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On election night, a long wait as history unfolds at McCormick Place

By Duncan Weinstein
Editor-in-Chief

"Barack Obama re-elected President."
As these words flashed on the oversized screens in the cavernous McCormick Place Lakeside Center, the racially diverse crowd, consisting of a few thousand Obama supporters, roared. For at least 30 seconds, shouts of excitement and relief overwhelmed Wolf Blitzer's voice coming through the speakers.

Three hours earlier, supporters, including many U-Highers, passed metal detectors, flashing tickets some of them earned canvassing or calling for the campaign.

As event-goers made their way through the winding, quickly-moving, line, those with smart phones were glued to their screens. Sporadic cheers followed good news as the first results came in. Some supporters struggled to get reception, and relied on those with successful connections to keep them updated.

In the walkway above Lake Shore Drive, banners hung displaying the campaign's slogan, "Forward." In the main hall, which extends a few hundred yards left of the stage, projectors broadcasted CNN,

MSNBC, and Fox split-screen.

For a moment, the screens shifted to Massachusetts Senate Candidate Elizabeth Warren's acceptance speech. When it shifted back, a few voices shouted, "leave it on!" Alternatively, upbeat music and video montages of the campaign accompanied the coverage.

Then, the states started coming in. For a while, Obama trailed Romney, a lead he made up in the popular and electoral tallies when the West Coast results came in. California and its 55 electoral votes garnered an especially forceful cheer, followed almost immediately by Hawaii.

Beginning with Washington at 9:30 p.m., results came quicker. Wisconsin brought resounding cheers of gratitude. Idaho was called for Romney, and the crowd booed. Ohio was greeted with growing confidence; its importance had been emphasized in most political blogs. Finally, Iowa, where Obama won his first primary four years ago, was called. The final call had to come soon.

At 10:15 p.m., it did, and hundreds of smart phones came out to document the occasion. People waved the American

flags that had been passed out. Now, all that was left was the victorious President's speech.

As the night dragged on, the only excitement came with Obama's additional victories in Colorado and Virginia, where early results had him behind. Supporters, most of whom spent the entire evening on their feet, looked sleepy, and yawns made it around the room. Some people just sat against the wall.

A woman in her 30s took a cast off her right wrist and passed it around for signatures. Others begged those with chargers for a few minutes to charge their phones. In the middle of the crowd, a woman fainted from claustrophobia. One Midway editor climbed on top of an electrical box for a better view.

Around midnight, Romney gave his brief concession speech, which was greeted alternatively by boos, and shouts of "let him speak!" or "send him home!"

Finally, at about 12:30 a.m., the Obama family strolled to center stage, waving and smiling.

This was the moment they had all been waiting for.

People of Color, Diversity delegates heading to Houston

By Marissa Page
Associate editor

Discussing the role of diversity in invention and energy, nine Lab Schools teachers and administrators will attend the 25th annual People of Color Conference, and six students will attend the accompanying 19th annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference Thursday-Saturday, December 6-8 at the Hilton Americas Houston.

Sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools, the conferences will offer more than 65 workshops, five community service opportunities and several key speakers.

The six U-High delegates were selected by administrators, counselors and faculty members.

Among the delegates, Junior Kaleb Mazurek said his mother, Lower School art teacher Illia Mazurek, encouraged her son to apply.

"My mom recommended to me that I apply since she had such a fabulous time two years ago," Kaleb said. "She said it really changed her view on things in terms of ethnicities and diversity, and I'd love to be able to experience that myself. I'm looking forward to meeting people from all over the country and walking away with a different mindset about the role of diversity in my community and the world at large."

Sophomore Maryam Alausa, who attended the 2011 conference, said the

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Kaleb

Drives strive to brighten holidays for community

By Natalie Holley
Associate editor

Beginning after Thanksgiving break and continuing until the end of the quarter, Spectrum will sponsor its first charity drive, collecting canned goods and clothing in boxes around the school.

Spectrum has been sponsoring events throughout the school, including the annual Day of Silence and the NOH8 photo shoot. President Ellyn Butler, senior, hopes the new charity initiative will demonstrate the club's dedication to supporting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning, and Allied (LGBTQA) students at U-High and in the local area.

"For the past two years Spectrum has been making a conscious effort to be more identifiable within the school," Ellyn said. "This charity drive is one way we hope to spark an interest in the Lab community about larger issues that exist outside of our walls."

All donated items will be received by the Center on Halsted, a LGBTQ support center in Lakeview.

Jewish Students' Association will host an arts and crafts session for all stu-

dents at its December 7 lunch meeting, where homemade holiday cards will be created and decorated. The cards will be given to patients at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital.

"We are making the cards because it seems like a fun, inclusive activity for us to do as a club, and it's an easy way to improve the holiday season for some less fortunate kids," said President Emily Altkorn, senior.

In celebration of Eid, a holiday celebrating holy pilgrimage, the Muslim Students' Association sponsored a schoolwide weeklong, canned goods drive. With the Parents' Association's assistance, school bulletin announcements, and extra credit offered by teachers, more than 300 cans were collected for the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

"We needed to do something to benefit people in need," said club member Sophomore Maryam Alausa. "One of the five pillars of Islam is giving to the poor, and Eid is one of our biggest holidays so we felt like it would be a great opportunity to help others and to get our name known around the school."



Photo by Catherine Zhou

Flashy action

Throwing punches and kicks to the beat of "Remember the Name" by Fort Minor, Karate teachers Jay Nacu and Gerrardo Fernandez led a flash mob, including his children, students from his studio (Enso Yoga and Martial Arts), and U-Highers, Friday, October 19 during lunch in the cafeteria.

Subbing for the six-week karate elective in place of Gym Teacher Meghan Janda, Mr. Nacu is also co-

director and head karate instructor at the Enso Yoga and Martial Arts Studio, in the South Loop.

"We did it to show what students had learned throughout the six week gym course," Mr. Nacu said. "We brought in students from my own studio to show everyone that karate is for all ages."

Mr. Nacu has also performed a flash mob at Union Station with more than 100 Enso students and instructors.

Music groups preparing two concerts for December

By Marissa Page
Associate editor

This year's end-of-Fall uarter music concert will be divided into two programs: a choir concert Tuesday, December 6, and a band and orchestra concert Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Mandel Hall.

Free and open to the public, the concerts, which feature ensembles from the High School and Middle School, are designed to display the progression of skill Lab School students develop within the music program according Band director Francisco Dean said.

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Photo by Emma Polson

Autumn artists take to great outdoors

Evoking styles of Impressionists like Monet, eight students from Art Teacher Brian Wildeman's Advanced Painting and Drawing Class painted the nuances of natural lighting on an all-day field trip to the Japanese Gardens by the Wooded Isle in Jackson Park.

"The students get to try oil painting, which is not something we can do in school because of the mess and fumes," said Mr. Wildeman. "I like that site because it is beautiful, especially with the leaves turning colors."

Junior Maria Gilfoyle (in photo) picked a spot looking out across the water. "I decided to paint this part of the garden because whenever I think of the Japanese garden I think of that bridge, I also loved all the colors in the trees, so it was a nice way to put them together."

Conference delegates return, will discuss lessons learned

By Duncan Weinstein
Editor-in-Chief

“At some prep school in California, they did this study where they had teachers give students way less homework and parents make the kids sleep nine hours a night. After a week, they found kids were performing at exactly the same level as they were before. They were getting things done more efficiently because they were better rested.”

So recalled Science Teacher Sharon Housinger, summarizing a study discussed by keynote speaker Dr. Ken Ginsburg, who specializes in adolescents, at the Challenge Success conference in north suburban Winnetka November 2-3.

A nine-person delegation of faculty, students and a parent attended. Other schools included New Trier and North Shore Country Day, both in Winnetka.

“We spent a lot of time meeting as a delegation, and we identified stressors for students and the causes for each,” Ms. Housinger said. “We identified fear of not getting into a good college, desire to get good grades, even for kids who don’t have those goals.

“Even though there are only a few kids who really have legitimate ambitions to go to Princeton, that affects everyone else who might feel like slackers because they don’t have those ambitions.

“With a lot of the public schools, a lot of the anxiety is athletic: will I make the varsity football team? Here, there’s little athletic stress, and it seems like athletes have positive attitudes about winning and losing, and the anxiety is more academic. At public schools, it’s the opposite.”

Citing research presented at the conference, Ms. Housinger added that teachers must change their approach.

“It would be nice to disseminate some of this research to other teachers. You can reduce the amount of homework you assign without lowering standards or being wishy-washy. What matters is whether the kids have a deeper understanding.”

U-High delegates will reconvene to discuss what they learned, said Principal Scott Fech.

“A lot of things they recommended we’re already doing,” he added. “They talked about the need to review the schedule, and we’re doing that. The need to look at advisories, and to have what they called collaboration periods, open periods during the day so students can work with teachers and each other.

“One of the things that came out of it was the need to look at homework, its meaning, its purpose its volume. We need to assess how much is being given in reality and how often.

“We need to be purposeful in everything we do, and I think with added homework you often get diminishing returns. If students are up until one or two in the morning losing sleep, that’s not good for learning. we need to find where we can pull back so its realistic for students.

“We had planned to do a survey of students’ stress levels before the conference, and that will probably happen in January. We’ll be asking students how stressed they are, where that stress is coming from, and how they’re dealing with it.”

Also attending the convention were the following:

Counselor Camille Baughn-Cunningham, Foreign Language Chairman Suzanne Baum, Lab Schools Board Member Emily Buss, Teachers Shauna Anderson and Colin Rennert-May, and Juniors Rahul Mehta and Maud Jansen.



Photo by Carolyn Voth

Three days of three plays

Opening with “The Bacchae,” a 2,000-year-old Greek tragedy by Euripedes, the Fall Production, November 1-3, offered three one-act plays. Along with “The Bacchae,” U-Highers performed two comedies, Christopher Durang’s “The Actor’s Nightmare,” and Jonathan Rand’s

“Check Please,” about a series of terrible blind dates.

In “The Actor’s Nightmare,” about an actor thrust into plays he hasn’t rehearsed, Junior Lukas Mireles, playing character George Spelvin, listens in on sophomores Maya Ben-Shahar, left, and Miranda Scarlata.

Demographics helped Obama, U-Highers believe

By Mia Luo
Midway reporter

Citing changing demographics as his reason for victory, most U-Highers weren’t surprised by President Barack Obama’s re-election November 6.

In the popular and electoral votes, Obama’s margin shrank compared to 2008, but he carried key swing states such as Ohio and Florida.

Rapidly shifting demographics factored hugely into Obama’s win, Junior Kassim Husain believes.

“Minorities like Hispanics are a major reason for Obama’s win,” Kassim said, “Romney kept George Bush’s vote from 2004, 62 percent of the white vote. But minority populations are growing. Romney shifted too far to the right, alienating moderates and minorities.”

“For this term, I think Obama will have less to worry about because he won’t be up for re-election. Instead he’ll be more focused on establishing his legacy. He’ll be more innovative and motivated.”

For Senior Jessie Gimpel, an Obama campaign volunteer, Obama’s victory proved the thrilling pinnacle of all her hard work, she said.

“For the future, I’m just excited about what this means for developments in women’s health care and education,” Jessie said. “Obama’s policies on these issues were able to appeal to all demographic groups like women and students, and Romney’s weren’t. Plus, he was just flat out inconsistent on them.”

Junior Avery Broome predicts big changes in the Republican Party’s future policy.

“In this election, I don’t think they were prepared for such a small base

“The Republican party needs to get themselves together,” Jack said. “Next election they should be more moderate to reach out to more people, especially on issues like abortion and gay marriage. They have to stop bringing religion into politics.”

“Still, while the Republican Party needs to be more open-minded socially, the populace needs to be more open-minded to Republican views as well. Demographic changes or not, people aren’t willing to listen to any ideas that differ from their own anymore. That was the real reason why Romney lost.”

History Teacher Charles Branham, whose predictions of Obama’s victory came true, offered different predictions for the Republican Party in the future.

“It was really the Republican Party’s divisive primary that led to their loss,” Mr. Branham said. “Romney was vilified by the hard right in his own party. Some claim that he lost because he wasn’t conservative enough.”

“In response to demographic changes, in the short run, we’re actually likely to see a doubling-down on conservatism on the behalf of the Republicans. For example, they may be more aggressive on anti-abortion measures to appeal to Hispanic Catholics.”

“Undoubtedly they will proffer more non-white faces to the camera. People like Marco Rubio and Sandra Martinez will become the new stars of the Republican Party. Marco Rubio has been a valuable tool for bridging the far right to minorities. In fact, Marco Rubio may even be the next Republican Presidential candidate.”

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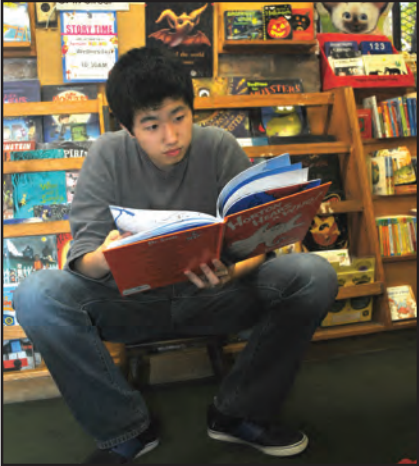


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“ In this election, I don’t think they were prepared for such a small base of male white voters. They need to realize that hard-line policies on immigration and abortion just aren’t going to work anymore. They need to adapt to a maturing country. ”

--Avery Broome, junior

Brief-ly

Model U.N. brings home team, individual honors

Model United Nations members say they were surprised when U-High won the Best Small Delegation award October 19-21 at Washington University 9 in St. Louis. The U-Highers also brought home individual awards from a conference November 9-11 at the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Virginia. Next up is a Harvard University conference in Massachusetts January 30-February 3.

Twelve U-High delegates were among 200 at the Washington U. conference.

“We had an unusually small group this time because we split our members between this conference and the one at William and Mary,” said Model U.N. President Natalia Ginsburg, senior. “We have a really fast growing team, which is exciting. Everyone can have a spot on the team and we wanted everyone to be able to do it.”

Chicago’s powerhouse St. Ignatius College Prep team provided tough competition, outnumbering U-High’s delegation by 17 delegates, but U-High still managed to win.

“What was different about the Washington University conference was that we did a lot more dynamic preps,” Natalia said. “We also practiced more dynamic speaking as well as responding and reacting to crises.”

Thirty delegates represented U-High at William and Mary, assigned mainly to represent the Russian Federation and the Dominican Republic. Delegations included powerhouse Model U.N. teams from Horace Mann School in New York City, the Langley School in McLean, Virginia, and the Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia.

U-High delegates winning individual awards were as follows:

WASHINGTON U.—Julien Bendelac, Natalia Ginsburg, Kassim Husain, Eriko Kolde, Julian Lark, Rahul Mehta, Karen Repy, Duncan Weinstein.

WILLIAM AND MARY—Grace Broderick, Andrew Chizewer, Davis Cummings, Amartas Das, Lillian Eckstein, Alijah Futterman, Miles Grogger, Julia Hedges, Jax Ingrassia, Bolu Johnson, Julia Mearsheimer, Carly Plys-Garzotto, Syrah Russell, Kelsey Stevens, Kennedy Thomas, Sophia Weaver.

■ **NOW WHAT?**—The third meeting of the diversity discussion group “Now What?” will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, December 20 in Blaine 189, Nursery School teacher Jenny Araujo’s homeroom. All faculty and staff are invited.

Ms. Araujo and IT Support Staff member Sheila Woods have both been involved in diversity programs, and are leading the discussion group they founded on diversity. Ms. Araujo said 16 faculty, staff, and administration members attended the first meeting October 18, with at least one representative from Nursery, Lower, Middle, and High School, and two administrators and two staff members. Those attending were asked to write responses to words including, “tolerance,” “anti-bias,” “diversity,” and “anti-racism” which were posted around the room. Ms. Araujo and Ms. Woods led a conversation afterwards, where the aim was not to come to conclusions, but to raise awareness of differences in viewpoint, Ms. Araujo explained.

The facilitators and Jason Lopez, associate director for educational programs, are also members of a Diversity Advisory Committee that met once so far last year and once this year. Mr. Lopez said the committee enables faculty and staff groups such as “Now What?,” student associations, and individuals to engage more easily with the administration about diversity issues.

Two each of students, parents, faculty members, staff members, and school board directors are on the committee. Mr. Lopez said the committee will report every year to the Lab School Board, on diversity initiatives across the schools and their effectiveness.

■ **MUSICIANS HONORED**—Three U-High musicians competing among 2,000 students from 40 area high schools were selected by audition to participate in the Illinois Educators’ Association All-District Festival last Saturday at West Leyden High School in suburban Northlake.

They are senior Yaning Zhang, viola, in the Symphonic Orchestra; fresh-

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Photo by Lili Steffen

Tasty celebration

“I think I’ve started to understand how important Hajj is because my mother is currently on the spiritual journey in Saudi Arabia,” Muslim Students’ Association member Hebah Masood said in the first of three speeches about the three-day Muslim pilgrimage last month.

About 80 students, parents and faculty members turned out for the third

annual dinner celebrating Hajj October 15, in Judd 126. Parents worked with MSA members, Maryam Alousa, Aleeze Qadir and Hebah to arrange the dinner, an impressive buffet, and food drive “Celebrate Eid; Feed Kids in Need.” 20 boxes of canned food was sold.

In the photo Hebah decorates Meryl Charleston in a henna workshop.



Photo by Fiona Potter

Halloween fun

Offering a safe way for children to celebrate Halloween, U-Highers, Middle Schoolers and Parents’ Association members led another Bizaarnival Saturday October 27 in Upper Sunny. Activities included cookie and mask decorating complementing this year’s theme, “Masquer-

ade Ball.”

In the the Haunted House a kidnapped princess was rescued from a horde of the undead. Other attractions included hot dogs, cotton candy, hot chocolate, and face painting. Halloween-themed games and music also filled the room.

Diversity conferences

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experience had more of an impact than she expected.

“I went into it expecting little workshops; typical diversity workshops” Maryam said. “I left feeling like a different person. Attending SDLC made me realize there’s more to diversity than race and religion. The conference helped me attain a better perspective on the people at our school and in the general public.”

Other delegates are as follows:

STUDENTS—Senior Patricia Perozo; juniors Aurielle Akerele, Isaiah Bradley and Elle Hill; sophomores Natalie Holley and Kassim Husain.

ADMINISTRATORS—Principal Scott Fetch, Middle School Principal Carol Swaisan, Assistant Director of After School Programs Candice Lawler.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF—Shauna Anderson, math; Pete Miller, physics; Kimberly Banister, attendance coordinator and secretary.

MIDDLE SCHOOL—Janelle St. Clair, librarian.

LOWER SCHOOL—Delores Riza, kindergarten,

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As the Midway sees it

Advisories need help to help students more

Advisory should not be U-Highers’ adversary in staying organized.

In its second year after being implemented last year with the new schedule, parts of the new advisory program have been regarded by many U-Highers as ineffective.

This year, advisory takes place 10:30-10:40 a.m. Mondays and Fridays and 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays.

Many U-Highers found themselves in cramped and noisy advisory locations including the Dance Studio, cafeteria, and Belfield offices because of a shortage of available classrooms. Advisories have been shifted around from week to week as the faculty struggled to find open rooms available for their use.

Many U-Highers believe the 10-minute periods Mondays and Fridays are unprofitable. During the Wednesday 30-minute period, seniors have college workshop. One benefit of these extended advisories is that seniors no longer have to come in at 8 a.m. on Mondays

for workshops as they did with the previous schedule. However, counselors, who previously had 45 minutes for their workshops, now only have 30 minutes. As a result these meetings are continuing later into the year to keep students informed about college decisions.

So as the new schedule enters its second year, the advisory system remains a dilemma. That’s not to say the changes made are without benefits.

The 30-minute periods give students time to finish up homework in a classroom environment; that is, if the advisory has a classroom. Although sometimes unhelpful for finishing work, 10-minute advisories allow advisers to give announcements from the Bulletin and quick advice. Some U-Highers also appreciate the brief break in the day on Mondays and Fridays.

Hopefully this year’s advisory system is just a rough draft to be perfected in future years.



Cartoon by Lydia Fama

One new college counselor just doesn’t add enough

As early college application deadlines November 1 and 15 approached, seniors found the three college counselors’ appointment books filled with names in every available space.

Despite the addition of a third counselor this year,

seniors have found they must schedule appointments weeks in advance. With three counselors and 130 seniors, U-High’s student-to-counselor ratio of about 43:1 isn’t bad when compared to the College Board’s estimated national student-to-counselor ratio of 457:1 as of 2008, or even Latin’s reported ratio of 53:1.

But compared to other nationally known independent schools, our ratio falls short.

In New York City, the Horace Mann School, an elite independent school, reports a ratio of 38:1, plus two administrative assistants helping the counselors. Our counselors have only one secretary.

Plus, college admissions have gotten more competitive. According to the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the national average acceptance rate dropped from 68 percent in 2008 to 64.4 percent last year.

As a result, U-Highers have applied to an increasing

number of schools every year since 2007, according to all three college counselors. That means more applications to review, and more essays to edit.

Adding more stress to the application process is senior college workshop. Previously scheduled during 45-minute periods, it has been squeezed into the 30-minute Wednesday advisory period. The cafeteria, where workshops take place, when Judd 126 isn’t available, wasn’t built with these lectures in mind, and students often have difficulty hearing counselors.

In addition to scheduled appointments and workshops, counselors devote two to three hours writing recommendation letters for each student. That’s a minimum of 86 hours of writing for each counselor.

While decades ago U-High only employed one college counselor, college admissions have gotten more competitive. So while the additional counselor this year has helped some, that just isn’t enough.

Say What?



Jordan

If you could have any food on your Thanksgiving table, what would it be?

JORDAN DAVIS, senior: Either Peking duck or macaroni gratin. The Peking duck is because my family loves Chinatown. Every birthday or major event is spent with my family there. I’d have the macaroni gratin because it’s something my mom always makes for special events and it’s definitely one of my favorite dishes.



Lillian

LILLIAN ECKSTEIN, junior: I would want whipped cream on my table because it is like a cloud of goodness in your mouth. The fluffy consistency delivers the tasty sugary flavor in the best way possible. There’s honestly nothing better than a spoonful of whipped cream.



Jonah

JONAH BERG, sophomore: The Z&H little pecorino sandwich because it is really flavorful and unique. They switch up the ingredients every once and a while.



Daniel

DANIEL ZHU, freshman: Duck because ever since my family came to America, we have consumed duck. This is not only because duck is succulent, but also because it has been a tradition in our family for years. We usually consume duck with flour wraps, green onion and soybean paste. We have a tradition for every American holiday and duck is something we eat every Thanksgiving.

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By Duncan Weinstein Opinion columnist

For better or worse, the new schedule is here to stay.

According to Principal Scott Fech, next year’s schedule will most likely resemble a tweaked version of this year’s. The old schedule, love it or hate it, will remain a thing of the past.

That schedule was replaced by the new plan, which the administrators and faculty members worked on for several years, last year. The most significant change, adding longer periods once a week for every class, was intended to increase teacher-student contact time and reduce stress.

Increase contact time, it has.

Reduce stress, not so much.

Many students and faculty members are still relying on the oversized schedule boards in every classroom to figure out when next period is. And some teachers have expressed frustration planning 75-minute classes which fall on different days for each section.

But going back would also reverse this schedule’s positives, according to Mr. Fech.

“Going back to the old schedule might reduce stress, but at the expense of contact time we added with this schedule,” he explained. “This schedule gives us 50 percent of what we want, now we’re just working towards getting the other 50 percent.”

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Working, albeit slowly. Comprised of students, faculty, administrators and a parent, this year’s schedule committee, which added volunteers History Teacher Charles DiSantis and Sophomore Clay Surmeier, likely won’t be able to implement major changes until the 2014-2015 school year. Planning for 2013-2014 begins in January, and the schedule committee can’t make major decisions by then.

According to Registrar Brent LaRowe, the current schedule is about as good as it’s going to get, given current priorities. As long as every class meets for equal time and four days a week, the schedule committee can’t make any big changes.

Truth is, priorities have already been set, with extra contact time in each class winning out over the extra period in the old schedule. The new schedule makes U-Highers’ academic lives more manageable, at least in theory.

But at the same time, the schedule has hurt students who can handle an extra class. Fewer periods reduces opportunities to take courses not required, especially for students taking five majors all four years to make their transcript more appealing to colleges. Also, doubling up in lab sciences without sacrificing something else has become nearly impossible.

With one fewer period, freshmen signing up for a full load – five majors, p.e. and an arts or music class – have to sacrifice a graduation requirement to enter programs like Journalism. Some courses, including the Holocaust Elective and Beginning Journalism, are meeting after school and week-ends in an attempt to accommodate students.

In the end, an extra 30 minutes of class time a week may not make U-Higher’s lives that much easier. While fewer classes may translate into a more manageable workload, U-Highers looking to pursue specific academic interests face more difficulty doing so.

At a school where every student excels at something, it feels like something is missing.



Duncan

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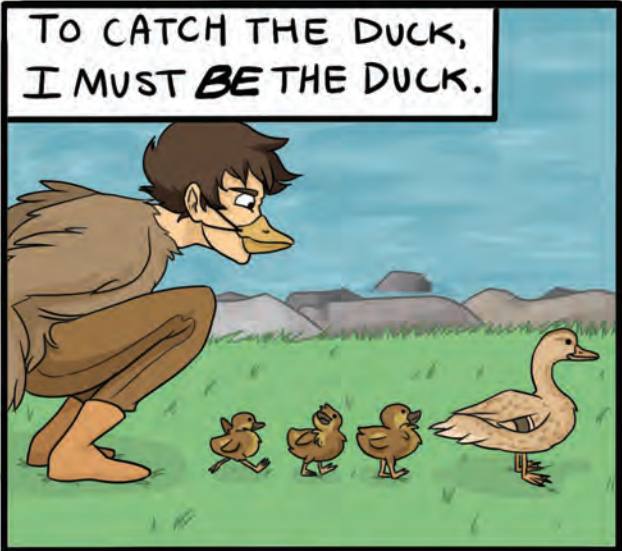


Photo courtesy Patrick Differding
In her homemade chef's toque, Moira Differding proudly displays golden-brown Bacon Scones fresh from the oven.

New Teen Daze collection evokes sunshine, sentiment

By Marissa Page
Music critic

For those U-Highers missing the care-free feeling of summer, Teen Daze's sophomore album "The Inner Mansions" practically begs you to relive the heat with its beachy undertones and processed beat.

In 2008, Vancouver producer Jamison, known as Teen Daze in the music realm, spent seven weeks studying philosophy in the Swiss Alps. After returning from the Alps, Jamison felt inspired to record his own music, and began uploading tracks to outlets like Soundcloud and Bandcamp in mid-2010.

Along with popular artists and Pitchfork Music Festival alums such as Washed Out, Toro y Moi and Twin Shadow, Teen Daze performs a genre of music called chillwave, which emphasizes a heavy use of vocal synthesizing and filtering.

On his first release, 2010's EP "Four More Years," he experimented heavily with this ambient sound, incorporating a signature summery twist in his affected music.

This beachy techno carried over into June's "All Of Us, Together," his first full release, and now to "The Inner Mansions," a hypnotic 50 minute venture in which the 10 tracks flow repetitively together. Unlike his first two releases, this album showcases snippets of Teen Daze's personality, incorporating more lyrics and sentiment than before.

Highlights include opener "New Life," an eerie, melancholic song with a prominent vocal melody; stripped-

down "Discipleship," an instrumental track that never bores despite its length; and sticky-sweet "Union," which evokes images of sunsets and boardwalks.

With tracks such as "Divided Loyalties," Teen Daze draws clear inspiration from South Carolinian producer Toro y Moi, another member of the chillwave movement. Additionally, Jamison's tangy vocals recall those of electropop group Passion Pit's frontman Michael Angelakos.

Despite these blatant similarities, Teen Daze's melancholic, soaring aesthetic sets him apart from his peers, whose music encompasses more of a dancehall vibe. On "The Inner Mansions," Teen Daze seeks to evoke meditation in the listener, not head bobbing.

The unifying thread tying each song together in "The Inner Mansions" is Teen Daze's ability to warp summery electronic music into haunting auditory nostalgia. His tracks make you yearn for days of sun and sand gone by because of their hazy, home-recorded sound.



Cheesin' for cheddar scones

By Moira Differding
Food editor

Bacon. Cheese. Chives. Put them in a buttery, flaky, melt-in-your-mouth scone, and you've got the ultimate staple for cold winter nights.

Bacon Scones are easy to make, and with their excellent ingredients, it's incredibly hard not love them. The following recipe, inspired by one I found at kingarthurflower.com yields eight scones, enough for about four people.

You will need:
2 cups all-purpose flour or pastry flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 teaspoons sugar
5 tablespoons cold butter (not unsalted!)
1 cup thick grated cheddar cheese
1/3 cup snipped fresh chives, or finely diced scallion tops
3/4 pound bacon
3/4 cup + 2 tablespoons heavy cream, or enough to make the dough stick

Cook the bacon in an oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit until crispy. Let cool, and crumble it into half-inch square pieces with your hands until you have a cup. Reward yourself by eating the remaining bacon. Using scissors, cut

the chives into tiny pieces no longer than an eighth inch.

Use a grater to roughly shred the cheddar, or just use a bag of thick pre-shredded cheese.

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar in a large mixing bowl.

Now the hardest part. Making sure it's cold, cut the butter into half-inch cubes. Then, adding the butter to the flour, use your hands to smush it into the flour. You'll want to keep the mixture crumbly, not uniformly mixed.

Mix in the chives, bacon, and cheese until evenly distributed. Add 3/4 cup cream, mixing well. Keep adding cream until you get a cohesive sphere and there aren't any crumbs left.

Plop it onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, or grease the sheet with butter. Flatten the sphere into a disc about 3/4 inch thick, and use a knife to cut it into eight wedges, spreading them apart as you do so.

Now brush the tops of the scones with the remaining cream. Put them in the oven and bake for 22-24 minutes, or until golden-brown. These scones are tastiest warm, and pair great with a creamy tomato soup. If you're like me, you'll probably enjoy them watching TV.



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In a meeting with his cabinet, Abraham Lincoln (Daniel Day-Lewis) earns support to pass the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

'Lincoln' honestly portrays Abe

By Luke Murphy
Film critic

Before Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln," the last time I saw Abraham Lincoln was in Washington D.C., standing at the base of his 19-foot, lifeless memorial. That depiction is very different from the version I saw on screen.

This Lincoln, played by Daniel Day-Lewis, swore, slapped his son and told funny stories.

In bringing this revered, stoic figure to life, "Lincoln" becomes something more than another history movie. In the film, Honest Abe is not restricted to legend and textbooks. Lewis, along with Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln and Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Robert Lincoln, bring snippets of his remarkable history to life.

Screenwriter Tony Kushner equips Lewis with several eloquent, persuasive speeches, each of which he delivers so convincingly that I often forgot he was an actor and not Lin-

coln himself. Costume director Joanna Johnston and makeup effects supervisor Leo Corey Castellano enhance the realism of the film by veritably transforming Lewis into the 16th president.

"Lincoln" is more of a chronological montage of speeches than a story. Although it consistently examines one event, Lincoln's passing of the 13th Amendment, the storyline mainly serves to demonstrate his ability to disarm people with his personality.

Instead of commanding others from a pedestal, he uses simple anecdotes as tools to provoke reflection in his cabinet members.

If you go into "Lincoln" expecting two hours of Civil War battles, you will be disappointed. Instead, this movie brings to life one of the most celebrated figures of American history.

After witnessing him humbly interact with other people, viewers begin to see Abe as a down-to-earth man instead of the commanding, godlike presence erected in white marble on the National Mall. Rated PG-13.



Luke

Soccermen come close, again, in Regionals

By Michael Glick
Sports editor

“We’ve been so close.” So said Junior Jeff Li, part of the boys’ varsity soccer squad that has now lost in the IHSA 2A Regional Championship three straight years. With a final record of 6-10-3 (2-2-2 Independent School League), the Maroons beat De La Salle (8-11-5) 2-1 in the Regional Semifinals October 17 on a soaking wet Jackman Field, before their 5-0 Regional Championship loss to Wheaton Academy (21-8-0), a private Christian high school located in West Chicago, October 19 at Stagg Field.

Against Wheaton and its high-flying offense that scored 105 goals compared to the Maroons’ 22, Coach Moses says the Maroons were simply outplayed.

“In the final analysis, the Wheaton game should be a clear indication of things we’re deficient at,” Coach Moses said. “A team of that caliber definitely shows you the things that need to be fixed. We probably won’t get to that level right away, but there are many things we can do to be close.”

“If you look at our win-loss record, there were maybe four matches that were not decided by two goals or less. That’s just a product of us not scoring goals, and if we can change that next year, things will improve right from the start.”

Energized by Junior Kevin Esposito’s two goals off the bench and one from Junior Grant Stoneman, Wheaton’s season leader in goals with 29, Wheaton overcame the Maroons’ physicality. Wheaton Head Coach Jeff Brooke says his team’s size, strength and goal-scoring abilities posed challenges for the Maroons.

“U-High was well coached and tried to play the game the right way,” Coach Brooke said. “They applied high pressure and made an effort to play a possession style which I am always a fan of. We were able to play well and overwhelmed U-High with size, strength, and our ability to finish. We ended up finishing 4th in State, which is the

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Photo by Carolyn Voth
Raising breast cancer awareness, girl volleyballers wore and sold pink shirts for the “Dig Pink” game against Cristo Rey Jesuit October 5 at home. Eleri Miller lead the girls onto the floor.

Making U-High history, volleyballers win Sectionals

By Luke Murphy
Sports editor

“I’m not sure if making history was on their minds but it was certainly on mine.” So said Coach Lisa Miller after varsity volleyballers defeated Francis Parker 25-22, 25-21 to win the first Sectional Championship in U-High history November 1 at Christ the King High School.

The Maroons (17-18, 4-3 ISL) went on to finish in the top eight in the IHSA 2A State playoffs after losing in Super-Sectionals to eventual State runner-up Dakota High School 10-25, 9-25. The U-Highers faced Dakota in the northern Illinois town of Pecatonica, a small farming community of 2,000.

U-High’s hard work throughout the season paid off in the Parker game, according to Junior Gaba Rosenbacher.

“The whole run was really a crazy long adrenaline rush,” Gaba said. “Going into the game against Parker we knew we had a chance, so we just tried to have fun with it and not get tight. All the work we had put in, all the hours, just poured out into the effort we put into the game. It was one of our best efforts, and well, we made history.”

According to Coach Miller, everything came together at the right time for the Maroons.

“For me, the most exciting storyline was that Senior Maya Hansen peaked at this time in the season,” Coach Miller said. “She has put so much time in and has had such a high commitment level to the program by putting in extra time in the offseason. Maya was a little bit inconsistent during the year, but in the playoffs she improved a lot in her passing, serving and kills. I was just so happy for her.”

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Screams and whispers as a record is broken

By Luke Murphy
Associate editor

Screaming. Four U-High girls, donning all black one-piece bathing suits, form a small circle, and emphatically perform cheers as they sway side to side.

Whispering. Nearly inaudibly, they determine the necessary splits they will have to swim in order to make history. The other six teams and 24 girls prepare themselves in similar manners.

“We are about to begin the 200-free-style relay,” firmly states the Public Address announcer. “Girls take your places.”

Senior Annette Cochran, holder of the U-High’s all-time butterfly record, takes her place atop the starting block and focuses in.

“Beeeeeep!” Annette hurls herself into the water.

“The race is always such a rush, and hard to analyze, but I remember that I went first and set a personal best in my 50-free time,” Annette said. “It actually kept us up with both St. Ignatius and Latin. Then came Sophomore Katie Adlaka, who also kept the pace. Then up comes Freshman Ilana Dutton, who swims an unbelievable split and kept us right on pace. Finally, Patricia Perozo finished the race for us, leaving us a time of 1:47.33.”

“When I saw the time, everything else just got blocked out,” Annette said. “Sure, I heard all the screaming in the background, but it really was just a moment I wanted to soak in. More than anything, I’m really just happy for the underclassmen.”

Told before the race by Senior Pa-

tricia Perozo that they had a shot at making history, Ilana said she initially was not convinced.

“I remember that before the race Patricia had told us we were going to break the record,” Ilana said. “We didn’t even have a say in it, it was just going to happen. I’m not going to lie. I was a little skeptical at first.”

“We all knew the splits that we would have to swim if this was going to happen, and then, when Annette came in under the time she needed I remember thinking to myself, ‘Wow this could actually happen’.”

“1:47.33?” I remember thinking. When I first saw the time and realized that we had broken the record I thought there must have been a mistake. I remember looking back at the scoreboard a couple times just to make sure I wasn’t imagining it.

“Then all of a sudden Katie tackled me. I’ve never heard so much screaming in my life. It was just a really exciting experience.”

Scores not previously reported:
SECTIONALS, November 11, away– Varsity placed 4th.
BLOOMINGTON, November 3, away– Varsity placed 4th, j.v placed 3rd.
LANE TECH, October 25, away–Varsity placed 2nd, j.v placed 2nd.
WHITNEY YOUNG, October 23, home–Varsity placed 2nd.
LATIN, October 20, away–Varsity placed 4th.

Golf story misses Sectional player

In its golf story in the October 16 issue, the Midway should have reported Junior Alix Har advancing to Sectionals with Junior Rahul Mehta. The editors apologize for the omission.

Cross country runners finish in blaze of glory

By William Chung
Editor-in-Chief

Despite being hampered by injury and sickness, Senior Sarah Curci, cocaptain with Seniors Ben Meyer, Hannah Tomio, and Junior Frank Waggoner, ran an 18:30 in the 3 mile, placing 62nd out of 209 runners at IHSA 2A State November 3 at Detweiler State Park in Peoria.

The girls' cross-country team qualified, finishing 4th at IHSA Sectionals October 26 at Fenton in Bentonville and 24th out of 25 teams at State. Freshmen Lucy Kenig-Zeisler and Grace Cain finished 171st and 195th at State. Junior Sonia Bourdaghs, Hannah Tomio, and Sophomores Liza Libes and Jacqueline Ingrassia also ran.

Freshman Jacob Meyer, who finished 143rd with a time of 16:13 minutes, and Junior Max Volchenboum who placed 182nd with a time of 16:45 also qualified individually for State.

Sarah had placed 26th with a time of 18:01 the year before.

"I hurt my right foot the week we had ISL Conference, and I found out later that it was a stress fracture," Sarah said. "I also became sick and I couldn't get healthy in time for State. I was an emotional day for me since it was my last race

with these girls I had been running with for a long time."

"Despite that it was great being able to race as a team, and the girls ran a lot faster with mostly Personal Records or close. We weren't running State to win, we were running to celebrate the successes we had this season.

"There were times before the race when I was really nervous and physically tired, but I tried to be positive and enjoy my last time on the State course."

The Maroons expected a cold morning at State.

"We did a lot of drills before the race, and we made sure we were nice and loose because it was a cold day," Junior Sonia Bourdaghs said.

"Sarah kept telling me the first mile was going to be really fast, and when I saw everyone sprinting at the start, I ran my first mile 30 seconds faster than I usually do. A lot of the first mile was downhill, so it helped me keep the momentum."

With the three freshmen running at State this year, Sarah expects the Maroons continue winning.

"We set goals at the beginning of the season to win ISLs and advance as a team to State, and we did just that. We also have some amazing freshmen in Lucy, Grace and Jacob, and a couple of 8th graders that I know will do well. They're going to be so fast next year."



Photo by Catherine Zhou

Pulling away from a Latin runner, Sarah Curci took first with a time of 18:12 at the ISL Championships October 11 at Washington Park. The girls went on take 1st out of four teams. Boys, led by Jacob Meyer with a 16:38, took 3rd out of 5 teams, finishing behind Latin and Northridge.

Tense competition challenges tennis women at State

By William Chung
Editor-in-Chief

Despite going undefeated in the season as tennis first singles, Co-captain Laura Anderson, with Beverly Lau and Hannah Resnick, all seniors, lost both her matches at IHSA Tennis State October 21, with tournament central at Buffalo Grove in Dundee.

Laura lost to an Oak Park River Forest Player 2-3 in her first match.

"My first round, I pulled a seed, and a girl that I had played twice before," Laura said. "She was the one singles player at Oak Park River Forest and I had beaten her ear-

lier in the season in a really close match. She hit a hard ball and was willing to do anything to get into my head.

"I went into the match really nervous. I got down 5-0 in the first set right away. I just couldn't put my head on straight and focus on what I had to do to win.

"When I got down 5-0, I calmed down, and realized I had nothing to lose. I stayed calm and focused, and I got it back to 5-4, deuce. All I had to do was win one point to not lose the set—but I didn't.

"I was really upset, but I wasn't going to give up that easily. I had

beaten her twice before, and I was determined to win this time.

"The second set I got up 5-2, lost two more games, and then won the next, so I won the second set 6-4. It all came down to the third set, just as it had done the two previous times. When I was down 3-2, I really had to use the bathroom.

"I came back frazzled, because I knew my opponent was waiting for me. I don't really know what went on in my head.

"I was probably just anxious and nervous, but next thing I knew, I lost the third set 6-2. I was so disappointed in and upset with myself,

because I had beaten her twice before and I really wanted to do well, and I lost."

Although the Maroons will lose their captains to graduation, a core of varsity players across grade levels including, Junior Jen Xue, Sophomore Della Brown, and Freshman Monica Lewis who will take over a team with a strong tradition of bonding, according to Laura.

"Whether it was painting t-shirts, getting out there and smacking the ball, or just sitting in the bus, gossiping and singing songs, I am going to miss the camaraderie that I had with the girls."

Basketball teams ready with ample strong talent

By Michael Glick
Sports editor

Looking to build upon the success of the fall sports teams, including the girl volleyballers' top eight finish in the IHSA 2A State playoffs, boy and girl basketballers have opened play this month with high expectations.

Returning four of five starters from lastseason's 17-13, 7-5 Independent School League team, boy basketballers will travel to Lisle 7:30 p.m. tonight for their second game of the Lisle Thanksgiving Tournament.

Senior Mike Dowdy, cocaptain with Senior Curtis Henderson and Junior Max Rothschild, will run the backcourt, alongside Senior Kyle Parker and Sophomore Jordan Moran, the lone new starter.

Max and Senior Brandon Green lead the front court.

Seven other returning players, as well as newcomers Jaquell Hamelin, junior, and Matt Lawrence, senior, round out the team's 14 for the 26-game regular season. According to Coach Chad Stewart, entering his first full year as head coach, the Maroons complement each other's abilities.

"We have great balance on this year's team," Coach Stewart said. "We have very quick guards, which is a huge plus.

"They're very explosive off the dribble and shoot the ball very well. Max and Brandon add a lot of size for us underneath, and they finish very well around the hoop.

"Our conditioning also is a lot better this year than in the past. In the offseason the guys dedicated a lot of time to running and working out in the weight room."

J.V., led by Coach Jeff Sanders, will also travel to Lisle for the second game of their 20-game regular season. Ac-

cording to Sophomore Ben Rhind, who plays j.v. and varsity, j.v has emphasized defensive unity and playing through the post offensively.

"Defensively we're mainly working on fundamental concepts," Ben said. "We're making sure the younger guys understand the defensive system and the right technique.

"Offensively, we've mainly focused on feeding the post because the majority of our scoring this year is going to come from inside scoring.

"Our offense is going to be focused around playing inside to out, with the inside game opening up the outside game, while also focusing on remaining balanced and sharing the ball in order to get good, open shots."

In their fourth game of the season and final game before Conference play begins, girl basketballers will travel nine blocks north to take on Kenwood Academy, 6 p.m. tonight.

After finishing 15-7 (3rd in the ISL behind Latin and Willows) last season with a loss to St. Francis De Sales in the Regional Semifinals, the Maroons (1-0 as of Midway press time) have set their sights on the ISL crown.

"According to Coach Tai Duncan, the Maroons expect to build upon last season's improvements.

"We went from bottom of the Conference two or three years ago to third in the conference and finished last year's season undefeated at home in the regular season," Coach Duncan said.

"We have made a lot of progress in several areas, and now it's time to win the conference. Anything less than first in the ISL is not an option. We have had this mindset since the last game of last season.

"We have unfinished business and are excited to get back on the court for what promises to be a great year."

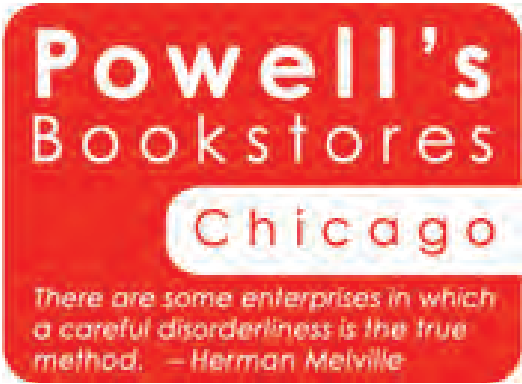
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DUELING VIEWS

Sports editors Mike Glick and Luke Murphy debate the fate of DRose



LUKE

With Derrick Rose suffering a torn ACL last April in the playoffs, the Chicago Bulls not only had their playoff hopes nearly extinguished, but also lost their centerpiece.

An eight to 12 month recovery has ensued, leaving the Bulls without their floor leader for nearly the entire regular season. Keeping the injury in mind, Owner Jerry Reinsdorf parted ways with many of the Bulls' significant contributors off the bench and picked up cheaper players with not as polished skills.

Although they sport four returning starters and have decent talent off the bench, the Bulls are a different team without Rose on the court. Considering the Bulls' chances in a highly competitive Eastern Conference, is it in the best interest of the Bulls, weighing both the importance of this season and Derrick Rose's long term health, to have him come back this year or have him sit out the entire season?

MIKE: In last year's lockout-shortened season, Derrick Rose missed 27 of the Bulls' 66 regular season games. In his absence, the Bulls grinded out an 18-9 record. Although the Bulls

lost formidable pieces of their so-called 'bench mob,' there's no reason why they can't make up for Rose's absence again in the regular season. Their real trouble came when he got injured in the playoffs, and by playoff time this year he should be nearly 100 percent. They'll almost definitely have the chance to make some noise in the postseason this year, but only if Rose is back on the court.

LUKE: To rush back Derrick Rose this year would be foolish. He is the future of the franchise, the youngest MVP in NBA history, and a once in a generation talent, and you want to rush him back for a year that the Bulls simply don't have the pieces to compete? However you look at it, it's a bridge year for the Bulls.

Why else would they let essentially the entire bench mob (Kyle Korver, Omer Asik, C.J. Watson, and Ronnie Brewer) walk and replace them with the undisputedly lesser Nazr Mohammad, Nate Robinson, Marco Belinelli, and Vladimir Radmanovic?

Why? Because they are cheaper, and Owner Jerry Reinsdorf understands that this year the Bulls will not be able to compete with the drastically improved Lakers, Celtics, and Nets, as well as the already established Goliath: the Miami Heat. Instead he will wait for the year to play itself out. He'll let Derrick Rose get back to 100 percent, use the amnesty clause on all 15.3 million dollars of Carlos Boozer's remaining contract, and make a run at Andrew Bynum and Josh Smith, who will be free agents at the same time. Then he'll gear up for a Championship run in 2013-2014, with all the pieces in place.

MIKE: Sure, the Bulls can't compete with Miami, Boston and Brooklyn for a regular season first place finish in the Eastern Conference. But they'll do a

great job of hanging around, perhaps grabbing a six or seven seed. The Bulls' first-round playoff loss to the 8th-seeded 76ers last season shows seeds only mean so much. The Bulls still return four starters—Forwards Carlos Boozer and Luol Deng, Shooting Guard Rip Hamilton and Center Joakim Noah—and their bench still has strength. After coming home empty-handed two years in a row as the top seed, the Bulls should come into the playoffs swinging. Namely, they should give Rose the green light.

LUKE: Yeah, they may prevail in the first round, but should losing in the second round of the playoffs really be their goal? You're simply not going to beat the Heat in a seven games series after giving up your number one asset: depth. With the cap-space the Bulls will accumulate by next summer, they can regain that advantage, which the Heat cannot due to the contracts they are tied into. At the same time, the Lakers' Steve Nash will be a year older and will not match up well against Derrick Rose, who after his year off will be fresh and hungry.

MIKE: Who says only a second round playoff run is within reach this year? With Noah's rebounding and solid point production from Boozer, Deng and Hamilton, Rose will simply help the Bulls once again receive recognition among the elite.

Although it may seem like Rose is here in Chicago forever, we can't be naïve and take this to be the truth. Look at LeBron James, Steve Nash, Dwight Howard. Stars don't stick around when their old teams are not winning. The Bulls need to cherish each of Rose's years in Chicago.

LUKE: A second round exit is your ceiling when you're going against perhaps the greatest player in NBA history, LeB-



MIKE

ron James, and two absolute studs in Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh with Carlos "I don't think I feel like playing defense" Boozer, Richard "I think I'll keep it interesting and play once every six games" Hamilton, and Luol "Let's not get surgery on my wrist and instead play for a joke of Great Britain Olympic Team" Deng. If Derrick Rose was a Ray Allen type player who relied on shooting, then sure, I'd say bring him back.

But he's not. This is a player that relies on quickness and agility, so an injury to the muscle that most determines one's ability to cut is going to be detrimental to his ability to be the player Derrick Rose is.

Furthermore, D. Rose has a usage percentage of over 23 percent, which is the highest among point guards in the NBA. Do you really want the player handling the basketball nearly a quarter of the time for your team to be hindered?

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Volleyball

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"Sophomore Eleri Miller was consistently strong all season and led the team in kills. Rachel Buikema, who is another senior captain, was such a valued utility player. By playoff time she stepped up and played great volleyball."

While sustaining a broken toe, Rachel effectively maintained her performance level throughout the season. "She really is a dynamic leader, both morally and physically," Coach Miller said. "Plus, everything she did, she did with a broken toe, which she played with the whole year. The doctor almost shut her down, but she was so committed to playing that the doctor just let her go out there and play."

The atmosphere against Parker had a lot of energy, but paled in comparison to the craziness of the game against Dakota according to Coach Miller.

"There were nearly 100 people in the stands for Parker, and the atmosphere was exciting but not overly intense," she said.

"Without a doubt though, we were pumped and excited to do what hadn't been done for our school and knew we could do it. We completely rose to the challenge and we made history."

"Then came the game against Dakota. I was talking to our bus driver who, after dropping us off, was sitting out in the parking lot and he said it looked like the movies 'Hoosiers' or 'Field of Dreams.'"

"There were just miles and miles of car lights, all pouring into the parking lot to come and support the other team. The entire gymnasium was absolutely packed, and this wasn't some small school gymnasium."

"This place was massive. It was 100 percent filled with their fans."

"The town was pure farm country in the middle of nowhere. I was almost anticipating hearing 'If you build it they will come' as I walked into the gym."

"It really was a surreal experience."

While the game did not go as she hoped, Coach Miller says Dakota ultimately possessed too much talent for the Maroons to handle.

"Yes we lost, but still, I can't put into words how proud of the girls I am," Coach Miller said.

"Dakota was the returning State champs for 1A. What is amazing is they had no seniors and were still, to put it plainly, really, really good. The two words I'd use to describe them are 'strong' and 'balanced.' They had one Junior named Sarah Thompson, who was just an outstanding hitter and simply dominated. She ended with 12 kills."

"Every single person on their team was just athletic as anything. They all played volleyball year round or another sport and their athletic director said that their school absolutely dominates in every sport."

"I'm incredibly proud of how we handled the atmosphere, and we were not intimidated."

"Yeah, we lost 25-10, 25-9, but we played our game as well as we were capable of. They were just that much better."

Coach Miller did not hesitate to emphasize the team's personality as well.

"What I think I'll miss most from this team is the senior personalities," she said.

"The camaraderie of the girls is something I've never witnessed before. I've never had the pleasure of coaching a team like this. I genuinely looked forward to every practice because I enjoyed being with all the girls so much."

Brief-ly

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man Julie Hedges, clarinet in the Band; and Freshman Harry Ni, oboe in the Band.

“The students were in rehearsals all day followed by a performance that evening,” said Music Teacher Rozalyn Torto.

■ **MUSICAL FIRSTS**—The U-High Brass Ensemble directed Francisco Dean will perform in a concert with the U. of C. Brass Ensemble in a concert 4 p.m., Sunday, December 2 at Fulton Recital Hall in Goodspeed Hall. The concert is free and the public is invited.

“This is part of a growing effort to take advantage of the collective musical talent and resources and find opportunities to join together to promote growth in our young Lab band students,” Mr. Dean said.

On Sunday, February 24, the U-High Concert Band directed by Mr. Dean will perform with the U. of C. Wind Ensemble directed by Chip De Stefano. The groups will combine for two selections, one each directed by Mr. Dean and Mr. De Stefano.

■ **A FRENCH THANKSGIVING**—The Eiffel Tower’s lights, Notre Dame’s architecture, Versailles’ gardens and the Arc de Triomphe.

Junior Katie Harris’ Thanksgiving in France will include these sights. Katie, her brother Andy, class of 2010, and her parents will stay four days with her older sister Jenny, class of 2008, a curatorial research assistant at the Louvre museum in Paris.

Traditionally, Katie and her family commemorate the holiday with her grandparents from Connecticut. The family first celebrated Thanksgiving away from home or kin two years ago in London, visiting then-undergrad Jenny during her junior year’s fall semester abroad at the Courtauld Institute of Art.

“My sister does not get Thanksgiving off and I have never been to Paris before, so this break was a perfect opportunity to get the family together and experience somewhere new,” Katie said. “We plan to see the typical, main tourist attractions. I recently saw ‘Farewell My Queen,’ a movie about Marie Antoinette and its shots of Versailles were so beautiful that it’s what I am most looking forward to visiting.

“We won’t be having a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Most likely, we’ll dine at a local bistro. We definitely won’t be tracking down a turkey in France.

■ **NEW LEADERS**—Familiar last names are among the freshman elected to class offices. They are as follows: President, Willis Weinstein; vice president, Leah Uman-sky; Cultural Union representatives, Micaiah Buchheim-Jurisson and Christopher Healy.

■ **NEW SECURITY POSITION**—With the Lab Schools’ expansion into two campuses next year, its security force will be integrated into the University of Chicago’s Department of Safety and Security.

The new Earl Shapiro Early Childhood Campus is scheduled to open next year at 58th and Stony Island. Within

the next few months a new Lab Schools Security Director will be appointed to integrate the Lab Schools security force and protocols with the University’s Police Department, according to Christopher Jones, Lab Schools executive director of finance.

The Security Director will report directly to University of Chicago Chief of Police Marlon Lynch.

So far about two dozen applications have been received for the position.

“I do want to be clear, this person is going to work hand-in-hand with the school,” Mr. Jones told the Midway. “What isn’t going to happen is this person not getting to know us and being part of the community.”

■ **A NEW EXPERIENCE**—For 11 German exchange students, Halloween proved a new experience.

“We don’t celebrate Halloween in Germany,” said exchange student Thanh Nguyen. “Americans take it more seriously than we Germans. For us Germans, there isn’t much about it.”

The visitors came from Königin-Katharina-Stift Gymnasium, in Stuttgart. They stayed in U-High homes October 12–November 1. Two teachers accompanied them, Elke Walz, from Stuttgart, and Sonja Antonuccio, from Zürich, Switzerland. The visitors went to museums, different neighborhoods, and other attractions such as Navy Pier.

U-High will complete its part of the exchange this summer.

“We will likely depart on June 20 for three weeks,” said German teacher Annette Steinbarth, exchange coordinator. “We usually always travel to the university town of Tübingen as well as Heidelberg. Additionally we spend a weekend in a different location every year. I am planning a weekend trip to Zürich, Switzerland.”

Thanh, who stayed with Sophomore Edward Litwin, found teachers less strict here than at home.

“First of all, your school is way bigger than ours, and I think that your teachers are more relaxed,” he explained. “When somebody is late at your school, they just say ok, and then at our school it gets really complicated. So, yeah, your school is generally more relaxed. Secondly, the food here is more varied than in Germany.”

In other student exchange related news, the Pretzel scholarship for a study in Germany has been renamed the Heggen Pretzel scholarship, in honor of the late German teacher, Wilhelm Gregor Heggen.

“Herr” Heggen taught world languages at the Lab Schools 40 years. After he began arriving in 1954, he introduced German class.

“He would make pretzels with his students to make money to offer scholarships to his German students to help supplement their airfare so they could fly to and study in his hometown of Paderborn. He did this for many years, and this is essentially how the whole tradition of selling pretzels at Lab school started, to raise money for the Pretzel scholarship.”

(Briefs written by Elena Carroll-Maestriperi, Julian Lark, Victoria Aponte-Blizzard, Rolland Long, and Christine Obert-Hong.)

Praised as a national leader, Midway grabs Gold in ratings

“There’s no question that the Midway is a leader in the country’s scholastic press.”

So commented a Columbia Scholastic Press Association judge in awarding last year’s issues the top rating, Gold Medalist.

The Midway earned 952 of a possible 1,000 scorebook points, with 800 required for the top rating.

The Midway also received All Columbia honors in essentials and visual components but did not receive an All Columbian in verbal elements because of insufficiently careful proof-reading resulting in typographical errors and inconsistencies.

This year’s editors say they aware of the problem and are addressing it vigorously.

The judge also suggested sports stories needed to include interviews with coaches and players on oppos-

ing teams and that players from other teams need to be identified in captions.

“I’ve been saying the same thing for five years,” said Journalism Teacher Wayne Brasler, “maybe now someone will listen.”

The judge singled out in-depth projects and editorials for special praise.

Of the Midway’s photography, the judge wrote, “Most pictures are just plain outstanding.” The Midway’s photojournalists are advised by Ms. Liese Ricketts.

And the judge praised the paper’s venturesome design, commenting “You surprise and welcome readers issue after issue.”

In conclusion, the judge wrote “Keep up the energetic, courageous, disciplined and noteworthy presentations. You speak directly to your audience in your own voice.”

December concerts

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According to choir director Katy Sinclair, choir ensembles will perform songs from a range of musical eras.

“This concert will include not only the High School and Bel Canto choirs, but also the 7th- and 8th-grade ensembles,” Ms. Sinclair said. “Our repertoire spans from the Renaissance to current choral music, with a few holiday pieces thrown in. One piece, a 16th-century French carol, features all 142 Choir students singing together. Basically, this concert is a presentation of all the different music styles we worked with during the first quarter.”

A diverse repertoire will fill Mandel Hall

during the Band and Orchestra concert, Mr. Dean said.

“I tried to mix holiday music with a variety of different techniques,” Mr. Dean said. “For example, the 7th graders are performing a unique rendition of ‘Carol of the Bells’ with African drumming. We also have the 8th graders performing Mussorgsky’s ‘Pictures at an Exhibition: The Old Castle,’ and High Schoolers performing ‘Mars, the Bringer of War’ from ‘The Planets.’

“Most important, parents will get to see the payoff of all the hard work their students do throughout their years in Band, Choir or rchestra, and the growth of their children’s musical ability.”

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furthest we have been in the IHSA 2A system. In 2005 we placed 3rd in 1A.”

Lucas, the Coaches’ Award winner and cocaptain with Senior Steven Glick, feels this season helped younger players gain experience while bringing more cohesion to the program.

“Basically, it was a learning year for us this year,” Lucas said. “We had four freshmen starting at some points, and only myself as a senior starter.

“Unfortunately, I feel that we stooped to the level of our competition, and as a result could never consistently achieve our potential.

“However, that said, we got rid of the whole idea of seniority this year, and next year one of our captains will be a sophomore, Joey Cohen. We encouraged everyone to speak up, and were better as a team because of it.

“Next year I think one of the positives will be that the starting lineup really won’t change.

“Junior Cole Zimmerman will most likely come in as keeper, and everything else will remain constant. The starters will have played with each other for two years, as well as in the club season, so there will be a more unified style of play.”

Junior Jonathan King, honorable mention for the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association All-Sectional Team and First-Team ISL selection, Joey, Second-Team ISL, and Sophomore Michael Glick, Second-Team ISL, all will return for the Maroons.

With seven other starters likely returning to next year’s team, Jeff says the Maroons expect better results next season.

“Depending on who returns to the team because of conflicts with club soccer, I expect the team to do significantly better next year than this year,” Jeff said. “The team should be one of the most experienced ones in a while.

“We likely will have at least seven or eight rising seniors that have three to four years of varsity experience, and add in their years of club experience and this team can be really dangerous.”

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After finishing up his piano practice, Max Archer, who took lessons at Joan’s from 2004 to 2012, practices his musical notation on the chalkboard in a comfortable classroom, just part of the studio’s extensive facilities..

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Under a gray, cloudy sky, workers dug up Kenwood Mall in early September, preparing to install chilled water pipes, implementing centralized air conditioning to Blaine Hall. Construction also oc-

cured along Jackman Field and outside Sunny Gym, creating obstacles for entry into the athletic building from late July, when the construction started, to mid-October.

Photo by Nathaniel Green



Home bound, Alejandra Guevara, right, steered around the long, winding, green fence encasing construction while other U-Highers made their way, past the fence, to 59th or 57th street or inside to

change for sports practices in early October. The fence isolated an area of Kenwood Mall for restoration including new pavement to repair areas disturbed by construction.

Photo by Lili Steffen



Workers prepared to fix Kenwood Mall by sorting bricks that added a new brick square outside Sunny Gym. "They were taking a break after school while everyone was walking out," Photojournalist Lili Steffen said. "It was brisk and cold outside while they were talking and stacking bricks."

Photo by Lili Steffen



Ready to repave the closed-off portion of Kenwood Mall, workers stacked wooden boards later to be laid out, for the foundation and smooth the concrete repairing the damaged area. "They were putting on

Photo by Jason Deng

the final touches," Photojournalist Jason Deng said. "The workers were preparing to repave Kenwood Mall. The weather was chilly and overcast, but they were hard at work nonetheless."

New central air, new brick square

By Hebah Masood
Associate editor

After three months of construction to extend chilled water pipes to Blaine Hall so central air conditioning could be completed, Kenwood Mall as a byproduct of the construction boasts a new, large, maroon and black brick square.

Over the summer, scaffolding had covered Sunny Gym's exterior as workers renewed the facade. The High School-Middle School entrance also was renewed.

Excavating and construction started last summer at the southeast corner of Jackman Field and continued along the east fence before turning west between Sunny Gym and the Wilder House and through Kenwood Mall. Christopher Jones, executive director of finance operations, collaborated with the Athletic Department and other faculty members to coordinate the construction program with University of Chicago and construction representatives.

"There's a plant on the south side of campus by 61st and Blackstone that produces chilled water," Mr. Jones explained regarding the water pipes which were installed.. "By extending the chiller line to Lab, centralized air conditioning for the entire historic campus will be possible. What was done this summer makes central air conditioning possible in the future especially in Blaine Hall.

"The line goes all the way through Kenwood Mall to the Midway, along the tennis courts, around Jackman and the Sunny Gym, which is why there's been such rigorous construction in those areas."

The maroon and black bricks in Kenwood Mall resulted from creative thinking.

"Part of the project was to restore the areas destroyed by the construction," Mr. Jones said. "There were a number of options available to the project team. Their cost and availability were key components in deciding what to use. We decided on all new concrete with the large brick paver square between the High School entrance and the gym. The pavers were selected to provide an aesthetic balance to the courtyard, similar to the pavers that existed there previously. The pavers added a marginal increase to the University's cost but were well within budget."



Photo by Matthew Garvey

Aside from the bricks, the University also funded new pavement to re-cover Kenwood Mall. "The weather was pretty warm that day, about 70 degrees," Photojournalist Matthew Garvey said. "They were laying down concrete for the new sidewalk outside the high school lobby near the steps.