

# The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

May 1998

## *Important Dates*

Finals Week	May 4 - 8
Senior Banquet	May 7
Completion Forms Due	May 8
Commencement	May 10
Fall 98 Registration Continues	May 19 - 29

## *A Message From Dean Kaba*

Another year has come and almost gone. As it should be, it was challenging. It is wonderful that we have survived it and have achieved much success. I congratulate all of you for your work. We, the faculty and the staff of the college, particularly greet the graduating seniors who soon will leave the college and the university for the graduate or professional schools of their choice or the job market. We will miss their dedication, but remain grateful to them for their positive contribution to the life of the college. Proud of their achievements, we hope that they will be our ambassadors wherever they will find themselves. Good luck!

We look forward to welcoming the continuing students in the fall. They are entitled to enjoy their summer vacation with much needed rest and success in making and saving money in their summer jobs. I invite them to get ready for more challenge in the new academic year. Have a good summer!

## **Register for HON 222!**

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to register for HON 222 for fall semester.

The call numbers are as follows:

**54308** (students whose last name begins with A through L), and **54297** (students whose last name begins with M through Z).

Remember: all Honors College students **must** register for HON 222 each semester (except summer).



## **Another Year Draws to a Close**

*by Ankush Goel*

It's the end of another successful and fun-filled year at the Honors College. As outgoing President of HCAB, I would like to thank all of HCAB and the volunteers who helped make all of our events possible. It was an exciting year, with a lot of changes in the Board and with the activities we planned.

This year we had two successful luncheons; first semester was Indian food, and second semester we had Middle Eastern food. We elected a new freshman representative: **Eric Yang**, and a new freshman member-at-large, **Harris Jatoi**. Both of these new members contributed many new ideas to the Board. Due to a great effort on the part of many individuals, this year's Ball was one of the best we have ever had. We also instituted a new activity: the Honors College Social, where we invited several professors to come and visit with students. We also made the Ampersand a monthly publication.

The face of HCAB has changed, along with the new location of the Honors College itself. Once again, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all the HCAB members and other volunteers. Thanks – and have a great summer!



# What are YOU Doing after Graduation?

*The Ampersand* asked Honors College graduating seniors about their plans when they leave UIC upon graduation in May. Here's what we found out:



## **Jamil Abdur-Rahman**

I will be starting medical school at Rush College Of Medicine this fall, and am quite looking forward to it. In addition I will be getting married this July, so I am going to be pretty busy, but I am excited!

## **Araceli Andablo**

After graduation, I'll still be employed at City Hall in the Department of Planning and Development. It's the internship I got from participating in the Great Cities London program. I'll probably be there until the end of June or July. I'll be starting medical school in August either at UIC or Rush and I'll disappear from everyone's sight!

## **Amy Au**

I will be going out to sunny San Diego in August 1998 to attend USD's School of Law.

## **Neeli Axler**

I will be attending Midwestern University in Downers Grove. I will be in the Masters Track of the Physician Assistant program. It is a two year program that begins in June.

## **Elizabeth Berrones**

I plan to attend the DePaul College of Law on a full academic scholarship.

## **Michael Bradley**

I plan to attend grad school at UIC in pursuit of my Ph.D in Molecular Biology.

## **Deneita Bratton**

I will begin working as a Community Pharmacy Resident at UIC and Dominick's Pharmacy. I have also been appointed as a Clinical Instructor in the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice at the College of Pharmacy.

## **Radu Dan Nero Budur**

I plan to start on my Ph.D in Mathematics (Algebraic Geometry) here at UIC.

## **Leander Cuasay**

I will begin work on my Master of Architecture at the University of California at Berkeley.

## **Sapan Desai**

I have been accepted to the graduate program in the Dept. of Anatomy and Cell Biology in the College of Medicine at UIC to earn my Ph.D. After completing my degree, I plan to matriculate at the College of Medicine as part of the GPPA program to earn my M.D. At this point, I would like to continue a career in clinical medicine, with the intention of practicing both clinical and academic medicine in the future.

## **Sylwia Ejmont**

Even though UIC tempted me with its enticing offer from the English department, I accepted a parallel offer from Loyola University Chicago. I was admitted directly to the Ph.D. program in English literature, and I was also offered an assistantship there.

## **Joel Elvery**

I will be going to the University of Maryland - College Park this fall to pursue a PhD in economics there.

## **Erika Espinoza**

I will be working as a mental health counselor for the Pilsen-Little Village Community Health Center at the Hands of Life Against AIDS Program.

## **Craig Ewasiuk**

I will be attending graduate school in political science.

## **John Gil**

I start working for Blackman, Kallick & Bartelstein LLP as an auditor. I will also be studying for the CPA exam in November.

## **Anthony Gonzalez**

I'll stay in the city and begin working at GATX (a rail transportation company) as an office systems analyst in the information technology department.

## **Stephen Grant**

I will attend graduate school at UIC in the master's program in Architecture.

## **Bryan Gruszka**

My initial plans are to work for the Lt. Governor's office as an associate in the Main Street program.

## **Zainab Hasan**

I plan to attend Kent College of Law starting this fall.

## **Catherine Haynes**

I will be working at Arthur Andersen LLP as an auditor, and will be taking the CPA exam in November.

## **Corinne Hwang**

I will be going to Northwestern's graduate program in physical therapy starting in September.

## **Nadia Jafri**

I will be working for Andersen Consulting's Technology Integration Services group in downtown Chicago after graduation.

## **Mashal Jatoi**

I will be attending medical school at the University of Southern California.

## **Anna Krawczuk**

I will be working at Arthur Andersen LLP as a tax consultant.

## **May Ann Leuthner**

After graduating, I will enroll in the American Federation of Labor's (AFL-CIO) Union Organizing Program.

## **William Lucas**

I will be attending Loyola Medical School (Stritch) on a Navy scholarship.

## **Bruce Mellen**

I will be attending grad school at UIC for a Master's in Civil Engineering and Computer Science.

## **Kari Moore**

In October, I will be attending the University of Chicago where I am enrolled in the School of Social Service Administration graduate program. I will be studying clinical psychotherapy.

## **Imelda Munoz**

Upon graduation, I plan on pursuing my Master's in Science of Accounting (MSA) at UIC.

## **Bao Nguyen**

I will be starting med school here at UIC, and, after that, I plan to save the world!

# Honors College Students Recognized at Honors Day

The following Honors College students were honored at the recent Honors Day Convocation held on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Scholarship Association presented awards to the following students:

**Youlet Aissa**, Mays/Nelson/Dineen Award;  
**Jeni Aris**, Stanley O. Ikenberry Award;  
**Arlettemaria Attiah**, Thomas Beckham Memorial Prize;  
**Alejandro Castro**, Chicago Bar Association Entertainment Committee Playwright Award;  
**Scott Davies**, Thomas Beckham Memorial Prize;  
**Marc Gartler**, Sigma Lambda Beta Award;  
**Elizabeth Harbour**, Donald Slowik Memorial Award;  
**Scott Harter**, Norman Nachtrieb Memorial Award;  
**Mashal Jatoi**, Donald and Leah Riddle Prize;  
**Chang Lee**, Stanley O. Ikenberry Award;  
**Matt Liberatore**, Joseph J. Galassini Memorial Award;  
**Peter Moschovis**, President's Award;  
**Tara Mythri Raghavan**, Peter and Elsie May Klassen Memorial Award;  
**Clare Rudall**, Donald and Patricia Langenberg Award;  
**Kaushik Shah**, B.J. Merkle Memorial Award;  
**Jennifer Solheim**, Judy Curry Award; and  
**Josephine Volpe**, Judith L. Ikenberry Award.

Honors Council Awards went to: **Holly Biggs, Michael Bradley, Doina Ciuca, Christopher Covino, Joel Hatch, Pauline Padrul, Elain Shreder, Michele Sumstine, Heather Swader, and Josephine Volpe.**

The John Curtis Johnson Award went to: **Jeremy Haumann, Sheila Johnson, and Ruckik Patel.**

The Lebus Prize was awarded to: **Mary Melissa Say.**

The College of Medicine presented its Dean of Medicine Award to **Araceli Andablo.**

The Jane Addams College of Social Work presented the Dean's Book Award to **Joan Warnell.**

Departmental Recognition awards went to the following individuals:

Art History awarded the McNee Prize to **Josephine Volpe.**

Biological Sciences awarded its Louis Pasteur Award to **Michael Bradley**; and the Mark A. Wyatt Memorial Award to **Andrey Lev.**

Biochemistry's Edward G. Rietz & Stanley K. Shapiro Award in Biochemistry was given to **Mashal Jatoi.**

Chemistry's General Chemistry Award went to **Joycemon P. Joseph.**

The Edward G. Rietz Award in Chemistry went to **Elizabeth Claudio.**

In the Civil and Materials Engineering department, the CME Scholars are **Michael Gilbert, Mike J. Kuczynski, Bruce Mellen, and Darren Milanowicz.**

Classics awarded the Tracy Prize in Latin to **Eric Piper**, and the Classical Major Prize to **Joel Hatch.**

The Economics department gave its Winifred Geldard Award to **Sedefka V. Beck, and Joel A. Elvery.**

The Bassett, Chiswick, Kosobud, & Stokes Endowed Award went to **Ibilola Morenika Ashiru.**

The English department awarded the following scholarships: John and Jeanne Newton Scholarship to **Michelle Prestidge**; the Ernest Van Keuren Award to **Corinna Wycoff**; and the Seth Rosen Memorial Scholarship to **Erika Chen.**

**Anna Cooper** received the French department's Marie-Odile Sweester Award.

History presented the Goodman Award to **Sati Malik.**

**Lucas Bergman** received the Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science department's Louis Hay Mathematics Prize.

The Physics department awarded the Larry Abels Scholarship to **David A. Czaplewski.**

**Erika Sarich** received the Michael B. Arrington Scholarship from the Political Science department.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the winners.



## Focus on an Honors Floor Resident: Rahul Sampat

by Comi Sasson

He is affectionately known as “Ra” around the dorms. He’s the type of guy who knows how to have fun and still get work done when he needs to. So do any of you readers out there know who this is?

**Rahul Sampat** graced the world on March 6th, 1978. He was born in Bombay but moved to the United States at an early age. An Illinois resident for the last twenty years, Rahul has learned a lot from his years in Chicago and Joliet: everything there is to know about tornadoes, Nintendo, shopping, and talking (or listening) on the phone for hours on end. As the son of a dentist and a professional shopper, he is also well-versed on personal hygiene and bargaining for what he wants.

In his last two years at UIC, Rahul has decided to major in biology and minor in psychology and chemistry. He is also a member of the GPPA Pre-Medicine Program. He aspires to one day become an orthopedic surgeon. In addition to all of his studying, Rahul also has time to tutor NCAA Varsity Athletes, play basketball and tennis, and still go off campus to visit his friends at Wisconsin and U of I Champaign.

Being such a personable guy, Rahul is able to easily make friends. One such confidante, **Madhav Rao**, can only say great things about his friend: “Rahul has this innate ability to enjoy everything in life. He is exceptionally bright, but still has time to appreciate the finer things in life. I hope to one day live my life as freely as he does.”

This jovial sophomore has an extremely bright future ahead of him. When asked where he sees himself in ten years, Rahul responds, “I will probably live in the suburbs, near an Indian restaurant. I will be married and be working ninety-hour weeks as a resident, but of course I will still have time to travel and tutor athletes at the Port Academic Center. Also, my best friends will probably live in my basement and next door to me.” Hopefully, his wife-to-be will be prepared for this!!

So the next time you make your way through the residence halls or the Honors College, look for the guy with the mischievous gleam in his eye and an organic chemistry book in his hand. You will most likely meet our good friend “Ra.”

## Real World Jitters

by Julie Murphy

It finally hit me the other day: it’s over. When again in my life will I have the freedom to leisurely stroll through a park on a Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the morning, enjoying the silence as the rest of the world goes on around me? While I was in school, I never really appreciated this freedom, but now with the prospect of entering the real world fast approaching, I feel somewhat threatened. I will no longer will have the choice of staying in bed a little longer when I’m tired; I’ll have a real job and responsibilities. And I can’t just roll out of bed and go to school in the clothes I slept in anymore; I’ll have to look professional.

And what about people? Am I now going to be secluded in a lab with only rats and bacteria to speak with? All fashion sense and personality will be lost. I will be locked away within a security-monitored building, the dank smell of coffee stale in the air, a sea of comatose bodies brushing past me, while I steal a peek through the dirty windows of the life outside...a life I once knew.

Well, that’s the nightmare I imagine. But, considering I don’t have a job yet, I may be able to avoid it for awhile. Not to worry though – I have a backup plan. If I don’t have a job by June 1<sup>st</sup>, I’m going to work at Club Med. There, I’ll be able to appreciate life, as long as I don’t have to get up too early, or work too hard, and my biggest worry will be hoping for good weather.

## Senioritis!

by Tanja Petnicki

Since I am thinking of nothing else these last few weeks of school but how I can’t wait to graduate, I thought I’d share my thoughts with you. It will also be a good idea to give the rest of you a few pointers on what it means to have the dreaded **SENIORITIS!**

1. Never take five classes your last semester. I don’t care how interesting they sound or whether you feel you might be missing out on something, do not take more than 12 credit hours.
2. Everything you knew about procrastination is null and void. It reaches a whole new level of definition. You don’t just wait to finish your assignments the night before - you also consider not doing them at all (an option often chosen).
3. The phrase: “I really don’t care” is your friend!!
4. All you can think about is getting a job or going to graduate school.
5. Before you say #3, make sure you have something lined up for #4.
6. Exams!? What are those?
7. “I can’t wait to graduate” becomes a subliminal message.
8. Before you say #7, make sure you keep track of your class grades - you need a D to graduate.
9. You start planning your summer in January.
10. LAS students, your graduation forms need to be submitted in January!! Don’t forget!!

## Tragic Reverie

My dreams appall me *by Eric Yang*

I screamed unconsciously  
In the best spirits imaginable  
Expire with a blessing on my lips  
Blanched with astonishment and rage  
Rained down in tears among the ashes  
Even though I should wake a domestic storm  
I began to dream.

The weather broke  
And dreary, and chill,  
That morrow did creep over  
I twisted the two  
And enclosed them together  
I always yearn to gaze beyond,  
Far beyond  
Out of this world  
Then I arise  
From my mental state.

# An Interview with Greg Jones

by Nadia Jafri

“Relentless, ambitious, and matter-of-fact”, answers sophomore Bioengineering major **Greg Jones**, when asked to use three words to describe himself. Having been given the opportunity to interview this highly accomplished young man, I quickly learned that these three traits fit him to a tee. I first heard of Greg Jones when he was awarded a Special Recognition Award at the 1998 Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference (*see the article and photo in the March 1998 issue of the Ampersand on-line: <http://www.hc.uic.edu/preamp.html>*). Greg was the only college student to receive this prestigious award, and had been nominated by the US Navy where he worked as a Nuclear Engineer. Armed with this brief introduction to Greg, I ventured out to learn more about this intriguing personality.

Greg’s childhood was spent bouncing back and forth between small towns in Florida and Mississippi. In retrospect, he felt that these communities did not emphasize education as much as Chicago, which Greg learned when he moved to Chicago and attended kindergarten. Within one month, Greg was promoted to first grade, a high-achiever from the very beginning. Upon returning to Florida for second grade, he found school to be a breeze. Greg continued his schooling, shuttling between Florida and Mississippi. Instead of looking at this constant moving as a negative, Greg learned resiliency and how to adjust and adapt to different circumstances quickly. This is a philosophy he still applies to life as a whole.

Despite changing schools so often, Greg managed to maintain a 99 average in all of his classes his first year of high school. Tenth grade saw Greg back in Chicago and his grades took a nose-dive. He feels this was due to the poorer standard of schooling he had been receiving in Florida and Mississippi. While the students in Chicago were well-versed in algebra, Greg was wondering what it was. This huge gap in educational standards, along with the lure of being a teenager in a big city, edged Greg into losing focus on books. In his own words, “school took the back-burner” for a while. In fact, while he was in high school, he had no intention of going to college. College seemed like a place where football and basketball players went. Not feeling especially athletic, Greg felt college was not for him.

As high school graduation approached, Greg had no definite plans for the future. He did, however, keep receiving calls from a US Navy recruiter. The recruiter kept encouraging Greg to apply for a Nuclear Engineer position with the Navy. Greg finally relented, inspired by the promise of “big bucks.” However, getting the position involved taking a test - the hardest test he had ever taken at that point in his life. Imagine a high school student answering quantum physics questions! Greg passed the test and began his 5 year Navy career, which took him from Hawaii to Idaho to Florida. While in the Navy, an officer encouraged Greg to apply for a college scholarship. Although skeptical at first, Greg decided to give it a shot and won the scholarship! To prepare him for college, Greg participated in the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training Program (BOOST). He graduated from the program as valedictorian of his class of 270. The program, covering everything from English to Physics to Chemistry to Calculus, helped Greg to the extent that his first semester at UIC (Fall 1996) felt like a

repeat of everything he had learned through BOOST.

One of Greg’s major concerns upon arriving at UIC was the lack of student involvement on our campus, compared to other colleges. Getting tired of listening to himself complain about this state of affairs, Greg decided to make a difference himself and joined the Black Student Union (BSU) last spring. To his credit, by fall semester of this year he was elected President of the BSU, a job that gives him a sense of responsibility and patience as he represents everyone in the BSU. Greg feels the BSU provides a sense of unity and pride. “Since the school won’t promote pride of ethnicity, we can do it on our own,” he says with vigor. BSU also gives Greg a chance to reach out to younger students who still see the world through “rose-colored glasses” and make them more aware of the realities of life. Greg plans many BSU-sponsored events such as career fairs and the upcoming graduate school program. He is quick to point out that everyone on campus is invited to these events. “Our campus is so divided,” he exclaims. “We need to overcome this with education.” Greg was recently appointed as the Finance Chair of the National Society of Black Engineers. Getting involved gives Greg a better sense of accomplishment. He feels there is more to school than just going to classes.

Being a full-time student and active participant in on-campus organizations keeps Greg extremely busy. When he does find some spare time amidst his hectic schedule, Greg relaxes by drawing or staying in shape. He also enjoys reading a good book by one of his favorite authors such as Ralph Ellison or Richard Wright. Greg also enjoys the works of Dante and Machiavelli since they deal with leadership roles. He finds it amazing how works written so long ago can still apply today, indicating that the world operates in a cycle.

When asked about role models, Greg says he believes in forging his own path. However, he has been greatly influenced by two groups of people - the civil rights leaders of the 1960’s and the blacks in the 1860-1890 post-slavery era. The first group displayed tremendous strength even when “every door was slammed in front of them.” The second group managed to succeed despite the non-existence of any laws protecting blacks at the time. Greg speaks passionately about them, “In 1998, every door is open to me. These people started off with nothing. They are an inspiration to anyone. It keeps me going.” With his “go-out-and-get-it” philosophy, Greg plans to graduate in 3 1/2 years, and return to the Navy for 4 years. He then plans to pursue a combined MBA - Pharmacy Doctorate at the University of Florida, and eventually a Masters in Bioengineering.

Greg advises, “If you set your mind to it, you can do it. Nothing can stop you. The sky is the limit. You will be amazed at what you can do if you put your mind to it.” He jokingly adds, “That doesn’t count for Physics - you can do it, take the test, can’t do it,” which is something every UIC Physics student can relate to! It is hard not to see that this gentleman is indeed, “relentless” - he won’t stop when he sets his mind to something, “ambitious” - as can be seen by his numerous accomplishments, and “matter-of-fact” - “because you can see right through the sugar-coating.” That, in a nutshell, is Greg Jones, a true asset to UIC.

# Study Abroad Update

by Nicole Seidlitz

"Now that I've had the opportunity, I would tell other people to try it. I feel that I experienced something that can only be lived. I can't wait to go back," says Laura Gaytan. An Education major at UIC, Gaytan spent the Fall of 1997 studying abroad in Granada, Spain.

The Granada program is run by Urbana, but UIC students are able to participate through UIC's Study Abroad Office. This program is offered for both fall and spring semesters and is open to UIC undergraduates who have had four semesters of college-level Spanish and a GPA of 3.8 or better. After attending a 1-month intensive language course in Granada, participants study at the University of Granada, where they are taught by university faculty and attend classes with natives of Spain.

The one-month intensive language program is offered to students of Spanish-as-a-Second Language. Participants may meet international students from France, Italy and Germany, before beginning courses at the University of Granada. Classes in Granada are a little different than those at UIC. "The courses were definitely university-level, but it was a lot more personal. You knew everybody and everybody knew you," Gaytan said.

Host families are assigned for this program. "Part of the reason I want to go back is to see my family." The family she lived with was a valuable part of the experience. "Living with a family is important, as you have the opportunity to interact, practice the language and know the culture very well."

Granada is an ancient city of 300,000 and is described as a university city. Gaytan feels that although the city is small, you can walk virtually anywhere and get just about everything you need. "It seems small," Gaytan says, "yet you can meet people from all over the world." Gaytan also spent a ten-day break traveling through Southern France and Italy. "I would love to go back and see more," she notes.

Learning the customs of Spain was also interesting. Everybody eats their meals at home. "In the United States, you will go out whenever you want, but for the 9:00 and 2:00 meals in Granada, you have to be home. What is more, most establishments are closed for siesta at 2:00 and will not re-open for several hours."

"The overall experience is unexplainable. I can't describe every little detail that taught me something because there are so many. It's an eye-opening experience and you learn a lot." On a scale of 1-10, Gaytan notes, she would rank the program and her experience as a 10.

Applications for the Granada Spring 1999 program are due October 1st. Study Abroad has opportunities in other Spanish-speaking countries such as Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Mexico, as well as countries all over the world. Language requirements and program structure will vary. Stop in 502 UH or call (312) 413-7662 for more information.

*If any of the following information has changed, please fill out this form and turn it in to the Honors College office, 103 BH.*

## Honors College Address and Curriculum Update

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# Sweet Revenge?

by Rebecca Chan

Okay, if anyone from the Chicago Bulls organization is reading this: I think I deserve some free tickets because of all the efforts I've made to see the Bulls over the past two years!

Part I. It first started the summer after I graduated from high school ('96). My friends and I decided that we'd camp out in Grant Park the night before the Chicago Bulls Victory Celebration. We wanted to "see" Michael, Scottie and the rest of the Bulls, the NBA trophies, banners and participate



in the fun. The Chicago Park District had set up the stage the day before, chairs and all, and so after eating dinner, we all met up, and picked out our seats- 3rd row middle, made ourselves comfortable, and took turns walking around and sitting down. We had quite a long wait until dawn's early light,

but we did manage (along with thirty-five or so other die-hard fans) to keep ourselves entertained. Some of my friends were captured on TV. Being the shy, reticent type that I am, I shunned the media spotlight.

Throughout the night, we began to realize that we weren't the only crazy ones as countless others kept on filing into Grant Park. But it was not any ordinary night. Mother Nature added to the fun, beginning with a steady drizzle which worked its way up to a full-fledged downpour! We were all sitting in a row, umbrellas above us, with ponchos covering us like a tent. The Chicago Police and Park District officials must have felt sorry for us, sitting there in the pouring rain. They handed out tarps, and people were like bees going for honey in the mad rush to get a just to get a large piece of clear plastic. I remember the hours creeping by slowly, and fervently wishing the rain would stop.

Finally, about 3 a.m., the rain did stop. My friends and I took turns going to a nearby hotel restroom to dry our socks, and clothing. Scores of people were rushing into the park, and so we had to dry quickly. By the time daylight broke, all seats were already spoken for. As a matter of fact, at 7 a.m., you couldn't really go to the bathroom anymore, as no one who camped out or even came there early wanted to let anyone back to the much envied sitting area.

By 8 a.m., the crowd was crazy, and people started throwing doughnuts and chanting. The Chicago Police Department was not amused, and some of the rowdier participants were thrown out of the park. Someone brought some huge air-filled plastic balls, some in their boredom started hitting them through the crowd. It was pretty fun. Behind us, there were now more people than the eye could see. As the much anticipated hour came, the Bulls did come, and it was really nice to be a part of the celebration. At the time, I remember thinking it was fun, but I probably wouldn't do something like that again.

Part II. About a year later, while staying in the dorms last summer, I went to the United Center to try to buy tickets for the current season. I deprived myself of sleep, and arrived there at 5 a.m. for 10 a.m. ticket sales. The line was at the corner of the United Center, but I was told that I would get tickets. Hopeful, I stayed there, and ended up getting standing room. After being there for so many hours, I wasn't about to leave empty-handed! Anyway, a couple of minutes after purchasing standing room tickets, I was told that they are sold out of *all* tickets. Now I'm thinking, gosh - revenge would be to get playoff tickets. As time passed, I thought about how crazy this all was and I probably wouldn't do this again.

Part III. April arrives, and I hear that playoff tickets will be sold Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Well, I head over to the United Center again on a cold and windy night. This time, I camped out, arriving in the evening, lining up at midnight, following orders from a "big" man (as he called himself) named 'T.C.' to "stay on MY side of the street, and not over to where the Center is."

I huddled in my sleeping bag for a little bit, and sat around most of the night and early morning. Some people slept the entire time in their lawn chairs. Several large parties brought large cushions and blankets to sleep in. Some talked for hours, while others managed to sleep. Another camper in our area named Rick slept for a bit, felt sorry for me sitting on a small stool from my room, and offered me his lawn chair. He went for a walk, I think, or warmed up for a bit somewhere, but I was ready to vouch for him and his position in line if there was a problem, as everyone in line was told to police themselves or risk being "kicked" out of line. So again, I waited and waited for hours. This time though, I dozed for a bit when the sun came out, and people around us started talking. Excitement came when the precious hour finally arrived. People were calling security on others they believed who had not spent the night.

When my time came to buy tickets, the latest game I could get was game C. Less than 2 minutes later, all that was available was standing room, and then, they were all gone. Sold out. No more tickets. Some people who did get tickets were jubilant; others who weren't so lucky muttered expletives under their breath. It was crazy, the pace of it all. Was it worth it? I don't know. I got tickets, but my brother strolled to a Ticketmaster, was lucky to draw the right number, and got better tickets, Game J.

But hey, now that I've finally got tickets and all, I think this is it, I mean the camping out thing. After all, it *is* Michael's last year...or is it??



# More Post-Graduation Plans (cont'd. from page 2)



## **Mohammed Nofal**

In the fall I will be attending Hamline Law School in St. Paul, Minnesota. I plan on studying International Law.

## **Hina Patel**

I will be practicing as a PharmD-Clinical Pharmacist at the Veterans Administration Westside Medical Center.

## **Leena Patel**

I plan on attending a five-year graduate program at the University of Washington (Seattle) in the field of Neurobiology and Behavior.

## **Catherine Pawelek**

I have taken a position with ZS Associates as a Business Information Specialist Consultant.

## **Janetta Pellicore**

I will begin a job doing organic research in the Medicinal Chemistry department at Merck Research Laboratories in Pennsylvania.

## **Tanja Petnicki**

This fall, I will be starting graduate school at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. I will be working towards a Ph.D in Molecular Biology-Genetics.

## **Jana Pospichal**

The company with which I'm currently interning, Andersen Consulting, has made me an offer I cannot refuse-- working from home (or wherever else I find myself)! The position is as a Communications & Marketing analyst, and involves writing an on-line, internal newsletter as well as the opportunity to travel internationally for other activities.

## **Archana Reddy**

I will be attending UIC medical school.

## **Ernesto Rosen**

I was accepted into the University of Hawaii's graduate program in philosophy. where I will begin working towards my master's.

## **Maksim Rudenko**

I will be working at Motorola, Inc. as a software engineer.

## **Marynel Ryan**

I will be entering the PhD program in history at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. I received a departmental fellowship for year 1 and teaching assistantships for the following 4 years.

## **Debra Samborski**

I will be commissioned as a Naval Aviation Maintenance Officer.

## **Mitzi Say**

This summer I plan to relax and work in Baltimore. Then in August I will start Medical School at Emory University in Atlanta.

## **Karen Schnite**

I will be going to grad school at NIU for a Ph. D. in psychology.

## **Marion Serwe**

I will be working for UIC's Alumni Association to coordinate efforts to host an international convention on leadership in August 1998.

## **Matthew Smith**

I will be getting married on May 23rd and then I start as a staff accountant with Motorola on June 1st.

## **Malgorzata Szewczyk**

I have been admitted to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Ph.D program in Developmental Psychology.

## **Claudia Travis**

Next semester, I will be attending Law School at NYU. I received a full tuition scholarship. I hope to study international environmental or human rights law--or maybe both!!!

## **Chandrasekhar Vallapureddy**

I will be employed as an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Northbrook.

## **Cristina Vega**

My immediate plans include working as a research assistant at Loyola Medical Center.

## **Martha Verastegui**

I will be working as an internal auditor for domestic operations at Philip Morris.

## **Josephine Volpe**

I will be attending graduate school at the University of California at Los Angeles for an M.A., Ph.D in Art History, concentrating on the Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin America periods.

## **Joan Warnell**

As part of the requirement for advanced placement in the Master's program at Jane Addams College of Social Work, I am scheduled to begin my internship at DuPage County Mental Health Services in the fall.

## **Sean Wiltz**

I have accepted a position with Caterpillar as a design engineer. Soon after graduation, I will be going back to school to obtain a master's degree in business management.

## **Corrina Wycoff**

I have been accepted into the MA Creative Writing program at UIC and have been awarded an English department TA-ship.