

# The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

April 2002

## Important Upcoming Dates

Last Day of Spring Semester Classes	Fri., 4/26
Final Exam Week	Mon., 4/29 - Fri., 5/3
Honors Activity Completion Forms Due	Fri., 5/3
Honors College Convocation	Fri., 5/3
University Commencement	Sun., 5/5

## It WAS a Wonderful Night!

by Kunjali Padhya

The ninth annual Honors College Ball "Wonderful Tonight" was a smashing success! Held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the gala was attended by a record number of over 260 guests. While the majority of attendees were students and their guests, the event also drew in alumni, faculty, and administrators.

The evening started with a cocktail reception with music provided by the Charles Ingrassia string quartet. Then guests were welcomed into the ballroom for an elegant dinner. At each table, golden rose candles floated in glass bowls filled with reflective glass marbles and red rose petals were strewn around the table. Charlene **Kiang**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Honors College student, commented, "The hotel was beautiful this year and the atmosphere was great."

Following dinner, welcoming comments were made by Dean Madia, HCAB president **Jeff Meier**, and HCAB Vice-President and Ball Chair **Jenna Kim**. Then the party got really swinging as the DJ provided dance music the rest of the night. **Nirav Shah**, 1<sup>st</sup> year Honors College student said, "The food was good, the music tasteful, and the dancing fun. All in all, it was a great night!"

A new event held during the ball this year was the silent auction. Donations from local businesses, museums, and companies were auctioned off at fabulous prices to the ball guests. Nearly \$2,000 was raised by the silent auction. The Honors College Advisory Board will use a large portion of the profits to support their spring philanthropic project, which is to hold a book drive and purchase new books for UIC's Reach Out and Read program.

Taking nearly a year of planning, the ball could not have been the great success that it was without the planning of the Honors College Advisory Board and the Honors College staff. Dr. Malchow, professor of Biology and Ophthalmology commended HCAB as he commented "My wife and I had so much fun at the ball. Thanks for organizing such a neat event." Also, the ball owed much of its great success to the support of all of the local businesses and of course, the guests. So mark March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 on your calendar and join us at next year's ball!



A group of Honors College students enjoying themselves at the Ball

## HCAB Election Results!

Congratulations to the following newly elected Honors College Advisory Board members:

President: Jenna Kim  
Vice-President: Kamala Saha  
Secretary: Kunjali Padhya  
Treasurer: Annie Hayat

### Members at Large:

Shifali Arora  
Jennifer Baek  
Neil Iyengar  
Cynthia Kay  
Sonia Krishnan  
Ada Moadsiri  
Joseph Morgan  
Aparna Vemuri  
Daniela Witkowski  
Marika Wrzosek  
Jeniann Yi  
Charles Yohannan

See more photos from the Ball  
on the Honors College web page:

<http://www.hc.uic.edu>

# Honors Day Recognizes Academic Excellence

On Wednesday, April 17th, Honors College students received the following awards, prizes, and scholarships:

## **Scholarship Association Endowed Awards**

### **Samyukt Bajaj**

Chicago Bar Association Entertainment Committee (Law School) Award

### **Natasha Bearss**

Jeri Parker Award

### **Victor Chen**

Leonard Kotin Memorial Award

### **Juliana Choi**

Peter & Elsie May Klassen Memorial Award

### **Charshae Davis**

Stanley O. Ikenberry Award

### **Melanie Davis**

Grace Holt Memorial Award

### **Anh Dinh**

President's Award

### **Elizabeth Edwards**

Herbert J. Stein Memorial Award

### **Dawn Fuller**

Norman Parker Award

### **Gaurav Gaiha**

Donald & Patricia Langenberg

Award

### **Michelle Gentile**

William Allen (Green Phoenix) Award

### **Kimberly Glemkowski**

Josephine Margraff Award

### **Jeffrey Hunter**

Richard H. Ward Award

### **Jane Jih**

Donald & Leah Riddle Prize

### **Pia Johnson**

Chicago Bar Association Entertainment Committee Theater Award

### **Eva N. Kapusi**

Sandra & Furio Alberti Memorial

Award

### **Jeslie Korah**

B.J. Merkle Memorial Award

### **Christopher Kowal**

Joel Rothschild Memorial Award

### **Debra Lang**

Thomas Beckham Memorial Award

### **Grace Jane No**

Hirsch Family Award

### **Rena Patel**

Mays/Dineen/Nelson Award

### **Valerie Cristin Prokop**

Fred Garcia Endowed Award

### **Monika Rut**

Kathy Hill Cawthon Memorial Award

### **Michelle Sharpe**

Stanley O. Ikenberry Award

### **Linda Wild**

Clarice J. Dorner Memorial Award

### **Tassany Zimmerman**

Robert & Corrinne Silver Award

## **Honors College Awards**

### **Honors Council Awards**

Neil Ahluwalia

Wen Chen

Gaurav Gaiha

Jane Golombisky

Laura Hertz

Grace Lee

Annmarie McDuffee

Jessica Moody

Anne Panek

Todd Schwier

Michael VanWinkle

### **John Curtis Award**

Nan Sethakorn

### **Sr. Dorothy Drobis Award**

Barbara Antunez

Maria E. Hernandez

### **Everett F. & Florence T. Drumright Scholarship**

Sharon Chou

James Huang

### **Office of Special Scholarship Programs**

UIC Candidates for:

### **Gates-Cambridge Scholarship**

Juliana Choi

Edina Kim

### **Marshall Scholarship**

Jeff Meier

### **Rhodes Scholarship**

Edina Kim

### **Fulbright Scholarship**

David Boren

Juliana Choi

Jane Jih

Jeff Meier\*

### **NSEP Scholarship**

Carshae Davis

Jane Jih

Cindy Tang

### **Truman Scholarship**

Jane Golombisky

Rena Patel\*

Louis Robles

### **Goldwater Scholarship**

Neil Ahluwalia\*

Rehan Ahmed\*

Michelle Gentile\*

Laura Porro

### **Udall Scholarship**

Joe Baker

Laura Porro

Tricia Stark\*

*\*denotes winners*

## **College Departmental Awards**

### **College of Business Administration**

#### **Allstate Scholarship**

Fariha Siddiqui

#### **Polk Brothers Scholarship**

Carshae Davis

### **Department of Economics**

#### **Winifred Geldard Award**

Krystin Rytko

### **College of Engineering**

#### **Olive Chacey & Alfred F. Kuehn Scholarship**

David Anaglate

#### **Hannes & Ann Nelson Scholarship**

Hinabindu Vidula

### **College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**

#### **Department of African-American Studies**

#### **Sterling Plumpp Award**

Terrion Williamson

#### **Department of Biological Sciences**

#### **Louis Pasteur Award**

Daniel Chang

#### **Elmer Hadley Award**

Parthiv Patel

#### **Mark A. Wyatt Memorial Award**

Michelle Sharpe

#### **Program in Biochemistry**

#### **Edward G. Rietz & Stanley K. Shapiro Award in Biochemistry**

Anchul Sud

Alexander Ho

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## Honors Day Awards *(cont'd.)*

### Department of Chemistry

**Benjamin B. Freud Award**  
Stephanie Kay

**Merck Award**  
Suresh Alla

### Department of Classics

**Tracy Prize in Latin**  
Jennifer Larson  
Peter Stefanski

### Department of Communication Distinction Award

Sarah Heidkamp  
Francesca Zepeda-Gutierrez

### Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

**Louise Hay Mathematics Prize**  
Akin Ojo-Carons

### Department of Physics

**Larry Abels Award**  
Shahab Khan

### Jane Adams College of Social Work Dean's Book Award

Mary DelSignore  
Eva Kapusi  
Brett Willey

*Congratulations to all!*

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## Psi Chi Inducts Honors College Students

The following Honors College students have been inducted into the UIC Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology:

**Neil Ahluwalia, Alisha Bhatia, Nicholas Bodmer, Danucha Brikshavana, Melanie Davis, Amol Desai, Ananda Fine, Meredith Franklin, Nahrain Israel, Amanda Kratovil, Stacy Lekkos, Anna Narejko, Christina Ploog, Suchitra Prasad, Malaina Smith, Laura Swanlund, Ana Turck, Gene Villagracia, Tracy Walsh, Marika Wrzosek**

For information about Psi Chi, visit their website: [http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/hon/psichi/](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/hon/psichi/)



## Freshmen Inducted into Phi Eta Sigma

On Tuesday, March 26th, the following Honors College freshmen were inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society:



Elaine Aguinaldo, Sana Ahmed, Fatima Ali, Brianna Arrington, Jennifer Baek, Jeffrey Barnett, Joshua Buss, Sae-Rom Chae, Wen Chen, William Connor, Sodabeh Etminan, Ramil Francisco, Nandita Gatla, Marian Gorgi, Ani Ivanova, Neil Iyengar, Pavan Jhaveri, Drashti Joshi, Shelley Juchcinski, Connie Jung, Linda Just, Cynthia Kay, Alice Kim, Josenia Kung, Yoomiee Lee, Leah Lewis, Mindy Li, Jennifer Liu, Ramona Lukauskaite, David Maduram, Kyla Marshall, Monica Mazda, Hemant Mehta, Kelly Meier, Puja Modi, Hilary Mottl, Therese Moussa, Duyen Nguyen, Josie Oliva, Ifemayowa Oyelami, Alisa Pierson, Aura Platakis, Anna Rog, Manisha Sahay, Jennifer Sentowski, Nan Sethakorn, Nirav Shah, Tristan Shankara, Catherine Shartzter, Pinak Shukla, Kuldeep Singh, Merin Stephen, Anne Styka, Phuong Ta, Mark Tulewicz, Aparna Vemuri, Charles Yohannan, Linda Yun, and Yanyan Zhang

Additionally, at the ceremony, two seniors were awarded \$1,000 scholarships: psychology major **Jeffrey Meglin**, and biological sciences major **Marika Wrzosek**.

Congratulations to all the new inductees.

*To see photos from the induction ceremony, visit the Honors College website (<http://www.hc.uic.edu>), and follow the honor societies link to Phi Eta Sigma.*

## Jane Jih Receives NSEP Fellowship

Psychology major **Jane Jih** has been awarded a National Security Education Program Fellowship for study in Taiwan. While in Taiwan, Jih will research the genotypes of the Hepatitis B virus to better understand the transmission and historical evolution of the virus. Her research will take place at the Hepatitis Research Center at National Taiwan University Hospital. She will also study Mandarin Chinese as a part of her program.

Congratulations, Jane!

## Phi Beta Kappa Inducts Honors College Students

The following Honors College students were recently inducted into The Phi Beta Kappa Society:

Neil Ahluwalia, Joseph Baker, David Boren, Carie Burkhart, Gina Caneva, Daniel Chang, Marisha Cook, Tara Davies, Meredith Franklin, Gaurva Gaiha, Ananya Gangopadhyaya, Michelle Gentile, Sharanya Gururajan, Sarah Heidkamp, Marliese Hines, Yu-Hsien Huang, Monika Iwanosek, Jane Jih, Stephanie Kay, Amina Khan, Edina Kim, Melissa Kramer, Saugar Maripuri, Annemarie McDuffee, Jeffrey Meglin, Akinwunmi Ojo-Carons, Amishi Patel, Nachiket Patel, Rena Patel, Selvi Pillai, Laura Porro, Nishath Quader, Kristin Rylko, Julie Sadhu, Michelle Sharpe, Divya Tiwari, Michael VanWinkle, Patrick VanHoebrouck, Matthew Wang, Catherine Wittrock, and Christine Zimmerman. Congratulations to everyone!

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the United States; membership is by invitation only. The Society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776.

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## Activities Honorary Society Recognizes Honors Students

The following Honors College students have been inducted into the Activities Honorary Society:

**Catherine Kuo, Michelle Sharpe, Anne Panek, Thao Vo, and Jessica Wilson.**

The AHS recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership qualities in students organizations, which, in turn have generated greater interest in diverse campus activities

Congratulations to you all.

## 2002 Student Leadership Recognition Awardees

Several Honors College students were recently honored for their leadership qualities by being named as 2002 Student Leadership Recognition Awardees.

The recipients are: Sarah Heidkamp, Jane Jih, Natalija Jovanovic, Jeffrey Meier, Cherie Siu, Thor Solverson, and Derrick Tung.

Congratulations!

## SSP Office Open All Summer

The Office of Special Scholarship Programs will remain open throughout the summer! Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss scholarship opportunities or drop by to peruse our library of scholarship books. Remember, it's never too early to start the scholarship search process.

Graduating next year? Plan now to study abroad during 2003-2004! Fulbright Fellowship applications will be available online starting May 1, 2002 at [www.iie.org/fulbright](http://www.iie.org/fulbright).

Contact the Office of Special Scholarship Programs for more information: Office of Special Scholarship Programs MC 115, 851 South Morgan St., 120A SEO Chicago, IL 60607-7043 Phone:(312) 355-2477

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/ssp>

### Shin Selected as Coro Fellow

Biological Sciences major **Joseph Shin** has been selected to participate in the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs. Shin was selected to serve at the Coro Center in Pittsburgh, PA beginning this fall. He will take part in a variety of field assignments, group projects, and weekly seminars.

Congratulations, Joe!

## Phi Kappa Phi Inducts Students, Awards Grants



On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the following Honors College students were inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi:

Jill Aguado, Neil Ahluwalia, Young Ahn, Demetra Alexopoulos, Suresh Alla, Shifali Arora, Naing-Htun Aung, Wilson Barajas, Alisha Bhatia, Mary Brickey, Sabina Brkic, Elizabeth Cambray, Joyce Chen, Allison Cirone, Carianne Coad, Jennifer Cohen, Grant Davis, Melanie Davis, Caroline Delia, Amol Desai, Laura Dombrowski, Danny Dursun, Stephanie Eckhardt, Shamecka Edwards, Roxanna Elden, Feras El-Ramahi, Rebecca Engelmann, Ananda-Kriya Fine, Matthew Frazier, Erica Gaddy, Perla Gamez, Peggy Gatsinos, Ragini Gorantla, Rannu Grewal, Jay Hoyer, Uzma Hussain, Patricia Ilia, Monika Iwanosek, Jessica Jankowski, Ashwin Jayachandran, Susan Jo, Ravi Kasi, Stephanie Kay, James Knight, Melissa Kohnke, Amanda Kratovil, Lisa Kunitzer, Anna Kurtz, Jennifer Larson, Lance Luka, Tran Ly, Meghan Michals, Sabina Modelska, Dimple Modi, Matthew Moe, Jessica Moody, Melissa Munoz, Anna Narejko, Caroline Nguyen, Grace No, Rajiv Patel, Nafisa Patel, Rena Patel, Kellie Payne, David Peters, Constandina Politis, Terrance Pugh, Linh Quach, Kamran Riaz, Paul Salamondra, Alain Salvacion, Robert Sedlacek, Nishant Shah, Sapna Shah, Michelle Sharpe, Maya Sidhu, Erika Simpkins, Natasha Singh, Cherie Siu, Ryan Smith, Vasisht Srinivasan, Pavan Srivastava, Phillip Stevens, Laura Swanlund, Karen Trebels, Ana Turck, Himabindu Vidula, Gene Villagrancia, Linda Wild, Jessica Wilson, Amy Wong, Marika Wrzosek, Darrell Wu, Jeffrey Yeh, Duri Yun, Annette Zelnick, and Ying (Julie) Zhu.

Additionally, Phi Kappa Phi awarded the following Honors College students grants for their selected research projects:

**Elizabeth Edwards**

*"Emission from Nanocrystalline Graphite"*

**Jane Jih**

*"Genotypes of the Hepatitis B Virus in Taiwan"*

**Catherine Kuo**

*"Natural Forces in Facial Sutures & their Role in Osteogenic Growth"*

**Anna Kurtz**

*"Influence of Gender & Personal Experience on Young Adults' Evaluations"*

**Erika Simpkins**

*"Field Research in Chiapas, Mexico"*

To see photos from this year's induction ceremony, visit the Phi Kappa Phi link on the Honors College web page.

### Rena Patel Wins Truman Scholarship; Displays Photo Exhibit in the Honors College

by Nafisa Patel

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Junior History major **Rena Patel** strives to parallel her daily routine with this quote from Albert Einstein. Patel recently received the coveted Truman Scholarship. This prestigious nationally competitive scholarship, founded in memory of former president Harry S. Truman, is awarded annually to students based on academic excellence, leadership potential, and a strong commitment to public service.

It is obvious from Patel's leadership in campus activities that her award was well deserved. Patel is currently the chair of Asian American Coalition Committee, which works to address issues concerning Asian-American students. Patel has also been active in Alternative Spring Break, and has volunteered her time at the Gads Hill Community Center, tutoring math to grade school children.

Beyond her work at UIC, Patel's commitment to public service also spans a global level. Last summer, Patel spent her time researching the role of non-governmental organizations (NOG's) in rural areas of Gujarat, India. While there, she studied and conducted research with three different NGO's. Along with her research, Patel photographed the area extensively. Her impressive black and white photos are currently on display in the Honors College, and she was recently honored at a reception where she presented a detailed overview of her work in India and the people she encountered in her research.

Patel has obviously contributed much to public service, and is committed to maintain this level of dedication. Her future plans after graduation include taking a year off before starting medical school to study abroad, in addition to pursuing a joint MD/MPH degree focusing on International Health Policy. Patel eventually wants to work for an international concern such as the World Health Organization and concentrate on infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS.



Rena gives onlookers details about her photo exhibit on display in the Honors College

# Sikh Awareness Day

by Natasha Singh

Wednesday, April 10th, 2002 marked the first ever Sikh Awareness Day at UIC, sponsored by the Sikh Students Association. The SSA is an organization that was started this past fall for Sikh and non-Sikh students to learn more about and appreciate the teaching of the Sikh faith and way of life. From day one, the SSA was warmly received by UIC students and it seemed that a void had been filled, particularly for Sikh students.

Sikhism is a progressive religion that was founded 500 years ago. Today, the Sikh religion today has a following of over 20 million people worldwide and is ranked as the world's 5th largest religion. Sikhism preaches a message of devotion and remembrance of God at all times, truthful living, equality of mankind, and denounces superstitions and blind rituals. Sikhism is open to all through the teachings of its ten gurus enshrined in the Sikh Holy Book and its living guru, Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

There are a significant number of Sikh students at UIC. However, the majority of the UIC community does not recognize the word 'Sikh' or have any idea of Sikh values and practices. The purpose of Sikh Awareness Day was to cultivate a spirit of appreciation, understanding, and tolerance, as well as enrich religious and cultural education at UIC.

Throughout the day, information was widely distributed within the CCC, and a booth was set up with informative flyers and books. A 30-minute documentary, which highlighted basic Sikh beliefs, entitled "Guru Granth Sahib," was played repeatedly in the Montgomery Ward Lounge between 12 and 2 pm.

The main event of the day was the introductory level presentation of the Sikh faith by Kulmeet Singh, a representative from the Sikh Coalition and good friend of the SSA. Speaking from a historical perspective, Kulmeet Singh described the development of the Sikh faith from its inception 500 years ago to the nation that it has become today. There were over 60 people present for the lecture, including support from Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Jewish students. To see so many students of different faiths come together was a powerful indication of the desire to peace and understanding in society, which stems from the diversity and open-mindedness of UIC students, which is not only refreshing but truly inspiring.

Following Kulmeet Singh, SSA member Parminder Singh spoke about the current situation facing Sikhs in their homeland of Punjab as well as the status of minorities in the Indian State. He addressed the significant number of government sponsored human rights abuses that have destroyed not only the Sikh community but many other minorities in India. By revealing the scary situation presently affecting minorities in India, Parminder incited a spirit of collaboration among all the students present to stand together against these and other human rights violations that are killing societies.

Throughout the room, there was a strong sense of unity among students of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds to bring some change for the good. As a member of the SSA, I feel a deep sense of pride for the effort that our small but committed group was able to carry out on Sikh Awareness Day. It was our first attempt to reach out to the entire UIC community, and in turn, it brought the group closer together and more determined to take active roles in the community. On behalf of the SSA, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in learning about the Sikh faith throughout the day and allowing us to share our faith and culture with UIC. The SSA is blossoming in Chicago and is sure to bring more good things to this campus in the years to come!

On a personal note to all Honors College students, I want to wish everyone lots of luck for final exams and a great summer!

To learn more about the Sikh faith, feel free to visit:  
[www.sikhs.org](http://www.sikhs.org) or [www.sikhcoalition.com](http://www.sikhcoalition.com)

# Spring Cleaning: Lake Michigan

(and you thought your room was messy!)

by Joseph Shin

Every spring when the weather gets warmer and the sun begins to shine, Chicagoans are drawn by some invisible force to the lake. As if it were an instinct hard-wired into our brains, Lake Michigan becomes a hotspot for spring and summer recreation, and whether you're relaxing on the beach, playing and picnicking in the parks or taking a dip into the lake, there's something for everyone to do and enjoy during these warmer months. But, just like your room or your home could use a round of Spring Cleaning every year, our beautiful lake needs to be maintained and cleaned up everyone once in a while as well.

On Saturday, April 13, Alternative Spring Break and The Lake Michigan Federation (LMF) sponsored a Beach-Clean Up at Foster Avenue Beach on the north side of Chicago. A group of eight UIC students and recent graduates participated in the clean-up. Just as it's an annual ritual to flock to the lake when the weather gets warmer, there's a constant need to keep those precious natural resources that everyone enjoys clean and safe. What made this particular project different from the normal clean-up where volunteers pick up trash and litter on the beach and in the parks was that this time, we were actually counting and tallying all the different types of litter as we collected it.

This unique clean-up project attempts to gather statistically significant data about the types of litter that pollute our lake and the lakefront. With this data, the Lake Michigan Federation looks for trends in littering and from these patterns, tries to work with companies and businesses to try and minimize the impact of these discarded objects. One example of a way in which this system works has to do with those plastic six-pack rings. A few years ago, LMF noticed large numbers of these six-pack rings polluting the lakefront area, both adding to the amount of litter around the lake and presenting a serious risk to the local wildlife. After they gathered enough data, they shared their findings with companies responsible for the manufacturing of this product. Within a few months, new plastic six-pack rings that break down after a few weeks in the sunlight were developed and introduced into the market. (cont'd. on page 6)

# Undergraduate Research Symposium Showcases Student Work

On Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Honors College co-sponsored the third annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS). Following is a listing of the students who were awarded cash prizes for their work. For information on the Research Symposium, and to see URS photos, visit the link on the Honors College web page, in the "What's New" section.

## Life Sciences

1. **Juliana Choi\*** and **Olivia Pan\***, Effects of 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxyvitamin D5 on Azoxymethane-induced Aberrant Crypt Formation in CF-1 Mice
2. **Jane Jih\*** and **Michael E. Ragozzino**, The Contribution of Muscarinic and Nicotinic Cholin-ergic Receptors in the Dorsomedial Striatum to Strategy Switching
3. **Ray J. Dybzinski**, **Harbans L. Sehtiya**, and **Hormoz BassiriRad**, Negative effects of nitrate loading on the physiological responses of a nitrogen-fixing tree Robinia pseudoacacia

## Physical Sciences

1. **Todd Schwier\***, **Michael Rubin** and **Vladimir Gevorgyan**, Highly Efficient B (C6F5)<sub>3</sub> -Catalyzed Hydrosilylation in Olefins
2. **Vishal P. Patel\***, **Kathy Z. Chang\***, and **Constance J. Jeffery**, Structural analysis of rabbit phosphoglucose isomerase complexed D-arabinose 5-phosphate
3. **Jose Ortiz\*** and **Dr. Duncan J. Wardrop**, Diastereoselective Dearomatization of N-Methoxy-N-Acylnitrenium Ions: Application Towards the Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (+)  $\beta$ -Dysibetaine

## Humanities and Social Sciences

1. **Lashunda Gonzalez**, A Gateway of Opportunity: The Razing of the Robert Taylor Homes Community
2. **Christopher Fletcher**, Using Cluster Criticism in the Analysis of a Great Legal Mind
3. **Jason Berry** and **Hannah Higgins**, L'Atelier Populaire and May '68: A Revolution of Meaning

\*Denotes Honors College student

# Finals Survival 101

by Shifali Arora

Final exam season is right around the corner and you know what that means...you have to take finals soon! I thought I would provide some guidelines that have helped me through three semesters of finals.

- 1) Find out when AND WHERE your finals actually are. It seems like a common sense rule, but speaking from experience, it is possible to get the wrong date, especially if you are in a foreign language class. I recommend that you ask the teacher to write the date and time of the final in English. I was not so lucky and ended up going to a math final by accident and I am not even in calculus!
  - 2) Write down your finals schedule. Once you know when AND WHERE they are, write it down. Don't leave it to your brain to remember them because you will forget; trust me. Write it down on a piece of paper that is attached to something!
  - 3) Start studying early. By early, I don't mean the early morning of the day of the final. Starting then is bad...once again, trust me on this one. The idea of procrastination seemed cool in high school, but as you should know by now, college is different. The majority of the time, you no longer have that lovely item I like to call a study guide. Now all you have is a book and the notes you didn't take in class. (All of sudden those great naps you took in Orgo are coming back to haunt you....not that I am speaking from experience or anything).
  - 4) Try to sleep before the final. I say this so that you don't fall asleep during the exam. That would definitely not help with the whole 'trying to get a good grade' thing. Sleep the night before!
  - 5) Don't stress! Enough said.
- Good luck!

# Beach Clean Up

(cont'd. from previous page)

The Beach Clean-Up lasted for about an hour and half, and based on estimates, our group picked up over sixty pounds of garbage! In fact, we had to stop working, because we started to run out of trash and recycling bags. Before we turned in our tally cards to LMF, we decided to run our own analysis on the data we collected. Though we picked up many different kinds of trash, the trends we noticed were large numbers of cigarette butts, well into the hundreds, as well as large amounts of Starbuck's, McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts related litter. Our group concluded that our data reflected not only littering habits, but specific activities that we Chicagoans enjoy: eating, drinking coffee, and smoking, and of course, we love to do it all at the beach!

As spring arrives in full swing and we prepare for the coming summer, I hope everyone enjoys Chicago's greatest treasure. And while we're all at the lake with friends and family this summer, eating our ice-cream and our Extra-Value Meals, playing baseball and soccer and enjoying a nice cold iced-latte, let's not leave reminders of our summer activities at the beach and put litter in its place.

*If you're interested in getting involved in Alternative Spring Break or the Lake Michigan Federation see their websites:*

*www.asb.uiconline.com - and -  
www.lakemichigan.org*

## Honors College Students Help Math Team Bring Home First!

UIC's Math department entered two teams in the annual ISMAA (Illinois Section, Mathematical Association of America) problem-solving competition, held this year on April 5 at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

Out of eight teams competing, UIC came in first and second place. In the four years that UIC has been in the contest, they have come in second and third place, but this is the first year they brought home a "first."

The first-place team consists of: Chris Atkinson, Dave Sahota, and **Parthiv Shah\***, who scored 13 points out of a possible 20. The second-place team is **He "Connie" Ping\*** and **Jessica Willes\***, who scored 12 out of 20.

Congratulations to all!

*\*denotes Honors College students*

# Adieu!

by Anne Sromek

As my four years at UIC come to a close, I think back upon what made my trip a little easier. Of course, those of you who still have a few years left at UIC have a lot going for you... the new buildings that are to be built (including the fitness center!), the new dorms you can take advantage of, AND the helpful tips that I want to pass along to you, since they are no longer relevant to me.

Some of these tips I have kept to myself, and I know it's purely selfish. Others are things that you can share with friends and that I have shared with friends. And so I begin:

\*The best way to cut your book costs in half every semester is to USE THE UIC LIBRARY. Can you imagine saving hundreds of dollars each semester on books? It's a time-consuming process (it takes about two weeks total) but in addition to being able to get the books at no cost, you can also keep them for three months (thanks to the generous Honors College policy!) without renewing them. You don't have to worry about selling them back at the end of the semester either; you just drop them in the book return. The best way to find your books is to visit the bookstore before the semester begins and make a list of which books you need (including authors, edition, etc) and then take it straight across the quad to the library, and do a search on Illinet Online. If you find your book, you simply take down the information and bring it to the checkout desk. They'll order it for you and within two weeks you'll have your textbook. This works about 50% of the time. This works out if you don't intend on keeping the books you purchase throughout college, and also if you can get by without marking up your textbooks. On the average, I could find about three books per semester.

\*JOIN ORGANIZATIONS on campus. It's the best way to meet people, especially if you're a commuter. I was unhappy being a commuter my first year at UIC, since classes were so huge and seemed unwelcoming and no one seemed to have any desire to converse with anyone they didn't know. I soon realized that in fact, everyone was in the same boat, and the only way to feel comfortable in a class is to get to know people around you. This is also super-helpful when test time comes around. Also, be warned: a resume without extracurricular listings is dangerous to your future career.

\*Did you know CCC has a swimming pool? I'm amazed at how many people are completely unaware of that fact. There's more than one pool on campus; you can also swim in PEB and in CIU. This is an awesome way to relax. I don't know how else my blood would still be flowing after sitting in classes this semester to complete my last 22 hours). Oh yeah, and it's free with your I-card. And they provide lockers.

\*Get to know the Honors College staff. It's incredible that people don't take advantage of the small size of the Honors College to make strong bonds with the staff. It'll help you in more ways than one.

\*STUDY ABROAD. It was the single most enriching experience I have ever had. It can really open your eyes to the world. It's rather humbling as well, especially if you go to learn a foreign language.

\*Visit the UIC Gallery for the student art shows. It's incredible to see the work of talented artists at UIC. I make it a point to go to every new Gallery showing. It's so close, too, just right behind the blue line EL stop. It's also free.

\*You know all those emails you get about visiting lecturers? GO TO THEM if your schedule permits. Even if it's a topic outside of your major, the subject is almost guaranteed to be engaging. I have learned more from these lectures than I have in some of my lectures

\*Support the Flames! Yeah, we're a commuter school, but we have awesome sports teams: gymnastics, rugby, soccer, basketball, etc. Motivation is a big key to success, and we can go far, as we saw this year with the men's basketball team's participation in the NCAA tournament.

\*Always remember UIC when you become successful, because you WILL be successful! The more success stories UIC has under its belt, the more your UIC education will be worth in the future. Be proud of your education, and never make excuses for "having no choice but to go to UIC." We're no one's "leftovers." Far too often, I hear people say "well, I got into Northwestern and U of C but I couldn't go there because of the money thing." It's true, UIC is a better deal, but no one said that we're not as intelligent as those at Northwestern or U of C.

It's late. I have a bunch of final projects to tend to. I hope that some of the above helps you and encourages you to make the most of your experience at UIC. Thank you to everyone for making my experience a rich and wonderful one, especially all my friends (those who are in HCAB and those who are not), and the Honors College staff and faculty. Best of luck with everything, and I'll be seeing ya!

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## The Urban Legend of Glass

by Melissa Kramer

This is not a horror story about glass; instead it is a short piece to help break the urban legend of glass. Glass evolved over 6000 years ago and is one of the most utilized inorganic compounds. The uses of glass range from transportation of food and other substances to windowpanes to protect and insulate. Man's early fascination with glass is revealed in Chloe Zerwick's [A Short History of Glass](#). This book mentions Antonio Neri's observations in 1612 as he describes this unique substance of glass as "more gentle, graceful, and noble than any metal and its use is more delightful, polite, and slightly than any other material at this day know to the world." After taking both an inorganic chemistry class and a glass blowing class, I have become very interested in glass. Learning about this substance, I have broken many of preconceived ideas that I held about glass. I wanted to write this piece to help correct the urban legend and crack the mystery of glass.

The urban legend of glass began with the story that old glass windows in churches and buildings were thicker at the bottom because over a long period of time the glass had flowed down. This story supposedly was the proof that glass was a liquid, but this reasoning has been proven wrong. The reason for the difference in thickness is simply due to the old process of creating glass. The manufactures of glass did not initially have an accurate procedure to produce glass causing an uneven thickness.

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# Nostalgia

by Justin Sadhu

Hand on the doorknob,  
I pause, then let my fingers fall gently to my side  
A tinge of sadness I cannot quite identify gently comes over me  
I stand as in a trance  
as memories flood my mind

The years have come and gone while no one watched  
Can they have gone by so quickly?  
For once I would like to hold on  
to slow time down sufficiently  
to catch a breath,  
to look around,  
to contemplate  
and comprehend.

I know I am not left the same  
as when I first came to this place.  
I have been molded by many  
and hope I too have left an imprint.  
Has someone's life been changed because our paths inter-  
sected?

The long journey winds down  
as day breaks and I stretch my limbs.  
A wave of wistfulness washes over me as I stand there  
remembering all the good times we shared  
Will it ever be the same between us?

Standing in the doorway,  
I take one last look over my shoulder  
then turn and walk slowly through the door.

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## Maduram Selected for Cyprus Summer Program

Sophomore Mathematics major **David Maduram** has been selected to participate in Davidson College's Archaeology Field School on Cyprus for the summer of 2002. Additionally, he has been awarded a NSF-REU scholarship. The award covers the costs of the program and round trip airfare. Maduram will be in Cyprus from June 1 until July 15, and will be exploring the archaeologically rich area of south central Cyprus.

Congratulations and good luck!

### Glass *(cont'd. from page 7)*

While I have corrected my position on the urban legend associated with old glass panes, many scientists are still debating the classification of glass. A 2000 article, "Glass Doesn't Flow and Doesn't Crystallize and it isn't A Liquid," in the Journal of Chemical Education (Vol. 77 No.7), argues that glass should not be classified as a liquid due to the structural conformation. On the other hand, other scientific glass blowing books claim that glass is a super-cooled liquid. Although the mystery of classification has not been solved, I hope that this article has been informative on the importance of glass and has corrected some preconceived ideas.



# The Ampersand asks, "What are YOU doing after graduation?"

I'm going to medical school next year, but I don't know where yet. I'm also going backpacking in Europe this summer.

**Shailen Bhatia**

Continued employment at St. Mary of Providence\*Attending Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at the Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School to work on a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine.

**Beata Biolon**

My immediate plan for the future is to obtain my master's degree and furthermore a PhD as a psychiatrist.

**Theofanis Bisbikos**

I will attend graduate school here at UIC. I will attain a PhD in special education; then, I plan to work for a research institution.

**Elizabeth Cambray**

I am planning to go to pharmacy school in 2003.

**Suk Chang**

Employment at a hospital as a registered nurse, post state board certification. Long range plans include attending graduate school and enrolling in an ACNP program.

**Carline Christie**

I will be attending dental school starting in the fall of 2002.

**Amul Gandhi**

As for now, I plan to take some time off to spend with my family. My plans after that are still uncertain (grad. school vs. career?)

**Carrie Hahn**

I will teach history/social studies to high school students using my Illinois State Teaching Certificate and my degree in teaching of history.

**Amber Hashim**

Pediatric nurse practitioner; Master's in Public Health (within 1-2 years from 01/02)Employment at UIC Medical Center – Neonatal Intensive Care unit or Children's Memorial Hospital – Pediatric Intensive Care unit (PICU)

**Suzanne Herrera**

I will be attending UIC's Pharmacy school.

**Aisha Hussain**

I will be attending medical school at UIC.

**Sachin Jain**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Master's Program in Electrical Engineering, then PhD., then becoming a university professor of electrical engineering.

**Nataliya Jovanovic**



# Honors College Students' Post Graduation Plans



Right after graduation I will be studying abroad in London with the Great Cities Program, then traveling Europe, and starting medical school at UIC in the fall.

**Natasha Kasbekar**

I will be attending Rush Medical School this fall, and plan to become a radiology resident. During May & June, I will be traveling to Europe, then to Cancun, then to the southern Caribbean (on a cruise). I plan to continue working at North-western throughout the summer, as well as to teach for Kaplan test-prep. I also plan to marry my high school sweetheart in June of 2004, and move into our new loft in the spring of 2003.

**Melissa Kohnke**

I am going to take a semester off; I will probably substitute teach in CPS in the meantime. In fall, I will possibly return to UIC for a master's in applied linguistics. The best program I have found so far is at Berkeley, but I'm not ready to move to California just yet!

**Tiffany Kowalski**

I will be attending medical school at Ross University this fall.

**Karen Lee**

Greetings from Beijing! Once I finish my spring semester in China, I'll relax in the good ol' US of A for a week, fly off to Taiwan for 2 weeks, and return to the U.S. again to rest for another week or so before starting the summer prematriculation medicine program in Urbana. Then med school!

**Andrew Liaw**

I intend to study comparative literature in grad school.

**Staci Liker**

I got accepted to the Industrial/Organizational Psychology Master's Program at Roosevelt University and I plan to work full time and go to school full time. I plan to definitely enjoy summer with friends I've made during my four years at UIC... four of the best, fun-filled, memorable years of my life! I'll surely miss my alma mater!

**Hazel Natividad**

I will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences. I will be working full time in the Blood Bank at UICMC. I plan to travel for awhile and then I would like to go back to school for either my master's degree or to attend Medical School.

**Maria Padron**

I will be attending medical school at UIC.

**Somchin Puangsuvan**

I will be attending law school in the Chicago area. I will continue working for Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney, and Priess.

**Stephanie Rifkind**

I will be attending law school at the University of Wisconsin.

**Louis Robles**

*The Ampersand*

I plan to work for 1-2 years in order to gain practical experience in the field of psychology. After working, I will apply to graduate school for a master's in social work with a focus on children and families.

**Chiara Rosasco**

I will attend Chicago-Kent College of law on a partial scholarship where I plan on focusing on corporate transactional law, either in securities or real estate. This summer I hope to find a position in the securities sector or continue the internship I held last summer in the validations department of a pharmaceutical firm.

**Kristin Rylko**

I plan to earn a PhD at Northwestern in bioengineering, with my research being done at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in prosthetics. My long range plans include the research and design of upper limb prosthetics, being in the prosthetics community in a third world country, and serving my God.

**Jonathon Sensinger**

I'm planning on traveling through Europe for three months this summer. I'll fly into Rome and travel through Italy, Austria, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary. For the last month and a half of my stay, I hope to be in an intensive Polish language study program in Krakow, Poland. I haven't heard back on the status of my application yet, but if for any reason I don't get accepted into that program, I'll spend the time traveling some more (maybe Spain, or France, or Ireland/England/Scotland). When I come back home to Chicago, I'll visit New York City and try to do some job searching in the finance world. I'll remain a nanny in Lincoln Park until I find a full-time job.

**Anne Sromek**

I will be attending Rush Medical School in the fall of 2002.

**Benjamin Stull**

Attend UIC Medical School

**Matthew Wang**

I plan on attending medical school in 2003 where I plan to pursue my M.D. degree. I desire to become a doctor in the field of cardiology.

**Michael Windham**

This fall, I will be attending Rush Medical School and will live on campus. My aspiration is to become a pediatrician, and I look forward to immersing myself in the study and appreciation of the human body, its ailments, and their cures.

**Christine Zimmerman**

*The Honors College would like to wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors!*