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SENIORS' SADIES GLAMS IT UP

-EMILY CALLAWAY

Every year, the senior class holds the Sadie Hawkins Fair and Dance in order to raise money for senior activities. This year, the Seniors really turned it out and made it a Sadies that everyone would remember. They kicked off the weekend on Friday after school with the Sadie Hawkins Fair for the middle school. The money is raised through admission tickets and the tickets students buy to pay for the various festivities of the fair. They can buy a senior boy or girl from the auction booth, dunk a middle school teacher,

put a boy in jail, get married, and much more. In years past, the fair has been one of the most anticipated events for the middle school kids, and, although it came early this year, I think it stood up to it's expectations.



The weekend finished with a bang on Saturday, with the high school Sadie Hawkins "Rhinestone Cowboy" Dance.

Everyone went all out in their hillbilly attire torn plaid shirts, daisy dukes, cutoff overalls, cowboy hats, and cowboy boots. With the dance back in the Union, everyone had a really good time, happy to finally have the regular space back. The DJ was also allowed to play rap music, which not only put everyone in a better mood but had everyone out on the dance floor. This Sadies was so much fun, and as a senior I can definitely say that I was glad to be a part of the class that hosted it.

RAISING CANES

-BEA MCNAMEE AND MELISSA BROWN

HEARD IN THE HALLS:

"...and you just passed the hobo test."

High school students everywhere are looking for jobs to earn some extra cash throughout the year. Students tend to look for jobs in the fast food industry. Many students turn to Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers for their first job. Raising Cane's is a fun, friendly environment for people to work in. Students from different schools and of all ages can

work in the same environment and have fun. It's a fast-paced job with lots of running around and excitement that gets the adrenaline running. The policies are generally strict, but it pays off by creating a good work environment. Melissa Brown, a crew member at C-15 "The Hangar" says, "Canes is the best place for a high school student

to work. Everyone's nice and we all have fun, so it's not even like we're working!" Bea McNamee also works at C-15 and says, "I look forward to going to work at Canes. It's always fun and exciting, and there's never a dull moment with our fun crew!"

REVIEW: TEXAS DE BRAZIL

-JOEY GRONER AND MYLES RIEGER

Tucked away in a small corner of Perkins Rowe, Texas de Brazil is a wonderful restaurant for any special occasion. Fairly new to the city, the Baton Rouge establishment of the chain is one of only 14 throughout the United States.

However, one should be aware of the cost before dining: \$42.99 per person for the "Full Meal." This does not include beverages, dessert, taxes, or a gratuity. But also know, the food you will enjoy in return for the price makes the price more than worth it.

The restaurant has a large selection of meats, salads, cheeses, and sides such as soups and rice. At this point, we would state which of the meats were our favorites. However, it is abso-

lutely impossible to pick just one favorite, as you would agree after dining at Texas de Brazil.

The best meats were the filets mignon, one of which was wrapped in smoked bacon. The Braised Beef Ribs were near perfect, being a great mix of buttery taste and melt-in-your-mouth tenderness. We also highly recommend the Seared Top Sirloin as well, which was the first type of beef served to us, and was a great way to start off the meal. Also coming highly recommended is the Flank Steak, which was perfectly cut, grilled, and seasoned.

As far as the salad bar goes, a terrific lobster bisque was the soup of the day. The bisque was very

creamy, and somewhat spicy, but overall was almost exactly what a soup should be: a soul-satisfying comfort food. The variety of meats and cheeses was amazing and was the perfect appetizer.

Overall, Texas de Brazil is very expensive, but more than worth the price. It is definitely suggested for a birthday, anniversary, or graduation dinner.

"A lot of people like movies where a man is dressed up like a fat grandma"

CHARLIE BROWN COMES TO U-HIGH

-GRACEANN WOOLF AND SUZANNE BAILEY

ATTENTION ALL CUBS! Mark your calendars for this play of the century! You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown is presented by the choir director, Patti Lauve. The first show is on October 8th at 7:30 P.M. in the U-High auditorium. The next two shows will be on October 11th at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. also held in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00 for

adults, \$5.00 for students, and free for children 6 and under.

U-High's High School singers have always provided us with amazing plays in the past and nothing's stopping them now. We hope to see you there!



DISTRICT 9

-JEREMEY JOHNSTON

The recently released District 9 has received some rave reviews and it is easy to understand why, chronicling the struggle of alien vs. human living in the same city it has become one of the most popular sci-fi films in recent years. When an alien spacecraft drifts into the skies above Johannesburg, South Africa, most people are excited about first contact with an obviously superior alien race, anticipating a huge jump in technology. But the world is stunned to find the remains of a dying alien population aboard. Brought down into a facility called District 9, the "Prawns", as the humans refer to them, have had nearly 20 years to integrate into society. As time passes and the humans realize that they have

little chance utilizing the alien technology, and this leads to an increase in racism and prejudice against the aliens, eventually leaving them impoverished living in shanty-town. The corporation MNU is developed to handle the human-alien relations and it is during an unprecedented attempt to relocate the more than one million alien residents that the main character Wikus, an Everyman pencil-pusher, is unwittingly made the key to the human's ability to utilize the aliens' DNA-encoded weaponry. On the run with an alien named Christopher Johnson, Wikus must find a way to make things right for both himself and the Prawns so that both species, alien and human alike, can return home.

This movie sets a new benchmark for the sci-fi genre, filmed in a documentary style this movie gives you a feeling of reality surrounding the events in the movie. This feeling of reality is even greater because many of the sets used such as the alien slums and their "butcher" shops are the actual buildings in the slums of Johannesburg. The basic story raises many obvious comparisons to South Africa's history of apartheid and overall this film has received very positive reviews from almost everyone, including many of the top movie critics in America.

JULIE AND JULIA

-COURTNEY BLOCH

Julie and Julia is a cute, feel-good movie. While I was watching it, I didn't want it to end. It's about Julia Child, who enrolls in culinary school to give her something to do during the day in France. The heads of the culinary school did not think that she could cook

because she enrolled in the all-boys advanced class. She had never cooked before, but she learned and succeeded. Many years later, another character, Julie comes around and Julie's friend writes a blog and it inspires her to cook herself through Julia Child's cookbook. This movie has a good

moral because it says that even if people think that you can't do it, you have to have faith in yourself and you can do anything. This movie is rated PG-13 so some scenes are not suitable for all ages.

L. A. WRITES
-TAYLOR SCALA

The LA writes writing contest is a competition that allows young writers to express themselves through poetry, non-fiction, and fiction writing. There were over fifty students from all over Louisiana who entered this contest, and the Lab School had eight students who placed in their age groups. The Lab School had one first place winner, Chase Stanley, who won the non-fiction category and \$100 for the 9th and 10th grade division with his piece called "Field Notes- Summer 2008." The other contest winners included Kelsie Mumphrey, Chris Akers, Ty Henley, Caroline Devlin, William Mckey, Katie Furr, and Samantha Studrawa.

When asked about the competition Mrs. McDonald responded:

"MY FAVORITE CONTESTS ARE LAWWRITES! SPONSORED BY THE LOUISIANA WRITING PROJECT AND JUDGED BY PROFESSIONAL STATE WRITERS; AND RIVER OF WORDS, SPONSORED BY THE NON-PROFIT ART AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND JUDGED BY FORMER POET LAUREATE ROBERT HASS AND WRITER PAMELA MICHAEL. DR. DARRELL BOURQUE, LOUISIANA POET LAUREATE, WRITES DETAILED COMMENTS ON EACH OF THE POEMS HE JUDGES FOR THE STATE CONTEST. PAMELA MICHAEL SAYS SHE LOVES RECEIVING POEMS FROM STUDENTS FROM LOUISIANA BECAUSE THE STUDENTS HAVE SUCH A "SENSE OF PLACE" AND SEEM TO BE AWARE AND APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. I AM A BIG FAN OF WRITING CONTESTS BECAUSE THEY GIVE STUDENTS REAL REASONS TO WRITE. IN AN ENGLISH CLASS, EVERY STUDENT IS GOING TO PRODUCE SOMETHING ASTONISHING AT LEAST ONCE IN THE YEAR, AND CONTESTS ARE ONE WAY OF PUBLISHING GOOD WRITING WHEN IT HAPPENS."

The students have given Mrs. McDonald lots of credit in their success as LA Writes competitors. Mrs. McDonald retired this past year, but had been at UHigh since 1999 and has helped students at the Lab School reach their fullest writing potential. The Lab School's first place winner Chase Stanley has many memories about Mrs. McDonald's class. "Mrs. McDonald inspired me most about being a writer. In her class we got to spend a lot of time free writing, and this allowed us time to think about what we wanted to write. My favorite memory in Mrs. McDonald's class was when we got to get a stick and a leaf and write about how it felt. It was really weird but fun."

Even students who did not enter contests, or did not win contests, had fond or fun memories of Ms. McDonald's class. Paul Gravois says, "I was pretty surprised by how Ms. McDonald's class worked, but I was more surprised by how good my poems sounded as I adapted to her unique class. My writing continued to improve."

"I liked that 'empathy' was usually the right answer in Ms. McDonald's class," Joey Groner recalled with a smirk.

Turner Hunter recalled, "I loved writing Haiku on Tony's trail."

Bea McNamee shared, "I placed 2nd in the La Writes contest that I did not even know I entered."

Both Jack Cadigan and Taylor Scala recalled a nature experience. It seems that Chase and Jack were both inspired by the leaf experience. Jack smiled and said, "I remember writing weird stuff about a leaf—being the leaf." Taylor elaborated, "I remember one day we made booklets during an outdoor poetry class. We looked at one piece of nature to draw and write about. It was better than being cooped up in a classroom."

Finally, although it was not about writing, Robyn Daniel added, "Ms. McDonald had a way of encouraging the most reluctant to develop an avid and voracious desire to read." Ms. Richard thinks that this applied to writing too. Ms. Richard added, "Thanks is not enough, but 'thanks' Ms McDonald!"

HOW TO: BE A RESPONSIBLE VOTER

-MYLES RIEGER

What I think many of the citizens in most communities in America today do, unfortunately, when it comes to voting, is voting uneducated. When I say people vote uneducated I mean that many people today will vote for a candidate someone they know tells them to, or will vote solely based on the candidate's political party. The way it is supposed to be done is by at first looking up what each candidate

stands for and what they want to do with the community they represent, and then ultimately making a choice by voting for the candidate who one agrees with the most on his or her platforms. For example, the other day I heard my mother tell my cousin to go and vote on Saturday for Dan Claitor back when he was running against Lee Domingue. Seeing that my cousin is a very new voter as she just turned 18, she said "sure thing"

right away. I interrupted and told my cousin not to vote for Dan Claitor just because my mother told her too. I told her to first go home and look at each candidate's platforms on the computer and then decide on who she thinks would be the best for our community. I'm not saying that Dan Claitor or Lee Domingue were bad candidates but that people should take advantage of their right to vote by having an educated voice in their community.

BRAND NEW CUBS!

-GRACE ANN WOOLF AND SUZANNE BAILEY

Have you noticed some new faces in the halls this year?! We know we have! For the 2009-2010 year, there have been a total of eleven new high school students (four freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors, and two seniors). How exciting!

One of the new freshman calls herself Leslie Decoteau. She came from Dutchtown Middle, but hey, we all know that she is loving U-High much more! Go cubs, right? The next freshman is Garrett Kemp, who came from Baton Rouge Lutheran School. Also, we have Mr. Stan Mays joining us this year as a fresh cub. He came from Christian Life. Woo hoo! Last, but certainly not least, we have Donikia Young who came from Parkforest Middle School. We're extremely excited to welcome all of these new bright, shining faces

to our freshmen class!

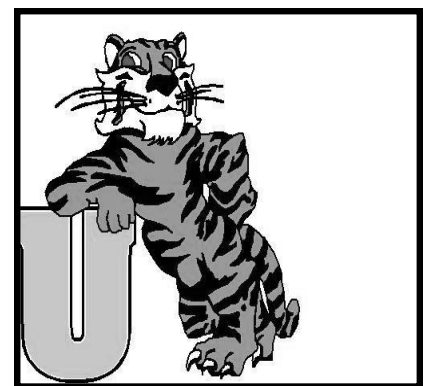
We also are very pleased to have with us three new sophomores. Matthew Danton, Nicholas Davidson, and Yue Yue Wang, who is from China, are all new faces here at U-High. All three new cub faces are from out of state. We are very pleased to have these new students!

Margaret Lauve and Emiliano Kap-tain are new juniors at U-High this year. Margret came from New Orleans. Emiliano is a full IB student. I'm guessing he enjoys a challenge.

Rabia Siddqui and Josh Nesser are the new seniors here at U-High. They are really enjoying it so far. So if you see them in the hall, give them a friendly cub hug.

Mrs. Murray said, "All the new students appear to be doing just fine. We're delighted to have them and look forward to having a great

year!" It is so exciting to have so many faces here at U-High! New faces means new chances to make friends. Reach out to the new students and make them feel like a true cub!



SHAPING UP FOR THE SEASON
-JEREMY JOHNSTON

Over the summer the University High football team began their summer conditioning and weight training workouts. Under coach Shoptaugh, his assistants and senior leadership, the team pushed themselves harder than any other summer before. This extra effort seems to have really paid off as the first few full pad practices were intense and beyond some of the coaches expectations.

The summer work-outs culminated as the football

team, coaches, players, trainers travelled to King's Arrow Ranch, a camp in Mississippi, for four days of "distraction free football." This was the most intense few days of football practice any U-High football team had ever seen, practicing a total of 11 times in about three days, once on the day they arrived, four-a-days the next two days, and twice the day

they left. The team concentrated on one thing a practice; either agilities, offense, defense, or special teams. The camp also provided some good team bonding time and allowed the senior players a chance to really get used to their new leadership role on the team. Overall, this summer provided a great chance for the team to grow physically and mentally, helping prepare the team for the upcoming season.

U-HIGH'S MANY CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SPORTS
-EMILY KILPATRICK

Thinking of joining a club this year? U-high has many clubs, organizations, and sports available to join. As far as clubs and organizations go, you can join: 4H club (middle school), Art club, Choir, Hi-Y, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish club, Chess Club, French Club, Key club, Sierra club, Student

council, National Honor Society, Do-somethin' club, Collage, Drama Club, and Anime club. U-high also has many sports activities available: Baseball (varsity, junior varsity), Basketball (boys/girl varsity, junior varsity), Cheerleaders (varsity and junior varsity),

Cross country, Football varsity, junior varsity), Golf (boys and girls), Volleyball (varsity and junior varsity), Soccer (boys and girls varsity and junior varsity), Softball (varsity), Spirit Steppers, Swimming (boys and girls), Tennis (boys and girls), and Track (boys and girls).

"If you don't do it, I'll make you smell my feet!"

FISH KILL
-TURNER HUNTER

On Tuesday morning, Elmer's Island residents woke up to a horrible sight. Thousands of fish were dead on the beach. A team of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologists

investigated the fish kill that occurred on the island's wildlife refuge. The report was officially filed on Wednesday and stated that there were thousands of Gulf menhaden and well over a thousand

Jack Crevalle and Bull red drum most commonly known as red fish. There was also a six foot spinner shark found dead on the beach.

FALL SPORTS

-PAUL GRAVIOS AND COLIN FAHRMAN

As fall sports come around, coaches are setting high expectations for the upcoming seasons. Football opened up their season this past Friday against St. Michael's, winning 41-27. Coach Shop-
taugh says, "I expect great things from this team. We have a very dedicated senior class that works hard, mentors to the younger players, and prepares to win every week. The whole

senior class is key." Volleyball looks to have another successful season following a trip to the state tournament last year. Senior captain Hannah Smith and Junior captain Kayla Harris intend to lead the volleyball team back to the state tournament. "With our changes in district, we are expected to win district and go far in the playoffs," Coach Bonita Johnson said.

Swimming looks to earn back to back state champion titles. Coming off a very impressive season last year, the swimmers plan to have another successful season, with the talented group of seniors leading the way. The Cross Country team is coming off of an impressive season last year, but is looking for more this upcoming season. The team is hoping to be very successful this year, and is looking forward to a great season.

ADVICE COLUMN

-GRACEANN WOOLF AND SUZANNE BAILEY

MMM asked:
My nerves are really starting to kick in as we approach the second month of school. I have no idea what to do and I'm totally stressing out. I don't want to lose my popular friends and I definitely don't want to wreck my chances of having a boyfriend on the varsity football team. Basically what I'm asking is; how can I be in full IB and still maintain my social status?

Hey M. Suzanne and GraceAnn are here to help; so sit back, relax, and just read! We totally understand your difficult situation. First and foremost, we would like to congratulate you on being our first question in our advice column! Yay. Girl, you can totally maintain your social status, so don't fret. Think about it, there are a ton of cute jocks that are in full IB and that also love a smart girl to keep their head in the game. We think it would be a great idea for you

to focus more on your studies rather than these silly pressures of high school. You can do this by spreading your work out during the school week and getting everything done on time before the weekend. Therefore, you can socialize with your peers as much as you want because the majority of your work will already be complete. And remember, anyone who doesn't want to be your friend is just jealous of your intelligence. So don't even worry about it, everything is going to be fine!

"Your face is 4'oclock!"

SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT THE PAPER!

GAMES!

-EMILY KILPATRICK

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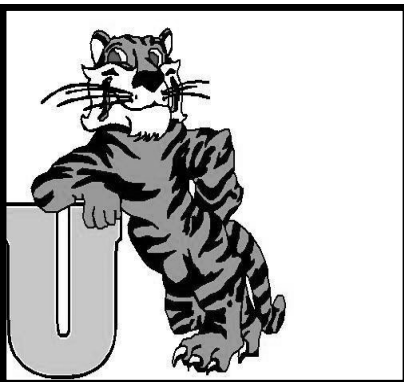
SADIES WORD SEARCH

-EMILY KILPATRICK

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- Hat
- Rhinestone
- Country
- Daisy Dukes
- Jeans
- Dance
- Plaid
- Cowboy
- Seniors



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