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“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 overwelled Wolf Blitzer’s voice coming through the speakers.

Three hours earlier, supporters, including many U-Highers, passed metal detectors, flashing lights set off by otherscin 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 extended 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 alone!” 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 Ohio, both 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 boomed. 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 moment. People waved the American flags that had been passed out. Now, all that was left was the victorious President’s speech.

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Conference delegates return, will discuss lessons learned

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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 reexamine 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 it’s 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/College Counselor Suzanne Roos, Lab/Science Board Member Emily Bus, Teachers Shana Anderson and Colin Bennet Mary, and Juniors Rachel Mehr and Maud Jensen.

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Demographics helped Obama, U-Highers believe

“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 any more. That was the real reason why Romney lost.”

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Model United Nations brings home team, individual honors

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 ‘New What?’, student associations, and individuals to engage more easily with the administration about diversity issues.

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As the Midway sees it
Advisory need help to help students more

As early college application deadlines November 15 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 school has only one secret so, two-hour-long workday likely won’t be enough to handle the load.

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, more essays to edit.

Adding more stress to the application process is senior college workshop. Previously scheduled during Advisory period, this year’s college workshop, which allows students time to finish up homework in a classroom environment, was extended to 10:30-10:40 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. During the 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, a result that is beneficial to the faculty. Meetings are continuing later into the year to keep students informed about college decisions.

As so the new schedule enters its second year, the advisory system remains a dilemma. That is, not to say the changes made are without benefits.

The 30-minute periods give students time to finish up homework in a classroom environment, and allows counselors to give announcements from the bulletin and quick work. 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.

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**New Teen Daze collection evokes sunshine, sentiment**

By Marissa Page

Music critic

For these U-Highers missing the carefree feeling of summer, Teen Daze’s sophomore album “The Inner Mansions” practically begs you to relive the heat with its breezy 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 Alp, 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.

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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 trucks make you yearn for days of sun and sand gone by because of their hazy, home-recorded sound.

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 Lincoln himself. Costume designer Jo-anna Johnston and makeup effects supervisor Leo Corey Castellano enhance the realism of the film by verisimilitude in the film by verisimilitude.

If you go into “Lincoln” expecting boardroom battles between Civil War leaders, you will be disappointed. Instead, this movie brings to life one of the most celebrated figures of American history.

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Dueling Views

Sports editors Mike Glick and Luke Murphy debate the fate of D Rose

Mike:

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 centerpieces. 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 most 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 sacrifice playoff success for the sake of developing young talent? Why? Because they are cheaper, and Owner Jerry Reinsdorf understands that this year will not allow the Bulls to compete with the drastically improved Heat and Bulls’ first-round playoff loss to the 8-seeded 76ers last season shows only how 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.

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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 was a surreal experience.” While the game did not go as she hoped, Coach Miller says Dakota ultimately won because the Maroons handled the basketball near a quarter of the time for your team to be hindered.

Mike:

run 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 Deng. “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 devastating.

Why else would they let essentially the greatest player in NBA history, LeBron James have a team like this? I genuinely looked for- way they would be a year older and will not match up with the contracts they are tied into. At the same time, the Lakers’ Steve Nash will be a year older and will be a better and more polished player.

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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.”

When came the game against Dakota. I was talking to our bus driver who, after dropping us off, was sitting eating in the parking lot. She 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 see 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.

Mike:

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furtherest we have been in the IHSAA 2A system. In 2005 we placed 3rd in 3A.”
Lucas, the Coaches’ Award winner and cocaption with Senior Senior 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 stumped 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 cap-
tains will be a sophomore, they Cuba. 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 Zimmermann will most likely come in as a keeper, and everything else will remain con-
stant. 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.”
New central air, new brick square

By Hebah Massood
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 south-east 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.”

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 occurred 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.

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.

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.”

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 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.”

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.”