

The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

August 1997

Important Dates

Fri., Aug. 22	HCAB's New Student Day
Mon., Aug. 25	First Day of Classes
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day - No classes
Fri., Sept. 5	Last Day to add courses Last day to drop Business, Engineering & LAS courses
Fri., Sept. 5	Fall semester tuition & fees statements mailed
Fri., Sept. 12	Last day to turn in Agreement forms
Wed., Sept. 24	Deadline to waive HMO fees

The Honors College is on the Move

We've packed up and moved to Burnham Hall. The Honors College new home is on the first floor of Burnham Hall, (103 BH) 828 South Halsted.

Come visit us in our beautiful newly remodeled offices. Our phone number is still the same: (312) 413-2260.

Watch for news of our open house early in the semester!



Welcome Back!

by Ankush Goel

The school year is upon us, and with it comes the return to the routine of classes, work, etc. To those of you who are new to the University, I'd like to welcome you to the Honors College. And a big welcome back to everyone who is returning for another year.

The Honors College has moved to a brand new location on the first floor of Burnham Hall. With this change, the Honors College will provide you with new facilities including a new and expanded computer lab.

The Honors College Advisory Board has been busy this summer preparing to welcome freshman at New Student Day on August 22nd, as well as returning Honors College students for the coming semester. We have also planned some exciting events for the 1997-98 school year, including the Honors College Ball which will take place in the spring. As anyone who attended the Ball last year can tell you, this is a highlight of the spring semester!

Student/faculty luncheons are also in the planning stages for both fall and spring semesters. This is a good opportunity to meet with faculty in an informal, relaxed setting. Everyone always enjoys the variety of ethnic cuisine served.

We are focusing on service-oriented activities as well. Watch for information about our upcoming blood drives and other community projects.

One of the major goals of HCAB is to help students become better acquainted and more involved with the Honors College and the benefits that it provides for its students. HCAB also hopes to work more closely with other organizations on campus. If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Look for the HCAB meeting schedule to be posted in the Honors College. You are also welcome to leave any suggestions in the HCAB mailbox.

As HCAB President, I look forward to meeting you and serving the Honors College in any way I can. Again, welcome back to school!

Expanded Version of The Ampersand On-Line

Check the Honors College website: <http://www.hc.uic.edu> to view the full version of this edition of *The Ampersand*. This limited version is the last hard copy you will receive in the mail this year!

On-campus job
opportunities for
Honors College
students listed on
page 5!

Get Your Honors College T-Shirt!!

Get your official Honors College t-shirt while they last!

Featuring a new design created by Honors College senior **Togay Atac**, the t-shirt features a design that depicts symbols for all majors in the Honors College.



For the low price of only \$10 (lg. & x-lg) or \$12 (xx-lg.), you can have this one of a kind fashion statement to wearily proudly on campus.

To purchase yours, see any HCAB member or stop by the Honors College main office, 103 Burnham Hall, today!

Are YOU Registered for HON 222??

All Honors College students **MUST** register for HON 222 (Honors Activity) every semester.

Remember, HON 222 is not really a class and does not meet; it's the way your honors work is recorded on your transcript. Forgetting to register for HON 222 can result in your receiving a deferred grade (DF). A deferred grade will not allow you to graduate until it is cleared up.

The call numbers for Fall 1997 are **53424** (students whose last name starts with A - L) and **53413** (students whose last name starts with M - Z).

New Student Day is Coming!

Mark your calendars now! On Friday, August 22nd, the Honors College Advisory Board is hosting the annual New Student Day, and all new Honors College freshmen are invited to attend. Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Illinois Room in CCC, where you'll get a chance to meet your student consultant in person. You'll also have the opportunity to start making new friends as you get to know some of your peers.

After a short introduction, you will participate in a team scavenger hunt with your student consultant, and in the process, get a tour of some of the more important buildings on campus.

Finally, you'll end up on the SEO lawn where you'll receive a free lunch, mingle, play volleyball, or do whatever else you feel like doing. After all, it's your day!

Come on out on the 22nd, and we guarantee you'll have fun, make friends, and get a great start to the new year.



Why Join HCAB?

By Roopa Chakkappan

If you are an interesting, hardworking individual who wants to get involved in the Honors College, the Honors College Advisory Board is the right organization for you. The student-elected board consists of four officers and twelve members-at-large.

The services we render are enacted through our six committees. The Tutoring Committee provides free tutoring to all students. The Luncheon Committee organizes a luncheon each semester which allows the faculty and students to get to know each other better. The Publications Committee is responsible for publicizing the organization's main events and helps coordinate publication of the Honors College Newsletter, *The Ampersand*. The Fundraising Committee raises money for HCAB and the Honors College and the Activities Committee plans both recreational and informative events for the Honors College. Last, but not least, is the Ball Committee that plans the annual Honors College Ball. The Honors Ball is, without a doubt, HCAB's most popular annual event.

For all you eager freshmen out there, keep your eyes and ears open for the Freshman Representative elections which are held at the beginning of Spring semester.

If you have any questions about HCAB, feel free to inquire at our new office, 103 Burnham Hall.

Not Your Typical Pre-Med Student...

by Goud Maragani

When I entered UIC as a freshman, I had already decided that, ultimately, I wanted to become a doctor. In order to achieve this goal, I knew that I had to go into pre-medicine, and I assumed that since I wanted to become a doctor, I would have to major in biology. As the year progressed, I found that I wasn't really interested in biology; I was more interested in majoring in English.

After some researching and speaking with an advisor, I found out that as long as you do well in your chosen major, you can major in pretty much anything, and still have a good shot at medical school. In fact, I have heard that medical schools like it when you major in something besides biology. To them, that is an indication that you were truly interested in what you were doing, and not just trying to get into medical school.

There is a *slight* catch, though. It is still necessary to follow the pre-medicine curriculum so you will be prepared for the MCAT.

The moral of the story is that just because you are in a pre-professional program doesn't mean that you have to major in something that seems to fit the traditional mold. As long as you do well, you are free to major in whatever you want, so take advantage of the myriad of opportunities here at UIC.

Where Do You Want to Go?

by Nicole Seidlitz

The UIC Study Abroad Office has moved! Our new and improved location is in University Hall, room 502. Our phone number, (312) 413-7662, remains the same.

For those of you not familiar with our office, Study Abroad serves UIC undergraduates interested in living and learning overseas. Experience abroad helps to enhance resumes, provide college credit and learn about a foreign culture.

Programs vary in length, allowing students to select summer, semester and full year options. Students can choose from a variety of pre-approved programs that earn them credit while abroad.

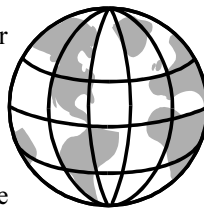
"All students have different needs and they must select a program that best suits them," says Rina Campbell, Associate Director. "For example, a student who wants to study in Spain but has no knowledge of Spanish may benefit from a summer intensive language program."

Students who are fluent in foreign languages may be more interested in the semester or full year programs. Students without foreign language skills may opt to study in English-speaking countries such as England and Australia. Living accommodations vary from living with a host family, to apartments shared with other Americans.

Programs are not free — students often have to pay tuition, airfare, meals and living expenses — but financial aid is available. Almost 80% of Study Abroad students receive financial aid, making many programs more affordable. There are also several scholarships, although they can be highly competitive, and candidates must apply early.

UIC is also part of a Big 10 Consortium which has an agreement allowing UIC students to attend programs sponsored by Big 10 universities at a reduced rate. These programs are referred to as AESOP (Alliances for Expanded Study in Overseas Programs).

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Calling All Honors College Students

Here's your chance to have some input on this year's activities. The Honors College Advisory Board wants your ideas for activities this year. We are in the planning stages of hosting a blood drive this fall, and of course, the annual Honors College Ball this spring. For all you new freshman and transfer students, keep your eyes open for the exact date of the annual Ball, because this is one event you won't want to miss!

Aside from those events, we are wide open to suggestions. If you have any ideas, feel free to drop them in the Honors College Advisory Board mailbox, which is in the Honors College Main office in 103 BH. Otherwise, you can send email to Activities Chair **Jeff Stoub** at jstoub1@uic.edu with your suggestions.

Please give us your input, so we can plan to do the activities that YOU want! We need your help. Thank you.

Pre-Professional Clubs Want You!

by Rachel Daniell

Looking for a way to enhance your academics while also being involved in an extra-curricular activity? One way to do both at the same time is to take advantage of UIC's pre-professional clubs. Many of the clubs are devoted to health professions. For example, the Pre-Pharmacy Club and the Pre-Physical Therapy Club meet regularly to discuss concerns and career opportunities for students in these majors. These clubs are geared towards students that have questions, need answers or just want to mingle with people that share similar interests and goals.

Most of the clubs sponsor lectures and activities (trips and luncheons) that supply educational information while also having fun. It's a great way to meet new friends and form study groups, since most of you will be taking the same classes.

An added bonus, of course, is that you will be able to show your interest and involvement in your field of study by including your pre-professional club membership on your graduate/professional school application.

So get involved in something other than your textbooks and see what these clubs are all about.

For further information, visit the office of Campus Programs in 300 CCC, or visit the UIC website and follow the Student - Organizations links to pre-professional clubs.



Honors College Tutors to the Rescue

Baffled by Biology? Calculus confusing you? Are you hassled by History? We have help for you right here in the Honors College!

The Honors College tutoring program is once again getting underway to provide solutions to some of these problems. The Honors College Advisory Board coordinates the tutoring program, which provides students of all majors and colleges at UIC the opportunity to get one-on-one help in many classes for free.

Tutoring is conducted by Honors College students in classes ranging from art to math to engineering to English. Tutoring takes place in the Honors College Conference Room (114 BH) in Burnham Hall throughout each school day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The times at which tutoring in different subjects is offered varies. A detailed schedule that shows when specific subjects/classes will be tutored will be available during the first week of classes. Check the bulletin board in Burnham Hall.

And remember, we all need a little help sometimes!!

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

by Nadia Z. Jafri

Whether it be an upcoming graduation date, another way to spend summer break, or simply to earn a few extra bucks, there are plenty of reasons to put a college student into the job-seeking mode. What many students are not aware of are the different resources available on campus to assist students with this process.

For seniors who are getting ready to enter the "real world" and embarking on their respective career paths, the Career Placement Service located in SSB is an excellent place to start the job-search. This office can be contacted at 996-2300.

Internships can be a tremendous asset to a college student giving a different perspective on his/her chosen field of study. "Hands-on" experience with corporate and government clients provides a student with knowledge beyond the confines of a classroom. Most of the colleges at the University have a Cooperative Education office that helps students find such internships and co-op positions. These offices can be contacted at the following numbers:

Art and Architecture	996-9456
Business Administration	996-0255
Engineering	996-2238
Liberal Arts & Sciences	996-0426

On-campus jobs are a convenient way for students to earn some extra cash while still in school. Flexible hours and easily-accessible locations make on-campus jobs extremely practical. On-campus job listings can be found at the Student Employment Office, which can be contacted at 996-3130 and is located in SSB. Some on-campus employers are especially interested in hiring Honors College students. Listings specific to Honors College students can be found on the bulletin boards in the Honors College itself, 103 Burnham Hall, on-line at the Honors College web site, and in this edition of *The Ampersand* on page 5.

Study Abroad

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Director Nina Shepherd says, "AESOP programs are a great opportunity. AESOP allows our students to study in even more countries, such as Kenya and Senegal and has provided further opportunities for study abroad in Spain and England."

Another concern students have is regarding courses they will take abroad. The Study Abroad Office emphasizes planning ahead and getting requirements within the major completed. "General electives, such as humanities and social sciences, are the courses most likely to transfer credit. Sciences and 300-400 level course can transfer, but it is trickier for them to meet UIC's requirements because they are more specialized," says Campbell. She also emphasizes that comprehension may be harder when taking a science course in a foreign language.

Options are available in a number of countries, from South Africa and Korea to Spain and Mexico. Deadlines for most spring '98 programs are October 1, 1997; for summer '98 programs - March 1, 1998 and for fall '98 programs - March 1, 1998. Interested students should call for a Study Abroad Handbook, which describes the programs.

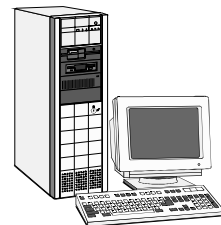
Please call (312) 413-7662 for more information.

Honors College Computer Seminars

The Honors College will be offering free short seminars on using your computer account. During these seminars, we will discuss e-mail, the world wide web, the Honors College listserv, and general information about how to function in our new computer lab.

These seminars will be early in the fall semester - dates, times and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Computer Lab, 109 BH. Each session will be limited to 16 students.

As soon as the dates are determined, you will be notified via the Honors College listserv. The dates and times of the sessions will also be posted on the Honors College web page: <http://www.hc.uic.edu>



The Flaming UIC Sports Teams

by Comi Sasson

So we didn't exactly bring home the NCAA basketball championship trophy this year in, but we got pretty darn close.

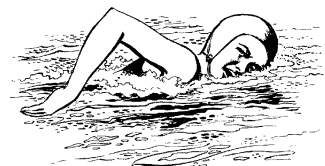
UIC's 14 Division I teams have done well in the Midwest Collegiate Conference. With the acquisitions of some of the best coaches and recruits in the nation, UIC athletes are making a name for themselves.

Both men and women compete on the basketball, tennis, gymnastics, swimming and diving, and cross country teams. There is also women's volleyball and softball. Baseball and soccer are the other men's teams. Although many of these athletes have been recruited from high schools, walk-ons are still allowed to try out for a spot on the team.

The long hours these athletes put in, from three hour practices every day to weekend tournaments around the country, demonstrate that being a student-athlete is more time-consuming than most jobs. Juggling homework, practices and friends can be very difficult.

For those of you who are not quite ready to give up that much free time, there are still many opportunities to go out and support your FLAMES! The UIC Pavillion hosts the basketball teams, while most of the other teams compete in the Physical Education Building.

For those of you who might be considering walking on to a team in the fall, good luck. And for the rest of us, get ready to cheer them on!



Looking for a Few Good Student Workers

See page 6 for more listings!

The Center for Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases in the College of Dentistry has a student position opening to work several hours each week to assist with library and lab research. Please call the Center at 996-6118.

The College of Architecture and the Arts is interested in hiring a student worker for 12-15 hours a week (possibly 20 hours after Fall '97). Student work study is required. Duties include general office work. WordPerfect familiarity a plus, but not required. \$5.49/hour. Contact Milly Crespo at 996-3351 or in Room 306, Jefferson Hall.

Client Server Development Division of Administrative Information Systems and Services is seeking students for various duties, including documentation creation and filing. Experience with Microsoft Windows, Excel and Word required. 10-30 hours per week; salary is \$6.10/per hour and is negotiable depending on experience and background. Resumes can be sent via e-mail to Barbara Roche at BRoche@uillinois.edu or Kathleen Crawford at KCrawfo@uic.edu, or by calling 996-4595.

The Circulation Dept. of the Library of Health Sciences is seeking a Library Aide. Must have good communication skills; be able to push heavy book carts and learn to use automated library systems; perform other duties as assigned. Salary: \$6.10; 5-20 hrs./week (5 hours on Fridays). Contact Deloris Thomas, 996-8967.

Research Asst. position available for Fall '97 in the School of Public Health. Must be able to install, upgrade & troubleshoot computer software. Working exp. w. Novell 4.1 LAN software & knowledge of Windows 95 required. ADN Network Services kit exp. a plus. Call Portia White at 996-1605. Tuition waiver included.

The Prevention Research Center is seeking a work study student for the academic year w. office experience and basic computer knowledge. Student will assist public health/gerontology researcher. 8-10 hrs./week; hourly rate based on experience. Position may continue through summer. Contact Michelle Gilles at 413-9831.

The Office of Research Facilitation of the College of Nursing is seeking a General Office Aide. Start date: ASAP; 10-20 hrs./week; 3-5 days/week; \$5.46 hr. depending on exp. Contact Ms. Rogers, College of Nursing, Rm. 507, 996-3932.

2-3 student workers needed for general office duties, etc. for the College of Dentistry Associate Dean's office. Call Barbara Adamick at 996-1035.

General Office Aid needed for 12-15 hrs./week; \$5.46/hr. Duties include scheduling appts. for advising staff, answering inquiries regarding college procedures, etc. Contact Bruce Olsen, LAS, 3350 UH, 996-3366

Part time Research Assistant available for Fall '97 in the School of Public Health. Candidate will be able to upgrade hard disks, install memory, network cards, add peripherals & troubleshoot computer hardware problems. Experience & knowledge of Windows 95. Norton Utilities, Microsoft Office & ADN Network Services Kit experience a plus. Call Portia White at 996-1605. Tuition waiver included.

Work study student need for the Office of the Ombudsperson. Excellent interpersonal skills are mandatory. Ability to listen to sensitive/confidential complaints & respond in a professional, courteous manner. All cases are confidential. Previous customer service related training is preferred. General office duties included. 20+ hrs./week; \$5.46/hr. Contact Kym Malkin, 2080 BSB, 996-8145.

College of Architecture & the Arts is seeking a general office assistant. Emphasis on personnel related paperwork. Work study preferred; 15-20 hrs./week. Contact: Edna Hamburger, 303 JH, M/C 033, 413-2442.

The Dept. of Psychology is seeking a general office aide. Hours are 8:30 - 12 Mon.-Fri. \$5.46/hour. Contact Steve Krzak at 413-8559.

It's important that we have your most current information on file. If you have moved recently, changed your phone number, or any other pertinent information, please fill out the following form and turn it in ASAP! Thank you.

Please cut along this line and turn this form into the Honors College Main Office, 103 Burnham Hall. Thanks!



Name _____

SS# _____

Old Major _____

New Major _____

Old Address _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

What Not to Do (or: *Tips from Tanja*)

by *Tanja Petnicki*

Let me start by saying that there are several valid reasons why I'm writing on this particular topic. "Things not to do" seems to be my second major.

First, I know that you are all very intelligent and able students, but don't get carried away. TAKE IT EASY YOUR FIRST SEMESTER and NEVER EVER do what I did!



Like many of you, I placed out of my freshman biology courses. I wanted to take a biology course and I didn't need organic chemistry as a prerequisite. Because I thought I was being "cool," I decided to take BIOS 330 (Ecology) my first semester. BIG MISTAKE! There are reasons why three hundred level courses are intended for juniors. The

pace is fast; you get very little instructions, you get few answers and most students do not ask many questions, because the other students have had three years to get used to this kind of instruction.

There is a big difference both in teaching style and test style in a 100 and 200 level course and a 300 level course. For example, exams are usually some multiple guess and essay questions. But these essay questions are not some stupid trivial thing like "analyze this, based on that" or "tell me about such and such." These questions are "design an experiment using such and such to do... I don't even know what!" And the answer had better be detailed and functional! Believe me, it's tricky! When I actually think about it, it's a miracle that I pulled a B in that class. If you are already stubborn beyond belief and are going to do something as foolish as this, make sure you pick something interesting!

(more *Tips* on page)

More Job Listings for You

The Office of Admissions is hiring 7-9 telecounselors for Fall 97. We will call two night pers week between the hrs. of 4:45 & 7:45 p.m. Current UIC students will call prospective students to chat about "UIC life" and share reasons for choosing UIC. This is NOT a sales call. If you are an articulate communicator, contact Allison DeStafano at 996-2483 or e-mail at: adeste1@uic.edu

Alumni Association seeks a computer support technician to work 20 hrs./week to troubleshoot, provide training & instruction for staff, identity & establish a LAN for the office & to assist with the upkeep & maintenance of home page design. \$6.84/hr. to start. Call Scott Williams or Iris Campbell to arrange an interview at 996-8535.

The Office of International Criminal Justice is seeking help in developing web sites. Seeking bright, highly motivated students with experience in MS Windows. Desirable experience includes familiarity with HTML, JavaScript, and other web server tools. For more information, contact Tom Rowe, Asst. Director of Advanced Information Technologies at trowe@uic.edu or 996-8435.

The 1997-98 Honors College Advisory Board



Back Row: *Goud Maragani, Treasurer Rachel Daniell, Secretary Roopa Chakkappan, Puneet Shroff, Vice President Jeff Stoub, Becky Chan, President Ankush Goel, Mimi Roy, Mona Lala, Advisor Dean Madia* Front Row: *Tanja Petnicki, Nadia Jafri, Joey Volpe, Shivangi Bhatt* Not pictured: *Julie Murphy, Amit Parikh, Comi Sasson*

My Kinda Town...

by Joey Volpe

School is starting soon and I'm sure everyone is getting ready to either come back to campus after the summer, or to come to classes at UIC for the first time. I remember how excited I was when I moved to Chicago from my house in the northern suburbs. That was three years ago, and Chicago remains an exciting place for me to live. Now that many of you are living down here at or near UIC, you have a chance to take advantage of all the things the city has to offer.



Here is my chance to highlight some of my favorite things to do in Chicago.

As an art history major, I enjoy going to museums a lot. Two of my favorites are the Art Institute and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Public transportation is the easiest way to get to these museums

because buses go there regularly. The Art Institute is a world renowned, large museum which offers countless types of art for you to see, and often has very big shows like the Renoir exhibit. One of the other smaller museums that I also enjoy is the Museum of Broadcast Communications in the Chicago Cultural Center.

There are many other things to do on a beautiful summer day in the city. While not quite the French Riviera, Oak Street and North Avenue Beaches are clean, safe and provide some fabulous people watching for male and females alike! Lincoln Park Zoo is easily accessible via the 151 bus. Except I do have one word of warning: make sure you take the bus going the opposite way to get back downtown from Lincoln Park. A few of my friends once took a very long ride up to Evanston as they waited for the bus to turn around and finish its route!

Shopping is always another option for the willing explorer of the city. You can always shop on Michigan Avenue or State Street, but for a really interesting and fun spending experience, I suggest going resale shopping in Lincoln Park or the Clark and Belmont area. This is a great way to see a diverse array of Chicagoans. Another of my favorite neighborhoods is Old Town. Not only are there several fun specialty shops along Wells Street, but there are also great restaurants and night spots, including Zanie's Comedy Club.

In the evening, the city is hopping with all kinds of different things to do. You could check out a movie at a large multi-screen complex, or you could opt for a foreign or independent film at the Fine Arts on South Michigan Avenue, or at Pipers Alley in Old Town.

Chicago's exciting live theatre scene is growing all the time. The Steppenwolf Theatre offers student discounts; call the box office for more information (312-335-1650). The brilliant improvisation of Second City is always fun. For those of us on a budget, check out HOT TIX booths to see if you can get "day of" seats at discounted prices. It is one of the best *cheap* ways to see Chicago's great theatre and dance.

If you are more into coffeehouses, they seem to be popping up everywhere in the city these days. One of the more popular ones is the Third Coast. They have two locations: on Goethe in Lincoln Park, or on Rush Street just off of Michigan Ave.

Don't forget to check in the Reader and see who is playing at any one of the many concert and show venues like the Vic or the Metro. The Vic also has the "Brew & View" on Friday nights. For only a few dollars, you get to see three great movies. A bargain at twice the price!

In case it isn't already clear, don't be a couch potato! Take advantage of what Chicago has to offer. If you have any questions about how to get somewhere in the city (and/or suburbs), call the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) information number at (312) 836-7000.

Before you venture out to explore the city, don't forget to start your day off right with a truly unique Chicago experience. Try out Lou Mitchell's on Jackson for a great breakfast. They serve your eggs and sides right in the pan in which they made them. Don't miss out! Start your day in a Chicago way! As Frank Sinatra said, "It's my kinda town...Chicago is..."

E-Mail the Honors College Staff

E-mail has become a very efficient way to communicate. It has become easier to get in touch via e-mail than telephone. Please get in touch with any of the staff via e-mail at our addresses listed below:

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We'd Love to Hear From You

The Ampersand is always interested in hearing your ideas on how to improve the publication. If you have any ideas or would like to submit an article for consideration in an upcoming edition, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Jennifer Kosco at 413-2260 (or via e-mail) or stop by at 105 Burnham Hall. or talk to **Goud Maragani** of HCAB, reachable via e-mail at: gmarag1@uic.edu



Residence Hall Life

by Shivangi Bhatt

The first word that comes to my mind when I think of my life in the residence hall last year is definitely “FUN!!!” True to the rumors you may have heard, living in campus housing really is a very enjoyable experience. First of all, the residence halls give you a chance to meet people in a very comfortable and friendly atmosphere which you may not find in classes or other activities. More often than not, the people on your floor will have their doors open, allowing anyone to walk in at anytime and introduce themselves. This warmth among peers is key in achieving a sense of community at a university which is often considered impersonal. Although UIC is a great school for getting an education, it is unlike a traditional college campus because of its size and the large percentage of students who commute. Often, commuters feel very out of touch with the UIC “community” as well as with activities going on around campus. Living in the residence halls definitely enhances the campus feel of UIC.

Along with making you more welcome and at ease in the UIC community, living in campus housing also educates students about many campus activities which they may not have otherwise had exposure to. Although most student organizations have ample advertisement during orientation and the first few weeks of school, it is often helpful and comforting to know people who are a part of those activities before you join. On the other hand, residents sometimes end up joining organizations even if they don't want to, just because their floor buddies are doing so. This is something you should definitely try to avoid. The same holds true for social activities — while there is a plethora of parties and other fun things going on which you could take part in, you definitely want to be on your guard so you don't end up being easily distracted from studying, or worse yet, pressured into doing something you may regret later.

More Tips from Tanja..

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Second: DON'T TAKE 20 HOURS! Besides the fact that you need permission from the University to do something as ludicrous, it is not good for your health. And, to put it bluntly, YOU NEED A LIFE! If you are taking anywhere from 12 to 14 hours, you are more than fine.

Third: Unless you know that you are a morning person, avoid 8 a.m. classes and labs if you can. There is nothing fun about mixing acids and bases or dissecting something at 8 a.m., and if the place blows up, it is your fault. For people in the humanities, classes such as art history at 8 a.m. are not a good idea. They show slides and the lights are dim...need I say more? Not even cafeteria coffee can keep you awake. You may think that in the huge lecture halls, sleeping through your 8 a.m. lecture is OK. I would suggest doing your sleeping at home, or don't go to class. But a word to the wise: if you don't go, you don't pass. Which brings us back to my original suggestion! I won't discuss other options; you can e-mail me for private consultations.

As an added bonus for you, for no extra charge, I will throw in some UIC survival tips:

1. Always know who you are talking to when you call an office. It is much easier later when you know the name of the person that gave you the wrong information.
2. Keep all receipts and copies of everything that you get from the University. This is an absolutely necessary precaution! Things tend to get lost on desks and wind up underneath piles of paper.
3. Finally, check out who is cute in your classes. Again, for more information in this area, feel free to e-mail me privately!!

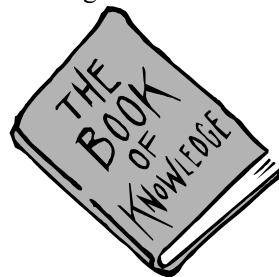
Oh, yes, I almost forgot. If your grade depends on the last exam and you happen to get the lower grade, go see your professor immediately. Make sure it is not a mistake. Some classes have 200 student it is easy to mix things up and make computational errors. You should go talk to your professor even if you think you failed the final and there is no mathematically possible way that you can obtain an A. You never know. I could kick myself for not checking up on one of my grades my freshman year.

Well, know that you've heard the voice of “maturity” (HCAB members and people who know me, DON'T LAUGH!), you are ready to enthusiastically start your college career. GOOD LUCK!

Changing Faces

by Puneet Shroff

It is said that at the age of sixteen, we are given the keys that will supposedly allow us to embark on the voyage of adulthood. But where exactly is this journey heading? It is not to the local shopping center, nor is it to Denny's for a late snack.



After completing just one year of college (including summer school), I feel I can safely formulate an answer to the above question. The journey that we have all embarked on, whether we know it or not, is actually known as “self-realization.”

At this point, you may be contemplating whether to continue to read this psycho-babble presented by a pseudo-intellectual college sophomore. No, I do not claim to know everything about college and what it has in store for each individual. However, I do know, from experience, that college allows for the emergence of the spirit of individuality.

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Focus on a Fellow: David Sokol

by Joey Volpe



Photo courtesy of Dr. Sokol

To say that David Sokol is an art historian and Chairperson of the UIC's Art History Department here at UIC barely scratches the surface. In his more than twenty years at UIC, Dr. Sokol has worked on a vast array of projects. His diversified interests in his personal life mirror the variety that an observer sees in his professional life.

Residents of Oak Park, Sokol and his wife Sandra are very involved in their community. He has served on the Village Board of Trustees, and his wife currently is the elected Village Clerk. They have two sons, one of whom is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois in the Consumer Fraud Division, and the other is a salesman.

A music lover and avid book collector, Dr. Sokol enjoys taking advantage of the amazing array of cultural offerings in the Chicago area. Recently, he and his wife took in a matinee performance of "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Steppenwolf Theatre and later that same day, they saw an evening production of Shakespeare in the Park in Oak Park.

Sokol is a native New Yorker. He earned his master's degree in Renaissance art, and his PhD in American Civilization from New York University in 1970. Dr. Sokol came to UIC in 1971, when he joined the art history faculty. He is currently the chairperson of the Art History Department and has served as Director of Art History graduate studies. He has also worked on and chaired many committees in his long career at UIC. These include the Executive Board of the Institute for the Humanities, Academic Senate, and a University self-study committee this past 96-97 academic year.

Serving as an Honors College Fellow has afforded Dr. Sokol the opportunity to get to know several of his students very well. He particularly enjoys advising older "returning adult" students who have to juggle their academic goals with other demands. Often his most able and enthusiastic students, Sokol says that advising them is a challenge because he always wants to encourage them to go ahead and accomplish their goals. But at the same time, he tries to be cautious with his enthusiasm because he is aware of the students' added concerns of family and finances, among others, and does not want to put any extra pressure on them.

Dr. Sokol would like to see more of an opportunity for students and faculty to have a true college community experience, and more of a chance for intellectual inquiry outside of class time. Having been a commuter student himself at Hunter College in New York, Dr. Sokol understands the limitations that an urban, university commuter faces, but would still like to see more of an opportunity for students to explore "intellectual play." He would like to see students and faculty get a chance just to sit and discuss things more easily, as he saw during his year spent as a visiting professor at Randolph Macon Women's College in Virginia, a school where most faculty lived no more than five minutes from campus.

In addition to his work at UIC, Dr. Sokol has held concurrent positions as curator for both the Terra Museum of American Art and the Spertus Museum. Working in both the museum world and the university affords Dr. Sokol a unique perspective. His active participation in the art scene in Chicago has brought invaluable firsthand experience to Dr. Sokol's teaching. He enjoys the academic stimulation of University life, while simultaneously being able to honestly critique the museum business. This critical ability is something that his museology students benefit from, and in particular, the Honors students who took his HON 201 seminar last fall, "Art and Passion: Collecting and Patronage".

Much of Sokol's research is related to museum exhibitions. Whenever possible, he invites his students to join him in his cataloging work for these exhibits so they can gain practical experience. A recent favorite project he worked on was the Terra Museum's "Life in 19th Century America". This particular exhibit provided him with the challenge of doing detective work to put together a comprehensive display. This involved contacting old colleagues, art dealers, and private owners of works. Part of this work entailed convincing other museums, as well as private individuals to lend works for the show. Sokol says this was "a fun and rewarding experience."

Along with his museum work, Sokol has served several foundations throughout the Chicago area. The Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation and the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation are organizations devoted to the architectural and historic preservation of the works of Frank Lloyd Wright. Sokol also chairs the Professional Practice Committee of the College Art Association, a committee concerned with issues facing professionals in the arts.

His diverse experiences as a professor, university administrator, curator, and public servant all combine to make David Sokol the dynamic individual he is.



Residence Hall Life *(cont'd.)*

In general, the problem of living in campus housing being a major conflict with schoolwork is not true, at least not in my experience. While there are many times it can be a distraction from homework, residence hall life often motivates you to study, especially if people from your classes are living close to you. This way, you can all work together and motivate each other before exams, and if you have questions in a particular subject, you know that there is always someone awake at any hour of the night that can help you who is taking or has taken the class. Really, it is very convenient, and you don't have to worry about waking up parents in the middle of the night to talk to someone, especially if it is something important.

Most of all, living away from home helps you create your own identity and set of values. The life in the residence halls, where you are completely responsible for your actions and their consequences, and where you are free to decide from such a wide variety of choices, certainly matures people quickly. While this can sometimes be a painful process, it is key to survival in "the real world."

On the whole, living in campus housing at UIC is a great choice, not only because it is a ton of fun, but also because it is an awesome learning experience in more ways than one. I had a blast living in the residence halls last year, and I wouldn't trade my first year at UIC for any other experience in the world.

Interested in Research?

by Tanja Petnicki

Here are a few tips...

It is always good to start research your sophomore year. I know that many of you enthusiastic students would like to start right away and you can, but I would suggest you wait until you have at least had one or two 200 level courses in your area of interest. It can be much more exciting when you actually know what is being talked about and when you can contribute some ideas of your own. This also increase the likelihood of doing your own project. Following are some of the most important things about finding a good research position.

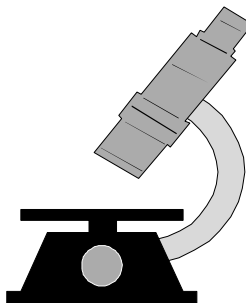


1. Who to look for? In the Honors College office, you can find green binders that say URA on them (Undergraduate Research Assistantships). If you are a sophomore or above, the best place to start would actually be your fellow. Your fellow might offer you to work with him/her, or you may just ask if he/she has anything available. If not, they may know someone who needs a student. If you are a freshman, the best place to start is the Honors College URA binders.

2. What do professors look for? They look for students who are enthusiastic about their topic and who are willing to work hard and devote a lot of time to their lab or project. If you are in science, the professor will most likely prefer if you have had some 200 level work in the subject.

3. Are the research positions paid? No, most of them are not. If the professor is well funded, he/she might decide to pay you.

Good luck to all of you!



Changing Faces *(cont'd. from page 8)*

The essential difference between college and high school is self-sufficiency. In high school, not only were we spoon-fed, but everything was served to us on a relatively silver platter. We could screw up in one area and make up for it in another. In college, it is very clear-cut. There are only two possibilities. Either you land flat on your face or you make an additional stride, only to encounter yet another obstacle. As emotionally gruesome as the former occasion can be, it is vital in order for personal growth to take place.

My best advice to freshmen, therefore, would have to be in the spirit of erroneous behavior. No one is perfect because mistakes are inevitable. Yet instead of viewing the mistake as a failure, (trust me, there is a difference) use it as a tool to learn and grow from.

The success of an individual's college career can be correlated to how a mistake is viewed, handled and ultimately resolved. It doesn't matter whether you're a freshman or a senior. You've got those keys. In fact, you've had those keys for probably at least two years now. It's time to really put your skills to use. The light has finally changed from yellow to green. Go.