

The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

November 2002

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 22	Trivial Pursuit Social
Nov. 25	HCAB General Body Meeting
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 6	Instruction Ends
Dec. 9	Reading Day
Dec. 10-13	Final Exams
Dec. 14-21	ASB Winter Trips
Jan. 13	Spring Semester Begins

Maxwell Street: Community and Controversy by Kunjali Padhya

Although I love living in Marie Robinson Hall at UIC's new South Campus development, I am aware that there is still a lot of controversy surrounding the construction there. Many people have been opposed to UIC's expansion in the Maxwell Street area because the arrival of the University Village apartments and the UIC residence halls have replaced some historic buildings in the area. However, I believe that bringing retailers and a new residential community to South Campus will improve our urban university and broaden UIC's appeal to students and faculty alike.

From 1880 to 1920, Maxwell Street was a neighborhood of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. As a gateway immigrant neighborhood, it was a center of Jewish culture and also the birthplace of the Chicago blues music scene. Until 1994, it was also the home of the famous Maxwell Street Market, a Sunday flea market full of ethnic and local treasures.

In August of 2000, UIC began the demolition of buildings along Maxwell Street. Maxwell Street Residence, newly renamed Marie Robinson Hall, was completed in the fall of 2001 and has since been housing over 350 students. It is made up of single-person studios, two or four person apartments and also has space for retail on the first floor. Construction of a second residence hall, Thomas Beckham Hall, is well under-

way. It is expected to be ready for move-in starting fall of 2003. A Quizno's sandwich shop is already open, and there are reports of a bookstore, coffee chain, and clothing retailers opening in the next few years.

To try and preserve some of Maxwell Street's culture, the developers have agreed to save 8 buildings and 13 facades to be used for future retail sites. Advocates for the preservation of Maxwell Street are urging UIC to apply for these buildings to be recognized as landmarks. They are also asking for street vendors to be allowed to return to the area.

As a student at UIC and a new resident of South Campus, I can definitely agree with the University's intentions to expand the in-demand student housing. Shifting upperclassmen to the new South Campus residence will open up spots for underclassmen in the east campus residence halls, helping new students foster a sense of community.

The addition of retail stores and restaurants will also attract more people to the area and hopefully encourage students to stay on campus during weekends. Adding private residences will diversify the UIC community and make it a place where people want to raise their families.

However, from the preservationist's viewpoint, it can be said that UIC is turning a historic neighborhood into a modern-day strip mall. One of the greatest strengths of Chicago is the diversity of its neighborhoods, and adding a Starbucks and a Gap will make the area indistinguishable from any suburb in the country.

Can a compromise be reached? As development continues in this area, the opposition will surely continue to make its voice heard. But it looks as though the expansion of South Campus is inevitable. Hopefully, the new community will not only benefit UIC, but also increase the prosperity and image of Chicago as a whole.



Focus on a Fellow: Dr. Andrea Kemp

by Jennifer Baek

Honors College fellow Dr. Andrea Kemp earned her medical degree at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed her residency training at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. In June 2000, Dr. Kemp completed a clinical fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago while simultaneously earning a master's degree in public health.

Initially, Dr. Kemp aspired to specialize in pediatrics. However, as she went through her rotations in medical school, she discovered a love for obstetrics. The first time she delivered a baby, she knew that it was what she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

Dr. Kemp currently teaches medical students and residents, researches, and practices medicine. Her clinical interests lie in medical complications in pregnancy and fetal diagnosis. She has performed epidemiological and outcome-based research on fetal effects of amniotic fluid volume disturbances and substance abuse during pregnancy. She has also investigated factors associated with maternal mortality and morbidity for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Because she has already accomplished so much, Dr. Kemp has much to offer her students. Her advice to aspiring physicians is to "use every opportunity to find a way to broaden your horizons because it will help you grow to become a better, well-rounded and open-minded person."

From Pre-Medicine to Pre-Dentistry

by Daniela Witkowski

It is a standard thing in college for a student to change their major and/or career path one, two, three, or even more times. I have personally gone from pre-veterinary, to pre-medicine, to graphic arts, to journalism, back to medicine, finally to my current career path: dentistry.

I was actually pre-medicine for most of my college career; the other career paths were fleeting ideas in my head. So what would make me change my mind from being a wonderful, all-important, moneymaking doctor to a dentist?

Well, it all started over the summer between high school graduation and freshman year. I needed a job, and a family friend (who happened to be a general dentist) asked me a favor. She had just lost a dental assistant, and was wondering if I would be willing to work for her over the summer until she could fill the position. She offered me a reasonable salary, and I figured it was good experience for my resumé, so I started as soon as school ended.

What I eventually found out was that I had discovered my chosen path. At first, I was transfixed with the idea of becoming

a doctor and thought that life as a dentist would be so much less rewarding. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that this was the career path for me. One of the positive aspects of being a dentist is that there are many specialty fields to choose from that are highly demanding such as Oral Surgery, in which I am interested. Other advantages for pursuing dentistry include being able to practice after only four years of professional school (as opposed to a minimum of seven years for medicine, which requires residency), the starting salary is good, and there is a very high demand for dentists. What do I have to lose in a field like that? I think I have everything to gain: the thrill of healing, problem solving, and satisfaction.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines! NSEP Fellowship for Study Abroad

Are you interested in researching or studying in non-English speaking countries outside of western Europe? If so, consider applying for an NSEP fellowship.

The NSEP provides generous funding for students for projects abroad that include language study in some way. A service agreement is incurred along with NSEP funding, which can be paid back through paid work for the government equal to the amount of time funded, or through higher education.

Last year, UIC Honors College student Jane Jih won an NSEP fellowship for study in Taiwan.

Applications are due on February 15, 2003. All applicants must go through a campus review process.

For more information visit www.aed.org/nsep or contact the Office of Special Scholarship Programs at (312)355-2477.

A Lesson in Caring

by Charles Yohannan

The Society of Future Physicians (SFP) held an emotional event on the evening of Monday, November 11th. Approximately 35 members met at the UIC Hospital, not knowing exactly what to expect. However, after the event, many lives of the attendees were changed forever.

SFP is an organization that aims to provide pre-medical students with the opportunity to explore the career of medicine through various events and presentations. This particular event allowed members to have direct interaction with cancer patient, Alicia Davis. Alicia was diagnosed with the disease at the age of sixteen, soon after she had had her first child. Alicia shared with the members what she felt were the characteristics of a good doctor.

“Hi, I’m case #75214346-0390, better known as Alicia Davis.” the patient introduced herself, and right from the start, it illustrated to all of the future doctors in the room the importance of treating patients as people, instead of cases. Alicia and her mother Diane proceeded to talk about Alicia’s experiences with neuroblastoma, a type of cancer, and what they felt constituted a good doctor. In Alicia’s opinion, the main quality a doctor should strive for is to listen to his or her patient. The doctor/patient relationship is a “partnership, not a dictatorship.” A doctor should also be straightforward with his or her patients while simultaneously being compassionate.

Fevers, loss of appetite, and extreme pain in many of her joints continue to plague her. However, to the people who saw her on Monday, Alicia looked like a healthy, upbeat teenage girl, who had a radiating smile. Family, friends, humor, and God lifted Alicia up during her tough times. She never gave up. She continues to value every day because she knows that, especially for her, “tomorrow is never guaranteed.” She has many goals, including graduating high school and becoming a computer graphics designer.

Constandina Politis, an SFP member, was especially touched by the event. “Alicia Davis gave an amazing presentation. Her spirit and attitude were unforgettable. This young woman has dealt with so much and still, through it all, she always has a smile on her face. Alicia’s personality, courage, and optimism touched me. I don’t know if I would be able to have the strength to deal with her illness every day and attain her level of maturity. She keeps on fighting and doesn’t give up. She has deepened my desire to be a doctor who cares about their patients and treats them as a human being rather than just another case study. Alicia is an inspiration to us all.”

The event was very encouraging and helpful to everyone who attended. Seeing the actual result of a doctor’s care and concern in this smiling, young girl was an inspiration to all.



Campaign Finance Reform

Opinion by Ada Moadsiri

In politics, money matters. In 2000, a bid for a seat in the House of Representatives cost more than 500,00 dollars, while an average of 4.5 million dollars was spent on a bid for a seat in the Senate. In the United States, national elections are held every two years. With over 500 members serving in Congress, this means that a large sum of money is raised and spent on, among other things, posters, balloons, and mailings. The candidate with more money to spend usually has a great advantage in terms of gaining recognition. When voters make their choices, it is usually based on party and issue preferences. However, candidates still campaign using their “big money” to get the votes of the uninformed citizen.

Campaign Finance Reform would set limits on how much individuals, corporations, and the candidates themselves can give to a candidate’s campaign. Currently, individuals can give up to 1,000 dollars while a Political Action Committee can contribute up to 5,000 dollars. If the government was to set limits on how much money any one candidate could receive, then not only would the playing field be more fair for third party candidates, but constraints would be placed upon useless spending.

However, there is strong opposition to Campaign Finance Reform, especially from the candidates who hold a lot of financial support such as those who already hold office. Contributors also oppose the Reform because they feel that it is a part of their freedom of speech to give their money to whomever they choose.

It is true that some money is needed in order to let voters know who the candidates are and for what they stand. However, to spend millions of dollars is outrageous. I would have more respect for the candidate who tells me what he/she believes in a debate, and uses his/her campaign contributions to actually improve the lives of his/her constituency. For example, a senator who raises 6 million dollars in contributions could use that money to provide after-school programs for his/her constituency or perhaps health awareness programs that could benefit both adults and children.



Make A Difference Day



by Shifali Arora

Saturday, October 26 was national Make a Difference Day. Students from around the country spent the day helping others with everything from cleaning the highways and beaches to visiting nursing homes. At UIC, many of the student organizations participated in this event and chose from a variety of activities throughout Chicago. New Life Volunteering Society, with the help of the Hindu Students Council and the Society of Future Physicians, worked at a rummage sale for the Children's Place.

Children's Place is an agency dedicated to helping children dealing with adversity, whether it is health, social, or emotional. It is a safe haven for children while they are in the process of finding a foster family. In the last eleven years, more than 500 children have found a home at Children's Place. Children's Place is now branching in other directions and has created a support system and an information source for those families dealing with AIDS.

For the volunteering event, students left campus at 8:00 a.m. Upon arriving at Finkl and Sons Warehouse, they were divided up into several groups. The duties of the volunteers included serving food, greeting shoppers, and directing drivers. Five-dollar donations were collected from rummage sale shoppers. Vendors from all over the Chicagoland area came to display their unique items. The sale was a success and the volunteers had a great time. (We even got to check out the merchandise during our breaks!)

For more information about Children's Place, please go to their website: www.childrens-place.org

If you get a chance, volunteer next year and you too can make a difference!

Brain Teaser

Crossword Puzzle Clues

by Sonia Krishnan



Prizes will be awarded to students who submit correct answer sheets to the front desk while supplies last.

Good luck!

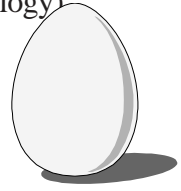
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1. Principal Artery in Human Body; Carries Oxygenated Blood to Most Other Arteries
2. Born October 9, 1940 – Prominent Late Musical Figure – Quite “Revolution”-ary
3. Surname of Family from Popular TV Sitcom that Premiered in 1984
4. Released Album *Better Life* with Hit Song “Kryptonite”
5. Career Home Run Record Holder
6. Middle Name of Mozart, or Oscar-Winning Film from 1984
7. Longest River in Asia, Found in China (3900mi Length)
8. Messy Character from *Peanuts*
9. Capital of Czech Republic
10. Fine Dining, Koala Style
11. German-born Composer of *Water Music* and the Opera *Rinaldo*, Among Many Other Works
12. Courtesy Title Used for Daughter of an Earl, Marquess, or Duke
13. The Bluegrass State
14. 2000 Presidential Candidate Born in Washington, D.C.
15. TV-Surname of Actor Robert Reed
16. Most Vivid of These Occurs During 5th Stage of Sleep Cycle (REM Sleep)
17. Outbreak of this Plague in the 14th Century was Also Referred to as The Black Death
18. Former Princess of Monaco
19. Alfred Hitchcock Film Released in 1946 About Woman Who Becomes a Spy for US Govt.
20. Band with Hit Song from 1980's: “Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now” or _____ Enterprise



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21. Evil Sea Witch from *The Little Mermaid* or Phoebe's Twin Sister on *Friends*
22. Second Book in the Bible about the Departure of The Israelites from Egypt
23. Greek Goddess Associated with Childbirth, Hunting, and the Moon (Diana in Roman Mythology)
24. Stefani of "No Doubt"
25. Council that met from 1545-1563 in Response to Protestant Reformation
26. "The Incredible Edible _____"
27. US Senate Member (from Utah) Hatch
28. Jonathan Larson Musical that Reminds Us that There's "No Day But Today"
29. Jane Austen Novel About a Woman Who Tries to Play Matchmaker
30. The Nazi State was known as the Third _____
31. River in Northeastern Part of United States

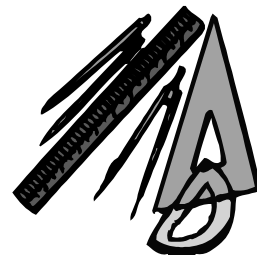
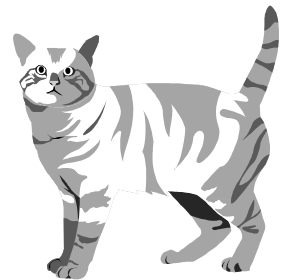


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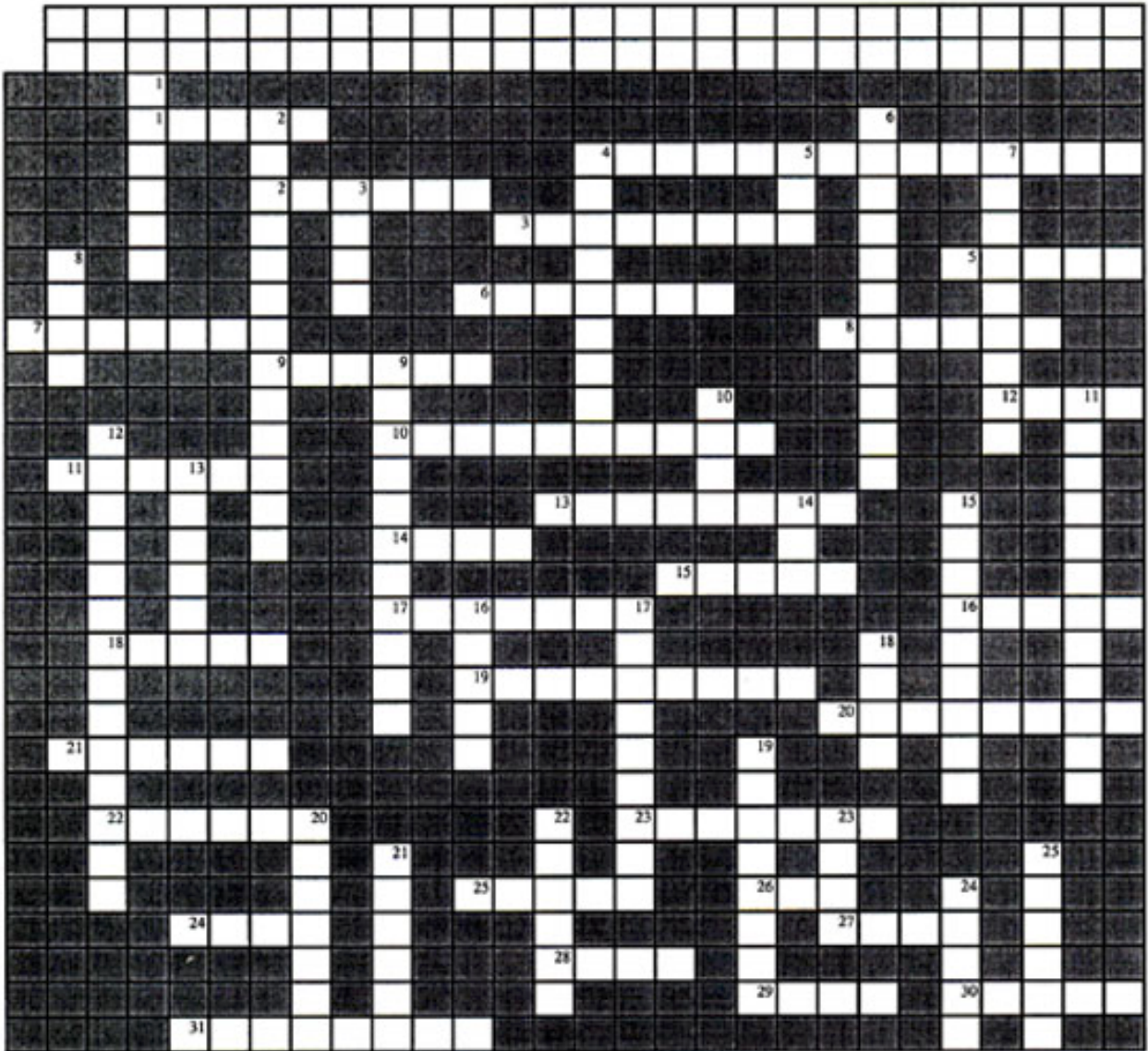
1. Harry Potter's Slytherin Nemesis
2. The Front Part of the Brain, Consisting of the Cerebral Hemispheres



3. Nobel Prize Winner in Economics whose Life was the Basis for the Movie *A Beautiful Mind*
4. The Art of Stuffing and Presenting Dead Animals' Skin So they Appear Lifelike
5. Rap Artist that Can be Warded Off by an Apple a Day
6. Leader of French *Committee of Public Safety* during the Reign of Terror
7. Renaissance Sculptor or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
8. George Michael's Band Before his Solo Career
9. Spiderman's Arch-nemesis
10. South African Clergyman, Civil Rights Activist, and Nobel Laureate
11. Film Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey
12. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World Found in Babylon
13. Term Related to Performance of Duties in Hinduism and the Eternal Truth in Buddhism
14. Young Goat
15. Co-Writer of Poem "She Walks in Beauty" with George Gordon
16. Season Home Run Record Holder
17. Star of Film in Clue #19, Across
18. Spanish Word for "Cat"
19. Capital of Wyoming
20. Bart and Lisa's School Principal on *The Simpsons*
21. Term Meaning "Absolute Chaos"
22. Place "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"
23. Character in Shakespeare's *Othello* or Obnoxious Parrot in Disney Film
24. To Entrap Somebody by Deception or A Type of Drum
25. Considered by Many as the Father of Geometry



Answer Grid for the Brain Teaser!



See pages 4 and 5 for the corresponding clues.