The student-writer play-plan in this year’s Student Experimental Theatre production, Senior Dylan Lambert-Gilliam’s “In the Beginning” will be among six one-acts Thursday-Saturday, February 23-25. Tickets, $10, are on sale in the U-High Lobby.

Participating in playwriting workshops at The Second City Theatre since age 12, Dylan said he drew inspiration for “In the Beginning” from British comedian Eddie Izzard.

“I’d like to say I had this sudden flash of inspiration and came up with this play, but basically more and more ideas came into my mind leading up to the deadline and I just kind of wrote something,” he explained.

“The script was based loosely off a joke about the Stone Age by Eddie Izzard, and my experience writing comedy stemmed from workshops I took at Second City. I tried to funnel that into a short form frame appropriate for an audience, while at the same time adding good character development.”

Juntaposing the comedic plays with serious poems also being presented, SET will display students’ abilities in different genres, says SET Board Head Sydney Fishman, senior.

“Of the seven student-written works, only three meet the final lineup for this year: two poems and one play,” Sydney said. “The student-writer play that was chosen as well with the others, since all of them are com-
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Thanks for Supporting Lab!
A decision made after broad collaboration

By Sydney Scarlata
Executive Director of Special Projects

Four teachers. Three administrators. Three parents. Two students.

After going on deliberations which began after Thanksgiving break, Principal Search Committee members recommended their principal choice for next year to Lab Schools Director David Magill in late January and Mr. Magill announced his decision February 9.

Growing up in Northwest Indiana (and making frequent trips to Chicago with his family), Dr. Fech reminded everyone that he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary French Education from Indiana University at Bloomington.

He then went on to receive his Masters of Theological Studies from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada; his Masters of Educational Studies in Administration from Purdue University back in Indiana and his PhD in Administration and Supervision from Loyola University Chicago.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE has always resonated with me," Dr. Fech said in a phone interview. "I did my dissertation on leadership in the state of Illinois. I looked why do some students succeed while others do not and how does the principal fit into this structure. I found a few commonalities like the fact that they all had a vision for how to keep a school committed to education and achievement."

After six years as principal of Bishop Noll High School in Hammond, Indiana, and serving as principal, director of staff service and assistant superintendent of personnel at Gary East High School in Gary, Indiana, Dr. Fech hopes to become an active participant of the changes the Lab Schools is undergoing.

"I'm very excited to join U-High and help create this next level," Dr. Fech said. "I believe that the Lab Schools is a unique place for education and I want to support and help support everyone who is going to be a part of this."
BRIEFLY

CONCERT WILL OFFER TALENT OF STUDENT MUSICIANS, SINGERS

Classical musical again will keynote the next Afternoon Recital showcasing talent from U-High and the 7th and 8th grades in the Middle School. The program will take place 3 p.m. in Foster Recital Hall in the Goodspeed Building on the U. of C. campus. The public is invited and there is no charge.

"This is a great opportunity not only for the musicians, but for Lab students and families to hear some of our outstanding young performers," said Music Teacher Bradley Brickner, who founded the program and has coordinated it ever since with Music Teacher Katy Sinclair also working on it.

BILINGUALISM–hoping to explore the benefits of bilingualism and biculturalism in and outside the classroom, a panel discussion, "Why a Second Language? Linguistic and Cognitive Advantages," will take place 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in Judd 126.

Professor Ananya Guha Malakudukas of the University of Chicago, and Kai Genzken and Karen Mynatt-Shert, Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition Labs at the University of Illinois at Chicago will speak about the benefits of bilingualism, according to World Languages Department Chairperson Susan Bauman.

FINALETIS–Nearly 30 seniors have made the Finalist stage in two prestigious national scholarship programs.

Twenty-one seniors have been named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program and are eligible for scholarships. They are: Grace Birdy, Gene Ceodrana, Emma Davis, Nathan Eckstein, Alice Fine, Sydney Fishman, Alex Gassman, Duncan Haldeman, Charles Jang, Tomi Johnson, Nahid Khosdagar, Molly Pitchman, Grier Pettis, Nicholas Principe, Kevin Pu, Robert Radclay, Charlie Rathfin, JR Reed, Ana Rosic, Betty Vah, Kristina Wall and Catherine Yumi.

Five seniors reached the Final round of the National Achievement Scholarship program and are eligible for scholarships. They are: Alexis Barber, Jessica Hubert, Tomi Johnson, Alex Ramsey/Spier and Hannah Bins.

In the Intel Science Talent search, Senior Robert Radclay has made the Semifinals.

MODEL U.N.–Awarded Outstanding Large Delegation at the 39th annual Harvard Model United Nations Jan. 26-29 in Boston, the Model U.N. team will begin preparation next week for their final conference.

Twenty-one team members are expected to compete at the last event, April 19-22 at Northwestern University in north suburban Evanston. The group will consist of freshmen, sophomores, and junior delegates. Seniors completed the year's course with the Harvard meet.

At Harvard, the U-Highers participated against delegates from over 36 countries, 3,000 students in total. John F. Steine High School of Edison, New Jersey, won Best Overall Delegation. Two U-High, team members were disqualified after they copied an online source and used it in their deliberations, confers Model U.N. President Rose Ann Cucu-Grant, senior.

"I'm taking the disqualification as an opportunity to improve our own research methods and working on how we articulate ideas clearly in speeches," Rosie said.

"History teacher Paul Horton announced to the Harvard Model U.N. team February 1 that he plans to resign as Model U.N. Adviser at the end of the year.

"After five years of doing this at U-High and sponsoring at two other schools previously, I think it's time to finally step out," Mr. Horton said.

"It wears you down, and it gets harder and harder to recover after disqualification," Charlie said.

DEBATE–Having made it to the elimination round at a debate tournament last month at Emory University in Atlanta, debaters experienced defeat in a final round.

The debaters also attended a tournament at Berkeley University in California the weekend after Midway press time, and is preparing for a tournament at Homewood-Flossmoor the weekend after, according to Charlie Rafkin, captian with Joyce Handwerker. Both are seniors.

"In January we had a string of three tournaments in four weeks which was really intense and stressful but prepared us for our Chicago tournament," Charlie said. "We have intense practice and we're preparing new arguments so the other teams won't be used to what we're going to say. We've also built two full plans to debate to prepare.

WINNERS–Four U-Highers have won awards in this year's Alliance for Young Artists and Writers regional competition. Established in 1994, the nonprofit organization recognizes teenagers with outstanding artistic and literary talent. U-High winners are as follows:

MATT JUNGIERT–Silver–Gold Key Blase of them, Shakespearean Fairy designs, honorable mention, design; honorable mention, portfolio.

CATHERINE TUNER–Senior–Gold Key poetry; honorable mention, poetry.

EMILY HIZE–Sophomore–Gold Key two of them, painting, honorable mention, painting.

ELDIN MA–Junior–Silver Key three of them, painting, honorable mention, portfolio.

Stop by the High School Office to register or contact Illinois Driving School at (773) 866-1888.

By Rolland Long

ANNUAL EDITOR

A ping pong tournament sponsored by Armed Forces Support Club members next quarter will raise funds for military charities.

Seniors Adrianna McKenzie and Jessica Hubert formed the club last Spring to provide funds for military charities. The club, with about a dozen members, meets every Wednesday lunch in U-High 307.

While Adrianna considered forming a military club in the past, she says reading "The Things They Carried," a Vietnam War novel surrounding the trials of an ensemble of soldiers in Mr. Carolyn Wallace's "Memory Server" English elective last year, pushed her to create the club.

"I had been thinking about starting a military club before since my grandfather was in the Vietnam War," Adrianna said. "But it really hit me to step up after reading "The Things They Carried."

"After reading about the mentally damaging effects that Vietnam had on the characters in the book, I became very interested in the subject matter. I realized that I wanted to help the people who put their lives and mental health on the line for our country. So, with the help of Jessica Hubert, I cofounded the club." The club is broadening projects to include fundraisers that go beyond bake sales.

"Last quarter we just raised funds through bake sales, but right now we're organizing a ping pong tournament which people can pay to participate and we need to pay $2 to $3 to play," Adrianna said. "I'll take place in the cafeteria using tables lent from the University."
BSA forum discusses interracial relationships

ANSWERING QUESTIONS about interracial relationships such as “Do you feel pressure from friends and family to date within your race?” 35 U-Highers, about evenly mixed between blacks and whites, participated in a Black Students’ Association forum March 3 in U-High 203.

Leading the forum, BSA President Victoria Billis, senior, revealed that studies show the most common interracial relationship consists of black men and white women. “I was expecting a little more shock and awe about the statistics,” Victoria said. “That the majority of interracial couples are African-American males and Caucasian females didn’t surprise people. Going to Lab, we’re diverse, and to some extent follow that trend.”

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formal, a difficult road

Welcome to the family.

After a month-and-a-half of deliberation, the Search Committee gave a ring to potential candidates, and the Student Council members, Lab School Director David Magill announced February 9 that Dr. Scott Fech will become U-High's new principal next year. A committee of three administrators, three faculty members, one junior, one sophomore, and three parents met approximately seven times between November 25 and January 31 to help select the successor to the school's principal of six years, Mr. Matt Horvat.

Committee members narrowed the candidates from 60 applicants to nine. From these nine, the search committee sent finalists to Dr. Fech and Ms. Lisa Baker. Each committee member then recommended his or her first choice to the Director, who weighed their input to make the final decision on who will lead the High School next year.

A critical time, and the years to follow, will be. With school-wide issues arising from the now six-month-old schedule, this community needs someone with strong managerial skills to lead the High School in the midst of a period of change.

In addition, with the Lab School's significant expansion underway, including the Early Childhood Center and the new Arts Wing, our new principal must have the ability to make significant decisions involved in the largest fundraising effort in the school's history.

And it's not as though Dr. Fech is primed for these challenges, given his past seven years of experience as a middle school principal. NEVERTHLESS, Dr. Fech did work at Grayslake North, a large suburban high school, the past year and, before that, at a school in Hammond, Indiana, neither comparable to U-High. It's fair to say he might be entering unfamiliar territory.

It's far to truly grasp the unique setting that is the Lab Schools, with its connection to the University of Chicago and proximity to downtown, not to mention the diverse backgrounds of the U-Highers we serve.

Dr. Fech will have to learn fast to say the least, and he will have little time to settle into his new office come next September.

And let's not forget about students, who are looking for someone who will be as engaging as his predecessor and get to know them just as well.

In his six years at U-High, Mr. Horvat built a reputation on someone who strives to maintain a close connection with many U-Highers and fully integrated himself into the community. He never hesitated to greet students in passing and never had behind his desk in the High School office.

Not that Dr. Fech's experience from prior positions as assistant principal, tennis coach, and activities sponsor for several years in Indiana don't suggest high potential to make personal connections just like his predecessor.

The truth is, we won't know whether the transition will be smooth until Dr. Fech begins his term July 1.

What we do know: Our new principal has monumental tasks that lie ahead.

Welcome to the U-High family, Dr. Fech, and good luck.

formal editor: Formal-changed

It was a Winter Formal to be remembered. But not in the right way.

This month's Formal was marked by student discontent and a lack of communication between administrators and U-Highers.

After anonymous complaints about conduct at last fall's Homecoming Dance, the Student Council and administration made a concerted effort to change the customary formal dance.

Many of the changes they made seem to make sense. An area for socializing off the dancefloor, for example, is an easy fix to give U-Highers other options than dancing, if they feel uncomfortable.

The fact that faculty were on the dancefloor also served to break up U-Highers dancing in ways they deemed inappropriate, however, seems excessive.

The same style of dancing has been acceptable at every prior dance in recent memory, and the administration suddenly decided to change the policy. The administration in seeming uncomfortable is entirely called for, but the administrators changing their entire attitude is unjustified.

10-second editorial:

formal editor: Formal-changed

From Cultural Union President Tom Healy and Vice President Josh Ancell.

In early November, Student Council was informed of several anonymous complaints regarding conduct at and during the Winter Formal.

While Student Council had previously received complaints from parents about inappropriate behavior, we were surprised to learn that these came from individuals who didn't fully understand the social dynamics at U-High. However, anonymous student complaints of sexual harassment signaled a need for immediate change, both administrators and Student Council were on the same page. We needed to create a safer environment for U-Highers.

A committee of students, faculty, parents, and administrators met twice to discuss the issues. But, by the end of Winter Formal, we hadn't come to an idea. Had they explicitly outlined their intentions, we would have provided that information to students.

"Grinding," while perceived as sexually suggestive by many administrators, is simply another form of dance that our generation embraces. To completely eliminate it displays disregard for student individual expression and today's musical culture. And, while some argue that "grinding" has never been sanctioned by the Administration, its prevalence at dances throughout our high school years without Administration intervention tells a different story. The Administration has tolerated it.

Student Council remains committed to the suggestions of the Dance Committee and the goal of developing a safer environment. Hopefully, administrators have broken the process and bypassed student opinion.

Don't simply take your word on this issue: ask your classmates and friends how they felt about Formal. Ask those students who left the dance early and those who didn't decide to not come at all.

As we move forward in planning our spring dance, we continue under the implicit agreement that the administration will bring any proposed changes to our attention. If this condition cannot be met, we will explore alternative options. Dances have long served as one of the only effective ways to bring together the U-High community and celebrate school spirit.

In the words of one dance-goer, "This is the worst thing since the new schedule."
Mix and match stirs up boys’ style

A FUSION of bold colors, boxy suits and pants, khaki hues, and structured jackets dominate boys’ fashion this winter. Incorporating this seaside, Careless, simple looks created by mixing and matching, I make sure I don’t fall into a rut. For an overcoat, I always wear my tan American Apparel peacoat, which I use as an undercoat. For an overcoat, I always wear my boxy suits,_genre: şirket
to find a new one resembling this trend.”

COOKING WITH ANNEH KANAKAMEDLA

Celebrate the Dragon with Chinese Dumplings

Bao Dragon underway, eating sweet meat, is a great way to celebrate. The dish takes perfectly complemented the other flavors.

Ingredients

1 lb ground pork
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
6 green onion stalks, 2 cut into 3 inch pieces
2 quarts plus 1/4 cup of cold water
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"I am involved in a professional just one of the ways to do that," Mrs. Walter said. "I am definitely trying to investi- gate more ways of getting poetry to the arts and architecture in the Loop." Walter will lead the workshop "Poetry and Architecture in the Loop".

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"I thought she was a good speaker and presented the idea of stress and how to manage it well. One of the things she suggested was to have you write down things you were worried about before a test and that is something I want to do in the future with my students."

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After the assembly, Senior Jennifer Pan found she could relate since she feels a lot of stress as a senior. "I thought one of the things she men- tioned that was really powerful was to focus my attention on one thing, usu- ally the end goal or the product rather than paying too much attention to the nitty gritty things," Jennifer said. "In test taking, giving a speech or playing a musical piece it's really important to just concentrate on one thing and I could really apply that to myself."

"I ALSO thought it was really cool

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constituencies were represented on the committee. I was pleased with her information of the committee for this reason. I'm glad we were at least as many teachers as other members because we will be working very closely with the principal and I think there was definitely a good balance between the groups.

"Ultimately, Ms. Magill runs the school so naturally he should be in charge of selecting the new princi- pal. I don't think his seat outweighed anyone else's.

"I am very comfortable stating my opinion, even in front of my superior, so having the director on the commit- tee was not an issue for me.

"I thought the group worked well together and after everything got going, everyone felt comfortable ex- pressing their opinions.

"I think because Mr. Magill was on the committee, the process was an on-going discussion with him, rather than a presentation at the end.

"I think we were looking to build on school strength and move forward. We all had different goals but I think we all want a school that can prepare our kids for college."

"We want someone who will work well with other leadership and will fit nicely into this large expansion project Lab is involved in. Ultimately, we want what's best for our kids."

Student Experimental Theatre (continued from front page)

"WAKING"—Apovreta Gundeti. Written and directed by Maria Conlon.

"YOU ARE THE RAIN"—Nate Slawson and directed by Maria Conlon.

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Basketball boys ready to charge into Regional

By Mike Glick
Midway reporter

D efense. That’s what varsity boy basketballers will need to win their IHSA 2A Regional, packed with high-scoring teams, according to Head Coach Chad Stewart.

U-High finished with a 7-5 record in the Independent School League, 5th place behind Coop champions Latin (9-3) and North Shore Country Day (9-3), Parkside (8-4) and Northridge (8-4). U-High was unable to win a fourth straight Conference title.

But a chance at a Regional Championship and maybe more has kept U-High diligent, says Coach Stewart.

“We feel we can win the Regional and play unsustainably, we can compete with them. We can’t let Russell Robinson get the ball anywhere he is comfortable and that will require team defense,” said Coach Stewart.

“Seton was ranked 4th in the state at one point this season,” Coach Stewart said. “They’ve beaten top-ranked teams. But if we share the basketball and play our game, we can win a Regional.”

Those games showed us that we could beat anybody,” U-High (15-10 as of last Friday), the 4th seed of seven in its Regional, matched up with 5th seed Walter Dyett High School, located in Washington Park, yesterday in a Regional Quadrant final at home (game came after Midway press time).

WITH A WIN over Dyett (9-17 as of last Friday), the Maroons would take on 1st seed Seton Academy, of South Holland, in their Regional Semifinal February 22 at home. According to the Chicago Tribune’s Prep+Plus Section, Seton (22-4) ranks 17th in the state (as of February 14).

Led by Point Guard Jordan Foster, senior, and Guards Kamali Shais and Mark Weems, juniors, Seton’s starting backcourt averages 36.4 points a game. But, according to Coach Stewart, Seton’s front court, consisting of 6-foot-9 Russell Robinson and 6-foot-5 J.R. Tolliver, seniors, poses an even bigger challenge for U-High. Robinson averages 10 points, seven rebounds and three blocks a game and makes 60 percent of his field goals, while Tolliver averages 12 points and seven rebounds.

Seton’s bench also chips in 28.5 points a game to the team’s high-scoring 86.9 points a game. Stats from Seton’s 97-75 win over Hope Academy February 14 are not included in the totals.

The Maroons recognize the challenge Seton presents and they are prepared.

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If U-High defeats Seton, it will likely take on 2nd seed Hales Franciscan, the defending 2A State Champion, in the Regional Final.

With a Win in the Regional Final, U-High would face the winner of the Seneca Regional in the Sectional Semifinal February 29. If the Maroons win the Sectional Semifinal and Final, they will face the winner of the Lisle Sectional March 6 in a Super-Sectional matchup. A Super-Sectional win would send U-High to the State Final Four.

The Maroons are confident that if they win their Regional they will have a legitimate shot at a trip to State.

“We definitely have one of, if not the toughest Regionals at the 2A level,” said Captain Louis Van Craan, senior. “Whoever wins our Regional will be a real contender to win State.”

Girl basketballers proud of success, look to future

By William Chung
Sports editor

Despite a 28-36 loss to St. Francis De Sales February 4 in their first IHSA playoff game, girls’ basketballers believe their season proved a success.

U-High finished its regular season with a 15-6 record, with a 40-38 victory over Clemente, February 3, after losing to them 22-59 last year.

The Maroons had lost earlier in the season to St. Francis, their Regional opponent, 32-50 November 15. But Coach Tai Duncan believes U-High could have beaten the Pioneers.

“We lost by 18 in the first game against St. Francis, and in the Regional we lost by 6,” Coach Duncan said. “I think we could have won that game if a few things had gone our way, namely better defense in the 4th quarter and going to the basket more offensively.”

The Clemente Game proved a better indicator of how the Maroons’ play had progressed, Coach Duncan believes.

“Our season was not defined by the De-Sales game,” Coach Duncan said. “Clemente was a good marker of the progress we made.”

“We lost to them by a lot a year ago and there were basically the same this year. Our team really came together and we played good defense. There are times when other teams are hot, but we frustrated Clemente’s primary scorers and we came out with the win.”

To beat Clemente was a big victory,” Co-captains Sophia Gatton, junior, and Lillian Eckstein, sophomore, are both returning next year, as well as starters Nadja Barlera, junior, and Kendall Rallins, freshman.

Senior Brenda Benitez is the only varsity player who will not return. Nadja believes that the team’s consistency will contribute to its success next year.

“Everyone has improved so much,” Nadja said. “We were undefeated at home during the regular season. Plus, we are a young team.”

“Kendall and Sophia provided most of our points, and Lillian was a great floor supporter.”

Winning the ISL is the main goal next year, according to Coach Duncan, herself a former U-High basketball star.

“We should win the ISL,” Coach Duncan said. “We came in 3rd behind Latin and Willows, and both will lose some of their best players.

“Our starters coming back. We think we have a chance. We’re at a point now that I can be picky. We did well this season and they have responded to that. We’re ready to go onto the next level.”

Both Sophia Gatton and Kendall Rallins advanced to the ISL Sectional 3-point shootout.

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Association honors Athletic Director

Selected Athletic Director of The Year for schools in Class 1A/2A, Mr. David Ribbens has been honored by the Illinois Athletic Director Association.

“It is always an honor to be recognized by your peers that are in the trenches with you,” said Mr. Ribbens, in his ninth year at the Lab Schools. “I am honored and humbled to accept this award. I am also thrilled for our U-High community, our students, coaches and families for making the athletic experience a valued part of their children’s education at Lab. For over 100 years the ideal of being a true student-athlete has been upheld to the highest degree here at Lab. I am very grateful to be a small part of that tradition.”
Fencing team thrives with growing interest

By Clay Surmeier
Midway reporter

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“Fence!”

Both blades clash in an instant. In the blink of an eye, the tip of Senior Duncan Holmes’s blade hits his New Trier opponent’s, Ian Gallagher, chest.

With that final touch, Duncan captured his 2nd win en route to a 2nd place finish in men’s sabre at the Great Lakes Championship at Main West, Wisconsin, February 29.

At THE Championship, other notable U-High finishes included Junior Charlie Green (2nd in women’s épée) and Sophomore Elle Hill (4th in women’s foil). Freshman Jennifer Chien, Juniors Nathaniel Green, Willa Green and Chun Min Wu made the trip as well.

In its fourth year as a sport at U-High, fencing has attracted new members from all grade levels.

“A fantastic improvement this year was the addition of many new fencers,” said Assistant coach Bill Stueben. “To find a full team, without subs, we need 24 fencers. The larger schools we compete with can get that many, but we need underclassmen fencers to play larger roles throughout the season.”

Senior Lexie Barber says many kids stepped up into leadership roles this year due to a great team dynamic.

“This event determines who represents this team for the World Cup,” Harrison said. “This is the most important tournament of the year for fencers our age.”

Nearby Deals
with Yummy Appeal!

ISABELLE BERTEN and Caitlin Goldwater discuss ordering a world-famous deep dish pepperoni pizza to share. They look forward to a cheesy delight at their favorite restaurant just down the street from school. Photo by Leslie Kamel.

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Hockey player repeats as All Star

For the third consecutive year, Senior JR Reed has been named to the Metro Central Conference All Star Men’s Hockey Team. JR captains the Latin varsity team, which includes 17 other players from U-High, Francis Parker, Whitney Young, Walter Payton, and Lane Tech.

A starting defense man for the Romanes, JR is U-High’s only representative on the squad.

“I am honored to be selected as a member of the All Star team,” said Reed. “I have been working hard to improve my game and contribute to the team’s success.”

At U-High, JR also plays tennis and, among numerous leadership positions, serves as Midway editor-in-chief and Student Council vice president. He previously was class president his sophomore and junior years.

RISING OUT of the water, David Tong takes a breath during his breaststroke in the 200 Medley relay against Latin. David swam the second leg, helping contribute to the 2nd place finish, January 27 at Ratner. The Maroons lost 97-74. Photo by Lili Stoffen.

Swimmers geared up for Sectional charge

By Max Brown
Midway reporter

Heading into Sectionals last Saturday (results came after Midway press time), boy swimmers built momentum through a solid week of practice after ending their season with a 5-3 record.

Before falling to the Whitney Young Dolphins 92-78 February 7 in the Sectional in Lincolnwood, with the puck drop against Lake Forest Academy.

Coach Paul Gunty said that Evergreen Park Invitational January 28 and lost to Latin January 24, 94-74.

Coach Paul Gunty said that Evergreen proved among the swimmers’ best meets.

“We had a lot of good times at Evergreen,” Mr. Gunty said. “There was a lot of personal bests and a lot of really good relays. It was the best meet we’ve had all season in terms of working together as a unit.”

Junior David Tong provided two of the meet’s highlights, seizing first in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Fly.

Eliot Levmore placed 2nd in the 100 Free and Justin Whithouse was 2nd in the 100 Breast.

U-High also finished 2nd in three additional relays: the 200 Medley, the 200 Free and the 400 Free.

EXTENDING OFF an invitation to State last year for the 100 yard Butterfly, David served as one of the swimmers the team rallied around.

“After we lost the biggest goals at Sectionals is for David Tong to make High School State again,” Sophomore Eliot Levmore said. “He’ll have to either make a State qualifying time or win a Sectional event.”

Mr. Gunty felt that one of the difficulties that the team struggled with was leadership.

“We’VE HAD NO real leader throughout the season,” Mr. Gunty said. “No one has stepped up and taken charge the way we needed to reach the next level. This is partly because we only have one senior, Mac Sinclair.”

Two records were also broken during the last week of January. At Latin January 24, Sophomores Elliot Levmore, Noah Braendel, Res Hughes and Freshman Alex Kim broke the record for U-High’s Freshman/Sophomore 400 yard Freestyle Relay.

Then, at the Canton Invitational January 28, James Sinclair, Justin Whitehouse, Alex Kim and Miles Grogger broke U-High’s 200-meter Medley Relay record.

Hockey player repeats as All Star

For the third consecutive year, Senior JR Reed has been named to the Metro Central Conference All Star Men’s Hockey Team. JR captains the Latin varsity team, which includes 17 other players from U-High, Francis Parker, Whitney Young, Walter Payton, and Lane Tech.

A starting defense man for the Romanes, JR is U-High’s only representative on the squad.

“I am honored to be selected as a member of the All Star team,” said Reed. “I have been working hard to improve my game and contribute to the team’s success.”

At U-High, JR also plays tennis and, among numerous leadership positions, serves as Midway editor-in-chief and Student Council vice president. He previously was class president his sophomore and junior years.
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Some Formal Changes

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“Make room for Jesus!”

So yelled a group of seniors in the middle of the dance floor at the Winter Formal, February 4 at International House. Their comments on how close they should be dancing with each other soon became a joke among students at the dance.

After parents and chaperons voiced concerns to administrators regarding student behavior and dress at Homecoming, administrators created a community committee to address such issues. Changes to the Formal Dance included brighter lights, more active chaperons and an extra University of Chicago squad car outside.

WHILE MANY students laughed, teachers chaperoning the Formal made a concerted effort to keep dancing appropriate by commenting when they felt students were dancing inappropriately and, in some cases, even pulling students apart.

Student Council officers set up a new sitting area equipped with cards for students who did not want to participate in the dancing activities.

“Change is always viewed with some skepticism around here,” Dean of Students Larry McFarlane said. “Because of some complaints after Homecoming, changes were addressed by Student Council and administrators to create a safer environment at the dance. There was a wider variety of music, the lights were slightly less dim and the chaperons were more active during the dance.”

WHILE SOME STUDENTS were unhappy with these new rules, Mr. McFarlane felt the changes were necessary.

“I don’t think behavior is negotiable with students. The school is responsible for the students. I understand that Student Council believes they were misled about the chaperons’ role, but we were just trying to be more vigilant and make sure that every student felt comfortable.”

To promote classier attire among the approximately 250 dancegoers, Student Council officers announced an official “Mad Men” theme, based off the T.V. show set in the 1950s.

“The dress was much better this dance,” said Mr. McFarlane. “There were some short skirts but I think because there was no unofficial theme, like at homecoming, people dressed more appropriately.

“ACCORDING TO STUDENT COUNCIL, the number of people who seemed inebriated was the same. This concerns me a bit and makes me question why we’re even doing dances. Some have suggested breathalizing but it’s expensive and also sends a negative message to the 90 percent of students who do not behave inappropriately.”

Mr. McFarlane believes the point of dances is to provide an opportunity for students to have fun in a safe environment outside the classroom.

“I wish that everyone could have a good time and I’m sad that many students did leave the dance in the middle,” Mr. McFarlane said. “The new rules established at Formal are not final for every dance. The Dance Committee will reconvene to discuss how to keep everyone safe.”

TWO OF the many dance-goers who joined in the official Formal theme, “Mad Men,” Shannon Vavra and Nathan Eckstein both donned 1950s apparel.

MATCHING A BORROWED purple velvet dress Magda Glotzer paired with fishnets and A&F combat boots, while Aurielle Akerele proved fashionable in multicolored BCBG shoes and a black dress from Akira.

SPORTING A TIGHT black dress with tights, Eleanor Schutttenburg huddled in a circle with Akilah Harris, in a strapless gray dress, and Sophia Weaver.

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