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Spring has Sprung on Campus
Photo by Michael Zhao, Class of 2015
Spring ushers in a great deal of excitement across the city of Chicago. With the warming temperatures and reemergence of the sun comes an important opportunity for every member of the community to reflect on all that they have experienced, overcome, and achieved. For the Class of 2015, there is much to feel proud of and a bright future to look forward to, including their upcoming graduation.

The University of Chicago is one of the few universities in the United States that continues to celebrate a Convocation at the end of each quarter. However, the spring Convocation is the largest of the year, and it brings together the entire University community for a day of recognition, pomp, and circumstance. This year’s spring Convocation will be the University’s 523rd such event, and it will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2015 beginning with the University-wide ceremony at 9:15am.

For the College, the spring Convocation has two parts, the University-wide ceremony in the morning and the College’s Diploma Ceremony, which begins at 1:00pm. Both events will be hosted in the Main Quadrangle, rain or shine. During this time of the year, the College Programming Office (CPO) receives a number of questions about Convocation, and I’ll attempt to answer some of those here. Of course, you are always welcome to contact the CPO at college-programming@uchicago.edu or by phone at 773.702.8616.

Convocation weekend kicks off with a reception for Class of 2015 graduates and their families at the Museum of Science and Industry. You are invited to join us for an evening exploring the museum, remarks by the Dean of the College and the President of the University, the presentation of the Senior Class Gift, and a champagne toast to celebrate this year’s graduates.

On Saturday morning, the Main Quadrangle will open at 7:00am, and the University-wide ceremony will begin at 9:15am. You should not feel compelled to arrive at 7:00. There will be plenty of seating for everyone, but please be in seats by 9:00am. There are no tickets for either ceremony, and graduates may bring as many family members as they wish. Immediately following the University-wide ceremony, families will enjoy lunch provided for them in the Main Quad while graduates process elsewhere for lunch and line-up for the Diploma Ceremony.

During the 1pm ceremony, graduates will cross the stage and receive their diploma. As this ceremony will be only for College graduates their families, you will be able to find seating closer to the stage than during the morning ceremony. Immediately following the Diploma Ceremony, the College will host a reception for all graduates and their families. For more information about Convocation activities, visit http://convocation.uchicago.edu or contact the College Programming Office anytime.

Warmest regards,
Matthew Hendricks
Associate Director, Parent and Family Relations
Spring Quarter Important Dates

April 3: Deadline to apply for Spring Quarter graduation
April 5: Easter Day Festival and Easter Egg Hunt at Rockefeller Chapel
April 9 and April 16: Newly Admitted Student Day
April 21: Class of 2018 Steps to Success: The Finer Points (Business etiquette and networking skills)

May 1: Student reply due date for newly admitted students
May 1: Study Abroad Photo Contest deadline for submission
May 5: House Lottery
May 6: Hall Lottery
May 7-10: Scav Hunt
May 13: General Lottery
May 15: Financial Aid Renewal Application Due; visit financialaid.uchicago.edu for more information
May 16: Summer Breeze Concert and Carnival
May 25: Memorial Day; University closed
May 28: College Honors Awards Reception

June 4: Reading Period begins
June 4-7: Alumni Weekend
June 7-13: Senior Week
June 8-12: Final Exam Week
June 11: Phi Beta Kappa Induction
June 12: Class of 2015 Reception for the Class of 2015
June 13: Spring Convocation and College Diploma Ceremony
June 13: Residence Halls close at 3pm
June 22: Summer Quarter Classes begin

Highlighted Event for the Quarter

Class of 2015 Reception at the Museum of Science and Industry

Each June, the College invites graduating seniors and their families to join together for a night of fun and reminiscing at the Museum of Science and Industry. Serving as the culminating event of Senior Week and the kick-off to Convocation Weekend, this event includes remarks by Robert J. Zimmer, President of the University, and John W. Boyer, Dean of the College, as well as the presentation of the Senior Class Gift and a champagne toast to the graduating class.

Get more information at: http://seniors.uchicago.edu/parents

UChicago News Headlines

(Click below for news from across campus)

- Fourth-year hopes fellowship will lead to career addressing disparities in education
- Visiting fellows bring expertise, energy to Neubauer Collegium
- Exhibition documents history of LGBTQ Life at UChicago
- Second-year Daniel Yu wins the Prince of Wales Young Sustainability Entrepreneurs Prize
There is a statue at the easternmost end of the Midway of a knight on horseback, which was set up in 1955 as a memorial to the first president of what country?

It’s 8 pm on a Tuesday in the dead of winter—not to mention the dreary depths of midterms. Across Hyde Park, College students huddle over papers and problem sets in silent study rooms. But a few blocks southeast of the Regenstein’s imposing facade, a devoted group of undergrads, grad students, and other community members gather for a different kind of intellectual inquiry.

Trivia Night at the Ida Noyes Pub, a tradition since 2002, is now a campus institution. Down in the basement by the darkroom and RSO offices, the Pub is worth a visit in its own right: it boasts 24 beers on tap as well as superlative chicken strips. But on Tuesday nights it truly becomes a scene, ideal for people-watching and catching TAs in their natural habitat. Just about every booth is packed; tabletops are crowded with pitchers, snacks, and answer sheets. Occasionally a cheer or a boo erupts over the staccato thwacks of billiards shots and the steady chatter of teams joking and debating.

At a booth toward the middle of the Pub sits the group of alums, grad students, and staff members who write the questions and score teams’ answer sheets. Among their ranks is Andrew Rostan, MAPH’10. Andrew first experienced the Pub as a patron: he became a member his first week of master’s classes and played trivia competitively for two years before accepting a friend’s offer to help host.

Andrew is a connoisseur of competitive trivia: he’s played in pubs from Boston to Los Angeles as well as—no joke—on Jeopardy! (he’s a five-time champion). But he says Tuesdays in Ida are unique in their rigor.

“The way Andrew describes Pub Trivia players will sound familiar to anyone who’s ever been in a UChicago classroom: “They’re eager. They’re excited. They take the game just seriously enough to argue with us over how questions are worded and what answers are acceptable. Most of all, they come to have fun.”

The hosts, Andrew says, do their best to provide on this front. “For [students] to lay down some of their hard-earned cash on us means we have a duty to give them the best time possible.”

Based on the fervor of trivia devotees, “the best time possible” sounds about right. The evening shakes out to about two hours of play time, with ample breaks between rounds for a team pep talk or a chance to replenish the supply of onion rings.

The hair of what animal is traditionally used in the manufacture of shaving brushes, and even gives the object its French name?

The night starts a little before eight, when players trickle in, find their teams, and slap down the $3 entry fee at the hosts’ table. At the beginning of each round, the emcee reads eight questions on topics from science to politics to the arts. Once teams’ responses are in and scored, the emcee announces the correct answers (often to much whooping and groaning), then the standings of all teams (more whoops, groans). After the fifth and final round (which has a special theme, often revolving around a quote from pop culture, and is worth double points), teams’ fates are sealed. Top contenders win cash prizes, and lower-placing teams have the chance to take home bar kitsch or a coupon for free appetizers.

One booth over from the hosts’ table, a five-some of fourth-years is in it to win it. They’re part of a larger group of friends that tries to make it to Trivia every week, with much
success—they’ve taken first place twice and otherwise tend to place in the top five. But tonight there’s a hitch: this week they actually have too many people for a team (there’s a strict 8-person limit). They’ve divided up into two factions: 100 Beers of Solitude, sitting a table away, and their pointedly named rivals, #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude.

Despite the bravado of their name, the folks on #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude enter the night feeling nervous. Most of their usual heavy hitters are at the other table—they see themselves as the B team. “This is embarrassing,” insists fourth-year Peter Herman. “This is the worst we’re ever going to do.” They aren’t optimistic about their chances of going home with a share of the cash, but they hope to at least outplace their sometime-teammates.

Meanwhile, across the Pub, illuminated under the bright glow of a Miller Lite neon sign and bordered by the mural of a gargoyle holding a cue stick and smoking a cigarette, a team of students assemble to form An Approximate Knowledge of Many Things. Their group, primarily Orientation Week student directors, coalesced at the beginning of Fall Quarter. Admittedly, they had never individually come to the Pub prior to their first group appearance at Trivia Night. They placed fourth, and they’ve been coming weekly ever since.

Fourth-year team member Nadia Alhadi explains, “We do this because it’s a great way for us to stick together. O-Week was the reason we all met and got to know each other so well, so for us this is a tradition we’ve created for ourselves.”

**What country leads the world in production of precious opals?**

Over the course of the night, #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude hovers around third or fourth place, while An Approximate Knowledge of Many Things keeps a stern focus on their main objective: according to them, “the goal is to always not be last.”

Tonight, as always, the questions are...illuminating. (Who knew the word ham comes from the Old English term for the bend of the knee?) And teams’ responses can be illuminating too, even if they aren’t exactly what the hosts are looking for. Says one emcee before reading out the standings, “we receive a lot of excellent answers each round; it’s just a shame that so few are correct.”

Round 2, for example, deals with motorcycle rallies, horn violins, and fish-themed slang terms. But the judges get a different sort of information on one answer sheet.

Announces the emcee drily, “One team, instead of writing the first six answers, wrote the first six lines of the Iliad in Ancient Greek. Nicely done. Your handwriting is so-so and we disagree with your interpretation of line six, but whatever.”

Presumably, no points were awarded for their efforts.

**In the human body, the sesamoid bone is completed embedded in what?**

As points gradually accumulate, tension builds in the basement air. Don’t be fooled by the punny names and loose banter between rounds: the hardcore teams (particularly the regulars) come with their game faces on. Adam Lindemulder, one of the fourth-years on #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude, says the competitive aspect is part of the fun.

“You’ll see the same people each week, but not know them, and grow to hate those people.” He points out a guy turning in an answer sheet who he remembers from a particularly contentious game last spring. “To this day I think of him as my mortal enemy, even though he’s probably a nice guy,” Adam muses cheerfully.

Going into the fifth and final round, #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude is hanging onto fourth place with 14 points, while their counterparts on 100 Beers of Solitude have jumped to second place with 16 points. But this last round is worth double, and the tables can turn.

Things start off rough with a tricky anatomy question but then things begin to pick up—#$%* 100 Beers of Solitude confidently glides through the series of geography and pop culture questions that follows.

Now teams play the waiting game: the hosts are scoring the answer sheets for the last time and calculating the final scores. Finally, an emcee names the teams that didn’t place (including 100 Beers of Solitude), amid supportive applause…and then stuff gets real. #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude waits patiently as the fifth, fourth, and third place teams are announced, then erupt into cheers as they’re declared the runners-up. They’ve made it within one point of winning team, The Defenestration of Smaug (known to be trivia heavyweights). Not bad for the B team. (Continued on next page)
Their former teammates on 100 Beers of Solitude are bummed out, but eventually handshakes are exchanged and #$%* 100 Beers of Solitude counts their money in glee. Peter Herman puts it simply: “I’m pretty #$%*ing into it.”

On July 30th, 2012 60% of what is officially known as the International Strategic Reserve was stolen and replaced with water. The theft is estimated to have cost approximately $18 million—that’s more than 13 times the value of the same amount of crude oil. What is housed, and therefore was stolen, from the International Strategic Reserve?

An Approximate Knowledge of Everything didn’t quite manage to place, but as fourth-year Steven Wendeborn explains, it’s indicative of the quality of trivia the Pub provides. “I think we all agree that the Pub has the best trivia compared to all the other pubs near campus. It’s always surprising how much we don’t know”—“and how much Steven knows,” interjects fourth-year teammate Stephen McHugh—“but it’s always fun. I mean, if we knew all the answers it wouldn’t be as much fun, right?”

Some players may leave harboring disappointment, or with a little extra fire added to their inter-team rivalry. But for the most part, as things wrap up the mood in the Pub is buzzy with excitement. Friends from different teams convene to compare answers or affectionately tradetrash-talk. Everyone seems invigorated by the experience.

Andrew Rostan explains the appeal: “The University of Chicago is one of the finest institutions in the country. You have to earn your way in here and you prove your worth day after day in the classrooms and laboratories. Pub Trivia offers a chance to use the intelligence that got you here in a way that’s purely for fun and potential profit, and where you won’t feel any shame talking about action movies and Taylor Swift side by side with string theory and ancient empires.”

Searching for answers to the questions above? That knight on the Midway is in the image of Tomáš G. Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia. Badger hair is traditionally used to make shaving brushes. Australia leads the world in production of precious opals. The sesamoid bone is completely embedded in the tendons. And the International Strategic Reserve houses maple syrup.

Have we piqued your interest? Trivia occurs weekly during academic quarters, every Tuesday night at 8. Entry to the Pub is $3 for non-members, and the fee to play is another $3 per person.

Additional reporting by William Rhee, Parents Media Editor, Class of 2017.
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TRAVEL WITH UCHICAGO

See the world and gain new perspectives with study trips from the Alumni Travel Program

UChicago Alumni Travel offers a wide array of tours that allow you to experience locales of historic importance and beauty in the company of those who share in the spirit of rigorous inquiry. We invite the UChicago community of alumni, parents, and friends to join us as we travel the globe. Below you will find the travel opportunities for the spring and summer. For more information or to book your trip, click below or visit the Alumni Travel Program website.

Splendors of Georgia and Armenia
May 15-30, 2015 | From $5,620
Led by Tasha Vorderstrasse, AM’98, PhD’04

Provincial French Countryside
June 1-15, 2015 | From $6,346
Led by Victor A. Friedman, LAB’66, AM’71, PhD’75

Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition
July 18-26, 2015 | From $3,545

St. Petersburg: Culture, Art, and History
August 6-14, 2015 | From $4,695
Led by Lenore Grenoble

Sicily
September 4-12, 2015 | From $3,090
Led by Peter White

Discovering Eastern Europe
September 10-26, 2015 | From $5,197
Led by Kinga Kosmala, AM’05, PhD’11

Flavors of Tuscany
September 18-26, 2015 | From $4,295
Led by Anthony Hirschel
PLANNING AHEAD
ABOUT STUDENT
HEALTH INSURANCE
Preparing for the next step in your student’s life to ensure they have the insurance they need. By Marcy Hochberg, Student Health Insurance Coordinator

It’s slowly warming up in Chicago, but rather than “in like a lion and out like a lamb,” March provided us with an entire menagerie’s display of weather. We can only wonder what “April showers” will bring.

As we look ahead to the end of another academic year, we wanted to help you prepare for summer, and beyond:

Is your student graduating this spring?
• If your student is graduating this June, and s/he is enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP), their coverage continues through August 31, 2015.
• To find in-network providers locally, go to www.uhcsr.com/uchicago and use the UHC Choice Plus or United Behavioral Health links to conduct your search.
• Students may sign up for six months of continuous coverage when their U-SHIP policy terminates; you can download an enrollment form from www.uhcsr.com/uchicago and apply directly with United Healthcare.
• Alternatively, student on U-Ship also are eligible for a special enrollment period to purchase an insurance plan through a state or federal Exchange (in their legal state of residence); this too must be done within 31 days of August 31, 2015. For additional information, visit the federal healthcare exchange website, www.healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period/.

Is your student returning to UChicago next autumn?
• Please remember: Students must confirm or waive their U-SHIP enrollment annually — this guarantees insurance information is up-to-date and applicable to the current academic year.
• Open enrollment for the 2015-2016 U-SHIP plan year will begin on July 1st, 2015 — students will be able to confirm or waive U-SHIP enrollment from July 1st through October 23rd.
• Please start thinking now about your student’s insurance coverage for the upcoming academic year. If your child will be covered under your insurance plan, please review the University’s comparable coverage requirements to ensure your plan qualifies to waive U-SHIP (https://studenthealth.uchicago.edu/comp-coverage).
• Plans must provide coverage for routine, non-emergency care, as well as emergency care, in the Chicago area (or wherever the student will reside and study for the academic year).
• Encourage your student to waive their U-SHIP enrollment as soon as possible to avoid any billing charges and late fees.
• A subset of students’ waiver applications will be audited; students whose insurance plans fail an audit will be required to document that their plans meet UChicago insurance requirements or they will be re-enrolled in U-SHIP.

Do you need more information? Do you have questions?
• The Student Health Insurance Office hosts two on-campus United Healthcare representatives to answer questions regarding confirming or waiving U-SHIP enrollment, explain plan benefits, and help students navigate the insurance system. The representatives can be reached at uchicagoadvocates@uhcsr.com or by calling 773-834-4543 (option 2).
• For more information about student health insurance at UChicago, we encourage you to explore our website at http://studenthealth.uchicago.edu/insurance.

Have a great spring, and please contact us if you need any assistance with your student’s health insurance needs.
Every year the University of Chicago Alumni Association hosts dozens of Harper Lectures in cities around the globe, creating a space where intellectual curiosity meets alma mater camaraderie.

Named for the University’s first president, William Rainey Harper, the Harper Lecture series allows alumni and friends to continue learning from UChicago faculty by attending lectures that explore new breakthroughs, unique perspectives, and innovative research applications on a diverse range of topics. Not only will you satisfy your appetite for lifelong learning, but you can also connect with former classmates and network with successful alumni, parents, and friends.

If your city is not listed below or you cannot attend, you can watch full-length recorded lectures at your convenience on our YouTube channel.

### Spring Events Schedule

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The College’s main classroom building gets an update to some important lecture and study spaces.

By William Rhee, Class of 2017

It was hard for students returning from winter break to keep their library voices when talking about the newly completed renovations in Harper Library.

“The first time I got to see the renovations, I was walking through Harper and was like – ‘Wait, what?’” said second-year undergraduate Miguel Ortega. “I noticed that everything was different, with a clean design, as I walked through the corridor. It all looked refreshing.”

The project, years in the making, aimed to revitalize space on the main floor of Harper Library while respecting the historical architectural aspects of the campus landmark. Highlights of the renovations include a new informal learning space, the creation of a single-user restroom, and remodeled classrooms in the west wing.

Informal Learning Space

It’s now a common sight to see students filing into the new space outside Harper Library room 130, pulling out laptops to work on or books for reading. The creation of the informal learning space, which is stocked with couches, electrical outlets, and counter tops, reflects the University’s desire to ensure that students have sufficient areas to work and socialize in.

“As an institution, we’re trying to make sure students have ample study space and have the opportunity to sit down, 10 minutes after class, and absorb what you’ve just taken in over an hour or two hours, and maybe even pick up your email,” said Kelly Simmons, Associate University Registrar and the Director of Classroom Services at the University.

Immediately noticeable upon entry are the digital screens displaying information about student presentations, University events, and application deadlines, among other things. These screens can be found in the informal learning space and in the corridor between Wieboldt Hall and Harper Library.

To accommodate individuals seated on wheelchairs, counter tops in the informal learning space were installed at different heights. Individuals can use the counter tops while seated on the provided café chairs or on wheelchairs, with convenient access to nearby outlets.

In fact, the couches also have outlets, in the form of pull-up cylinders installed inside the arm rests. Simmons mentioned the possibility of installing USB ports into the outlets in the future, to allow individuals to plug in their devices for charging.

Conveniences for All

The overall purpose of the renovations, which brought Harper Library into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, was “to create a higher-quality learning
space for faculty and students,” said Simmons.

Harper now houses a single-user washroom on the first floor, located along the corridor near the entrance into Harper’s west tower. Additionally, expansions to the male and female facilities on the first floor will better accommodate the restroom traffic.

As a primary means of improving accessibility, the classrooms feature new furniture with greater portability. Casters installed on all the tables and chairs make room rearrangements much easier, and students and faculty no longer need to lift up any furniture for stacking.

The new furniture replaced the tablet arm seats and addressed feedback from students who wished for larger writing surfaces. “They’re bringing their laptops, books, notes, coats; they’re commuting, they’re bringing their whole lives with them throughout the day,” explained Simmons. The individual space the furniture provides for each student is now 30 inches, compared to the previous 24 inches.

**Classroom Reorientation**

Harper 130 underwent a complete reorientation—the room now faces north—and gained a state-of-the-art dual monitor projection system. The wider orientation allows people to view material via the digital monitors on either side. Moreover, instructors can use a writing surface to digitally project material at the same time, without worrying about interfering with visibility.

“They can have their PowerPoints going on either side—students will be able to see that—and still be able to use the boards,” said Simmons. “A lot of our faculty, especially our math faculty, really love using those boards.”

All the tables in Harper 130 provide electrical outlets. “There’s recognition that every student is coming to school with a laptop or mobile device they’d like to plug in,” said Simmons. “That’s one of the standards we’re trying to bring in, ensuring that we can accommodate the type of student we’re serving now.”

Classrooms in the east wing and west wing also received new furniture, and feature improved lighting, new classroom blinds, new flooring, and fresh paint.

**Outlook**

Simmons expressed her desire to gain student feedback about the renovations over the coming weeks. “Did we achieve our goals? Is the place comfortable, flexible, easy to move around in, is the technology easy to use?”

Dean Boyer remarked that the renovations made more of an efficient and effective use of the space in Harper Library.

“I think it turned out rather handsomely, both aesthetically and architecturally,” said Boyer. “I look forward to teaching down there myself. If I have a chance I will teach my Free Empire class in one of the new classrooms—along with everyone else who wants to teach there.”

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**FAMILY WEEKEND 2015**

With another academic year moving swiftly along, it might be time to start thinking about your plans for next year. Family Weekend 2015 will take place over the weekend of October 23-25, 2015. Registration for this year’s event will open in late September. As the University of Chicago will be celebrating its 125th birthday, you can expect some special events and offerings to go along with the usual fun of the weekend.

Many parents of returning students often wonder whether it makes sense for them to attend Family Weekend, given that their student is no longer a first-year, and we want to make sure you know that the answer is ABSOLUTELY! Every year we have an increasing number of parents and family members returning for Family Weekend. Sure, there may be some sessions that you’ve out-grown, but there will always be new model classes, new events, and, of course, great opportunities to reconnect as a family across campus and throughout the city of Chicago.

If you are returning to your second, third, or even your fourth Family Weekend, maybe this is a good opportunity to serve as a parent volunteer for the weekend. We will be looking for additional help during check-in, model classes, and more throughout the weekend so check out the Family Weekend website in the fall to learn more about how you can get involved. We will be working to finalize the schedule of events this summer so be sure to look for updates to our website soon at:

[http://familyweekend.uchicago.edu](http://familyweekend.uchicago.edu)
The Seminary Co-op Bookstore is a customer-owned co-operative. It was founded in 1961 by seventeen initial investors, and was originally in the basement of what was then the Chicago Theological Seminary, at 58th and University. In November 2012, it moved one block east, to its current location at 5751 South Woodlawn Avenue. Today the Seminary Co-op boasts over 53,000 members, all of whom are part owners of the bookstore.

The core focus of the store is on academic books, with sections that reflect the strengths of the University’s intellectual community — including a large selection of books on philosophy, economics, linguistics, anthropology, literary criticism, history, etc., but they also appeal to the niche readers with strong literature and graphic novels sections.

But the Seminary Co-op is more than just a passive location to peruse books. It is also a vibrant gathering spot for faculty, students, alumni, parents, and the community to engage in insightful discussion with some of the authors and thought leaders who are shaping how we view the world. Below is a list of upcoming events sponsored by the Seminary Co-Op. You can learn more about these and other events, and even become a member of the Co-Op or buy books online, at www.semcoop.com.

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<td>Nigerian-born author Chigozie Obioma will read from and discuss his strange, imaginative debut “The Fishermen,” which probes the nature of belief and the power of family bonds with Brady Smith (UChicago PhD ’15). Co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, the Committee on Creative Writing and International House at the University of Chicago. Event begins at 6pm.</td>
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<td>Ronald Rosbottom on “When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940-1944”</td>
<td>Ronald Rosbottom will read from and discuss his book, which weaves a rich tapestry of stories to rediscover from the pavement up the texture of daily life in a city that looked the same but had lost much of its panache. Event begins at 6pm.</td>
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<td>April 18</td>
<td>Brian Dolinar and Chris Benson on A New Deal Town: The WPA &amp; Black Writers on Chicago’s South Side</td>
<td>Brian Dolinar and Chris Benson will discuss “The Negro in Illinois: The WPA Papers,” a collection produced by a group of black writers who were a part of the “Black Chicago Renaissance, several of whom were students at the University of Chicago. Event begins at 2pm.</td>
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<td>April 19</td>
<td>Jennifer Morales on “Meet Me Halfway: Milwaukee Stories” with LeVan D. Hawkins</td>
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<td>Kate Brown on “Dispatches from Dystopia” with UChicago Professor Eleonora Gilburd</td>
<td>Join us for Kate Brown (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) discussing her new book, “Dispatches from Dystopia: Histories of Places Not Yet Forgotten”. Eleonora Gilburd (University of Chicago) will moderate the talk. Co-sponsored by CEERES, CIS, Karla Scherer Center for the Study of American Culture, PGE, and the History Department. Event begins at 6pm.</td>
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<td>April 22</td>
<td>Matt McCarthy on “The Real Doctor Will See You Shortly” with Charles Finch</td>
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<td>April 26</td>
<td>Scott Saul on “Becoming Richard Pryor” with Rick Perlstein</td>
<td>Scott Saul discusses his biography of groundbreaking comedian Richard Pryor with award-winning historian Rick Perlstein. Event begins at 4pm.</td>
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<td>April 30</td>
<td>Global Voices at the International House: Richard Flanagan on “The Narrow Road to the Deep North” with Carolyn Alessio</td>
<td>2014 Man Booker Prize-winner Richard Flanagan discusses his novel “The Narrow Road to the Deep North” with author Carolyn Alessio. Co-sponsored by the International House at the University of Chicago, the Committee on Creative Writing &amp; Sliced Bread Magazine. Event begins at 7:30pm.</td>
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<td>May 20</td>
<td>Rory Fanning on “Worth Fighting for: An Army Ranger’s Journey Out of the Military and Across America” with Bill Ayers</td>
<td>War veteran Rory Fanning, who walked across the United States for the Pat Tillman Foundation after leaving the military as a conscientious objector, will discuss his memoir with Bill Ayers. Event begins at 6pm.</td>
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<td>Closed/Out in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago</td>
<td>Regenstein Library, Special Collections Research Center</td>
<td>From woman-centered relationships between early female professors to the beginnings of Gay Liberation on campus, this exhibition will examine the range of experiences lived by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students and faculty on the University of Chicago campus. Drawing on the rich holdings of the University Archives the exhibition will display letters, academic papers, and student newspaper articles, as well as posters, photographs, and other visual documentation. In tracing this complex history, the exhibition will also introduce new materials collected through outreach to alumni along with selections from oral histories of alumni collected by the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. Visit <a href="http://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/projects/closed/">http://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/projects/closed/</a> to learn more.</td>
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<td>April 4</td>
<td>Men’s and Women’s Track and Field host the Ted Haydon Invitational</td>
<td>Amos Alonzo Stagg Field</td>
<td>Cheer on the Maroons men’s and women’s track and field teams as they host the annual Ted Haydon Invitation at UChicago. Visit <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a> for more information.</td>
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<td>April 9</td>
<td>Softball vs. Illinois Wesleyan University</td>
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<td>The Maroons Softball Team hosts a double-header against Illinois Wesleyan with games at 3:30 and 5:30 Visit <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a> for more.</td>
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<td>April 10</td>
<td>Repurposing Magic: A Colloquium</td>
<td>Smart Museum of Art</td>
<td>This one-day colloquium gathers people from diverse fields and practices (in order to revisit the very idea of magic. Join us as we explore, not the familiar magic of stage tricks and illusionism, nor the magic of some exotic rituals, nor even magic as it tends to be invoked in scholarly and speculative inquiry—i.e., as an object of investigation that is always, in the end, quaint, or cute, or embarassing. Learn more at <a href="http://cis.uchicago.edu/magic">http://cis.uchicago.edu/magic</a>.</td>
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<td>Kelly Field at Irv Utz Stadium</td>
<td>The Maroons Baseball Team travels to St. Louis to take on the UAA rival Bears. Learn more at <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>A Murder in Tudor England: Solving a 500-Year-Old Mystery</td>
<td>Assembly Hall at International House</td>
<td>This mysterious murder took place before the death of Henry VII in 1509. It involved government corruption, national security actions, illegal searches, and spying on citizens (sound familiar?). The murder will be solved with your help! Mark R. Horowitz, PhD’08, a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, will also illustrate intriguing parallels between Tudor society and 21st-century America. Find information at <a href="http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/events/upcoming_lectures/">http://ihouse.uchicago.edu/events/upcoming_lectures/</a>.</td>
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<td>April 24 to May 22</td>
<td>Off Off Campus Presents Assault and Battery Not Included</td>
<td>University Church, 5655 South University Avenue</td>
<td>Off-Off Campus is the second oldest student improvisational theater troupe in the country, their first Generation forming in 1986. Now in its 29th Generation, Off-Off continues to serve up unique and weekly shows which feature sketch comedy, improvisation and various Pre- and Afterglow performances from groups across campus. Get tickets at <a href="http://ticketsweb.uchicago.edu">http://ticketsweb.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>April 30</td>
<td>Discover UChicago New York City</td>
<td>The Pierre Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 2 East 61st Street</td>
<td>You’re invited to join University of Chicago alumni, parents, faculty, and friends for a cocktail reception and interactive exhibition showcasing UChicago programs and research from around the globe. RSVP at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>The Maroons host Illinois Tech for afternoon baseball at home. Learn more at <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>The Maroons play host to their UAA rival, the Wash U Bears, in this home double-header. Get more information at <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>May 9</td>
<td>South Asian Music Ensemble: Spring Performance</td>
<td>Logan Center, Performance Penthouse</td>
<td>Join the South Asian Music Ensemble for its annual Spring concert, which will feature songs from across the Indian subcontinent, and performances classical and folk Indian dance and instrumental traditions. No tickets needed.</td>
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<td>June 4-7</td>
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<td>Dedicate a weekend to inquiry, discovery, and a lifetime of friendships at Alumni Weekend 2015, June 4–7. Find more and register at <a href="http://aw.uchicago.edu">http://aw.uchicago.edu</a>/.</td>
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On January 10th, second and third-year students in the College gathered for the annual program, Taking the Next Step. TNS brings together students and alumni for a day of networking, information sharing, and mentoring with roundtable and panel discussions about preparing for success in a student’s chosen field of study and obtaining a job after graduation. The relationships made through this program are an invaluable step in preparing for life after the College and special part of being a UChicago student.