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UIC Honors College

February 2003

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 5	Dublin Study Abroad Session
Feb. 10	HCAB General Body Meeting 8 a.m. Honors College Conf. Room
Feb. 13	Valentine's Day Bake Sale (9-3) and HCAB Social (3:30-5:00)
Feb. 14th	Scholarship Assn. Award Applications Due
Feb. 17	HCAB General Body Meeting
Feb. 19	Fundraising Dinner at Quizno's
Feb. 21	Homecoming Dinner and Dance
Feb. 22	Homecoming game vs. Northwestern
Feb. 24	HCAB General Body Meeting
Mar. 1	Honors College Ball

"An Evening In the Gardens"

The 2003 Honors College Ball

by Kamala Saha

On behalf of the Honors College Advisory Board, I invite you to share the evening of Saturday, March 1st with us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the UIC Honors College at the 10th Annual Honors College Ball. This year's event is being held at the Crystal Gardens of Navy Pier, an indoor six-story glass atrium which houses over 70 full-size palm trees and numerous seasonal flowers and plants. We'll be celebrating in style among dancing 'leap-frog' fountains while enjoying the gorgeous views of the Navy Pier ferris wheel as well as Chicago's magnificent skyline.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour and is followed by a night of dinner and dancing. Other events include a superb silent auction and an awards ceremony to honor outstanding Honors College Alumni and Fellows. This year, HCAB will be donating proceeds from the silent auction to the Chicago-based charity Dreams for Kids. The non-profit organization provides assistance to improve the lives of children who have disabilities or have suffered extreme hardships. After the conclusion of the Honors College Ball, HCAB will be volunteering with Dreams for Kids at a special program designed to offer children educational and recreational assistance; members of the Honors College are encouraged to participate in this charity event.

The planning to make this event possible has been a collaborative effort made by the entire Honors College staff as well as the Honors College Advisory Board, who

have been preparing even prior to the start of the 2002-2003 academic year. Many different locations were considered for the ball until we visited the Crystal Gardens and immediately fell in love with the setting, which cannot be beat! The fact that Navy Pier was the original home of the University of Illinois at Chicago helped to confirm the significance of hosting the Anniversary Ball at Crystal Gardens.

Ticket sales will be held throughout February. For UIC students and U of I Alumni Association members, tickets will be sold for \$30 if bought prior to February 15th. After this date, tickets can be purchased for the price of \$40. For UIC faculty, staff and other alumni, tickets are \$35 prior to February 15th and \$45 after this date. Please buy your tickets as early as possible by visiting our daily ticket booth either in Burnham Hall or CCC, or by contacting Kamala Saha at ksaha1@uic.edu or Josephine Volpe at jvolpe@uic.edu. You may also contact the Honors College at (312) 413-2260 for information on ticket sales or visit us at www.hc.uic.edu/2003ball.htm. Once you have purchased your tickets, you will be able to fill out table seating forms online at this website.

Once again, I would like to extend an invitation to all students, faculty and staff of the university to share this special evening with us at Navy Pier. I look forward to the success of the event and appreciate the support of all who are helping to make the event truly memorable. I hope to see you on March 1st!

Sincerely,
Kamala Saha
Honors College Advisory Board
Vice-President and Ball Chairperson

Focus on a Fellow: Augustine J. Sohn, MD

by Jenniann Yi



After receiving his MD at Seoul National University in Korea, Dr. Augustine Sohn completed his residency training in the northside of Chicago. Currently Dr. Sohn practices at UIC Hospital and teaches at the College of Medicine in addition to continuing his research and advising undergraduate students through the Honors College.

Although originally interested in surgery, Dr. Sohn chose to specialize in family medicine for its diversity, continual adaptation, and growth for both the physician and the patient. As a family medicine doctor, Dr. Sohn emphasizes continuity of care and enjoys getting to know each of his patients on an individual basis during the long periods of care. Stemming from this interest, Dr. Sohn teaches classes on patient encounters at the College of Medicine. His teachings stress the importance of the art of medicine, urging students to look beyond the medical problems of the patient to seek the personality of each individual.

Dr. Sohn has also conducted continuing research in medicine. Due to the variety of cases encountered in family medicine, his research interests have been quite diverse throughout his career, including topics from pregnancy to nutrition. His current focus is the efficacy of exercise as a preventive measure for chronic diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes, in adult populations. In addition to this, he is researching a growing perspective of health care, the idea of "patient-centered medicine."

On top of all this, Dr. Sohn still finds time to serve as an Honors College fellow for lucky students like me. His advice for students, in any field, is to find a profession that will remain interesting and enjoyable throughout one's career.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines!

Scholarship Association Awards and the Madison Fellowship

Scholarship Association Awards

The Association is a charitable, educational, and public service organization, begun in 1963, whose purpose is:

- to recognize and support scholastic achievement
- to raise money for scholarships
- to promote a sense of community at UIC

All work for the Scholarship Association is performed by volunteers - faculty, staff, retirees, and friends of the university. The Association is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization and will offer over \$65,000 in awards this year.

All of the Association's awards are available to UIC students ONLY. The association considers the whole person in determining recipients of awards, which means that civic, community, and campus involvement should blend with scholastic achievements.

UIC students may request an application form from the contact person listed following each award or Kate Knicker [Office of Special Scholarships Programs (MC 115), 120A Science and Engineering Offices, 851 South Morgan Street, (312) 355-2477, E-mail: gorczyca@uic.edu]. In addition, faculty, staff, and alumni may nominate students for these awards. All of the Endowed Awards will be presented at the University Honors Convocation in April 2003, unless otherwise noted.

Go to <http://www.hc.uic.edu/> and click on the [Scholarship Assn. Spring Scholarship Information](#) link for more information on the awards.

Madison Fellowship

The James Madison Fellowship is for graduating seniors planning to pursue a career in secondary education. Fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a Master's degree. Fellowship winners are expected to pursue one of the following degrees: Master of Arts in American History or Political Science, Master of Arts in Teaching concentrating in American Constitutional History or American Government, or a Master of Education degree or the Master of Arts or Science in Education with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory.

Eligibility: All applicants must be US citizens or US nationals, be a teacher or be planning to become a teacher of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level. Applicants must either currently possess a bachelor's degree, or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which they are applying.

Applications are due on March 1, 2003. Students may visit the James Madison Foundation website at www.jamesmadison.com or the Office of Special Scholarship Programs for more information or for an application

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Fundraising Efforts for the Honors College Ball

by Neil Iyengar

With this year's annual Honors College Ball quickly approaching, many different efforts are being put forth to make this year's ball a success. The fundraising drive this year has been, and continues to be, an intense push. Because the price of the ball ticket barely covers the cost of dinner at the ball, these accumulated funds must pay for other costs such as decorations, the DJ, the string quartet, etc. With these expenses, fundraising plays a large role in being able to put the ball together financially while keeping the price of tickets reasonable. Also, a large portion of the proceeds from the Silent Action held during the ball will be used to donate to Dreams for Kids, HCAB's philanthropic charity for this semester.

The first phase of fundraising for the event has been underway since the beginning of the fall semester. HCAB has held a number of bake sales at Burnham Hall. In addition, several local businesses are also offering sponsorship. Stores and restaurants in Greektown and on Taylor Street are just a few of these supporting businesses that contribute by either purchasing advertising space in the ball program book or by donating items and services for the Silent Auction. The UIC Alumni Association is also making a considerable contribution by printing invitations and ads for the ball to commemorate not only the 10th anniversary of the Honors College Ball, but also the 20th anniversary of the UIC Honors College.

Keep your eye open for upcoming fundraising events by HCAB and help support the ball. There will be some great items available for you to bid on during the Silent Auction at the ball. Additionally, HCAB will be selling space in the ball program book for personal messages and advertisements. In the next few weeks, HCAB will be holding a Valentine's Bake Sale on February 13th in Burnham Hall, a fundraising dinner at Quizno's on Halsted St. (first floor of Marie Robinson Hall) on February 19th from 1-4 p.m., and selling tickets for an upcoming comedy show. Take advantage of these great opportunities and services while helping to make this year's ball a success!

Have a Ball

by Aparna Vemuri

Well folks, our nice, month-long winter vacation is over and it's back to the grind. The new semester is under way, and from here on out it's all about reading, quizzes and exams! How sad! Do not fear, you DO have something to look forward to! In fact, you have something *really exciting* to look forward to. In less than a month, you are going to put on your best evening wear and head out to the gorgeous Crystal Garden at Navy Pier for the 10TH ANNUAL HONORS COLLEGE BALL!!!

Hands down, the annual Honors College Ball is the biggest event hosted by the Honors College. This year's event will take place on March 1st, 2003 at one of the nicest venues yet: the beautiful Crystal Garden at Navy Pier. The members of the ball committee, headed by vice president of HCAB Kamala Saha, have worked diligently all year long to prepare for this big event. They've looked at all the important details – the location, the catering, the DJ...and most importantly, the charity to which a significant portion of the ball's proceeds will be donated. That's right, not only will the ball be one of the most fun and exciting evenings of this year, but your heart can be peaceful and content knowing that just by attending (and getting all your friends to attend), you are making a difference in the life of a child. (See the article on the first page).

If you weren't able to go to last year's ball, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 9, 2002, this is your chance to experience the joys and opportunities that the Honors College has to offer for UIC students. Last year's ball was a major success. About 250 people attended, and the dance floor was packed all night with happy people. Last year, the Honors College donated approximately \$500 to Reach Out and Read, an organization that promotes reading to children. Many Honors College students take part in the Reach Out & Read program; volunteers read to children waiting for appointments at UIC's Pediatric Clinic.

If you attended the ball last year and want to relive the evening, or if you are simply curious to see pictures, you can visit http://www.hc.uic.edu/2002ball_photos.htm Do you see the happy faces? Of course! So bring all your friends, enjoy an evening of great food and dancing, take lots of pictures, and let your face be on this year's ball website! Everyone is welcome, from Honors College students, to UIC students not in the Honors College, to anyone interested in having a good time! We hope to see all of you there! Mark your calendars "MARCH 1, 2003: 10TH ANNUAL HONORS COLLEGE BALL!"

Restaraunt Review: Tuscany

by Cynthia Kay and Charles Yohannan

People probably don't associate the Honors College Ball with food, but a very nice dinner is included in this year's fun-filled evening. This year, with an amazing location in the Crystal Garden of Navy Pier, the catering for the event will be equally incredible—done by Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants.

Phil Stefani is known for his many elegant Italian restaurants around the Chicago area. Some of the restaurants owned and operated by Stefani are, Lino's, Riva on Navy Pier, Tavern on Rush, Castaway's, and Tuscany.

It was our duty to try one of Phil Stefani's restaurants to get a hint of what to expect for the ball's dinner. And what better choice of restaurants than Tuscany, located on Taylor Street just a block west of SEL?

I'm sure most UICers have walked or driven past Tuscany at some point in time. With its prime Taylor Street location, revolving doors, and sparkling lights encircling the shrubs in front, it looks classy and inviting. Four adventurous and food-loving souls went to try Tuscany. We were greeted immediately upon our arrival and shown a table in the quaint dining room. All tables had the typical checkered tablecloth covered with white parchment paper.

The restaurant had a good number of patrons for a Monday night. I guess what surprised me the most was that we didn't have just one waiter. It was more of a group effort. Any waiter who was free would be our waiter for the moment, which was interesting. The menu was extensive, covering the typical Italian fare of pastas, pizza, soup, salad, seafood, veal, chicken, and duck. The price range was equally widespread; from appetizers and soups priced around three dollars to filets and seafood costing over twenty dollars.

But how was the food? That was the million dollar question of the night. Although the members of our party probably don't have the most developed Italian palate, we did try our best to use the English translations on the menu to decipher what ingredients were contained in each dish. Even though each of us ordered our food independently, a wide variety of foods were chosen. Ranging from minestrone soup and bruschetta to a hearty plate of mixed meats and salmon, the four of us covered an element from the appetizer, main course, and the "special of the day" portions on the menu.

Although the wait for the food was a little long, in the meantime, we were able to appease our appetites with some Italian bread. The unique aspect of Tuscany was that instead of bringing butter along with the bread, the waiters would personally make a special mixture that we were to have along with the bread. The mixture consisted of baked garlic cloves, olive oil, and parmesan cheese, mixed tableside. Half of the members in the group liked the sauce, but none of us could refuse having the traditional, simple butter with our bread. Since it was the first visit to Tuscany for some of us, we enjoyed trying the new Italian specialties and just observing the atmosphere at the restaurant while we waited for our dinner. cont. on next page...

Navy Pier: the Beautiful and Historic Site of the Honors College Ball

by Judy Liu

As one of Chicago's most popular tourist destinations, Navy Pier hosts many events such as festivals, fireworks, and an annual New Year's Eve celebration. Its history and diverse attractions make it the ideal setting for the Honors College's 10th Annual Ball and the 20th anniversary of the Honors College.

The pier was one of five piers planned to revamp traffic flow and renovate the city after the Great Fire. Architect Daniel Burnham conceptualized the original plans, but when construction began in 1914, only one pier was built because of financial problems. Two years and 4.5 million dollars later, Municipal Pier (Navy Pier's original name) served as a freight, passenger, and recreation facility. The Pier extended 3,000 feet into the lake and was 292 feet wide.

When the U.S. joined World War I, the pier also served to house the Red Cross, Home Defenses, and regiments of soldiers. It helped the war effort while providing the public with a place to relax and relieve stress.

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As a tribute to the Navy personnel who served during the war, Municipal Pier was renamed Navy Pier in 1927. During World War II, Navy Pier again housed soldiers and was used for training, so it was no longer available for public use.

After the war in 1946, the University of Illinois moved into the Pier and became a two-year undergraduate branch campus, known to students as "Harvard on the Rocks" with its algae covered walls and lakeshore campus. Then in 1965, the University of Illinois relocated to just west of the city to occupy its current space and became known as the Circle Campus.

After the university moved away, Navy Pier fell into disrepair. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, Navy Pier was the site of ChicagoFest, the forerunner to today's Taste of Chicago. In 1989, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority took over and began extensive renovations and improvements. The Authority redesigned Navy Pier, transforming it into one of the country's most

unique recreation facilities. Visitors can enjoy the Pier's famous Ferris wheel and other rides, an ice skating rink, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, the IMAX Theater, museums, shops, performance groups, boats and cruises, restaurants, and much more. Today it serves the public as it once did, attracting people by the millions to visit Chicago's beautiful lakefront.

In addition to enjoying the view of the lake and the lights of the city, this year's Honors College Ball will be an opportunity for all to see the previous home of World War soldiers and UIC students, as well as to dance on the rocks of Lake Michigan.

*For more information about Navy Pier, visit their web site:
<http://www.navypier.com/>*

UIC's Mock Trial Team Wins at Northwestern Invitational

On January 18th and 19th, UIC's nationally ranked Mock Trial Team took 3rd place at the Northwestern Invitational Tournament held at the Lake County Courthouse. Northwestern, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, UIUC, and Columbia, along with 31 other colleges and universities, competed at this tournament. Individuals on the team were recognized at the conclusion of each round for great performances, and Honors College sophomore Ana Petrovic won an outstanding attorney role at the tournament. For the past seven years, UIC has ranked within the top ten schools of the nation, and last year finished 4th at the American Mock Trial Association National Tournament.

This year's victory was especially meaningful considering all of the obstacles the team faced. At the beginning of fall semester, the team's funding was jeopardized due to the budget crisis at the university. The team made budget cuts, received donations, and charged a slight course fee to members in order to cover all expenses. The team is a wonderful asset to the university because it is one of the few organizations on campus that is geared towards students with an interest in law. Previous members of the mock trial team are currently in law school or working among some of the most prestigious law firms in downtown Chicago. Moreover, UIC has established itself as one of the top college mock trial teams within the American Mock Trial Association and would not like to see this reputation end due to financial reasons. UIC was the only team that was not funded by its university/college to attend the Northwestern Invitational. Simply making it to the tournament was an achievement within itself.

The tournament is made up of four trials that are each three hours long. Each team competes as both the plaintiff and defense, and members prepare to act as both attorneys and witnesses in each round. This year's case is Lee and Andi Smith v. J.J. Thompson, in which Lee and Andi Smith are suing J.J. Thompson for allegedly striking their son with a vehicle, thereby causing his wrongful and untimely death.

UIC was also the only team that competed without the assistance of a coach. The team is student-led and headed up by Captain of the team, Jennifer Holder. The team started practicing in October and meets a minimum of six hours a week. The team meets with attorney Pat Reardon and Judge A.C. Cunningham once a week at the Daley Center to practice trial techniques in a real courtroom setting. Practices are similar to the study of case problem and trial technique that is completed in a trial advocacy course in law school.

Members of this team include: Anya Budinsky (senior/Philosophy), Jennifer Holder (senior/Political Science), Honors College member Neil Iyenger (sophomore/Biology/Anthropology), Claire Lovell (junior/Business), Honors College member Ana Petrovic (sophomore/English Writing), Moses Polonio (sophomore/Criminal Justice), and Honors College member Yelena Zuis (freshman/Economics).

The next competition is the American Mock Trial Association's Regional Tournament, which will be held on February 15th and 16th. Members of the UIC community are welcome to attend if interested. If you have any more questions concerning the UIC Mock Trial Team please contact Jennifer Holder at jholde2@uic.edu or Ana Petrovic at apetro5@uic.edu

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When our waiter came with a huge tray, all of our eyes lit up and we quickly put the bread aside. Some reactions included the following comments: "The minestrone soup and bruschetta were really good." The soup "had a lot of vegetables, but perhaps it could have been a little heartier. However, overall it was a good dinner." The bruschetta was "a little on the soggy side, but it was still really good. Good bread also!" The pasta, with a little taste of Italy inside, was quite filling. However, the special, which was antipasti piatta, was very interesting. I wanted to try something new at the restaurant, so I ordered this plate which had salmon, various meats, and salad. After taking one bite, I wish I hadn't been so ambitious. The salmon had a very strong, pungent taste. The meats were satisfactory, but without any pasta or bread, it lost some of its flavor. The best thing on the plate was the salad, and I'm not a big salad aficionado, so it says a lot when my favorite thing on the plate is salad.

As far as the service was concerned, there were both good and bad reactions. A member of our party thought it was "rude of the waiters to reach over us to refill our water." However, the waiters did attend to our requests for butter and more bread in a timely manner.

Tuscany may be a little too chic and refined for the average college kid. It certainly doesn't have the feel of a place where a typical student would go to eat and hang out. However, it would be the ideal restaurant for special night out. Its classy ambiance is sure to carry over to all of the Stefani venues, making the Honors College Ball an even more attractive and exciting opportunity!

For more information about Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants, visit their web site: <http://www.stefanirestaurants.com/index.html>

Just Wonderin'??

By Joseph Morgan, jmorga7@uic.edu

Greetings Honors College faculty, staff, and students! It is that time of year again... when the magic begins, when love is in the air, when the snow is melting and life on Earth again becomes full, and...wait a minute. I do not know about all of that, but I do know that it is once again, time for the Honors Ball! This year's ball is going to be something special! First of all, it is going to be held at the Crystal Gardens on Navy Pier. That's right, *the* Navy Pier. Secondly, it is going to mesh a huge array of Honors College students, old and new, graduated and studying, a joining of the decades. This year, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Honors College and the 10th anniversary of the Honors Ball, my question to our community this month was simple, and straightforward: "What is your favorite Honors Ball memory of all time?" What follows is just a sampling of the answers with which I have been provided. Enjoy, and join us in the Garden for the ball this year and make some memories of your own. And who knows, maybe you'll be able to write this article next year....what an honor.

"After the Honors Ball, while everyone was picking up their coats in the lobby, I sat down at the white Grand Piano in the lobby and started to play 'Imagine' by John Lennon."

—Tristan Shankara

"When I sat on top of the piano in the lobby and sang 'The Phantom of the Opera' with Joe [Morgan – yeah, me] and Tristan accompanied."

—Jennifer Baek

Editor's Comment: I was NOT a very good singer, but we had a good time...

"My freshmen year, Rishi Garg took Natasha Singh to the ball. On that night, instead of presenting her with a real flower, Rishi gave Natasha a head of broccoli. Of course, he gave her a real rose later on..."

"I guess just having a good time with all of my friends."

—Dimple Modi

"I guess my favorite memory is the fact that I get to go for free, because two people agreed to pay for my ticket this year if I wore a pink dress to the Ball. Also, the Honors Ball was the first time that Christina [Jacob], Charles [Yohannan], Joe [Morgan], and I got to hang out...that was cool."

—Jamie Joseph

Reader's Note: I don't know if any of you know Jamie, but she NEVER wears pink...it is going to be comedic to see her in it at the ball this year.

"Watching all of those people bid for the MCAT class during the Silent Auction."

—Jenny Liu

"We rode in a cab to the hotel, and I forgot to tip the driver, so he started to inch his way forward while I was still in the car because he was upset. Also, the girls of CMW 2W never let me sit down! They really helped me to enjoy myself, and every time I went to rest, no matter how tired I was, they kept coming back to get me for more dancing!"

—Christina Jacob

"It had to be the Ball where there was a procession of Honors College students doing a conga line throughout the entire hotel, led by [former Dean of the Honors College] Howard Kerr."

—Interim Dean Janet Madia

"Wow, there are so many – they all seem to blur together. I guess my favorite would have to be the very first ball in the CCC because I had recently been appointed to the Honors College staff, and many of my friends were still in the college as students. So it was fun just to see everyone having a good time."

—Assistant Dean Stacie Williams

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Dublin on My Mind

Have you ever marveled at someone's creativity? Wondered how a poet wove such a rich story with so few words? Been mesmerized by the colors and images on a painter's canvas? If so, you might want to find out more about UIC's newest study abroad program, which will be held in Dublin this summer.

"Brain, Mind & the Artistic Imagination" uses the art and culture of Ireland as a window on the relationship between artistic creativity and brain function. This innovative program was developed by Professor Christopher Comer, a neuroscientist in the Department of Biological Sciences, who will teach the program along with Irish faculty. "I was looking for a way to merge neuroscience and the humanities," says Professor Comer of his initial idea for the program. "The relationship between the brain and the mind is one of the most fascinating issues any human being can think about," he says with infectious enthusiasm. "I want this course to help students try things out for themselves, think about how their own brains work, and realize how wide-ranging the implications of these questions are."

But why go all the way to Dublin just to get further into your own head? "Dublin is a city with a tremendous literary and artistic heritage," says Professor Comer, "and the current art scene there is vibrant without being too large to sample during the time of the course." The program's courses take advantage of the city by focusing on Irish authors and artists and by incorporating local museum collections and theatre productions into the curriculum. An Irish-American himself, Professor Comer hopes this will help students appreciate Irish cultural heritage. "Because there are so many Irish-Americans, I think we assume that Irish culture is not much different than our own. But it has its own unique quirks and traditions, and I want students to see some of those aspects."



One of Dublin's distinctive colorful Georgian doors



The tower in front of Parliament Square (the main quadrangle) at Trinity College

Students will receive six hours of credit for two interdisciplinary courses, each of which examines a different system of the brain and its corresponding artistic medium. In the first course, students will explore how vision works, and how understanding the visual brain can provide insights into the artistic process. A second course compares popular theories of language and literary creativity, personal testimonies of literary practitioners, and the neurobiological processes they may attempt to describe.

You can learn more about "Brain, Mind & the Artistic Imagination" at an information session hosted by Professor Comer in the Honors College conference room, Wednesday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m. Or, you can stop by the UIC Study Abroad Office, 502 UH, e-mail sao@uic.edu, or call (312) 413-7662. Applications are due by March 3, 2003 and are available at the Study Abroad Office or online at <http://studyabroad.pages.uic.edu>. Financial aid may be applied and scholarships are available.

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With all of this reminiscing and whatnot, I cannot help but share my personal favorite Honors Ball memory. Okay, I have only been to one thus far, but this was wayyyy cool. I remember at one point, many of the Honors College staff were out on the dance floor, enjoying themselves, when Assistant to Dean Madia (and HCAB advisor) Joey Volpe came over and joined our group of students and started dancing with us! That's right! I got to dance with Joey Volpe! Feel free to express your jealousy.

Well gang, that's it for another edition of Just Wonderin'?! I hope you enjoyed some of the random memories of the Ball that I collected. This year is going to be EVEN BETTER! Make sure you purchase your ticket, get dressed up, and come out and have a good time! You know you want to.

Until next time, enjoy yourselves and go out and change your little piece of the world!

-Joe-

Homecoming 2003: Carnival!

Come celebrate at Carnival – UIC's Homecoming 2003 celebration! Beginning on Friday, February 14th, there are almost two weeks of non-stop events. Among the many activities planned, you're invited to paint the windows in CCC, see an ice sculpture demonstration, watch the parade of floats, and hustle up UH! The celebration will be highlighted by the Hall of Fame Dinner and Dance on February 21st at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. The homecoming court and this year's award recipients will be announced. The next day, cheer on the Flames as they take on the Northwestern Wildcats at the Pavillion.



So join the fun and get into the Carnival mood!

For more information, and a complete list of events, go to: <http://www.uiaa.org/chicago/homecoming/>