

The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

October 2003

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 29	Volunteer Fair 11a-2p at Illinois Room
Oct. 30	SFP sponsored Peds Ward party at the Hospital, meet 5 p at UIH contact ckay1@uic.edu
Oct. 30	HCAB General Body Meeting
Nov. 12	HCAB Luncheon, 11a-2p BH
Nov. 13	Domestic Abuse Awareness Forum time TBA, BH
Nov. 20	HCAB General Body Meeting
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Break! No Classes

Home - Not Always a Safe Haven

by Joseph Morgan

Author's Note: Although this is a simple work of imagination, situations like this do occur on a daily basis. It is easy for people to see the fiction, and ignore the truth. Unfortunately, this is truth each and every day.

“It was so simple. Such a simple day. Everything seemed so normal; one of those days where you expect nothing to be out of the ordinary. The sun had been shining, the grass was so green. Everywhere, you could hear the sound of the birds chirping in the air. It was the perfect day. I walked into the house, not on my guard at all. I was so happy that day, not like it had been on other days. I was just happy to be alive, happy to have my family, and happy for everything. I had spent the entire day just playing, and gazing out the window. My teachers may have been talking, but I didn't hear anything. I was just so happy. And then I walked in the door.

“I could tell as soon as I entered that within this house, it was not perfect. The shades were closed so that the sun could not penetrate. Nothing but darkness. My perfect bubble burst as I walked into the door. Nothing. I could hear no noises, nothing. It was eerie; not at all like the sounds of nature that were playing everywhere around me outside. I stood in the middle of the hallway and listened. Listened as intently as my teenage ears could allow me to listen. And I heard it. The soft, muffled sounds of a whimper. I could barely make out the sounds at all, but I knew that it was there. I began to creep very slowly towards the source of the sound. It was coming from the hallway closet, not too far off to my right. It was getting minutely louder. I began to become worried. What if my family had been hurt? What was going on? I tried to catalog where everyone was. My brother was at school still – soccer practice until late. My dad was at work. It had to have been my mother! But what happened? I opened the closet door ever so slightly. A scream issued from behind the door! I jumped...it was my mom. What on earth made her so scared that she couldn't come from behind the closet door?

“‘Mom, it's me,’ I said patiently, assuring her that nothing was wrong. ‘Go away. HURRY!’ my mother shouted at me. The crying strengthened. I tried the door once more and found there to be no resistance from the other side. In the closet, sitting among the shoes and the coats sat my mother, a grown woman, with her head in her lap. I could not even imagine what was going on. And then I saw it...a trickle of blood on her upper forehead. ‘Mom, what happened? Tell me!’ I screamed at her. I began to panic. What was going on? As I panicked, her maternal instincts took hold, and she lifted her head to comfort me. But as she did, I felt no comfort...only fear.

2003: A Great Year

by Jennifer Baek

In 1908 the Chicago Cubs won the World Series; that is also the last time the Cubs have won the World Championship title. Why? Some Chicagoans blame the “Billy Goat Curse,” cast upon the Cubs by William “Billy Goat” Sianis in 1945. William Sianis, the owner of the popular Billy Goat Tavern, became known as “Billy Goat” after he grew a goatee and adopted a goat that had fallen off a passing truck and wandered in. A dedicated Cubs fan, “Billy Goat” Sianis planned to watch the Cubs play the Detroit Tigers in Game 4 of the 1945 World Series. He bought two tickets, one for

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One of the Many Reasons to Go Postal

by Rose Adamczyk

It's 2:30 in the afternoon. Sunny, 95 degrees, no wind. You're dragging on the last leg of your route. You just ate the last chunk of ice in your water bottle, so you know that no refreshment will meet you back at the truck. Suddenly, in the distance, you hear music, the tiny recording of what you make out to be "Do Your Ears Hang Low?"...the type of song that can only belong to an ice cream truck. The music grows steadily louder. You know that it's coming your way, yet it is approaching at such a slow rate that you have all the time in the world to fantasize about every frozen treat in the truck. You also fantasize that the driver of the truck will see you in all of your sunburnt, sweaty, delivering-the-mail glory and be kind enough to give you a free Popsicle...any kind, anything, even some ice on a stick. Something. Anything. The truck is upon you. The driver looks at you as if he doesn't even know what it is you're doing...and passes by. You fight the uncontrollable urge to throw your mail bag at the truck. You move on to the next house, put the mail in the box, and continue on your way, only to walk the same path tomorrow.

Caveat: A continuation of last month's summer job article.

Fall Ball 2003

by Cynthia Kay

In October, one of the most widely sought after tickets around campus was the Student Alumni League's 2003 Fall Ball. Boasting a location ninety-nine floors high above the streets of Chicago the Ball took place at the Sears Tower, with a view that can only be described as breath-taking. At only ten dollars each, the three-hundred tickets for the event were quickly sold out. In fact, an additional one-hundred and fifty tickets were printed due to popular demand, reaching the room's maximum capacity. Student Alumni League's Vice President of Events and Programs, Anne

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Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines!

Goldwater Scholarship

Are you a sophomore or junior interested in pursuing a career in mathematics, science, or engineering? The Goldwater scholarship is a funding opportunity for students just like you who enjoy researching in one of the above mentioned fields. If you consider yourself a math, science or engineering enthusiast, you may be an ideal candidate for the Goldwater.

The Goldwater Scholarship is awarded annually to outstanding sophomores and juniors interested in pursuing a career in science, math or engineering. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books and room/board up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually. Sophomores are eligible for up to two years of funding.

Regarding eligibility, candidates must be full time sophomores or juniors at the time of application, be interested in a research career in science, math or engineering, be a U.S. citizen, natural or resident alien, and have a GPA of 4.7 or above. Students planning on medical studies alone don't tend to be strong candidates. Students pursuing the MD/PhD can be candidates. Due to the competitive nature of the UIC selection process, strong candidates should have at least 3 months of science/engineering research experience.

For more specific information, you may access the Goldwater website at www.act.org/goldwater. *Candidates must be nominated by UIC and may not apply directly.* **The UIC Goldwater application deadline is November 12, 2003. The national application date is February 1, 2004.**

UIC students interested in applying should contact the Office of Special Scholarship Programs for more information about the application process.

Madison Scholarship

Do you plan on teaching American History, American government, or social studies at the secondary level? The James Madison Fellowship Program may offer you the funding that will help you achieve your professional goals.

The James Madison Fellowship Program awards up to \$24,000 to secondary teachers, grades 7-12, of American History, American government, or social studies who are interested in pursuing a master's degree. Fellowship payments cover the actual costs of tuition, required fees, books, and room and board, but cannot exceed \$12,000 per academic year. For more information on the fellowship, please visit the Madison website at www.jamesmadison.com.

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Project ESTEEM

(Enrichment of Science Through Exposure to Experimental Models)

by Ada Moadsiri

Project ESTEEM is a volunteer organization dedicated to reaching out to the children of Chicago's Maryville DCFS Shelters. Project ESTEEM uses science to help under-privileged children improve their self-esteem. Our program includes the Medically Complex Shelter that houses DCFS children with medical ailments, which we visit on Mondays, and the Columbus Maryville Shelter, which we visit on Thursdays. Many of these children have had difficult upbringings lacking support and encouragement. Thus, the curriculum focuses on not only teaching them basic concepts in biology, chemistry, and physics, but more importantly, it strives to show the children that they are capable individuals.

Each session begins with a demonstration of an experiment that acts to prompt the science train of thought: observation, hypothesis, experiment, and conclusion. Each child chooses what interested him or her and works with a mentor. As mentors, our volunteers encourage each child to understand the science behind what they observe. Hopefully, by the end of the program, the children will have a stronger and renewed self-esteem and also a growing desire to learn more about science.

Project ESTEEM is an honors activity if fellow approved. Students of all majors are welcome to participate because any knowledge that is shared with children is valuable.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Ada Moadsiri at amoads1@uic.edu. Coming soon: www.projectesteem.org

If you'd like your organization featured in upcoming issues of the Ampersand, drop HCAB a note into our mailbox in the Honors College Lounge!

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Regarding eligibility, applicants must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, and possess a bachelor's degree or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31, 2004. Applicants who already have a graduate degree must wait at least three years from the date that the degree was received before applying. All winners must agree to teach American history, government or social studies in grades 7-12 for no less than one year for each full academic year of study under the fellowship. **The Madison application deadline is March 1, 2004.**

USA Today

Nominations are open for USA TODAY's All-USA College Academic Team, recognizing outstanding undergraduates nationwide. The 20 students named to the First Team receive \$2,500 and are featured in USA TODAY as representatives of all outstanding college students. Judges consider academic excellence, leadership and the student's essay on his most outstanding intellectual endeavor. Nominations, which must be postmarked by December 1, 2003, are available at http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2003-07-29-2004collegeallstars_x.htm. All students interested in applying can apply. The staff in Special Scholarship Programs offers advising to students during the application process.

Please stop by the Office of Special Scholarship Programs, located at 104 Grant Hall, to pick-up detailed descriptions of the scholarships available. Information is also available on our website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/spp/awards>. The Office of Special Scholarship Programs (SSP) coordinates the selection of scholarship awards and offers assistance to students applying for these and other awards.

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himself and the other for none other than his goat Murphy. However, when he attempted to enter Wrigley Field, his companion was denied access because it smelled. Angered, Sianis cast the “goat curse,” declaring that the Cubs would not win another World Series from that day forth. Subsequently, the Cubs lost the World Championship title to the Tigers, and to this day, they have not appeared in the World Series.

Supposedly, Billy Goat lifted the curse in 1969, but that year the Cubs did not have a successful season, which led many to believe that the curse was still in place. Billy Goat’s nephew Sam tried twice to lift the curse in 1972 and 1983 by bringing a goat named Socrates to Wrigley field, but he was denied entry. Finally in 1984, Sam and the goat were allowed into the stadium on opening day. That year the Cubs won the division, but then lost to the Padres in the playoffs. Sam and his goat made a few appearances in the seasons following, but to no avail. Thus, up until Game 7 it had been 95 years since the Chicago Cubs won the pennant and 58 years since they had made it to the World Series.

Despite all of this, Cubs fans have remained loyal, cheering on their favorite team for years. Hopes to appear in and even win the World Series have always been very much alive. After a long wait, the Cubs finally answered their fans’ prayers this year, beating the Atlanta Braves in Game 5 for the National League Division title. Was this the end of the Billy Goat Curse? Yes. Fans were more certain than ever. With Mark Prior, Matt Clement, and Kerry Wood on the mound and Sammy Sosa and Kenny Lofton at the plate, there was no way Chicago would be shut out of the World Series. The streets of Wrigleyville were alive with activity: fans were buying anything and everything with the Cubs logo, taking pictures in front of the Wrigley field marquee, and filling the bars and restaurants. Not to mention, game tickets were selling for over a thousand

dollars on e-Bay. The Cubs had “skinned the Braves,” and their thousands of fans were ready for a “fish fry” during the play-offs against the Florida Marlins.

Things were looking up for Chicago. The Cubs were now one big step closer to the World Series, and their last obstacle would be the Florida Marlins. After Game 1, fans were upset when the Cubs lost such a close game, but they were far from discouraged. The following night at Wrigley field, the Cubs “squished the fish.” They scored 12 runs and allowed the Marlins only 3. In Miami, Games 3 and 4 belonged to the Cubs, which gave Chicago a 3-1 lead. Cubs fans could practically taste the sweetness of victory. However, Marlins’ starting pitcher Josh Beckett stole the spotlight in Game 5, and the Cubs were not able to get on the scoreboard that night.

“Oh, well. We’ll just win at home” was the common attitude throughout Chicago. How could we lose? We had two more chances to finish the job.

That Tuesday night, Chicago was alive with excitement. In anticipation for Game 6, security was heightened to ensure that the celebration, if one were to occur, would not get too rowdy. Sadly, no Cubs fan would be celebrating victory that night. Although Prior held the Marlins at bay for the first seven innings, all was lost in the eighth inning when the Marlins scored 8 runs to win the game. Was this the goat curse’s doing? Perhaps the curse came in the form of Steve Bartman, a supposed Cubs fan who deflected what appeared to be a playable foul ball. Just as left-fielder Moises Alou jumped up to make the catch, Bartman reached out and knocked the ball into the stands. Immediately after, shortstop Alex Gonzalez uncharacteristically botched what would have been an inning-ending play. Such a horrible sequence of events could only be the sign of the goat curse at work, right? Dusty Baker said, “History had nothing to do with this game, nothing.” One cannot help but wonder.

The following day, everyone in Chicago was trying to shake off the dev-

astating loss. Plenty of die-hard Cubs fans were mad at Bartman, who made the front page of several newspapers, but there was still hope. The Cubs could still go to the World Series and prove that the Billy Goat Curse was truly lifted. However, the Marlins were just too strong both at the plate and on the mound, and the Cubs lost Game 7 and ended their World Series Run. Cubs fans were stunned and disappointed, and many could not bring themselves to leave the stands right away. When they finally started leaving, it was like a funeral procession. It was a very sad night for Chicago. Waking up the next morning to find that it had not been merely a bad dream was heartbreaking.

Regardless, it has been an amazing year for Chicago, and we owe it all to the Cubs. Although they did not make it to the World Series, they put up one heck of a fight. The Cubs’ success gave Chicago much reason to celebrate, and with such loyal fans and great players, the World Series cannot be too far from reach. Chicago has now waited 96 years since the Cubs’ last World Series victory and 59 years since their last World Series appearance, but fans will happily continue to cheer on their Cubs for years to come.

Remembering Haunts...

by John Choi

It wasn’t even a question of what was my favorite Halloween costume. There was no question, since I only had one costume I’d wear year after year after year. Let me explain. Growing up, my family was definitely not the wealthiest family in the neighborhood or well-off financially. I mean, come on, my dad drove a Geo Metro with no power windows, locks, no cruise control, no AC, no radio. It was the car with the best gas mileage available. We would turn off lights when they weren’t being used, turn off the faucet while brushing our teeth, and

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Styka, was surprised at the buzz surrounding the dance. Sales well surpassed the initial two hundred guests expected to be in attendance.

As Vice President, Anne was in charge of the enormous task of planning the Fall Ball. Preparation began as early as July. The first decision was the location. "The Student Alumni Executive Board decided [on the Sears Tower] after we looked into about 20 different places in Chicago. [It] was reasonably priced compared to the other places we looked at, and we thought since the Tower is such a popular trademark of Chicago that it would be great to have a student dance in it," Anne recalls. As the event date grew closer, Doris O'Kwu was named the Ball Chair and oversaw the remainder ball tasks, such as ticket sales, decorations, menu, and publicity of the event.

Aside from the amazing location, the date probably factored into making the event such a success. Anne explains that "[SAL] decided to have this in October because [Homecoming] was not getting as many attendees as we would have liked since there are lots of dances packed into the beginning of second semester, such as the RHA formal, Honors College Ball, etc." If the incessant inquiries for more tickets and the extension of the dance by over fifteen minutes are any indication, Anne tells us that SAL is planning on making the Fall Ball a new annual event to replace Homecoming.

All of SAL's hard-work and planning became reality on Friday, October 10th. Everyone in attendance seemed to have had a great time either on the dance floor or taking in the spectacular floor to ceiling views.

Wished you were part of the planning that went into this great event? Contact SAL Vice President of Membership Katie Shartzter cshart1@uic.edu for more info. Or visit their website at <http://sal.uic.edu/>.



Democracy vs. Terrorism

by Izabela Kaczorowska

"...it's in the society that one learns the morals, the usage, the spirit, and the character of a nation. Finally, one improves oneself in seeing the world, and one learns to know men of all kinds." This quotation is taken from the journals of Alexis DeTocqueville in reference to his journey through America in 1831- 1832. Originally visiting America to study prison reforms, Tocqeville became fascinated by the lifestyle of the Americans. His *Democracy in America* addressed America's love for equality over freedom, materialism, reli-

gious mores, and the American education system. Indeed, *Tocqueville's Democracy in America* remains a touchstone for discussion of our national character and destiny in classrooms and lecture halls, but also in the speeches of political candidates and the musings of editorial writers. Actually, democracy with its implications for the "Rule of Law" in the age of terrorism was an extensive subject of the *Democracy vs. Terrorism Symposium* held at The John Marshall Law School this October, led by three distinguished international and constitutional law experts.

Professor Emanuel Gross is a retired chief judge of the District Military

Court, Central Command, Israel Defense Force, and is now a professor at the University of Haifa Faculty of Law as well as a visiting professor at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in Toronto. He addressed the challenges of terrorism for the State of Israel and its response. Professor Gross' talk presented his philosophy consisting of three concepts on the "Rule of Law" during terrorism, in the State of Israel. According to this philosophy, Israel, as a State of Law, is a state in which nothing is done beyond the law, meaning that military is obeying the law at all times. Although controversial and challenging, this

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“Black eyes. Swollen lip. Her front tooth was missing. A gash cut down the upper level of her forehead. It was deep and appeared to require stitches. Her fingernails were broken. There were bruises around her wrists and her neck. My mother, this strong woman, appeared to have fought for her life and barely escaped.

“Immediately, I thought it was a burglar, or some type of a bad man who did this. ‘Mom – tell me! Tell me now! Who did this to you? Who did this so we can call the police? Tell me!’ ‘I can’t,’ was her simple reply through a stream of tears. ‘I just can’t!’

“Why?”

“It was your father.”

As the issue of domestic violence and abuse grows more and more prevalent through each passing year, the need to recognize it and protect the victims becomes stronger and stronger along with it. According to the Chicago Abused Women’s Coalition, nearly one out of every three women will face physical violence at the hands of her partner in her lifetime (<http://www.cawc.org/domestic/index.html>). It is the single largest cause of injury to women in the United States and is responsible for over one third of all female murders within this country. However, domestic violence does not only affect women. More than one fourth of all families in the United States are affected yearly by domestic violence. This act knows not the boundaries of race, religion, ethnicity, social status, sexual orientation, age, or any other tie that may separate us from one another. Domestic violence is an equal opportunity action, and affects men, women, children, and families each and every day.

Domestic violence is an action concerning power and control over an individual. One partner feels the need to control the actions and worth of another partner, and feels that the abuse is justified. Domestic violence can surface in any number of situations. It can manifest itself as outward physical violence, with warning signs including bruises, cuts, and other physical signs of abuse. It can also take the form of emotional or verbal abuse, where the self worth of the victim is reduced, and the victim feels like they deserve nothing but the violence. Domestic violence can also carry over into sexual abuse, as the need for power within the abuser takes on new manifestations.

Children growing up in homes with domestic violence often times feel alone and unprotected. They become scared and cannot maintain normal childhood relationships with other people. They internalize much of the violence, and continue the cycle. And domestic violence is not left only in the hands of heterosexual married couples. Domestic violence affects people of all orientations and relationship levels. College students are often times the victims of domestic violence within their relationships with roommates, friends, and significant others. Any form of power or control over another human being constitutes domestic violence.

It is important to be aware of the warning signs of domestic violence. Many people are affected by this life-altering event. Many times, victims of domestic violence become introverted, scared at the smallest of noises, and, often, physical marks of the violence that is occurring. Resources are available for victims of domestic violence. At UIC, the Office of Women’s Affairs specializes in increasing awareness of this victimization and providing support for victims of violence within the family. The Counseling Center also offers free counseling to students who may have been or are currently the victims of domestic violence.

If you are suffering from violence, it is important to remember two things:

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Coro – Hands -on for a Year

by Joseph Shin (2002 Honors College Graduate)

“As we approach the 21st century, it is clear that the long-term vitality of our democracy is more reliant than ever on leaders who can skillfully bridge the competing concerns of an increasingly diverse constituency in a world of constant change, varying resources and increased globalization. Coro graduates are these leaders.” – Coro

So how often does it happen that you’re invited to go bar hopping with the mayor, or get to interview Sandra Day O’Conner? What about having six consecutive 16-hour work days during “Orientation Week,” or sitting through a 4-hour team accountability meeting? Throw in a corporate ethics roundtable, visiting a few prisons, observing labor negotiations, and about a thousand other meetings, interviews, projects, and seminars, and you have yourself nine short, but grueling months as a Coro Fellow.

After graduating from UIC in the summer of 2002, I participated in the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs in Pittsburgh. The program involved a series of internships in various sectors of the community: government, business, non-profit, labor, etc... Additionally, skill development seminars, policy Focus Days and group projects were scattered throughout the year. Overall, it was an intense experience with 100 hour work weeks being common. Some of us “Corons,” as we fellows were sometimes referred to, likened the experience to boot-camp for budding civic leaders, or clinical rotations for idealistic change agents. Having these little analogies on hand made it easier to explain Coro to a non-“Coron,” but the basic idea was that we would get as many different perspec-

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1. You are NOT deserving of this. No matter what else is said, nothing you have done causes this violence.
2. You are NOT alone. Millions of women suffer from family violence each year.

Below is the true story of a survivor of domestic violence, found at the Chicago Abused Women's Coalition website.

“ If you or anyone could have cringed each time I cringed when the abuser spoke of killing me if I left him, or felt the undue responsibility of pacifying or soothing an enraged, jealous man... If you could have seen the razor partly concealed in his hand, jumped each time the doorbell or phone rang, hid with me whenever family and neighbors came to visit for fear of them seeing broken furniture, broken arms or blackened eyes. Maybe if you had...run along with me down the main street in my town, in broad daylight, from a man who was totally out of control. Or hid in the basement of a friend for days in hopes that we would not be found. Or felt the terror of knowing that, no matter where we would go, we would be stalked and hunted like animals...(Then,) perhaps, we could have left our children, mother, friends and jobs together and stayed in a shelter with other women with similar or more horrifying experiences.”

For more information, contact:

Chicago Abused Women Coalition
 P.O. Box 477916
 Chicago, IL 60647-7916

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 773.278.4566



October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month - but work to stop it year-round.

Focus on a Fellow: Dr. Indru Punwani

by Daniela Witkowski

It is a comforting to have a fellow like Dr. Punwani. To feel completely at ease when walking into your fellow's office, whether it is to get your agreement form signed, to interview them for an article in the Ampersand, or just to talk about your plans or concerns, is invaluable. Dr. Punwani definitely embodies this ideal.

Dr. Punwani is a professor and head of the pediatrics department at UIC's College of Dentistry. This position makes him the administrator for the three aspects of the pediatrics department: behavioral sciences, public health, and pediatrics. He also runs the programs for pre-doctoral, postdoctoral, and graduate levels. In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Punwani is the Chief of Dental Service through the University of Illinois Chicago Hospital. As if he weren't involved enough, Dr. Punwani manages to give dental care, teach, and do extensive research.

Dr. Punwani's education is representative of his high standards as a doctor. He graduated with his dental degree (DDS) from the University of Bombay in India. He then completed his residency at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

Research is another important facet of Dr. Punwani's activities. Through his position as the Chief of Dental Service at UICH, Dr. Punwani works with the premature infants that are there. When these babies are born, the tubes that are inserted in order to feed and care for the babies can cause a distortion of the palate when they attempt normal actions, such as sucking. Dr. Punwani's research is attempting to decrease the damage done through the use of a plate inserted soon after the baby is born. In addition, Dr. Punwani is on the Biomedical Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews the ethics of research done on human subjects.

The idea that people of lower socio-economic status receive inadequate care is an issue that Dr. Punwani feels very strongly about. He mentioned the fact that 80% of the dental disease occurs in the 20% of the population who are of the lowest socio-economic class. To fight this, Dr. Punwani works with the City of Chicago's Head Start Program. Through this organization, he collaborates with other health professionals to teach under-privileged children basic health practices. Dental students participate in the program as well to teach them and expose them to the needs of this very deprived group.

A program outside of the College of Dentistry that Dr. Punwani enjoys participating in is the Honors College Fellows program. He feels that he is able to reach out the students that have the potential to succeed and need some guidance. The students he mentors are the students he foresees giving back to the University, such as becoming a faculty researcher (of which the University is in need), and to the community as a whole. Dr.

Punwani also enjoys keeping in touch with his students, whom he has seen graduate and move on to make a great difference in their lives. This kind of long-term relationship gives Dr. Punwani encouragement that he is making a positive impact in the students' lives.

In his valuable (and rare) free time, Dr. Punwani enjoys seeing movies, traveling to explore different cultures (especially different foods), and spending time with his wife and two children. In whatever arena of his life, Dr. Punwani can be seen making a difference and keeping busy. However, this has never kept him from sitting down for a minute to discuss with students how their plans for the future are progressing.

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use the AC ONLY when it got above 100 degrees... seriously. So when Halloween came around, the thought of buying a costume never crossed any of our minds.

I had two older brothers who had taken tae kwon do classes when they were younger. My mom, being the super packrat that she is, saved their old uniforms, of course, belts and all. I'm not sure how it came about, but on our first Trick-or-Treating excursion, lo and behold, my little brother and I were decked out in our older brother's tae kwon do uniforms. We were so excited and couldn't wait to see what we'd get from our neighbors.

Some background info: my older brothers, you see, quit tae kwon do pretty early on. It was either they quit early, or my mom lost a lot of their belts, but the highest belt color my brother and I were able to find was orange. Being the elder brother, I, of course, wore the orange belt, and my little brother, the yellow, the belt color you get right after you start on white belt.

Okay, back to the story. We were only able to trick or treat for a couple hours, because we had to be home when our dad got home from work. Otherwise, we'd be in BIG trouble. I remember my little brother and I scattering the candy we got on the floor and examining our booty. To say I felt like a kid in a candy store would be redundant, so I'll just write it: I felt like a kid in a candy store!

I couldn't wait until the next year...so next year came...and so my little brother and I, once again, donned our older brothers' tae kwon do uniforms with the yellow and orange belts, and went trick or treating, just like the year before. And then the next year came around, and then the next, and then the next. And every year, we'd wear our older brothers' tae kwon do uniforms and every year, we'd still be wearing our yellow and orange belts.

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I could just imagine what our neighbors would be thinking. The first year: “Awwww, look at these cute Asian boys in their Karate uniforms. Awwww.”

The second year: “Awwww, look at these cute Asian boys in their Karate uniforms. Awwww.”

The third year: “Awwww. Hey wait? Didn’t they wear the same thing last year?”

The fourth year: “Hmmm. There’s something strange about these kids.”

The fifth year: “Okay, there’s definitely something wrong here. Maybe they’re just slow.”

The sixth year: “Yeah, they gotta be slow. How can you be a yellow and orange belt for six straight years?! You’d think they’d at least move up to green belt at least!”

The seventh year: “Okay, if those kids are still yellow and orange belts, I’m not giving them any candy. Oh look, what a surprise!”

My friend just suggested we could’ve switched our belts. You know, I’d be a yellow belt and my little bro would be an orange. Hey, at least we’d get some variety in there.

Anyway, that’s the story of my favorite, more like only, Halloween costume. I hope you guys liked it.



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hypothesis led to a second idea, which explained an effort of finding balance between national security and human rights. Gross had attempted to prove that even in the times of war “the court of Israel, as no other Western court, is open to the judicial review, even for the terrorists, in compliance with a 1992 Constitution of Human Rights.” Finally, professor Gross elucidated the notion of proportionality, with its focal idea of “no revenge, no cruelty,” which Israel attempts to accomplish.

Next, Professor Matthew Lippman, who is an expert in international human rights and international criminal law, and is a professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, addressed the implications of international terrorism for the United Nations and the body of established law collectively known as International Human Rights. Professor Lippman had emphasized that international law is vulnerable to powerful states, and that, historically speaking, United Nations had never approved the usage of preemptive self-defense forms. Consequently, he explained that the preemptive self-defense used by the United States initiated an international dispute. Furthermore, Professor Lippman talked about Al-Qaida’s prisoners of war who are unlawfully, in accordance with the Geneva Convention, interrogated and subjugated to inhumane treatment. Professor Lippman concluded his presentation with a final thought stating that “lawyers should be truthful to their call, which, although at some point unpopular, is protection of law and democracy.”

Finally, Professor Jonathan Turley, who is a nationally recognized constitutional law expert, and is the Maurice Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law at The George Washington University Law School, addressed the United States’ domestic response to terrorism, including the USA Patriot Act. Turley voiced opposition to the idea that “giving a little bit of freedom will make us happy.” He questioned the duty of citizens, at the point “of when the greatest threat comes from within.” Professor Turley, reminded the audience that in the United States “only Congress can declare war, and only the President can finish it!” He doubted presidential interpretation of ending the war with terrorism, which to many seems endless. He also pointed out to the expansion of “secret court” and the military tribunals, which prior to the Bush administration were opposed by the United States, as clearly illegal with accordance to the international law.

Without a doubt, seminars, such as the one on *Democracy vs. Terrorism* are critical while challenging a sacrifice of human rights in an attempt to achieve national security. Hundreds of innocent beings dying because of the suicidal bombers, thousand of soldiers dying in the field of war, as well as innocent people being imprisoned just because they “fit the profile of a terrorist,” should be remembered while considering the idea that “free people, not even by action but by inaction, can kill the very thing that makes them free- democracy.”

tives and experiences during the year as possible. In turn, these would help us develop a greater understanding of public processes and develop skills for effective leadership.

One of my favorite experiences was working for the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, a major regional and national leader in healthcare reform and innovation. I organized events for a national campaign called Cover the Uninsured Week. These included health fairs, press conferences, campus events, a business/labor luncheon and a series of interfaith events. Though it was an effort that brought politicians, health insurers, hospitals, clinics, churches, healthcare workers and volunteers together for an altruistic cause, it was interesting to see conflicts of interest arise.

An especially heated conflict arose when different hospitals and insurers felt that their competitors received more public credit for their support of this campaign. Such competition revealed a complex interaction between marketing, profits, community involvement and competition for patients that affects the quality and character of our healthcare sys-

tem. It's obvious that poor management and high costs are contributing to a less sustainable healthcare system, but these first hand experiences helped me gain an even greater insight into the assortment of interests that make reform so difficult.

In addition to these internships, I also had a number of unconventional learning experiences during Focus Days, entire days devoted to learning about a particular area of policy. Throughout the year topics included issues like drug policy, the juvenile justice system, public financing and public infrastructure; in order to learn, we visited prisons, sat in on family court hearings and even toured a major \$100 million tunnel/bridge construction site.

One Focus Day addressed the question of how local sports influence economic development. This is a particularly pertinent issue in Pittsburgh and many other cities, especially when millions of dollars in public money are often used to build new stadiums for professional sports teams. In Pittsburgh, after a controversial series of events, approximately \$150 million in public finances was used to fund new stadiums for the Pirates and Steelers. During our Focus Day, we met with the

mayor, his economic development advisors, officials from city planning, and two local architecture firms. We also interviewed journalists who covered these joint public-private ventures, the owners of the Steelers and Pirates, and to cap off the day, watched a Pirates game. Though the game was certainly a fun end to the day, the rest of the day challenged us to explore mechanisms of public accountability and also the partnerships and political maneuvering that made these new developments possible. Many parties won out, but it is still questionable as to how this may benefit the city as a whole.

One of the main values behind Coro's mission recognizes that important decisions are often made by select groups of leaders and interests with powerful resources. It only takes a brief look at the newspaper to see this happening at every level of government and community, and tragically, large groups are often blocked from participating in our democracy in a meaningful way. However, by developing strong leaders who represent diverse constituencies, a stronger, more vibrant democracy can be built.

Throughout the year I had opportunities to see these mechanisms of governance and effective leadership first hand by meeting and working with CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, senators and congressmen, lobbyists, community leaders, labor leaders, academics, and even Supreme Court justices. I learned practical project management, speaking and analysis skills, while working on projects and internships. I was able to learn in a supportive environment, similar to a microcosm of the larger community, as I interacted with a diverse fellows class from all over the country. Despite the sacrifices and challenges, the stress and the workload, Coro was an intensive growing experience, and a unique opportunity for anyone interested in shaping the character and quality of our communities.

To find out more about Coro and the Fellows Program, visit www.coro.org.



Joe Shin (far right) and his fellow "Corons"

Just Wonderin'!?!

By Joseph Morgan

Greetings once again loyal Ampersand readers. As we approach Halloween, I thought back to when it was fun to get all dressed up, go to strangers' doors, and ask for candy... wait a minute, I guess that isn't much different than living in the residence halls (HA! Okay, so I don't get my own joke either...). But seriously, remember those days? You got as much candy as you could, and then tried to eat it as fast as possible! Well, I thought that I would pose the same question to you, loyal readers:

What was your favorite Halloween costume?

Thank you to all who replied! I hope that you will continue to send me your responses, so that we as a college might get to know you more! Enjoy!!

My favorite Halloween costume was one year I was a giraffe.

—Mickey Collins, Freshman—

My favorite Halloween costume was a princess costume. I had a blue flow-y dress and a silver tiara and I got to wear "high heeled" shoes. But the first year I wore it (it was a multiple year costume) it was so cold outside that my mom made me wear long underwear under it. I was so mad because it took forever to go to the bathroom.

—Abigail Angulo, Freshman—

My favorite Halloween costume was last year when I went as a Styrofoam cup.

—Brittany Voelke—

Well, I usually don't answer these questions... but since I have had some pretty awesome Halloween costumes I thought I would share....

#1. When I was 5, I was a stoplight... and the lights even worked and everything! (I have a picture of that ;)

#2 When I was 13, I was a stop sign... also have a picture of that...

#3 When I was 14 (and 15), I was a magic 8 ball... and yes, I do have a picture of that too...

—Elise Esposito, First Year Nursing—

My favorite costume of all time ever is the infamous banana suit...it's a zip up costume that a person just jumps into and people

simply cannot stop staring at you! The second best costume ever is the hot dog suit...it's mighty hot when you're inside one of these costumes, but it's so much fun.

—Kathy Stachowicz, Freshman—

When I was 8, I spent a lot of time at my grandparents' house in the morning because my mom started work before school started, so I would wait for the bus there. That year I got to do pretty much whatever I wanted in the mornings... I ate suzy-q's (the hostess thingies) for breakfast and watched MTV until the school bus came. I got really into all the early 90's music, like Paula Abdul and new kids on the block, but most of all MC Hammer. So for Halloween I insisted my mom find me an outfit like MC Hammer... I got a pair of those funky parachute pants he'd wear and a blank tank top or something and I borrowed a few gold chains from one of my friends. I wouldn't say trick or treat either, I think I answered the doors by saying "Hammer time!" or "can't touch this, duh nuh nuh nuh" I really freaked out my neighbors. my mom refused to take pictures of me though, so I'm sorry I don't have that to contribute to the Ampersand!!

Yes, I tend to do crazy things for Halloween. One year I was killer vampire Barbie ballerina... my mom made me stop doing Halloween by the time I was 10 or 12 because I was so weird

—Jeniann Yi, Junior—

I was a booger once. I wore light green sweats and put some tissue on my head. The kids at the pediatrics ward were grossed out but I thought I was so clever.

—Ada Moadsiri, Senior—

As for yours truly, I don't really remember anything that great... oh yeah, once, I went as Captain America... I guess that was pretty cool...

Until next time... Ideas? Contact me at jmorga7@uic.edu!

HAPPY HAUNTING