

## **The Spot - October 1**

IUPUI's Got Talent, The History of the Doughnut, Day of Caring, Fall Alternative Break, Student Voices

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### **Transcript**

[B. Whipple] Hi, I'm Beth Whipple, your guest host for the October 1st edition of IUPUI's The Spot. "IUPUI's Got Talent" was filled with yo-yo artists, guitar players and Irish dancers, to name a few. Vocalist Samantha Payne won this year's "IUPUI's Got Talent" on Friday, September 26th. Let's take a look at some of the contestants.

[B. Whipple] Everybody loves a good doughnut. The book, *Glazed America: A History of the Doughnut*, by IUPUI's very own associate professor of Anthropology, Dr. Paul Mullins, has been out for almost a month now and the eating has just begun. The Spot met up with Mullins for an inside look.

[P. Mullins] There's kind of two big periods of growth with doughnuts. Doughnuts have been made in a kind of circulatory form that you and I recognize really since the mid 19th century. Fried dough goes back to the Neolithic. What you and I recognize as mass production and mass consumption of doughnuts really didn't happen until about 1920 when doughnut machines were introduced. Making a doughnut by hand is actually a difficult task. Dealing with pastry is always a little challenging. Baking is kind of a hassle. If you've ever made doughnuts at home, they're a huge mess. On the other hand, baking in a machine, you can produce tons of them very inexpensively. And then the thing that happens in the 50s is all these little doughnut shops that are mass-producing doughnuts, they begin to spring up along these car commuter routes as these city suburbanize, and Indianapolis does that. You know, lots of people leave the corps around and after war to go out to the west toward Speedway or the north to what's now Carmel. And doughnut shops spring up along those routes and the doughnut is the perfect commuter food, cheap, filling, delicious. You can eat it quickly. You can drive reasonably safely while eating a doughnut. So it's a really good commuter food.

[B. Whipple] Nearly 400 students, faculty, staff and guests participated in this year's United Way Day of Caring. The entire group of IUPUI volunteers served the White River State Park by helping to beautify the White River. The Day of Caring also ignited the United Way's campaign to raise 460,000 dollars at IUPUI. You can make donations at [iupui.edu/unitedway](http://iupui.edu/unitedway).

Participate in community agencies and learn about social issues such as urban renewal, poverty, hunger, homelessness and the environment in this year's Fall Alternative Break. This year they will take a road trip to Cincinnati from Friday, October 10th to Sunday, October 12th. A \$20 deposit and a pre-meeting are required. The deadline for registration is Thursday, October 2nd. For more information visit [csl.iupui.edu](http://csl.iupui.edu).

During the month of October, IUPUI will be celebrating GLBT Month with events such as a Kickoff Fair, a Drag Show and an Author's Showcase. The Spot spoke with Amanda Joseph for more details.

[A. Joseph] GLBT History Month is a matter of 10 events that we put on for gays, straight, lesbian, transgender. Anybody's welcome. They're ranging from anything from a drag show to educational events and lectures. We put a wide range on so that it helps a lot of different people versus just focusing

on one group. The best way to get involved with GLBT History Month is through Student Link, or coming to our office in the Multicultural Center which is in the lower level of Taylor Hall.

[B. Whipple] The 18th annual Indiana Aids Walk and Ride unites over 1,500 people to support over 10,000 Hoosiers with HIV/AIDS. The 5K walk and 10K run begin at University Park and the Indiana War Memorial on Saturday, October 11th. More details are available at [indianaaidswalk.org](http://indianaaidswalk.org).

This week in Student Voices we asked you if you were registered to vote and whether or not you think it's important to vote in the upcoming election. Here's what you had to say.

[S. Patel] Yes, I am registered. I think it's important because as a registered voter I think that I have a say in what happens in the nation. Since I pay taxes and everything, I should know what's going on, or I should be able to say what I want to do with my money.

[H. McGuire] Yes, I am. I think it's very important because the state of the economy needs to be looked at, and it's not being looked at properly right now.

[A. Feder] I am registered. I think it's important because there's a lot of things that aren't right with our country right now, and we need to fix them.

[N. Flynn] Yes, I'm registered to vote. I do plan on voting. I think that you should always vote if you want to have any kind of say because it's the backbone of our democracy.

[B. Whipple] Don't forget, you have until October 6th to register.

In Democracy Plaza's Meet the Candidate Series you will be able to take a closer look at the Democratic candidates Tuesday, October 7th at 6 p.m. More details can be found at Democracy Plaza's Web site. That's it for The Spot this week. Check us out next Wednesday to meet The Spot's upcoming guest host by viewing our podcast at [jagtv.iupui.edu](http://jagtv.iupui.edu).

I'm Beth Whipple and thanks for Spotting us!