

# U-HIGH MIDWAY

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Photo courtesy Ms. Susan Shapiro

An elephant provided unusual transportation in Rajasthan, India, as History Teacher Susan Shapiro and her daughter Robin, Class of 2008, embark on a tour.

## Adventures take students, teachers far on summer vacation travels

By Natalie Holley  
Associate editor

Using elephants to maneuver the narrow road to Amber Fort, India, History Teacher Susan Shapiro and her daughter, Robin, Class of 2008, enjoyed an all-encompassing view of the desert and architecture of Rajasthan this summer.

Ms. Shapiro first visited Israel, spending eight days in Jerusalem with her husband Rob and Robin. She attended the Eighth International Conference on Holocaust Education at Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to Jewish Holocaust victims and the largest archive of Holocaust information.

She and Robin then took an 11-day trip to India, exploring local marketplaces, visiting historic locations and staying at the Rambagh Palace in Jaipur.

"We started in Delhi, which is an interesting place because it's the capital of Hindu India but also a Muslim city," Ms. Shapiro said. "We saw examples of Old Delhi versus New Delhi. The

intertwining influences of Islam, Hinduism, and the West were obvious."

Traveling with her mother, uncle, and two cousins, Sophomore Belle Pon enjoyed five-and-a-half weeks in Hong Kong, Macau, China, and Thailand.

Belle has been speaking Cantonese ever since she could talk, but began learning Mandarin in 2nd grade.

"Now I'm more confident in my skills," she said. "I can have conversations with my Grandma more, who was impressed by the slang my cousins taught me."

Also traveling overseas, a group of 15 U-Highers visited Cuba with Photography teacher Liese Ricketts and Spanish Teacher Craig Reubelt, June 14-23.

"There were no restrictions on areas or people for pictures," Ms. Ricketts said. "We could approach people and ask them if we could take pictures and they would be very hospitable, friendly and nice."

Other teachers traveling overseas include Math Teacher Shauna Anderson, whose itinerary included South Africa.

## With extensive experience, three faculty members debut today

By Sonia Bourdaghs  
Editor-in-Chief

From Michigan, Chicago and Ohio a librarian, Latin Teacher, and college counselor join the U-High family today.

Friends with former librarian Patrick Fuller and Lower School Librarian Lee McLain, Susan Augustine said she found out about the opening here through them.

Ms. Augustine attended Essexville Garber High School, in Essexville, Michigan, and later Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

"I worked at the Art Institute as a librarian for seven years, and before that at Columbia College and the University of Illinois at Chicago," Ms. Augustine said. "I've worked with high school students when they came into those libraries and enjoyed it."

"Being connected with youth is a good way to keep up with the world. Young people keep up with technology, social trends, and media."

"They are really in the heart of all of that and have a certain curiosity.

I'm really looking forward to working with high schoolers.

"Also, the range of students will be exciting, since they will be interested in more subject matters than just art."

Having grown up in Chicago, Mr. Ristin attended St. Ignatius in the West Loop, the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Pennsylvania. For

graduate school, he attended the University of Cincinnati and Loyola.

Mr. Ristin taught at Regina Dominican in Wilmette for six years and will be teaching both sections of Latin One and one section of Latin Two. He said he is looking forward to being among other Latin teachers.

Ms. Wagner will counsel students with last names G through MC, and help ease the load College Counselors

Patty Kovacs and Melissa Warehall have been handling. Having grown up in Ohio, Ms. Wagner attended Riverside High, in Painesville, Ohio, and later the Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and Ohio State University in Columbus.

"I previously worked at Morgan Park Academy and was the only college counselor there," Ms. Wagner said. "I am very eager to work with other counselors because they often learn from and support each other. I'm looking forward to being in a team environment."

"I heard about how excellent the education at the Lab Schools was and wanted to work where students are motivated, and there is a strong team of counselors."

Leaving the school after 15 years, Ms. Ying Sau Cheung, mail room coordinator, retired last month. She for a long time was a Lab Schools parent.

"The Lab Schools is very diverse, which is really good for students, and everyone is like a family," Ms. Cheung said. "I felt very comfortable working here."

## A new principal strives for an effective balancing act

By Duncan Weinstein  
Editor-in-Chief

"Balance. That's the biggest message I've gotten in my meetings with parents, students and faculty. We have to find a balance between academics, athletics and extracurriculars. And we have to find a balance to the overall demands of being a teenager in this age."

So says new Principal Scott Fech, who took office July 1. Mr. Fech comes to U-High with experience as a principal at Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond, Indiana for six years, and Grayslake North High School in north suburban Grayslake for four years.

With a box of cookies, a gift from teachers at his former school, sitting on his desk in U-High

107, Mr. Fech discussed his preparations for the coming year.

"Since I've taken over, I've been meeting with faculty to get to know their concerns and find out how best to support them," Mr. Fech said enthusiastically. "I want to find out what challenges they see ahead and to hit the ground running."

"I've also met with parents and gotten their input, as well as meeting with Student Council members to talk about things that were issues last year, such as the Homecoming Dance and the new schedule."

Mr. Fech also discussed assembly periods with Student Council.

"I will try to keep students involved in the decision making process by going to them for information before making decisions," Mr. Fech said. "For example, I talked to Student Council about the assembly period and how they felt that it was poorly used last year,



Photo by Lili Steffen

**U-HIGH'S NEW PRINCIPAL SCOTT FECH**  
"I see my job as supporting student success, and removing obstacles to success..."

but I also wanted to reaffirm the importance of coming together as a school.

"We discussed some ideas for increasing school spirit, like giving Student Council more assembly periods to plan, especially the week before Homecoming."

Bringing an institution from his former school Mr. Fech plans to form a new group to meet with students.

"I'd like to start what I called at my old school President's Council, where I meet with the presidents of all the clubs and the captains of the sports teams once a month to talk about upcoming events, bounce ideas off each other, and give them a chance to build the leadership of their respective organizations."

"As a principal, I see my job as supporting student success, and removing obstacles to success sometimes before people even know they're there. I'm also just a big cheerleader."



Photo by Jeff Li

Among faculty newcomers at a picnic August 28 are Daniel Ristin, Latin; Abby Wagner, college counselor; and Susan Augustine, librarian.



As the Midway sees it

# Let the games begin on a winning year

Here we go again.

After a tumultuous year, the roller coaster ride isn't quite over. The new schedule, which contained some major issues last year, has only been tweaked. And after a disappointing Winter Formal in February, and non-existent Spring Fling, Student Council hopes to pull off a Homecoming Dance that everyone can enjoy.

And issues from last year remain. Students and teachers continue discovering how to effectively use the weekly 75-minute periods, introduced in last year's new schedule.

That's assuming students can register into those classes, as many U-Highers have experienced difficulties fitting in their requested courses. Hopefully new changes to the schedule will lessen the confusion many students and faculty felt last year.

While opinions of the schedule remain mixed, only half the student body, juniors and seniors, will have even experienced the old schedule. The new principal, Scott Fetch, will not have the old schedule to compare and contrast with either.

He possesses fresh pair of eyes on the flow of U-High life, which may prove useful trying to figure out what works and what doesn't with the

schedule.

Mr. Fetch, Student Council, parents, and faculty also hope to develop dances which please everyone, or at least more people than past dances have.

After complaints concerning suggestive clothing and dancing at last year's Homecoming, greatly increased teacher involvement and other changes brought down student attendance and satisfaction.

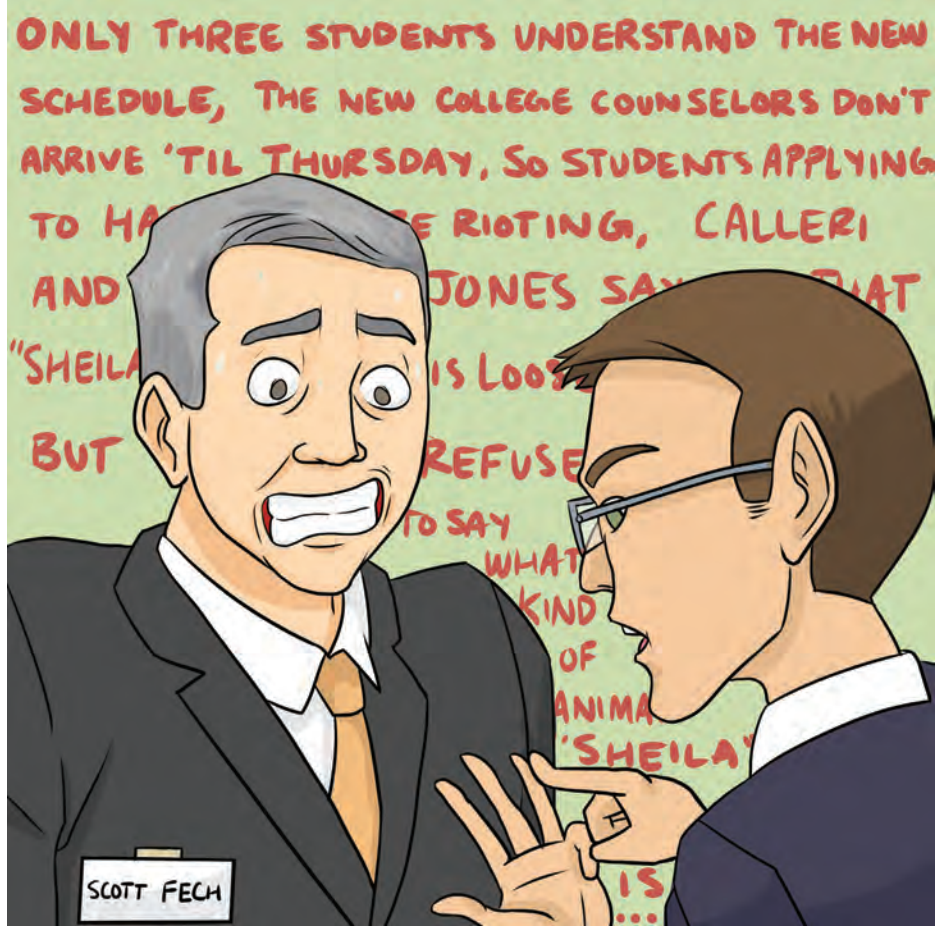
As a result, Winter Formal was sparsely attended, and a planned Spring Fling never materialized. Pleasing students, faculty, and parents is left to Mr. Fetch.

Amid these changes, the U-High Midway staff welcomes you back!

Advised by Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler and Photojournalism Teacher Liese Ricketts, student journalists and photojournalists will publish 10 issues this year.

We work to provide a full, accurate view of U-High life. We welcome students, faculty, parents, and administrators to share their opinions and stories with us. Story ideas, guest columns, and letters to the editors can be submitted to Mr. Brasler's mailbox in U-High 106.

The Midway is not reviewed before publication by any administrators,



Editorial cartoon by Lydia Cochrane

Mr. Brasler and Ms. Ricketts are the only adults who review stories, photos, and designs prior to publication.

But administrators are part of the publishing team, offering ideas and advice. Although we cover controversial topics, the Midway does not publish libel, obscenity or anything that may disrupt or interfere with the running of the school. It is illegal to do so.

This year, the paper likely will publish fewer pages than last years because of a smaller staff. But we will work to provide more stories on each page, and keep each issue reader friendly. The paper's overall appearance has also changed.

We look forward to presenting you with a reader friendly publication and a closer look into U-High life.

## Say What?



Brad

**What are you looking forward to at U-High?**  
(Asked of freshmen.)

**BRAD KOONTZ:** I'm looking forward to high school baseball. I can't wait for the season to start.



Sam

**SAM ARONSON:** I'm looking forward to meeting different people and being involved in clubs and new experiences that were not available in Middle School.



Rosie

**ROSIE WEAVER:** I'm looking forward to meeting the new students in my grade. I'm also looking forward to making friends with upperclassmen.



Nora

**NORA LIN:** I've heard there's more freedom at U-High than I had in Middle School. I'm especially looking forward to having more free periods. But I'm also excited to meet new friends too.

## This time, national election feels farther from home

By Duncan Weinstein  
Opinion columnist

With few close races in Chicago this election season, politically minded U-Highers will have to seek volunteer opportunities farther from home.

This year, Illinoisans won't vote for a senator or governor, and most of the competitive House districts lie in the northern and western suburbs. U-Highers who want to canvass for Obama will have to travel farther than Indiana, where they went in 2008, and venture instead to Iowa. While local phone banks are easier to find, they too are calling out of state.

So's life in a safe state like Illinois, which hasn't voted a Republican for President since 1988, where Presidential candidates are more likely to visit for fundraisers than for rallies or town halls. With Illinois's electoral votes securely for Obama, both campaigns are focusing their efforts on Wisconsin and Iowa instead, granting U-Highers a reprieve from a barrage of negative campaign ads.

President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney have run a greater percentage of negative T.V. ads than any past pair of Presidential adversaries, according to Time Magazine's April 24 issue. That has lowered voter enthusiasm even further, to far below the highs of 2008.

For President Obama, public disinterest could mean trouble recruiting volunteers, the Democrats' answer to the Republicans' Super PAC powered financial advantage. But with television ads already near saturation levels, the extra money Romney spends may have minimal effect.

While Romney's face may appear more in T.V. screens, the Obama camp hopes supporters will show their faces, and, the thinking goes, create a more meaningful connection than an ad campaign ever could.

Thus, this election will test whether community organizing, which Obama

learned in Chicago, works as political strategy.

While 2008 was a banner year for Democrats, Obama faces a tougher road this time. Many voters blame Obama for the tepid economic recovery, and campaign finance rules were upended by the Supreme Court's ruling in the Citizens United case, allowing billionaire Republicans to throw money into the campaign.

But the race remains close because the Republicans lack an Obama quality candidate to oppose Obama.

That stark truth may become obvious during the three debates, scheduled for October. There,

Obama, an experienced orator, will attempt to outduel Romney, who has at times appeared uncomfortable behind the podium.

Romney will almost certainly try to hit Obama on the econ-

omy, especially because the President has the upper hand on foreign policy issues.

Even though they face an uphill battle in the electoral college, the Romney camp sees hope in the fact that no President has been reelected with this bad an economy since FDR.

But having popular ideas doesn't win the White House without a suitable candidate to occupy it. Just ask John Kerry.

All this gives Obama an opening to over perform in a Republican year.

To do that, the Obama camp has doubled down on organizing, hoping to mitigate financial disadvantage with smarter spending. As to whether or not the strategy will work, that depends on if volunteers answer the call, including U-Highers.



### An early start

Returning to school in mid-August, these three Midway editors-in-chief and several other staff members produced this first-day edition of the Midway. From left are Duncan Weinstein, William Chung and Sonia Bourdaghs. The fourth editor-in-chief, Rolland Long, was still in China. The paper's new design is based on layout projects produced by students in the Beginning Journalism course last Spring.

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# Homecoming getting participatory planning

By Sonia Bourdaghs  
Editor-in-Chief

A mixture of policies from last year's Homecoming and Formal are being considered by Student Council and Principal Scott Fech as they plan Homecoming.

After students, chaperons and parents complained about dress, and dance styles and a culturally offensive (to some) unofficial senior class theme last fall, a Dance Committee was formed to discuss policy changes for Winter Formal. Revisions were agreed upon but many students walked out when adults began breaking up dancers, a possibility that had not been discussed. Ultimately the Spring Fling was cancelled when Student Council gave up on negotiations.



Amol

This summer, Student Council, Principal Scott Fech and faculty members worked together towards effectively planning Homecoming, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, October 6, at International House.

Student Council President Amol Gundet hopes that Student Council will be more informed about policy

changes than with Formal.

"The big thing is transparency," Amol said. "With the Formal last year, students were expecting one thing, and they found something else when they got to the dance. We want students to know what they will and will not be allowed to do.

"In the past we had music for all the same kind of dancing, and we want to switch around the music a lot. The dances are never going to be the same as they were. There will be much more of a mix between what students and teachers want."

Student Council members met with Mr. Fech August 29 to formalize a Dance Committee of students and faculty to determine Homecoming.

"We want to have two seniors, two juniors and one sophomore," Amol said. "Since freshmen have never been to a dance, I don't think it is appropriate to have them on the committee.

Cultural Union President Rex Gu, senior, hopes changes will increase dance attendance.

"The dances are a main fundraiser for the school, and the rule changes for formal last year caused such a drastic decrease in attendance," Rex said. "We dis-

cussed getting a DJ who is more accepting of our song requests and a revised way of how the music is managed. We also want people who may not want to participate in certain types of dancing to feel included and may take a poll to ask students for feedback."

Student Council also met with Mr. Fech to discuss upcoming assemblies. Seniors will have an assembly September 13, juniors September 20, and freshmen September 27. All U-Highers will meet for a Student-Faculty Volleyball Game October 4. Assembly attendance will be required.

Club shopping will not be an assembly this year, according to Amol, who felt that last year's format was flawed.

"With the volume of clubs we have, it is hard to squeeze them all into one assembly," Amol said. "Last year, towards the end of the assembly everyone was being cut short. Besides, only one or two clubs may speak to a student, but having the student have to stay to listen to all clubs is taxing for them. Also, the clubs can begin to meld together if they are all just giving speeches."



Rex

## Language theme for First Day gets eager response

By Hebah Masood  
Associate editor

Today's First Day Program, organized by the Foreign Language Department, aimed to teach U-Highers the practicality of being multilingual.

Headed by Spanish Teacher Laura Salas Damer with the help of 22 U-Highers, the day featured 17 multilingualism-themed guest-and faculty-run workshops and an assembly with a panel featuring Michael Erard, author of a book on talented multilingualists entitled "Babel No More," University of Chicago Linguistics Professor Anastasia Giannakidou, and Northwestern University Bilingualism and Psycholinguist Professor Viorica Marian.

After listening to the panel, Mrs. Salas Damer hopes students have a better outlook toward learning languages.

"I really hope students got the right message," Mrs. Damer said. "In school we concentrate so much on memorizing and make languages seem so hard. But it's bigger than that. Learning languages is not just about that one verb we tell you to memorize. We want you to know more than one language or more than two.

"We want to make languages seem more interesting so students understand that it helps you socially, it's good for your brain, it's more than just learning for the sake of one trip to a foreign country- to know more than one language can help you throughout life."

Students were able to choose their workshop.

"I tried to place everyone in their first or second choice. I had no idea that certain workshops would appeal to so many people, though," Mrs. Damer said.

"There are about four workshops that had so much appeal I went over the limit of 20 people. They're being held in much bigger spaces like the I-House and Ida Noyes. I really just wanted people to get the most out of the day, and be in workshops they would enjoy."



Photo courtesy of Micaiah Bucheim-Jurisson

## Falling into freshman year

**Team-building activities including navigating rope courses and climbing walls, freshmen got a head start on the year at their Retreat Friday, August 24 at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside. In the photo, Max Bremer falls backwards in a trust exercise.**

**"It was a wonderful day," said Dean of Student Larry McFarlane. "The weather was perfect, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves."**

**Sophomores embark on their Retreat September 19-21 at the JCC Perlstein Resort in Lake Delton, Wisconsin. Community service will highlight the trip, which will include bonding experiences and maybe a water park visit.**

## Midway wins top award

For the 47th consecutive school year, the Midway has received the top All American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. The U-High paper also won the rating two consecutive years in the late 1930s.

Judges praised the paper's wide range of coverage, depth and investigative stories on current issues, and excellence in reporting, writing and photography. They also cited "fantastic" cartoon and graphic art by "amazingly talented cartoonists."

As usual, judges found the Midway's design too complicated, too colorful and not observant of modular design. This year's staff had redesigned the paper to a simpler, modular concept before the critique arrived.

## Teacher's photo show, '13,' makes return

By Marissa Page  
Associate editor

Fans of Photography Teacher Liese Ricketts' "13" collection can see selections showcased again, this time as part of a two-person gallery at 108 North State Street sponsored the Chicago Photography Collective through September 29.

Shot between 2004 and 2009, the show features around 15 images from Ms. Ricketts' "13" collection, which includes 120 portraits of former 8th-grade students.

Thirteen is a formative age, Ms. Ricketts noted, saying she felt compelled to capture the "freshness, openness and translucency" on her young students' faces.

"There's something physically about being 13 that's very beautiful," Ms. Ricketts said. "If you look at their faces, and their skin, there's a sort of translucence that exists at that age. They don't have that chubby little kid skin, but all the same they don't have that hardened, weathered high school skin yet. Thirteen-year-olds are like a fruit that's just ripe, and it's perfect."

"Then it's all downhill from there. These kids enter high school like butterflies out of a cocoon and get mushed. You can live to be 85, but in all those years you can never recapture the beauty of 13."

Another of Ms. Ricketts' collections, "Entre Q'aldas y Lonq'os," featuring images of Peruvian bullfighters, can be found in a permanent online exhibit at [591photography.com](http://591photography.com).



Ms. Ricketts

## Daily schedule mostly stays same...for now

By Marissa Page  
Associate editor

Controversial last year, the school's new daily schedule remains mostly in place with further assessments planned. The most notable change is 7th and 8th periods Friday have been restored to their usual sequence.

Two areas, Journalism and Photojournalism, are still experiencing problems. In Journalism, beginning students are still finding it difficult to schedule a class, with the result only five have been able sign up so far.

"At this rate, the program would fizzle out in two years," said Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler. "I'm confident a solution will be found."

For Photojournalism, teacher Liese Ricketts said a period for the class Spring Quarter still hasn't been figured out.

A Design and Communication course in peril last year because of scheduling problems, is fine this year, said teacher Brian Wildeman.

## Among 32 new faces, two lookalikes

By Marissa Page  
Associate editor

Two of U-High's 32 new students might be difficult to tell apart.

Coming from Westchester, New York, twins Natalie and Danielle Johnson, juniors, and their family moved to Chicago's Ukrainian Village after father George got a job in marketing for University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. Both girls played soccer back home, and may play for U-High in the spring.

"This was our first time moving," Natalie said. "I've lived in Westchester my whole life, and leaving my friends was really tough. However, I'm excited to meet new people and have new experiences in Chicago, and to attend such a good school."

Added Danielle, "Natalie and I have never really had classes together except for one last year. This year we have a few together, which will be nice but kind of weird, because in the past we rarely saw each other at school. I was really worried about not knowing anyone this year, but having Natalie in some of my classes will definitely help ease the transition."

The twins are fraternal but say it is not unusual for people to mistake one for the other.

Also joining the U-High family are three other juniors, two sophomores and 25 freshmen as follows:

**JUNIORS**—Mia Caroline Luo, Mohammed Abdul Munim, Angela Sheng Zhang

**SOPHOMORES**—Clara Elena de Pablo, Aya Osama Nimer

**FRESHMEN**—Hajira Afreen, Robert Andrew Bacon, Mbella Tanga Beseka, Kimya Annarose Buckner, Isaac Sat Dayal, Brian Jebri Dean, Nikita Nickolaye Dulin, Marcel Ming-Shiou Dupont, Autumn Maria Espinosa, Michele Diana George-Griffin, Mira Rosie Jacobs, William Flaherty Kent, Max Abraham Kramer, Emma Lichter, Ravi Nayak, Dylan Dominic Olthoff, Eathan Henry Plaschka, Che Jamin Raoul, Jair Ivan Rojas, Arun Markandeya Sharma, Samir Singh Shekhawat, Lakshmi Venkate Reddy Somala, Maria Alejandra Soto Salas, Oluwafikunayomi Beatrice Walter-Johnson, Ryan Henry Zimmerman.



# Fall teams start strong

## MIDWAY SPORTS

### Senior-slim soccer men putting big ranks to use

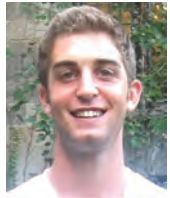
By Michael Glick  
Sports editor

With a starting lineup featuring just two seniors, soccer men will travel south to face Morgan Park Academy tomorrow, at 4:30 p.m.

Despite an 8-0 blowout of the Warriors last year, Steven Glick, cocaptain with Lucas Buchheim-Jurisson, both seniors, is encouraging the Maroons to stay levelheaded.

“Even though our match-up with MPA wasn’t close last year, we still need to take the game seriously this year,” Steven said.

“Obviously every conference game is very important for us, as the top team in the conference usually wins all of its games.”



Steven

After losing seven seniors to graduation, U-High (3-4, 0-0 Independent School League) sports a young team with a core of experienced juniors. Fourteen new players were added to the team this year, including four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen.

The team has four or five more players than most opponents, according to Coach Mike Moses.

Other game results are as follows:

The Maroons got off to a quick start, beating St. Rita 1-0 August 21 in the Windy City Ram Classic, before losing narrowly to Andrew High School 2-1 at St. Rita August 23 and Joliet Central 1-0 at Recavis High School August 25. At Thornton Fractional August 28 Thornton won 4-2; at St. Ignatius August 30, Ignatius won 2-0; against North Shore September 4 at home Maroons won 2-1; at Mt. Carmel September 5 Maroons won 5-2.

“We haven’t started our season off with a win in a while, so it was good to get off on the right track this year,” Steven said.

“Freshman Chris Healy scored in the golden goal overtime period to end the game, and our entire team instantly mobbed him.”

Working on getting the ball out wide, j.v. tied with Thornton Fractional 1-1; lost 4-1 to Uno Charter School Garcia August 29 at home; and lost 7-0 to Mt. Carmel.

### Win or lose, volleyball learning from experience

By Luke Murphy  
Associate editor

After a 2-0 victory against Parker September 4, volleyballers face North Shore Country Day 5:45 p.m. tomorrow in Upper Kovler.

The Maroons stand at 2-6, as of last Wednesday. U-High went 0-5 at the Westmont Invitational August 31 to September 1, losing in two sets to Westmont, Aurora Christian, St. Edwards, Harvest Christian and Round Lake. For Senior Maya Hansen, cocaptain with Senior Rachel Buikema, the tournament was frustrating.

“As far as the tournament goes, it’s something we go to every year,” Maya said. “We don’t really expect to win but go more to challenge ourselves against skilled teams.”



Maya

“It’s good practice and lets us see where we stand and what we need to work on, though it was disheartening to lose all five, especially since we came close in three of them.”

“We’re all friends, which I know sounds unimportant and kind of lame, but not having drama is so nice and new.”

“It also means we know each other better on the court and are more comfortable and trusting, which makes for better playing.”

Junior Gaba Rosenbacher believes the Maroons can recover from their losses at the tournament.

“I think we have some great potential,” Gaba said. “We know our strengths and we know our weaknesses and it’s just a matter of incorporating that into our practices and games.”

“We’ve also definitely learned the importance of our coaches, Coach Miller and Coach Michael. We need to gain more confidence but that only comes with time.”



Photo by Remy Lewis

As he charges towards the goal, center midfielder Michael Glick is challenged by a St. Ignatius defender in a 0-2 varsity soccer loss, October 30. The Maroons played there.

Varsity will face Luther North September 13, Westminster Christian September 15, and Woodlands September 18. J.V. results:

Agricultural Science, August 21, away, Maroons lost; St. Francis de Sales, August 22, away, Maroons won; Thornton Fractional North Tourney, August 25, Maroons won two, lost two; Parker, September 4, home, Maroons won.

### Swimmers take surprise in stride, win Invitational

By Luke Murphy  
Associate editor

After a second-place finish out of four at the Whitney Young invitational August 31, girl swimmers will face the Riverside Brookfield Bulldogs noon next Saturday in west suburban Brookfield.

The Maroons placed first out of four teams including Lemont, Bremen and Argo at the Bremen Invitational August 28. Junior Magda Glotzer anchored the 4x100 freestyle relay.

“We had done very well at this meet in the past, so we weren’t worried,” Magda said. “Just before we jumped in the pool, a fourth team of 25 or so girls walked through the pool entrance.” Everyone looked super confused. None of the swim coaches—even those hosting the meet—had any idea that this high school, Lemont, was going to show up.

“Our team swam every event along side Lemont. For the final race, a 4x100 relay, Sophomore Katie Adlaka started us off with an incredible lead of maybe a third of a lap.

“Freshman Ilana Dutton and Senior Patricia Perozo kept up our speed and then it was my turn. I was exhausted, but the entire team was supporting me and I finished by just a fingertip.

Katie believes the Maroons’ camaraderie contributed to their success.

“All the girls are really close and we are friends in and out of the pool,” Katie said. “We all try to help each other reach our goals.”

“We’re also known for being a really fun and crazy team, we have pasta parties and sleepovers before most of our meets.

“Throughout the season varsity trains for our final meet, IHSA Sectionals,” Katie said. “We placed fourth at Sectionals last year and look to improve on that. We just have to keep working hard and motivating each other to reach our personal goals.”

### Tennis girls putting camaraderie to work

By William Chung  
Editor-in-Chief and Sports editor

After beating Independent School League rival Parker 4-1 September 4, girl tennis players face University High School of Urbana at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

With a 3-1 (2-0 ISL) record, the Maroons lost to Fenwick 2-3 October 22, beat Sandburg 4-1 October 29, and Woodlands 5-0 October 30. Senior Laura Anderson, cocaptain with Seniors Hannah Resnick and Beverly Lau, beat her Parker first singles opponent 6-3, 6-1.

“I played this hard hitter which I had beaten for two years, but this time I was down 3-1. I decided I wasn’t going to let her beat me, especially since it was my senior year and I had beaten her in the past.”

“So I decided to give her a lot of junk: high balls with lots of top-spin, slices, pull her in, push her back, mostly just get in her head.”

Laura hopes to use the team’s closeness to beat Latin for the ISL Championships.

“Latin is always our biggest competition,” Laura

said. “We got second to them last year, so we’re really thirsty for revenge. We’re going to work really hard to become ISL champs, and in terms of teamwork, I think we have a great team this year. We’re all getting along really well, I think we just click.”

Matches against Morgan Park High School September 6, and Elgin Academy September 8, came after Midway press time.

### Golfers look to show Colonels who’s boss

By Michael Glick  
Sports editor

Hoping to avenge last year’s 183-191 loss to Parker, Maroon golfers will take on the Colonels 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at Edgebrook Country Club.

Coach Micah Christensen says U-High has matched up well with Parker in his four years as coach.

“Out of seven teams, I believe Parker finished 5th in the Independent School League last year and we finished 6th,” Coach Christensen said.

“This year there’s a good chance to get a win against them.”

With a 2-4 record in match play—including a 187-185 win against Westmont High School August 22 at Oak Brook Hills Resort, and losses to Notre Dame High School August 21 at Mission Hills Country Club and Latin August 23 at home (Saturday’s match against Elgin came after Midway presstime)—the Maroons have adjusted well to losing three varsity players to graduation.

With several players playing varsity for the first time, Coach Christensen has emphasized mental preparation.

“Last year we didn’t get our first win until near the end of the season, so getting a win so early is great for our confidence,” he said. “We want to teach the mental side. We’re really focusing on putting, as well as the short game around the green.”

### Cross country sees plus in big crop of new talent

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Facing four teams at the Midway Miles 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in Washington Park, 10 new cross country runners of all grade levels will join returning members to run the three-mile race.

The Maroons will face St. Ignatius next Saturday and Whitney Young September 22.

“I think that the Midway Miles will be a good experience for the new kids,” Junior Sonia Bourdaghs said. “Washington Park is a beautiful place to run, and it is always nice to run on our course.”

Senior Sarah Curci, cocaptain with Senior Ben Meyer, believes the new runners, especially Freshman Lucy Weischer, will excel.

“Lucy will definitely be one of our top runners from the first race,” Sarah said. “I’m really proud and impressed with her dedication and training over the summer.”

“That’s something that is hard to find in such a young runner. We have a lot of new freshmen coming in and I’m excited to see how they can contribute.”

Sarah, who qualified for State three years in a row, is looking to cap an exemplary career at U-High.

“I feel really good about all the miles I ran this summer and since it’s my senior year, I want to make sure that every meet I am scoring as well as I can for the team.”

The meet against Gordon Tech September 9 came past Midway press time.