, Dhiaa Dean from Kenwood, by 79 seconds.**

“Coming into Regionals, my main goal was to score as few points as possible for the team, since in cross country the lowest score wins,” Sarah said. "Before the race I saw that Dhiaa Dean was predicted to be the easy champion and that motivated me to win every race. She has a good kick at the end so I wanted to make sure to start the race at a fast pace and distance myself from her as much as possible for the whole race.”

**U-HIGH GIRLS highlighted their season finishes at Conference and Regionals. “Sections was disappointing because we wanted to qualify as a team,” said Senior Katelyn Suchy-ta, co-captain with Sarah and Se-nior Alex Chang. “We knew going into the meet that it would take the best possible race from every-one and unfortunately, while a few runners really picked it up, some of us did not run our best times. However, we still finished in 7th, which is one spot higher than last year.”

**AFTER LOSING their entire var-sity squad, except for Junior Ben Meyer, to graduation or school transfers, U-High boys came into the season with low expectations for team scores but rallied to a 3rd place finish at Sectionals.” Everyone had someone from the team similar paces during practices which helped us push ourselves,” said Senior Andrew Palmer, co-cap-tain with Jaime Toepp. “The next 10 individuals not on qualify-ing teams move onto sectionals.”

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**JUST SIX STROKES from the State qualification score of 90, Rahul finished Sectionals unsatisfied. “The way qualifying for Sectionals works, the top three team members from Regionals advance,” Rahul said. “The next 10 individuals not on qualifying teams move onto sectionals. “I was the eighth qualifier, shooting a 93 and then advancing to Sectionals, where I shot a 96. The course at Sectionals was extremely difficult in that the greens were playing extremely fast. My putting was terrible, but everything else went pretty well.”

**SINCE LAB moved down a division from 2A to 1A, fewer teams participate at sectionals, but many of the good private schools compete, including North Shore Country Day, who ultimately won Sectionals.”

**THROUGH his fist down as he views the official results in the coaches only viewing area at the Illinois High School Association Class 2A State Championships in down-state Peoria, November 5, Cross Country Coach Bud James shakes his head.**

After 30 minutes of speculating whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors. Whether Junior Sarah Curci finished 24th, 25th or 26th overall, her official place was 26th, one spot away from All-State honors.
By William Chung

**Propelled by four senior varsity members, girls’ swimmers improved on last year’s finishes at the Bloomington Invitational November 5 and the Maine East Relays October 15, they believe because of a stronger core of talent.**

Led by co-captains Catherine Yunis and Sydney Scarlata, both seniors, the Maroons placed 3rd out of 19 teams at downstate Bloomington, November 5.

**THE TEAM** also took 1st at the Maine East Relays October 15 against seven teams in Park Ridge improving on 4th, 3rd, and 2nd finishes the three years prior.

**Sectionals last Saturday came mid-Poway press time and will be reported next issue.**

**Miranda Scarlata and Kate Franks all added depth to the team.**

**Catherine Yunis broke the 50 freestyle record in a week and will be reported next issue.**

Standing in the Rolling Meadows High School Cafeteria, girls’ varsity tennis doubles team Leslie Sibener, senior, and Hannah Resnick, junior, anxiously searched for the site director to find out whether they would play another round for the State Tennis Tournament October 22.

**A week prior, doubles team Kavia Khosla and Maddy Champion, both seniors, participated in IHSA Tennis Sectionals hosted by St. Ignatius College Prep on October 15. After their first game against LaGrange Park, in the first round of the tournament, placing them in the bracket for losing teams. Those games were later cancelled because of the weather conditions.**

**WE HAD a pretty unlucky draw,** Han- na said. “We played against LaGrange Park and ended up placing 2nd overall. Leslie and I continued to communicate, and we really played to the best of our ability, but the other team was just more talented. While we were waiting for our next game, there were girls blocking us from the sidelines. Everyone on the back draw list was told to go home because there simply weren’t enough courts.”

A week prior, doubles team Kavia Khosla and Maddy Champion, both seniors, participated in IHSA Tennis Sectionals hosted by St. Ignatius College Prep on October 15. After their first game against Morgan Park Academy led to a tiebreaker, Kavia and Maddy lost 7-5.

**“It was one of the most exhausting games of my life,” Kavia said. “Morgan Park kept making false calls that Maddy and I asked for a line judge. We were able to play well in the second round and lost by one point during our tiebreaker round. The high winds didn’t help matters and didn’t allow us to showcase our playing capability.**

**“I really wish I had one more year in order to get farther in sectionals. Considering all the things that went wrong, Maddy and I weren’t able to show our true ability on the court.”**

At season’s end, Varsity Head Coach Juliana Lazarievich believes the girls showed commitment and dedication to the team both on and off the court.

“**This year I received a lot of compliments from many coaches on how the girls really exhibited great communication and understanding for one another.**” Coach Lazarievich said.

“**There were so many team gatherings off the court, and you can see how much they value one another.”**
After Homecoming Dance chaperons voiced concerns (also expressed by parents there) with Dean of Students Larry McFarlane about suggestive dancing and fashions, administrators plan to work with faculty representatives and student government officers on coming up with a plan to address the problem.

For several years, senior classes have been coming up with an unofficial theme for their Homecoming Dance fashions, usually (but not always) somehow incorporating the word or notion “whore.” All those years both chaperons and parents at the dance have been appalled, many asking if there’s any parental supervision when girls are selecting dresses and dressing for the dance (see editorial page 6).

Mr. McFarlane is not certain the Dress Code in the Handbook will be altered or added to take in dances or if some other approach will be taken. “We don’t currently have any Dress Code for dances,” Mr. McFarlane told the Midway. “Part of the problem is that the Dress Code right now is too loose. I think the Dress Code hasn’t really been looked at in a few years and today’s styles need to be a topic of conversation. I’m not sure we want two separate Dress Codes, but one that would meet the school’s needs in a variety of situations. We’re going to make some changes before the next dance.”

Mr. McFarlane also noted, “There was a small segment of people with racy dresses but certainly they got the attention they shot for. We had a conversation about Homecoming in my advisory of juniors and they didn’t seem to think it was a big deal, probably because they’re used to it.”

Cultural Union President Tom Healy said the dance, and its theme “Party Rock Anthem,” overall were well-received.

“The biggest difference from last year was that we talked to D.J. Jamal Smallz in advance and that made song choices much better,” Tom said.

As for the issue of fashions and dance moves, he added, “Student Council doesn’t usually get complaints, but at the first advisory meeting after the dance some concerns were brought by students. “Even if one person feels uncomfortable we have to make some changes.”

–By Hebah Masood, photofeature page co-editor.
The Occupiers are here and you are with them

By J.R. Reed and Spencer Lee
editors-in-chief

When we were the 99 percent. Convening in a general assembly in front of the Bowman Statue at Michigan Avenue and Congress Parkway, 3,000 demonstrators brave the brisk autumn wind October 22 to chant these words in unison and provide their support behind the Occupy Chicago Movement. Surrounded on all sides by police forces at the protesters’ “home base,” these Chicagoans have congregated together to rally against economic inequality and corporate greed.

What began September 17 in New York City as a public movement against the tyranny of Wall Street has escalated into a nationwide phenomenon with Occupy Movements based in 95 different cities. Protesters throughout the country have been largely peaceful, including in the Windy City, where occupiers have started their eighth week of demonstrations.

Head organizers stressed in the general assemblies’ opening remarks that this does not represent a “union movement,” but rather a “movement of Capitalists,” even characterizing it as simply “your movement.” While the core problem lies in American unemployment, Chicagoans have taken the protest platform to argue against other pitfalls within society’s structure.

While group members hoped to secure Grant Park as their main stage, police arrested 305 protesters who stayed past the park’s 11 p.m. curfew Saturday’s October 15 and 22.

The protestors continue to search for a permanent area to carry on their occupancies to ensure the movement’s survival throughout the winter.

At a small protest gathering at La Salle and Jackson Sunday, October 24, a tall man walked up in his jeans with rips on the knees and a fanny pack, whose contents hadn’t come; his opinions regarding the nation’s economic problems.

“When individuals who are getting good grades in college aren’t getting jobs, you see there has to be a clear problem. But that’s not the case anymore. I think it’s definitely going to be interesting to see how much of an effect this protest has on the presidential election. It certainly will create discussion at the very least.”

In small discussion groups following the gathering, two recently graduated college students commented on the difficulties young Americans face.

“It UNILY IS so easy to get a job coming out of college,” a woman in her early 20s stated. “As a first-year college student, I had already racked up about $20,000 in debt. With all the college debt I face now, there have been so many problems for me in terms of finding a job. Life seems to be a cycle of paying off various debts, and the reason to get a job is to pay off these debts.

“Nowadays, it’s imperative that you have a concentration. I would suggest to younger students to spend two years in community college before heading off to college. If the government isn’t giving students, the future, the money to get a good education, I see no way for this country to improve.”

For 18-year-old Alex, an unabashed and disheveled-looking senior from West Joliet High School, the future seems unclear.

“My main concern is for my future, and how I can afford it. It doesn’t want to start climbing a mountain of debt I never see the end of, and the fact that that will probably happen really concerns me.”

Believing taxes are unfairly distributed in favor of the upper class, an elderly woman from Indiana spoke her opinion of sidestepping taxes with loopholes.

“Big companies are taking business overseas, and avoiding taxes that they should be paying,” she said.

“Why are we, the middle class, giving away our hard earned money when the big ups don’t need to cough up a single penny?”

An Environmental Activist with dreadlocks and adorned in a wool button-down shirt and khakis with rips on the knees, 50-year-old Rick believes the neglect of the Earth ties together with American greed as the central focus of the Occupy Chicago movement.

“I am standing here because I believe that the environment is being neglected,” Rick said. “This negligence of the earth displays the capitalist ideals that surround us. We are turning the middle class into slaves to debt.”

A father of three kids standing next to him. “It’s confusing and slightly personal and unique to themselves,” he said, with his kids standing next to him. “It’s confusing and slightly dysfunctional. The only good I see out of these protests is that people are getting to know one another through talking and relating. It’s been 30 days of discussion, and everyone feels closer together because of it.”

After attending the gathering at La Salle and Jackson, Senior Philip Lockwood-Bean believes the initiative behind Occupy Chicago does not seem to be centered around a primary focus.

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While group members (continues on reverse side)
Physics Teacher Francisco Javier Saez de Adana does not know whether or not the movement will ultimately prove successful. "SOME OF THE LARGEST movements have started out as small protests," Mr. Saez said. "Those involved in this movement seem to be responding to social discrimination and protesting overall social injustices, including the country’s financial struggles and the level of credibility in the political system.

"There are a lot of people who are really upset, and it will be interesting to see how the economy evolves during the next few months because of these protests. Unless Americans regain their faith in the government, people will continue to become more and more upset."

Mr. Saez believes the Occupy movements represent a significant shift in the U.S. away from a position of apathy. "THERE HASN’T BEEN a social revolution in quite a long time, and this could represent the beginning of great change, but only if the ingredients are in place," Mr. Saez said. "The Winter could unify this group even more, because when the conditions worsen, the protestors could unite to overcome the challenges, if they indeed believe strongly in the cause. At the same time, it could also show a true weakness in the group."

Despite the movement’s potential, Mr. Saez is not convinced that the protestors have the framework to reshape society. "There doesn’t seem to be the right attitude or conditions in place in this country to have a significant revolution," Mr. Saez said. "Right now, we’re in a state of relative security, which is not conducive to this type of change. There needs to be a greater struggle, and the economic system needs to deteriorate even more before a stronger sentiment can emerge both nationwide and worldwide. Something dramatic could happen to accelerate the process and lead to a true revolution, but politicians seem to be concerned right now with these Occupy movements, and the media isn’t taking great interest either.

"IT’S A HUMAN CONDITION for most people to be followers, as in the case of this protest. The way to form a higher society is to create one in which we can all make decisions. None of these types of movements are conducive through today’s political systems. We must create a different system in which many people have greater inner power and thus enable more leaders to develop within society."

STATIONED AT the entrance to the Continental Illinois Bank (above) on Jackson and La Salle October 23, protesters convened in a 40-person smaller assembly, then broke off into groups and discussed their individual reasons for occupying. Concerns with regards to paying college tuition, receiving pensions, the environment, and increasing taxation served as central topics in many group conversations. Photo by Taylor Crowl.

DONNING A Che Guevara t-shirt (right), a middle-aged woman battles brisk wind to display a sign for passersby, encouraging them to join the fight against income equality. Photo by Taylor Crowl.

A FREQUENT CENTERPIECE of discussion among Occupiers, banks and corporations, also referred to as as the "one percent", were deemed "profiteers of war" on numerous rally signs a the general assembly formed at the Bowman Statue at Michigan Avenue and Congress Parkway. Photo by Reem Khondaker.

STANDING IN FRONT of the Chicago Board of Trade (below) on Jackson Boulevard, Occupiers can be seen holding a range of signs that represent their reasons for assembling, including the economic crisis, wars, and certain social prejudices. Photo by Taylor Crowl.

History in the making (continued from the reverse side)

RELIEVED, Junior Jason Deng finds the book he needed for English class, thanks to 57th Street Book’s wide selection of books. Photo by Lili Steffen.

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