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### LAMBERT RECEIVES \$1.7M GRANT

Bruce Lambert, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Administration, may soon have a practical solution that will minimize the incidence of name confusion errors. With a four-year, \$1.7 million grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, he is developing an empirically-validated, user-friendly computer software program that can be used to screen proposed drug names against a databases of existing drug names.

"By predicting the likelihood that one drug name will be confused with another, we can help the FDA and drug companies avoid adding new drug names to the market that will more-than-likely become confused with existing medications," Dr. Lambert said. At the same time, the software could also be used to screen new drugs before adding them to a pharmacy's formulary, thereby helping front-line practitioners reduce errors as well.

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### HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

The Office of Student Affairs is targeting high school science teachers as a way to promote the profession and the College to students who are just beginning to think about their career options. Science teachers play an important role in encouraging students to pursue a health sciences career. The College hopes to promote pharmacy to teachers who can in turn introduce pharmacy to high school students.

Think of teachers who were influential to you or your children. Send us names and we will add them to our database. Contact Debra Agard at (312) 996-3397 or [agard@uic.edu](mailto:agard@uic.edu). Thank you for your help!

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## ANNUAL FUND SUCCESS

Experiencing its best year in the last decade, the Pharmacy Annual Fund increased by 16% in the total dollar amount and the number of donors increased by 15% percent. When other schools are seeing a decline in alumni support, our College is seeing a rally.

Thank you for your generosity!!

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## ALUMNI DAY @ SOX GAME

Friday, August 22, is the 5th Annual UIC Night at US Cellular Field. The White Sox will face the Texas Rangers. Upper Deck Box Seat Tickets are \$10 (regularly \$20). The night's festivities will include Elvis impersonators and a fireworks display after the game. Join fellow UIC alumni before the game for a Tailgate Party. Call the Alumni Association at (312) 996-8535 for more details!

Deadline for orders is August 11, 2003. Tickets will be mailed prior to the game. To order tickets with a major credit card call Jason Kmet at (312) 674-5335 or e-mail [uicalumniinfo@chisox.com](mailto:uicalumniinfo@chisox.com). For mail orders, send checks payable to: the Chicago White Sox, Attn: UIC, 333 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60616.

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## ROCKFORD ALUMNI RECEPTION

Join fellow UIC alumni from the Rockford area for a reception at the College of Medicine at the Rockford campus on Thursday, August 14. The reception will feature Chancellor Sylvia Manning, who will make a few short remarks on the State of the University. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and Chancellor Manning will speak at 6:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP to Ben Stickman at (312) 996-6330 or [bstickan@uic.edu](mailto:bstickan@uic.edu)

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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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