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COLLEGE RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM

The College of Pharmacy received a grant of nearly \$1 Million to conduct a large-scale version of its successful smoking cessation program in the Rockford/DeKalb area. The "I Quit" program has a success rate up to twice that of any other method, according to ongoing studies. What makes the program successful is its use of pharmacist counselors in combination with the latest pharmacological aids to smoking cessation, said Mary Lynn Moody, director of the UIC Drug Information Center. The grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health will fund a program in Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb and Ogle counties, and is expected to enroll up to 2,000 smokers over five months. Training for pharmacists will begin in April, and the program will begin enrolling participants in May. For more information, call the UIC Drug Information Center at (312) 996-2394.

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COLLEGE ACTIVE IN FILING PATENTS

Over the past twelve-month period, thirteen patents have been issued to faculty inventors at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Of that number, six are from College of Pharmacy faculty according to Dan Marselle, the College's Intellectual Property Officer. Marselle joined the College last year to facilitate the process of commercializing faculty discoveries through license agreements to health care, pharmaceutical, biotechnology or other outside firms or to faculty start-ups. Marselle can be contacted at (312) 996-6187 or marselle@uic.edu.

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PHARMACY ALUMNI REUNION

The Pharmacy Alumni Reunion is Saturday, April 20 at the Oakbrook Hills Resort. The program includes a CE session, a career workshop, Dean's Lunch, an awards presentation and banquet for honored-year classes. Please complete a class survey on-line, by visiting www.uic.edu/pharmacy/offices/alumni/reunion/

The registration deadline has been extended to Monday, April 15. Registrations can be faxed or completed by phone. Call the Pharmacy Alumni Office at (312) 996-3376 for more information.

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#### STUDENT-ALUMNI MENTORING HAPPY HOUR

The Pharmacy Alumni Association will host a Happy Hour for P-3 students and alumni on Friday, April 19 at Hawkeye's (1458 W. Taylor) from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The cover charge for alumni is \$10. The purpose of this event is to connect alumni with students for professional mentoring.

To RSVP, contact the Pharmacy Alumni Office at (312) 996-3376 or *pharmacy@uic.edu* by Wednesday, April 17.

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CUBS GAME OUTING

The University of Illinois Alumni Association is sponsoring an outing for the Chicago Cubs v. St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field on Tuesday, May 7. There is a pre-game reception at Sluggers including drinks and appetizers from 5-7 p.m. The sold-out game begins at 7:05 p.m. The cost is \$35 for UIAA members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, contact UIAA at (312) 996-8535 or *alumni@uic.edu*.

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#### CHIHULY IN THE PARK: A GARDEN OF GLASS

Tour Dale Chihuly's Glass Art Exhibit and hear lectures by UIC faculty on urban gardening and art history at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Avenue in Chicago. The event is Saturday, May 18 from 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for UIAA members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, contact UIAA at (312) 996-8535 or *alumni@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 College of Pharmacy, 833 S. Wood Street (M/C 874), Chicago, IL 60612, or fax to (312) 996-3272 or e-mail at *pharmacy@uic.edu*.

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

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