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UIC BIDS FOR NATIONAL BIODEFENSE LABORATORY SITE

The University of Illinois at Chicago is competing for federal funding to build a National Biocontainment Laboratory. The Laboratory would support United State research efforts in the defense against bioterrorism. Complete information about the project can be found at <http://www.biodefense.uic.edu>.

Critical to the success of UIC's bid is a demonstration of community support. The laboratory is important to UIC's success in positioning the University as a leader in biomedical research.

If you are interested in writing a letter of support, some possible talking points are shown below. The University would appreciate having these letters as soon as possible, and the deadline is Friday, February 7, to be included in the application. They can be sent to Chancellor Sylvia Manning via fax (312) 996-0361.

The University of Illinois Alumni Office can provide a sample letter upon request. Contact Ann Horton at (312) 996-8535 and she will forward one to you.

Suggested points for letters of support regarding the UIC National Center for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases application:

\* The proposed UIC National Center for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases would be a welcome addition to the medical and research facilities on Chicago's West Side, and to our community.

\* This substantial investment of government dollars in our community will translate into the creation of jobs and new economic activity.

\* We will work with the University to find ways that the community can be involved in this project, either directly or indirectly. This involvement could range from construction jobs

and minority business opportunities to linkages with schools and community health providers for health information programs.  
For more information, visit <http://www.biodefense.uic.edu>

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### FAMILY CONNECTIONS

The next issue of the UIC Pharmacist magazine will include a feature article about family connections with our College of Pharmacy. If you are a pharmacy legacy, we would like to hear your story. Please contact Amy Schuppert at [pharmacy@uic.edu](mailto:pharmacy@uic.edu) or (312) 996-3376. If you leave a message, please include your name, class year and contact information.

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### PHARMACY VICTORIOUS

The Challenge of the Deans' trophy has found a new home! Congratulations to Dr. Jerry Bauman and P-3 Michelle Gosa for winning the 2003 Challenge of the Deans free throw contest against the other UIC health science schools. What happened? Read the whole story here: <http://tigger.uic.edu/~aschupp/Grind.html>

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### STUDENT-ALUMNI MENTORING DINNER

The second mentoring dinner of the year will be Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. at Pompei (1529-31 W. Taylor near Ashland) in Chicago. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. This is a casual dinner with P-3 students designed to encourage conversation between alumni and students. Our professional students need your experience and advice on their first job interviews, returning to the professional world, finding a career track and balancing home life. Attend and talk to students about your career decisions, current position and how you survived pharmacy school.

The cost of the dinner for alumni is \$20. There is a free parking lot behind the restaurant. Feel free to invite a fellow alumnus, but please ask that they RSVP. To participate, please register before Monday, March 3, with Amy Schuppert in the Pharmacy Alumni Office at (312) 996-3376 or [pharmacy@uic.edu](mailto:pharmacy@uic.edu).

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### VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

The University of Illinois Alumni Career Center is sponsoring a Science and Health Virtual Job Fair during the month of March 2003. A virtual job fair allows employers to post their jobs before and during the month of the virtual job fair. Job seekers, at no cost, visit the site during March, select jobs to apply for and submit their resume information.

The fair is open to students and alumni throughout the University of Illinois system. Full- and part-time positions, as well as internships may be posted now. The site will be open to job seekers beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

For further information, visit <http://www.uiaa.org/careers/jobfairfaqs.html>  
To participate, visit <http://www.uillinoisjobfair.com>

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#### ASIAN STUDENT-ALUMNI DINNER

The Pharmacy Alumni Association and Asian Pharmacy Association are co-hosting a dinner for Asian alumni and students on Saturday, April 26. For more information, contact Amy Schuppert in the Pharmacy Alumni Office at (312) 996-3376 or [pharmacy@uic.edu](mailto:pharmacy@uic.edu).

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#### HUSTLE UP UH

On Thursday, February 20, run or walk University Hall's 28 flights of stairs and raise money for the UIC Project Oasis campus improvement fund. Alumni volunteers are needed for cheering and assistance with the mini-health fair at the end of the fun run. Register at <http://www.uiaa.org/chicago/homecoming>. For more information, e-mail [alumni@uic.edu](mailto:alumni@uic.edu) or call 312/996-8535.

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#### COLLECTING CLASS NOTES

Please send your news (employment changes, family events, volunteer activities, new degrees and other items) to the Pharmacy Alumni Office at the address below, or fax to (312) 996-3272 or e-mail at [pharmacy@uic.edu](mailto:pharmacy@uic.edu). Or use the online form at [www.uic.edu/pharmacy/alumni](http://www.uic.edu/pharmacy/alumni)

Your news will be published as a class note in the UIC Pharmacist (as appropriate).

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#### HOUSEKEEPING

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