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As turkey day nears, U-Highers seek chances to get away, give back

By Raghn Somala

Associate editor

For the second consecutive Thanksgiving break, junior Michael Herts will travel to Cancun, Mexico, with his father, mother and sister, looking forward to zip line rides in a tropical forest and soccer games on the beach. As Thanksgiving approaches, U-Highers plan vacations, charity drives sponsored by the Spectrum and Student Diversity Leadership conferences.

“I didn’t really know what to expect, besides just relaxing on the beach,” Michael said. “A couple hours after we checked into our hotel, we went to the beach where local school kids were playing beach soccer. It was some of the best soccer I had ever seen, because unlike most soccer games I play in America, it was fun, not a competition.”

This year’s highlights also included zip lining, which Michael hopes to repeat.

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Colorful advisory banners were raised in the air, as counselors Ronald Tunis, Camille Baughn-Cunningham, and Tracy Graham rated the...
Model U.N. makes debut in Envy in meet at Atlanta

By Christine Obert-Hong

For the first time, the U-High Model UN delegation competed in the 48th consecutive year of the National United States MUN conference (SUMUN), at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Last week, after the Midwest moved to press, the U-High team represented the United States at the conference. The team included two highly-respected national high school debate teams at New Trier, junior Erika Kode, director of novice preparation, and sophomore Alina Cui, senior Reed 11-13, Senior Alice Yu placed 19th speaker out of U-High's teams competed with 165 teams towards Cuba, Mexico, and/or Venezuela." The 37 delegates, 21 returning and 16 rookies, had been preparing for about a month in advance. "Before the conference, junior Erik Kode, director of novice preparation, and sophomore Alina Cui, director of novice preparation, and senior director of novice preparation; and Lillian Eckstein, vice president and general manager; and junior Apoorva Gun- laton's team of students were new to the tournament, we went a little slower, explaining all of the main concepts, putting a special emphasis on the basics to ensure they had a strong foundation. "Our team usually attends conferences on the east coast or in the Midwest, so it will be interesting to compete with a new group of schools and experience the southern style of Model UN." U-High's team also includes seniors Rahul Mehra, president and senior director of delegate preparations; Matthew Davis, vice president and senior director of novice preparations; and Alijah Futterman, treasurer, are also on the board. Faculty advisers for MUN are Learning Coordinator Lesley Scott and Early World History and AT Economics teacher Charles Diasantis. Upcoming meets are as follows: Princeton, 13 December 6-8, East Brunswick, April 4. Next tournament is in Glenbrook, November 22-25.

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A delicious, musical, artsy community

Eclectic Wicker Park offers hipster paradise

Story by Clay Surmeier, City Life editor
Photos by Aurielle Abele

The L doors hiss open at the Damen Avenue Blue Line stop, windstripping away any remaining heat from the train car on a Friday afternoon in October. The sound of a street musician’s trumpet transgresses the hustle of artists and hipsters wrapped in plaid scarves and obscure indie band merchandise parading through the boutique-laden blocks of the northwest neighborhood Wicker Park.

Construction of the Kennedy Expressway in the 1960s diversified the previously all-Polish community, giving many Latinos from Old Town and Lincoln Park an opportunity to move in. During the 1960s the largest Latino gang at the time, the Latin Kings, called Wicker Park home. Through community development groups such as the Northwest Community Organization, which aided Wicker Park by providing new affordable housing, the neighborhood gradually became safer.

SLAYED, THE NEIGHBORHOOD began to draw artists intrigued by its easy access to downtown Chicago and cheap housing. Located northwest of the Loop, Wicker Park is adjacent to the Damen train stop or off the I-90/94 at the Damen exit.


One of many playful advertising campaigns plastered on Wicker Park storefronts, neighborhood favorite Piece Pizza and Brewery also sells “Piece Out” t-shirts alongside an assortment of award-winning hand crafted brews from their seared brew-house. Located at 1927 West North Avenue, Piece also serves everything from classic red sauce to mashed potato pizzas.

A local hangout for sports fanatics and foodies alike, Piece offers a fun football night out, playing both NFL and college ball regularly. Stop by on Saturdays at 11 p.m. for a live karaoke band or if you can dance, the lively DJ will rock the place until the wee hours.

BIG STAR, 1351 North Damen Avenue, serves a diverse array of dishes inspired by Mexican street food. Created by executive chef Kahan and chef de cuisine Craig Svolzil, the restaurant’s food and drink programs constantly change to fit the seasons. Junior Benny Friedman snagged a highly coveted drink program last month.

“It can be hard to get a place to sit here because they don’t take reservations and only accept cash,” Benny explained. “Their simple menu of mix-and-match tacos doesn’t make the choice any easier, everything there is good. Personally, being a meat lover, I think their scores of tacos will make you happy here.”

“I love all kinds of music,” Mr. Burns said. “I grew up listening to Three 6, Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig von Beethoven and Johannes Brahms, and Patsy Cline. I listen to lots of ‘60s and ‘70s classic rock and have played in everything from a country to a heavy metal band. If I had to pick a favorite genre though, it would be jazz.”

“I started the business because we were tired of working with other people. There was no ‘real’ music store in Wicker Park. There were these things called musical rounds that were essentially stores that took secondhand music equipment and resold it. My partners and I had experience in the vintage business but wanted to do something different here. We really wanted to embrace this community of artists and musicians, giving them a store that provides quality service centered on instruments.”

“THERE ARE QUITE a few clubs around here so we get traveling performers who heard that this was the place to go in town for repairs, everything from a string replacement to total restoration.”

“We also teach here. We have a lot of talented, young musicians with music degrees who teach guitar, bass and piano. I like to think of our business as three-pronged; business, repairing and teaching.”

Established in 2009 by Chicago artist Laura Lee Junge and partner Chris Jackson, Junge Junge Gallery, 1399 North Milwaukee Avenue, showcases Junge’s work as well as work from other contemporary artists. Guest artist exhibits are also hosted throughout the year.

Working at the desk, University of Chicago student Lindsey Fleishen points out the newest exhibit, Wicker Park After Dark, a photography exhibit by David Szpunar that premiered September 20.

“I’ve been here a couple months, and really like the area,” Lindsey said. “I came here from Kentucky for school, at the University of Chicago, and saw that this place was hiring and went for it.”

“I really like art in general and once I got to know the area a little bit, I knew I would like working here. There’s an arcade bar across the street, which is a really fun place to hang out with friends. There are lots of other hole-in-the-wall bars and restaurants that I also enjoy.”

“DOWN THE STREET at 1342 North Milwaukee Avenue, Mildblend offers fine clothing, shoes and grooming products. In the front right corner of the rustic and recycled designed building, Luke Cho repairs jeans at his work station.

“I use a normal stitching rig as well as a chain stitch, which is very rare nowadays,” Luke said while ironing a pair of newly hemmed jeans. “It’s what manually does the stitching on the cuffs of jeans. I used to have my own factory; I’ve been working with jeans for over 20 years. Here I do repairs and hemming.”

A sales associate, Daemon, walks around the store adjusting displays and refolding rumpled clothing.

“I’VE WORKED HERE for a few months and previously worked at another store down the street selling clothes as well, so I’ve been working in Wicker Park for about a year,” he said as a coworker playfully tossed him another pair of jeans to fold.

“I really like working here because I have complete confidence in the quality of what I’m selling. Sure, it’s going to cost more, but it’s also going to last a lot longer than some cheap stuff.”

A Wicker Park native, Daemon reflected on the changes he’s witnessed in his neighborhood.

“I LIVED AROUND HERE when I was a kid so I’ve really gotten to see this change that everyone talks about firsthand. I think the change actually came in three parts.

“First it was a rough neighborhood, then an artsy, young, hip hangout and now it’s transitioned a sort of family-friendly atmosphere. You never used to see a yuppie couple walking down the street.”

Flipping through some of Laura Junge’s artwork at the Jackson Junge Gallery, 1399 North Milwaukee Avenue, French exchange student Clément Eriteau also admires one of the gallery’s current photography exhibit “Wicker Park After Dark” by David Szpunar.

After enjoying a Maple Bacon Long John at Glazed and Infused Bakery, 1576 North Milwaukee Avenue, Clay Surmeier pauses to listen to one of the many performers playing around Wicker Park.
Dolor Sit Amet

by Lydia Fama

Whiz kid designer excels in school and out

By Hebah Masood
Editor-in-Chief

“I was standing on the same stage Steve Jobs had stood on for the past 30 years. I used to watch the Apple special events online, but this was different. I was actually there in the auditorium. I was filled with excitement and joy, but at the same time there was a sense that I had gone full circle.”

Senior Louis Harboe reminished after accepting his Apple Design Award at the Worldwide Developer’s Conference in front of 5,000 attendees in San Francisco last June. Louis was one of three students who won an award out of 100 chosen for a scholarship to the conference. At age 12, Louis designed an app built by current U-High senior Sam Kaplan. Features on Louis and Sam were in the Chicago Sun Times, WGN News and CNIC.

KNOWN FOR HIS web and app design, Louis was offered a job at Square, a company in San Francisco that created an app allowing customers to swipe their credit cards on phones, and has worked with,” Louis said.

“We renovated our home and thought a lot about design. We also always made our own Halloween costumes, so Louis designed our own Halloween costumes, so Louis grew up always seeing us designing and thinking about shapes and designs. When he was really young he started drawing floor plans for houses, so we really just encouraged that kind of energy. I THINK IT’S great that he found his passion at such a young age. He’s really always been interested in this kind of stuff. In 4th grade he would draw and then translate his drawings onto his computer. He’s been recruited to do design work ever since he was 14. People would contact him not knowing his age, and were of course surprised when they found out his age. He’s not doing it to make money, he’s doing it because he loves it.”

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Thanksgiving travels

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German students experience Chicago

On the morning of the of October 25, the students and one of their teachers from Germany met to prepare for their architectural tour “Skyscraper Walk through Time” in downtown Chicago.

Arriving October 24, for an exciting two weeks of walking tours, musicals, museums, a visit to the state capital of Springfield, and sitting in on U-High classes, 10 German exchange students returned home to Stuttgart, a city in southwest Germany, on October 27. The students, came as part of the government sponsored German American Partnership Program. U-High students went to Stuttgart from June 22 to July 13 dur- ing which the students went to Zürich, Switzerland for three days.

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An essay relating to the theme and were chosen by Principal Scott Pech, Assistant Principal Aasia Ahmed and Dean of Students Ana Campos.

ENCOURAGED by her mother and junior Maryam Alausa, who attended the event freshman year, sophomore Fikayo Walker is attending the conference this year for the first time.

“I was hesitant at first because I thought it was only for juniors and seniors, but after talking to Maryam and learning that she attended during her freshman year I decided to look into it,” Fikayo said. “She said the stories she heard were some of the most moving and inspiring stories she had ever heard. I hope to learn more about how other minorities feel in their private schools. We have a tendency to relate to diversity with African Americans solely but diversity isn’t just about race.”

Others who are attending are as follows: HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS—Associate Director of Educational Program Joan Lopez, High School Counselor Candis Braught-Cunningham, and Assessment Specialist Christopher Harper. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Seniors Leen Sarubuck and Jarred Remmelin, Juniors Aillet Lamsley and James Zhang, and Freshman Marissa Lampley and James Zhang, and Assessment Specialist Christopher Harper.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR—Principal Carol Swainson.

LOWER SCHOOL—Assistant Director of Early Childhood Lawler, and Kindergarten Teacher Nisha Rupak Sain.
As the Midway sees it

When it comes to school spirit, let it grow naturally

Student Council and Cultural Union officers publicized Spirit Week 2013 with bright and eye-catching flyers, even coming up with a social media hashtag #UHspirit. Although some students felt U-Highers were surprisingly mum about the issue, I found that many students were motivated to keep up to date in order to comment during discussions. News of the shutdown seemed the topic of conversation when U-Highers first heard about it, but talk dwindled down rapidly.

You guys won the advisory cup, right? I heard there was a cool prize, what was it?

Bonjour, myself and other students were talking about the debt ceiling and how it would affect the country's status and how the international community sees the strength of our government. Although some students felt U-Highers were quickly quiet down about government shutdown.
"Carrie" reboot matches gore but lacks passion of original

By Christine Obert-Hong

Film critic

Stephen King's novels, particularly those adapted for film, are famous for their suspense, science fiction, touches of fantasy and, most notably, horror. "Carrie," a King classic recently revamped for the screen, premiered this past October. The story has been told many times, yet the latest adaption, starring Chloe Grace Moretz, brings life to the tale of troubled telekinetic teen Carrie White (newcomer Chloe Grace Moretz).

One of America's most frequently banned books, "Carrie" was King's first novel. Disenfranchised with his own parents, Carrie was born with telekinetic powers, which she learns to control through the guidance of her mother Margaret White (Julianne Moore), whose electric shock is also a powerful means of punishment. When Carrie's telekinetic powers are let loose, a deep, vibrating hum plays while the lighting plummets into darkness, fading the picture uncomfortably.

Because of technology changes in the past few years, "Hollow" has found the tale of troubled telekinetic teen Carrie White (newcomer Chloe Grace Moretz) brings life to the tale of troubled telekinetic teen Carrie White (newcomer Chloe Grace Moretz). With Moore as her mother and Natalie Portman as her teacher, the film version of "Carrie" is brought back to life alongside him. Soon the Headless Horseman of the colonial era professor and spy who was killed by the Horseman, when the Horseman resurrects himself in the 21st century, Crane becomes back to life alongside him. Soon the Horseman rises from the grave to pursue those who stand in the way of his path to great vengeance.

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By Mia Luo

Cooking columnist

I cut the chicken, mashed potatoes and cheese. That's my family's version of a Thanksgiving meal. I may have never enjoyed the "traditional" Thanksgiving but, in my family, Thanksgiving traditions evolved out of both our Chinese and American heritage.

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Two traditions create turkey twist

You will need:

- 1 cup regular white rice
- 1 cup Chinese sweet rice, which can be purchased from grocery stores in Chinatown
- 1/2 cup of cured ham steak, cubed
- 1 cup frozen soy (edamame) beans, which can be purchased with Lima beans if necessary
- 1 cup of tofu blocks
- 1 teaspoon of dried ginger, minced
- Canola oil
- Dark Kikkoman soy sauce
- Salt/Sugar

What to do:

1. Mix the two rice types in a mixing bowl and add 2 cups of water. Cover and put the mixture into a medium-size pot. Bring the rice and water mixture to a boil on a stove. Then, cover, lower the heat, and put it on low heat for 20 minutes. Stir it every 2 to 3 minutes to prevent stickiness. The rice will turn into a soft mass. After the rice is done, let it cool for 5 minutes.

2. Mix cooked turkey, minced ginger, and chopped tofu blocks and cured ham into cubes. Put the frozen edamame beans in the microwave for 1 minute just to slightly thaw them.

Enjoying the savory scent of cooking ham and hot crackling of stir-frying oil, Mia prepares a traditional family recipe for Chinese stuffing in her kitchen.

"Hollow," but only in name

By Natalie Holley

Television critic

Sleepy Hollow, FOX's undeniable breakout drama of the season, has captured the attention of nerds, fangirls, and housewives alike. Easily the best attempt at the "fairytale" TV trend, Sleepy Hollow, "Hollow" has found the perfect balance of intriguing plotlines, familiar tropes, and modern storytelling.

Based on Washington Irving's short story "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," the show follows Ichabod Crane (Tom Mison), a colonial era professor and spy who was killed by the Headless Horseman. When the Horseman resurrects himself in the 21st century, Crane is brought back to life alongside him. Soon the Horseman is back to his old routine of killing those who stand in the way of his path to great vengeance.

The latest sufferer's partner, young Lieutenant Abbie Mills (Nicole Beharie), not only witnesses his death, but watches as the headless, mysterious killer escapes from the crime scene. When

After breaking Ichabod Crane out of jail, Lieutenant Abbie Mills, plans a trip to the cave where the professor, woke up from his 250-year slumber.in the hit TV series, "Hollow," modeled on the famous Washington Irving classic story "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."
Soccermen put up fight but fall short in Regional

By Mike Glick
Editor-in-Chief

Following two 40-minute halves and a 10-minute overtime period in soccermen's 2A Regional Final against Kennedy October 25, darkness settled over Jackman Field.

Still no team has been crowned champ. With hundreds of fans along the sidelines, the game heads into penalty kicks. Kennedy defeats the Maroons 3-2 in the shootout, ending U-High's title dream.

PACEBy Junior Cole Zimmerman’s strong goalkeeping and a goal from sophomore Chris Healy, the Maroons (5-12-2, 3-2-1 Independent School League) beat Mount Carmel 1-0 October 23 in the Regional Semifinal to advance to face Kennedy.

Senior Christian Morris’ header goal 28 minutes in put the Maroons ahead, but Kennedy sophomore Nico Williams blasted a left-footed shot into the top corner of the goal to tie the game with 16 minutes left in regulation.

“We had total confidence that we were going to come out of the Mount Carmel game with a win once we scored, and we brought that confidence to the Kennedy game,” Coach Mike Moss said. “I told Christian the day before we played Kennedy that he had a good chance of playing. He plays the forward position so differently from sophomore Alex Foster and posed issues for Kennedy’s defense.

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With several goals and a few different calls by referees, senior Jeff Lane, who played against senior Jon Kings, says U-High could have prevailed as ISL champions. Instead, losses to North Shore and Southfield Alico in the Regional Final left the Maroons 4th of seven teams in the ISL.

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Girl runners triumph at Regional; boys place 2nd to Mount Carmel

By Julian Lark
Associate Editor

With underclassmen posting top times to supplement strong performances from upperclassmen, cross country runners overcame a difficult course at Regionals to qualify for Sectionals.

Girl runners, coached by Debbie Ribiens, placed 1st at Regionals October 26, with sophomore Lucy Koenig winning the first place finish, leading the boys, coached by Chris Harper, to 2nd place behind Mount Carmel.

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Andrew said U-High has shown consistency from suburban powerhouses Glenbard West’s Sectional-qualifying performance, ending the season. Monica has been my partner since we played Fenwick, and we only lost once in the regular season and twice in the playoffs. We really melded together.

“ONE OF OUR MOST memorable matches was against Parker,” junior Francheska Almeida said. “We thought it would be a tough school to beat, but it turned out to be a clean sweep, with nearly everyone having the same winning set score.”

“This year we had a lot of new freshmen join, more than in any previous years. With so many underclassmen, there’s a lot to look forward to in terms of potential parity for us next year.

Other results are as follows:

- September 4: Varsity lost 2-3; JV lost 2-0; Fenwick
- September 11: Varsity lost 9-0; JV lost 6-3; Pattonville, September 20: home; Varsity won 5-0; Latin, September 26: Varsity won 3-2; Joliet West, September 20: home; Varsity won 5-0; Pattonville, September 27: away; Varsity won 4-1. Pattonville, September 27: away; Varsity won 4-1; JV lost 0-5; Lincoln, September 27: home; Varsity won 5-0; Pattonville, September 28: away; Varsity won 5-0; Le Sueur, September 29: home; Varsity won 5-0; Agricultural.

In their final home meet of their high school careers, seniors Magda Glotzer, Carah Alexander and Lilian Eckstein dive off the blocks October 29.

By Luke Murphy
Sports editor

With the season winding to a close, girl swimmers will travel to Normal for the U-High Normal Invite at Illinois State University this Saturday.

Following the U-High Normal Invite, U-High will have one week to prepare for the Sectional Meet November 16 at University of Illinois-Chicago. The Maroons will face competition from top teams including St. Ignatius, Latin and Whitney Young.

IN THEIR FINAL home meet October 29, Maroon swimmers defeated Payton and Jones in the tri-meet hosted at the Ratner Center. The Maroons honored seniors Carah Alexander, Alex Cohen, Lilian Eckstein and Magda Glotzer at a half-way fall assembly, and before the meet, Madga, co-captain with Lilian, has appreciated the team’s consistent dedication throughout the season, especially the contributions from the juniors.

“Senior night has been my favorite since I first joined the team,” Magda said. “There is always such a great atmosphere and everyone swims well.”

“WE HAVE BEEN cross training in the mornings and swimming after school everyday, so right now there’s just a lot of excitement for the fall. Also, the juniors especially have put in tons of work this season.”

The Maroons placed 2nd of six teams at the Invitational October 26, highlighted by top showings from the relay teams.

“AT THE LATIN Invitational we lost to Latin by four points,” sophomore Olivia Pereira said. “Two records were broken at the meet, the 200-free relay and the 400-free relay.

“Fresher Taylor Thompson dropped five seconds on her 100-breaststroke and came in 5th place, junior Alex Thompson won the 50-fly, and sophomore Ilana Dutton took 1st in the 200-free. Junior Katie Adlaka finished the 500-free in six minutes and five seconds.

“I feel as though we’ve been breaking as many records as we can in large part because of the leadership coach Katie Chronic has brought. She leads very intense practices, but I think that’s partly due to the summer. We also started a couple weeks earlier this year than we have in previous years.”

“AF TERSEEING our recent results, the team has really bought into our coaching style and commands our entire respect.

“What’s going to stand between our team and success at Sectionals is our 400-relay team’s performance. A lot of the other teams stink that relay with their best swimmers, so we’re going to have to rise to the occasion.”

Sophomore leads golfers at Regional with hole-in-one

By Mike Glick
Editor-in-Chief

Led by stellar performances from freshman Dhanya Asokumaran and sophomores Grace Anderson and Monica Lewis, girls tennis players finished 2nd of eight teams behind St. Ignatius at Sectionals October 19.

After two losses to start the season, the Maroons, captained by senior Jen Xue and junior Della Brown, promptly turned their season around with 10 consecutive wins.

“COACHED BY Julijana Lazarevich, U-High defeated conference foes Latin, Woodlands, Parker, Elgin, North Shore and MPA during the regular season before falling to Latin for the ISL Championship. At Sectionals Dhanya placed 1st in singles and Grace and Monica placed 3rd in doubles.

By finishing in the top four in their respective divisions, Dhanya, Grace and Monica qualified for State October 24-26. Dhanya went 3-2 in the double elimination State singles division, and Grace and Monica won two matches and lost two.

“AT Sectionals,” Andrew said, “I shot a 91 with 3 pars and 1 birdie, finishing first overall in the regional.”

By Julian Lark
Associate editor

With a season-best 18-hole score of 380, Maroon golfers led by sophomore Andrew Chizerek’s Sectional-qualifying performance, ended their season with a 9th place standing at Regionals October 8.

Andrew, who finished 3rd at the state tournament, is making his second year qualifying for Regionals.

At Broken Arrow Golf Course in Lockport October 14, where he shot a 91.

“I CHALLENGED a young team throughout the season, Andrew says U-High has shown consistent progress.

“We fall behind when it comes to our school size,” Andrew said. “We don’t have a big enough student population to have enough people willing to devote their entire summer to golf.”

“I don’t see this as entirely bad though because our team is made up of people who do a lot of other interesting things and are well-balanced. Other schools located in the suburbs such as North Shore Forest Park have golf courses and have a higher percentage of families that belong to country clubs.

“WHEN you play at Lost Marsh, our home course in Hammond, Indiana, accurate irons are the key to success, so that’s what I worked on the most and it really paid off,” Andrew said. “For the next season though, I would like to work on my tee shots.”

Freshman Andrew Beach also shot a hole-in-one, during a practice hole while playing with freshman Kyle Adlaka.

“Andrew asked to borrow my three-wood for a 168 yard shot,” Kyle said. “I thought he was crazy and told him no, but he did it anyway. He lined up, took back the club, and swung.

“It LOOKED to be a bad shot to the left, but it really curved back to the right. It landed on the green and suddenly disappeared into the hole.”

Other results are as follows:

- August 22, at Cong Hill: Varsity placed 6th with a 410; Parker, August 22, home; Varsity lost 234-178; North Shore Forest Park, September 9, away; Varsity lost 240-159; Latin, September 19, away; Varsity lost 197-167; Glenn Colleage Prep, September 12, home; Varsity won 220-224; Elgin Academy, September 16, away; Varsity lost 219-184; ISL Championship, September 24, at Cong Hill: Varsity placed 6th; ILSA 2A Regionals, October 8; at Elk Grove: Varsity placed 5th of 10.
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Emergency security lights, which Student Council members were told needed to be off in case of emergency, shined down as students chatted on the tarp-covered floor in the Upper Kovler gym for the Homecoming Dance Saturday, October 12. Finding themselves unable to put up decorations, but student government handed out boa scarves and light up necklaces.

Previously planned decorations for the "Once Upon a Time...In Middle School" theme, could not be put up, but Student Council members handed out light up necklaces and boa scarves. We decided during the meeting with Mr. Wilson that we were going to set up poles and hang streamers up across them to make the ceiling look lower because we were worried the space seemed too big," Tiffany said.

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"Also, some of the songs that I wanted to play and that most of the dancegoers enjoyed made the crowd too ‘rowdy,’ as in some of the upperclassmen formed a circle and jumped around on the dance floor, and Mr. Fech told me to change it to something less ‘heavily’ when this happened because he did not want anyone to get pushed and hurt."

"DJ-ing in that atmosphere is certainly difficult, to say the least, and not a task I wish to take on again. I thought I should take on this responsibility because I thought I understood what the students wanted to hear."

"I FELT I WAS qualified to do so because I have good taste in music and I listened to requests. I am also not a sound technician, so I cannot guarantee that there will not be technical difficulties if I were to DJ the next dance."

The next all-school dance, Semi-formal, February 1, will return to International House with a hired DJ. "Having the dance in the International House will already avoid a lot of obstacles like the lights issue," Tiffany said. "Phil will not be DJ-ing. He agreed that isn’t the best decision. The music and the lights were the two main problems with this dance and we can fix both of those I think it will solve a lot of the unhappiness."

KINGS AND QUEENS were crowned as follows:

ALL-SCHOOL–Christina Bisinbaum and Matthew Davis
HONORARY ALL-SCHOOL–Fiona Potter and Michael Horio
SENIORS– Natalie Kempf Charles Chambostian
JUNIORS–Corina Gray and Wyatt Dandy
SOPHOMORES– Rachel Housinger and Dylan Gilmore
FRESHMAN–Danny Kim

Fashions highlight dance with no decorations and few dancers

By Hebah Masood
Editor-in-Chief

Those bright security lights shined down on half the Upper Kovler Gym as dancegoers clumped in a long line of chatty, non-dancing students on Saturday, October 12 at the Homecoming Dance. The bright lights, which Student Council officers were required in case of emergency, resulted in few of about 300 students there actually dancing on the tarp-covered floor, to protect from high heels.

Many students had left soon after they arrived, or stayed and talked to their friends the dance floor or in the gym bleachers. For many years, dances have taken place in the International House with DJ Jamal Smallz, but this year Homecoming Dance took place in the gym with Student Council President Phil Healy DJ-ing.

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