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Actress Zang Zhiyi plays Jen Yu in Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." ■ PAGE 2

## NAACP sets sights on power of voters

■ Campaign to empower African Americans wins approval of state senator.

By Jessica Carson  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In efforts to continue the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Greater Indianapolis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People launched a voter empowerment campaign to heighten awareness on the power of the vote.

The NAACP, the nation's largest civil rights organization, has nationally implemented the Voter Empowerment Campaign in efforts to increase the African-American voter turnout at the polls. They plan to do this by educating minority communities on political issues and by becoming a vocal instrument throughout the political process.

Organizers kicked off the campaign on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day by collecting 60 registration forms at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church and Eastern Star Church.

This 18-month campaign is a joint effort among NAACP branches nationwide to develop voter and issue education programs about registration, positions of political candidates, and collect questions from the African-American community.

"I believe that this is something that needs to be done," said state Senator Billie J. Breaux, D-Indianapolis. She also is a lifetime member of the NAACP.

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## Ameritech awards grants to IU faculty, 5 from IUPUI

■ Money will help produce student-oriented projects in diverse academic disciplines.

By Lara Dolans  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Thanks to a recent grant from Ameritech, IUPUI librarian Michelle Fiander can now breathe life into an online assistance program she developed for students.

Her project, the Interactive Virtual Reference Desk, will allow students using University Library's online search services to get advice directly from a library specialist. "A student will be able to come online with a problem and have the option of clicking on a chat icon to talk live and interact with a reference librarian," said Fiander, who developed the program using Web Contact Center software. "That librarian can then find what (the user) is looking for, push the Web page to the student, and it will show up on their screen."

Fiander and four other IUPUI staff and faculty members recently received grants from the IU Ameritech Fellows program. The endowment was created in 1999 to support faculty efforts to effectively integrate technology for campus and distance education.

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State Sen. Lawrence Borst, R-Indianapolis, introduces a bill every year to dissolve IUPUI.

## 112TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY Lawmaker launches assault on IUPUI

■ IUPUI faculty, staff defend role campus plays in community; state legislator claims university will never be 'great.'

By Jonny Montgomery  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If he were king, state Sen. Lawrence Borst, R-Indianapolis, would dissolve IUPUI, replacing it with an independent university. For more than 30 years,

the longtime legislator has introduced variations of the same bill that calls for establishing an independent, state-supported university to succeed IUPUI. And every year, the bill is shot down. This year, his proposal has resurfaced as Senate Bill

271, which would appoint a commission to investigate and evaluate all aspects of the delivery of higher education at IUPUI. Borst alleges academic programs at IUPUI "could be much better," even though his son received a

master's of business administration degree from IUPUI. "IUPUI will never be a great, great urban university," said Borst, who contends IUPUI is not part of the community.

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"It may sound very simple because this is a simple thing, but it's just to give people hope when they come in here. And believe me, this is what is happening."

Elease Womack, owner of The Unleashed Bread Café

## 'mother OF THE hood'

■ Elease Womack helped start a haven of refuge in a neighborhood full of despair.



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Elease Womack (top right) sought help from local churches to start her haven, The Unleashed Bread Café, where the first thing customers get is a hug. Skyler Bouvier (above), a New Orleans native, has cooked at Womack's restaurant off and on for three years.

By Heather Allen  
NEWS EDITOR

Beneath a wall-sized, pastel mural of mountains and sky sat Lilly Dusa, a middle-aged woman with long, curly, gray hair.

She was writing and talking about a poem she learned in her school days. Dressed in colorful layers, she moved through the room talking to the staff and visitors of The Unleashed Bread Café, a

place where she feels comfortable asking for help.

The Unleashed Bread Café, a not-for-profit organization located at 30th Street and Central Avenue, formerly one of the worst areas for drug trafficking in the city, will celebrate four years of helping people like Lilly get back on track.

For four years, Elease Womack, owner and manager of the café, has

offered food and clothing in exchange for work, held a summer vacation Bible school for children, provided a free lunch once a month, and organized different outreach programs to meet the needs of the people.

And while doing all of this and more, she never misses an opportunity to sit down and listen.

"It may sound very simple because this is a simple thing, but

it is just to give people hope when they come in here. And believe me this is what is happening. They come in here to get just what they need," Womack said. "They come in here sometimes and sit down just to have a cup of coffee, or just come and want to talk, or tell me what they are going through."

Womack said she had a vision 14 years ago inspired by God to start a Christian café or restaurant to reach

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## Four years of change made player a star

■ Coach says basketball star Don Carlisle will be tough to replace next year.

By Ed Holdaway  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes it takes an unexpected event to mold a man into who he's going to be. For IUPUI hoops star Don

Carlisle, acclimating to a series of changes in his life has helped make him a star on and off the basketball floor.

As Carlisle's college career winds down, IUPUI head coach Ron Hunter reluctantly faces the fact that he has to replace his main man next season.

"That's going to be the hard part," Hunter said. "Instead of

replacing him with one player, we're going to have to have two or three players step up."

An athletic swingman from Ben Davis High School, Carlisle is currently one of the most promising players in the Mid-Continent Conference.

During the nationally televised game versus Youngstown State on Jan. 6, Fox Sports play-by-

play man Steve Schlanger referred to Carlisle as "the best player in Indianapolis outside of Reggie Miller."

While some of the accolades may be a little overblown, Carlisle has already made a place for himself as one of IUPUI's finest ever.



Sagamore photo/Paula Karyonok  
Senior Carlisle hopes for an NBA career.

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■ Press covers more about the lady's wardrobe than her goals.



Photos courtesy of Good Machine and Sony Pictures  
Below left: Zhang Ziyi as Jen Yu in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Left: Jen taking out an entire gang of desert thugs by herself. Above: Jen is held captive in the cave hideaway of her charismatic future lover, Lo.

## Martial arts hits mainstream

By Damien Belliveau  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

**W**hen most Americans see the Asian population being represented on film they immediately think of 70's exploitation chop suey flicks,



seriousness or respect. What audiences don't usually think of are epic romances set

amidst grandiose architecture and breathtaking landscapes. They don't think about the vast similarities that exist between the dynamic and hair-raising sword fights and Hollywood musicals of the 50s.

And they don't think about the tradition, history, mythology and personal passion invested in each and every one of these films. Myth and magic is exactly what they are going to encounter; however, if they check out Ang Lee's absolutely stunning *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

A story and character-driven historical epic that relies on performance and script far more than on the equally accomplished martial art set pieces many moviegoers are eagerly anticipating, Lee's latest is bound to convert many who doubted the viability of martial arts movies.

When Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun-Fat) decides it is time to put down his warrior sword, the Green Destiny, and lead a more peaceful lifestyle, he trusts Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) to deliver the 400-year-old sword to a trusted friend and confidant, Sir Te (Sihung Lung).

The Green Destiny is the catalyst that sets the film in motion and leads to a number of awe-inspiring fight sequences and emotionally riveting dramatic moments. Li Mu Bai and Shu Lien, old friends and fellow Wudan disciples, share an unfulfilled romance that lends the film a maturity many would not expect.

Jen Yu is the young central character who thrusts the plot into motion, and she's involved in a precarious and forbidden romance, giving the film a sympathetic femi-

nist tilt while creating a certain level of suspense that makes the final moments of the film tense and exhilarating.

The story is dense and intricate, but the execution is seamless and poetic. The highly publicized combat scenes never overtake the narrative, and conversely, the script is structured so it always allows the audience to believe the supernatural events occurring on screen.

The film's first 20 minutes are firmly grounded in reality. Yet when the high wire acts and anti-gravity fights ensue, they do not seem false or gimmicky.

Lee's direction is patient and deliberate, never rushing through a moment of melodrama or a scene of mortal combat. His confidence in choreographer Yuen Woo-ping is apparent in the length of time he allots for mid-air acrobatics.

While many of the films in this genre abuse rapid editing techniques in order to hide or conceal the visible wires, Lee lets the camera rest on the action, whether it's taking place in a two story restaurant, in the middle of the desert or amidst the treetops of an enchanted forest.

The power and confidence of Lee and the entire cast and crew is visible in every frame of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. Lee made this film as childhood wish fulfillment, and he has manifested his wish in a superbly rendered motion picture.

*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is an accomplishment of the highest order.

It succeeds as a romance, an action film, a cinematic tour de force and a mythological journey into Asian fantasy.

## Everclear leads Top 10 rock albums of last year

By Scott Estes  
STAFF WRITER

There was a lot of great music released during 2000. The following are a few of the most noteworthy:

### Everclear

*Songs From an American Movie Vol. One and Two: Everclear's light album, Vol. 1, is a fine one. The album*

shows a different side of the band, allowing them to try out more dynamic arrangements and different styles of songwriting. Everclear rocks a lot harder on Vol. 2, and the results are also good. It was a much more straightforward effort, but the pretension-free riffage offered a welcome respite from the usual fare. Everclear released two very different albums this year,

remarkably similar in their high level of quality.

### U2

*All That You Can't Leave Behind: Dublin's finest band returned with one of their best. The first four tracks of the album are some of the strongest the band has ever released. Stripping away much of the excess of recent years, the album is a simpler one,*

reminiscent of their past successes.

### Neve

*Neve: The band's self-titled release is an overlooked gem from a band that successfully conjures up the spirit of the late, lamented Sugar. The guitars are heavy, but the choruses are catchy. It is a fantastic mix that unfortunately made no impact on listeners, since Neve is no rap-rock outfit. In a perfect world, Neve would be superstars.*

### Palcoito

*Palcoito: Radiohead should have released this album instead of Kid A. This is a great debut with 12 complex and intense songs, reminiscent of Radiohead's *The Bends*. Palcoito appears to be in it for the long haul.*

### Smashing Pumpkins

*Machina/The Machines of God: The Smashing Pumpkins broke up after this stellar and fitting finale. It showcased the band's broad reach, from its simple grunge rock numbers to its sprawling masses of guitar overkill.*

### Hina Gordon

*Tonight and the Rest of My Life: Formerly a member of*



Photo courtesy of Interscope Records  
U2 are on their home planet where giant tubes dominate the globe.

Veruca Salt, Gordon stepped out on her own and created a great rock album. The title song, although a popular track, is an act of an aberration and not an accurate reflection of the entire album's unrelenting energy.

### Five for Fighting

*America Town: John Ondrasik is a one-man army, creating an excellent album filled with both sentiment and style. On the best tracks, delicate piano is mixed with potent roots rock.*

### Wallflowers

*Breach: An album ignored by many, it nonetheless succeeds as a great guitar rock album for the VH1 generation. This is the album Tom Petty fans waited for all year.*

### A Perfect Circle

*Mer De Noms: This is a surprisingly great debut album from studio whiz Billy Howerdel and Tool frontman Maynard James Keenan. Heavy metal meets progressive rock with tremendous results.*

### Geddy Lee

*My Favorite Headache: Rush's lead singer, Lee, makes his solo debut with admirable results. Lee's bass work is phenomenal as always, and his distinctive voice is great to hear again. It's not as good as his work with Rush, but few things are.*

Also worth noting: Pearl Jam's live bootleg series, Alice in Chains' *Live*, Oasis' *Familiar to Millions*, and Jeff Buckley's *Mystery White Boy*, as well as best of compilations from the Indigo Girls, Lenny Kravitz, and the Spin Doctors.



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Geddy Lee goes solo.

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■ Renown director Ang Lee hits the mark with *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. The Taiwanese filmmaker's latest offering will open a world of interest in martial arts cinema.

# Flights of Fancy



Photo courtesy of Chronicle Books  
 Legendary director Tsui Hark takes a look through the camera. Hark, who attended film school in the U.S., revolutionized the way Hong Kong films were made and led the way for many of the more famous directors of today, such as John Woo.

## Popularity of Lee's film to spur hype for genre

By Jon Knipp  
 STAFF WRITER

**A**wards, glowing reviews and long lines at the box office that have greeted *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* can only lead to a hopeful future for film buffs everywhere. The best possible outcome will be an increasingly widespread interest in Hong Kong filmmaking.

Of course, every time Jackie Chan or John Woo have a hit film, journalists from *Newsweek* down to *Teen People* gush about the far-reaching influence of this relatively small, but stylistically revolutionary film industry.

Yet, before the unwashed masses tumble out of the movie theater and into their local video store to explore the darker recesses of Hong Kong movies, perhaps it's best that they prepare themselves with a little background information.

To begin with, there will no doubt be a highly vocal contingent proclaiming *Crouching Tiger* the best Hong Kong film ever; but it isn't a Hong Kong film.

Director, Lee, a native of Taiwan, has called the film his homage to the action/fantasy movies of his youth. Lee established his reputation as a gifted filmmaker with a series of pictures, including *Eat Drink Man Woman* and *The Wedding Banquet*, both of which depict the cultural and generational conflicts in contemporary Taiwan.

With *Crouching Tiger*, however, Lee is every bit the outsider, exploring an exotic culture, much as he was with his Western films, the Jane Austen adaptation *Sense and Sensibility* and his devastating portrait of 1970's suburban isolation, *The Ice Storm*.

Lee brings to *Crouching Tiger* the same visual elegance and emotional resonance that he brought to those films, with spellbinding, mind-blowing action sequences in tow.

The presence of martial arts choreographer Yuen Woo-Ping in *Crouching Tiger* is the film's clearest link to the Hong Kong film industry. Yuen has staged fight scenes for Hong Kong films for years and has even directed some of the industry's key films.

Anyone curious as to why the Wachowski Brothers sought him out for *The Matrix* should check out Yuen's *Jet Li* vehicle, *Fist of Legend*.

*Fist* is just one of several HK films that has become easier to find in mainstream video stores.

If one were to compile a brief checklist of essential films and filmmakers that, with a little effort, could be found for rental or purchase, it might look a little like this:

■ *Once Upon a Time in China*: Hong Kong's pivotal director/producer Tsui Hark's pseudo-biographical film of Chinese folk legend Wong Fei Hung. Hark is perhaps the most influential and unsung cinematic mind in the world. After this film, go directly to Peking Opera Blues, post haste!

■ *Bullet in the Head*: John Woo's *Deer Hunter*. A delicious study of male bonding set against the conflict in Vietnam. Hong Kong Babylon is the number one HK film of all time and definitely worth searching out.

■ *Project A II*: Any number of HK enthusiasts, if asked to come up with the definitive Jackie Chan vehicle, will come up with any number of different answers. This is a personal choice: Chan's funniest, most dexterous performance.

■ *Swordsmen II*: *Dragon Inn*, *Butterfly & Sword*: Prime, vivid examples of HK's sword fighting sub-genre. Each are astonishing visceral experiences.

The above films can't match the astonishing visuals in *Crouching Tiger*, but because they are often cheaply and quickly produced, the wires and pulley used for the dazzling fight sequences are erased, not through a computer, but with the use of cleverly creative, hyperactive editing.

These films may be an acquired taste, but they are definitely worth the effort.

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# Hawkins pushes IUPUI past Oakland in crucial Mid-Con win

■ Layup with 0:04 remaining gives Jags 68-67 win.

By Ron Smith  
STAFF WRITER

The IUPUI Jaguars started their night off in celebration, giving senior forward Don Carlisle the award he earned last month for outstanding athletic play in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Head coach Don Hunter handed the award to Carlisle with pride and shook his hand. Carlisle raised the award towards the home crowd as they cheered him on.

The Jaguars took the court with a much needed boost of emotion and energy, since they were facing the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies, the Mid-Con's top team.

IUPUI came out firing on all cylinders as Carlisle hit an easy layup on the Jaguars' first possession.

Junior point guard Taj Hawkins cradled a steal on OU's ensuing possession and fed Carlisle for a two-handed reverse dunk that sparked the crowd and the team.

Emotion and outstanding defense carried IUPUI to a 29-28 first half lead.

The first half saw these two teams battling for position and pride, accounting for a lead change on 10 different occasions. Both teams shot fairly even percentages as IUPUI connected on 45 percent while OU hit 39 percent.

"These guys continued to fight," Hunter said.

Fight they did, as senior Katoji Waller drove to the hole in the first half just to find himself planted on the floor after Jon Champagne delivered a

hard foul.

Champagne held on to Waller's hand after the whistle blew which caused a minor stir. Waller delivered a shove, which reciprocated some pushing and shoving from both teams involving several players, but nobody was penalized.

The second half was as exciting as the first as both teams took turns with the lead.

Sophomore forward Josh Fitzwater hammered away at the OU defense shooting 6-of-8 overall and scoring 16 points to lead IUPUI.

While defense was the name of the game, the trio of Fitzwater, Carlisle and Charles Price proved to be too much for Oakland.

"When we get good output from Fitzwater, Price and Carlisle, we're hard to beat," Hunter said.

Without question the trio outplayed and overpowered Oakland in the win, but Hawkins delivered the biggest blow of the night.

Hawkins took the ball the length of the floor on IUPUI's final possession to score a layup and draw a foul with just 0:04 remaining.

Although he missed the free throw, he immediately jumped to cover the outlet.

The IUPUI defense thwarted OU as the Grizzlies couldn't even get a shot off giving IUPUI a 68-67 win.

"I just didn't want Oakland to score," Hawkins said. "The last play is something we worked on in practice, but Coach Jones told me to keep the ball instead of dumping it off."

"It was a great team win for us tonight," Hunter said. "We shared the ball; Taj is playing like a point guard should. Charles set the tone and played well and we played solid defense."

The win leaves IUPUI at 6-11 overall and 2-4 in the Mid-Con.

"This is a great time for us to come together as a team,"

Hunter said. "In the next couple weeks, you're going to see a really good basketball team as we gather confidence."

Price finished the game shooting a dismal 5-of-14 from the field before fouling out, but tallied 11 points and seven boards.

He also swatted two shots in the first half and altered many more.

Carlisle added 14 points and six rebounds while junior guard Sylvester Allen added 11.

Oakland was led by Mike Helms' 21 points off the bench including a perfect 4-of-4 from the arc. The Jaguars limited the Mid-Con's leading scorer, Jason Rozczyk to just nine points.



Sagamore photo/Paulina Kurylnok

Sophomore center Josh Fitzwater had his best Mid-Con game of the season with 16 points and three rebounds. He connected on 6-of-8 from the field.



Senior guard Matt Hernes looked to Don Carlisle for offense against Oakland. Carlisle obliged with 14 points.

Sagamore photo/Paulina Kurylnok

## 2000-01 Men's Basketball Statistics

Name	GP-GS	FGA	FG%	FTA	FT%	REB	A	B	S	PTS
Carlisle, Don	17-17	115-226	50.9	67-91	73.7	8.8	30	8	32	18.4
Price, Charles	16-15	73-162	45.1	34-53	64.2	7.1	11	45	22	11.3
Allen, Sylvester	17-13	55-146	37.6	7-47	14.9	4.0	24	0	20	9.8
Williams, Lance	14-3	48-121	39.7	16-27	59.3	1.9	20	0	10	9.4
Fitzwater, Josh	16-16	52-121	42.9	29-41	70.7	3.9	23	4	6	9.3
Hernes, Matt	17-3	43-99	43.4	30-50	60.0	2.0	25	1	11	7.1
Holland, Lonnie	15-3	28-51	54.9	11-15	73.3	1.3	5	4	9	5.4
Crenshaw, Matt	17-8	19-43	44.2	2-4	50.0	1.5	33	1	17	3.8
Hawkins, Taj	17-7	13-41	31.7	20-30	66.7	1.3	37	3	16	2.9
Orey, Adrian	3-0	1-2	50.0	4-4	100.0	0.7	0	1	2	2.0
Waller, Katoji	12-0	3-8	37.5	0-1	0.0	0.8	0	0	0	0.9
Spencer, Chris	9-0	2-5	40.0	1-7	14.3	0.7	1	1	1	0.7
Lambert, Herbert	11-0	2-5	40.0	1-5	20.0	1.1	1	2	0	0.5
Wichner, Will	2-0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.2	0	0	0	0.0
IUPUI	17	437	47.4	321	66.3	210	70	146	75.4	
Opponents	15	475	47.8	409	56.0	267	69	88	73.5	

Sagamore photo/Paulina Kurylnok

## Helton guides IUPUI to second place in U of I Invitational

■ Junior swimmer earns Mid-Con Swimmer of the Week honors for efforts.

By John Mulvey  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the battle for the supremacy of the water in Indianapolis, only one team would emerge victorious.

In the rivalry between IUPUI and the University of Indianapolis, the competition was fierce.

The men's swimming and diving team was up for the challenge however, and defeated the U of I Greyhounds on their home turf.

In a meet highlighting four superpowers of the water: IUPUI, Washburn, U of I, and Northern Ohio, the Jags finished in second place out of six total teams, falling only to Washburn.

Last season the IUPUI squad brought home the University of Indianapolis Invitational title.

Junior Brian Helton's stellar performance earned him the honor of being named Mid-Continent Conference Male Swimming Athlete of the Week.

He won three individual events, the 200 freestyle, the 500 freestyle, and the 200 butterfly.

Helton also teamed up with three of IUPUI's big guns, Grant Anderson, A.J. Parks, and Kyle Swift, to record the second fastest time in school history in the 200 freestyle relay (1:28.51).

Helton also lead the squad in the gold medal winning 800 freestyle relay, consisting of Helton, Andrew Wheeler, Anderson and John Winter II.

Helton wasn't the only Jaguar to perform in stellar fashion for head coach Jim Shuck.

Parks and Swift dominated the 500 freestyle winning the gold and silver respectively with times of 22:15 and 22:55.

Both were also named to the All-Conference team.

Winter II, another All-Conference swimmer, dominated the competition in the 1650 freestyle.

His time of 17:02.04 crushed the competition, and his next

closest competitor finished more than 25 seconds behind him.

The women had only one first place finish as senior Nichole Ellis cruised to victory in the 100 breaststroke.

Senior Arianne Mongeau finished with two season best times in the 100 butterfly (1:01.56) and the 200 IM (2:14.85).

There were many close second place finishes for the women.

Two of the closest finishes were sophomore Annie Clements second place finish in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 18:56.86, and the 200 medley relay consisting of Mongeau, Ellis, junior Johanna Sneed, and sophomore Jennifer Stage who won silver with a time of 1:56.87.

The Jaguars next meet will be on the road as they travel to compete against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. On the way home they will stop off in Valparaiso, another member of the Mid-Continent Conference for a

The next, and final home meet for the Jaguars regular season will be Feb. 1 against Xavier and Bradley.

## sports BRIEFS

### ■ Athletics department announces items to be auctioned off

The IUPUI Department of Athletics announced the items to be auctioned off at the "Evening in the Jungle," an event to be held on Feb. 7, to raise money for athletic scholarships.

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson will serve as the honorary chair for the three-hour event. The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and to be held at the University Place Conference Center.

Among the prizes to be auctioned off are: a private trip to see Notre Dame play Nebraska, box seats at a Chicago Cubs home game, a basketball autographed by Bob Knight, a running shoe autographed by Marion Jones, and a dinner at Cedar Crest hosted by IUPUI Chancellor Gerald Bepto.

Tickets are priced at \$60 and are available by calling the IUPUI athletics office at (317) 274-0622. Refreshments will be served during the event.

### ■ Athletics recognized for academic achievements

The Mid-Continent Conference announced the selections of the Fall Academic All-Conference Team on Jan. 24. One hundred eighty-two athletes were recognized throughout the conference in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

Of the 182 total, 20 IUPUI athletes were selected including five volleyball players, five men's soccer players, four men's cross country runners, four women's soccer players and two women's cross country runners.

Jackie Landess of the women's cross country team posted the highest grade point average with a 3.94 while junior Jill Matuskis was a close second with a 3.87.

### ■ IUPUI tennis player earns national ranking

IUPUI women's tennis player Marise van Rensburg is currently ranked 84th nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for the latest period of the fall season.

The senior occupational therapy major posted a 5-1 record in singles for the fall season while finishing 3-1 in doubles play.

She has twice been selected to the Mid-Continent Conference Academic All-Conference Team and has been named to the Academic Advisor's List at IUPUI seven times.

### ■ Men's basketball player named Mid-Con Male Student-Athlete of the Month

Senior basketball standout Don Carlisle was recognized before the Jan. 24 game versus Oakland as the Mid-Con Male Student-Athlete of the Month for December.

He posted five double-doubles and set a career high with 29 points versus Austin Peay on Dec. 16.

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## MID-CONTINENT Around the Mid-Con

### Women's Basketball Scores

Jan. 22  
Oakland 66 (13-6, 7-1)  
Chicago State 38 (4-16, 2-4)  
OU- Zeone 19 pts. CSU- Dantzler 12 pts.

Oral Roberts 70 (10-7, 4-2)  
IUPUI 47 (6-12, 4-3)  
OU- Ragan 21 pts. IUPUI- Frey 14 pts.

Southern Utah 78 (10-9, 5-3)  
Valparaiso 73 (4-14, 1-5)  
SUU- Mortensen 22 pts. VU- Schober 21 pts.

Youngstown State 52 (8-11, 4-4)  
Western Illinois 51 (10-8, 3-4)  
YSU- Vognin 14 pts. WIU- Woods 14 pts.

### Men's Basketball Scores

Jan. 25  
Southern Utah 61 (15-4, 7-2)  
UMKC 53 (7-12, 3-4)  
SUU- Monaco 26 pts. UMKC- Jackson 16 pts.

Western Illinois 121 (1-16, 1-5)  
Youngstown State 116 (3OT) (14-8, 6-3)  
WIU- Fosdyck 27 pts. YSU- Patton 32 pts.

Valparaiso 76 (13-6, 4-2)  
Chicago State 71 (3-15, 0-7)  
VU- Stovall 22 pts. CSU- Jones/Johns 22 pts.

IUPUI 68 (6-11, 2-4)  
Oakland 67 (9-11, 6-3)  
IUPUI- Fitzwater 16 pts. OU- Helms 21 pts.

### Monaco named Mid-Con Player of the Week

Southern Utah guard Jeff Monaco led his squad to a pair of victories over Valparaiso and IUPUI. Monaco put together all-around performances in both games averaging 23 points, eight assists, four steals and 3.5 rebounds per contest.

He also torched the nets at a 60 percent clip including 9-of-14 from the arc.

### Mortensen earns Player of the Week honors

Southern Utah swept the Mid-Con Player of the Week awards when senior guard Sarah Mortensen was awarded the honor.

Mortensen paced the Thunderbirds with 21 points and four blocked shots in a loss to IUPUI while helping mount a come-from-behind win over Valpo on Jan. 29.

She tallied 20 points and 11 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season while adding five blocks and five steals. She also converted a three-point play with 1:58 to give the T-Birds the lead for good.

Like Monaco, Mortensen was sharp from the field connecting on 68 percent of her attempts.

## Carlisle

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"Don has made himself into a great all-around player," Hunter said. "He made the commitment in the off-season, in the weight room and in practice to become a complete player."

The versatile senior forward hasn't always been a fluid 6-foot-6-inch wingman on the hardwood.

"I've played the perimeter my whole life," Carlisle said. In high school, however, Carlisle had a growth spurt that moved him from the perimeter to the pivot.

"Once I shot up, they started playing me on the blocks," Carlisle said. "It's what they do in high school."

Following an outstanding high school career at Ben Davis, where he was named All-State as a senior and won a pair of state championships, he spurned schools such as Indiana, Akron, Bowling Green and Ohio State to jump on board with Hunter and the NCAA Division II Metros in 1997.

"My mom wanted me to stay

in a summer league game and was forced to play heavily bandaged and braced.

Although he didn't miss action due to the injury, Carlisle's game was lacking the luster it once had at Ben Davis.

He decided to make the best out of a bad situation though.

"Because he hurt his shoulder, Don started focusing more on his shooting," Hunter said. "In some ways, it was a blessing in disguise."

Although Carlisle yearned to play on the perimeter, he was still stuck on the blocks because of Hunter's undersized roster. For many college freshmen, the jump from the high school courts to the college level is a rugged one.

"I thought it was kind of slow at first," Carlisle said. "The campus life isn't the same here as it was everywhere else I visited. I didn't know what to expect, so I just decided to learn as I go along."

Carlisle quickly discovered he wasn't the star on the collegiate level as he was a season ago at Ben Davis.

"You always think you're better than what you are in high school," joked Carlisle.

One player

that had an immediate impact on Carlisle was IUPUI guard Carlos Knox.

"There's no doubt that

Carlos was the best scorer I have ever had," Hunter said.

"He could go out and win games by himself."

And while

Knox led IUPUI to an 18-9 record that season, Hunter

had a long-term

plan with Carlisle as the focal

point.

"Just watching how hard

(Knox) worked made us want

to work harder," Carlisle said.

"But we built our team

around Don because he sees

his points. He can defend. He'll

get nine rebounds a game and

he's a good steal man," Hunter

said.

Even after Knox left, he had

made a lasting impression on

Carlisle with his determination

to improve daily.

Hunter has seen some of the

same characteristics in Carlisle.

"Carlos Knox was the hardest

working player I've ever had,

bar none," Hunter said,

"because he had that goal of

playing in the NBA. But Don

picked up on that, and now we

just need guys to learn from

Don."

As Carlisle's work ethic

improved, so did his leadership.

In a win against Indiana State

University earlier this season,

Carlisle took over the huddle

during a timeout late in the



Sagamore photo/Paulina Kurylow

Carlisle's mother, Doris (second from right), regularly attends home games and chants her trademark, "Do it again, do it again, we like it, we like it!" anytime a Jaguar hits a free throw.

Don Carlisle's mother said, "Donovan loves him to death and he loves Donovan to death," Doris Carlisle said.

Now when he isn't spending time with Donovan or hitting the books, he's wreaking havoc on opposing teams by leading the Mid-Con with nine rebounds per game and placing second with 18.7 points per game. He also is second in the conference in field goal percentage and third in steals.

But don't expect Carlisle to hang up his sneakers because his collegiate eligibility will be exhausted.

"I want to play at the highest level possible," he said. "That's everybody's ultimate goal. I want to get paid."

And with a talent so bright, it would be easy to lose sight of being a student and a parent, but Carlisle remains unfazed on and off the court.

"I want to make it for me and for Donovan," Carlisle said.

Somehow he had to find time to be a parent along with attending classes and playing basketball.

"That made things complicated," Carlisle said. "It showed me that I needed to focus on hitting the books more and stop partying."

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## Haven

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out to people who were down-trodden. So, she leased a building on the southwest side, but said, "it just wasn't the time for me to step out."

Nearly 10 years later, Einar Stefansson, a deacon at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, turned her dream into a reality and began organizing resources. "I felt compelled by God to minister (her vision) a reality," said Stefansson, now living in Iceland. "There is a lot of suffering and heartaches in the inner-city. I had spent considerable time on that corner in my van, watching people dealing drugs. It was like a supermarket for drugs. Elise has got a real burning heart for those who have been hardest hit by things like drugs and prostitution."

Even with a burning heart, however, starting a café in this neighborhood was anything but easy. Womack remembers well the terrible conditions in the beginning. "When we first move here, these buildings were boarded, people were walk-

ing around with their heads down, there was just trash all over this place, it was just like a desolate place," said Womack. "This place was just ceiling tiles; there were just holes everywhere; I mean you wouldn't believe this place was usable, but it was."

As she got started, churches and businesses in addition to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church started supporting her dream. Firestone donated a roof, and neighborhood people started pitching in, helping install it. Standing in the revamped café decorated in royal colors, Womack pointed to the pictures hanging on the walls of the devastated building before it was refurbished, and remembered the hard work done by people in the community, making the café what Womack describes as a "beacon of hope."

Although many area resi-

dents helped her put the building back together, many of the people who used the corner for a different kind of business were angry about their displacement.

Womack said people who were obviously dealing drugs used to come in yelling at her, saying that she was just "fronting" for white people and that nobody was going to benefit from the café.

Womack, now known as the "mother of the hood" did not let this bring her down. She said things have gotten better now.

Shortly after opening, James Campbell, former deputy chief officer for the Indianapolis Police Department's North District at 42nd Street and College

Avenue, would have meetings in the café on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"And you know when they were coming we really didn't have break-ins, because people would notice their cars out there," Womack said.

Since then, the café has become a place where Mayor Bart Peterson, former mayor and gubernatorial candidate Andy Horning, and other public figures have been spotted.

David Metzger, retired IUPUI professor of social work, and David Weinschrott, former IUPUI professor of economics and director of planning, research, and information systems at United Way, hold meetings in the café regular-

ly to talk about what the community needs.

While working for IUPUI, Metzger brought his students to the café and had a beef stew party, preparing all the food and inviting all of their friends to come have lunch.

Womack said community events really help build the revenue needed to keep the café running.

Former dean of the School of Social Work Sheldon Siegel, who also has been involved with the café, said supporting the university's surrounding neighborhoods is part of IUPUI's urban mission.

Siegel said being good neighbors to them was important because the neighborhoods had resources from the university and the

Sagamore photo/L.M. Brown  
Elisee Womack (center) has been taking orders and managing The Unwashed Bread Café on the city's near northside for four years.

university gains resources from the neighborhoods.

Last September during IUPUI's Day of Caring, Trudy Banta, vice chancellor for planning and institutional improvement, spent three hours at the café painting the kitchen, scrubbing the floor and repairing the refrigerator.

"I was amazed to see what Elisee was doing. And just to think that she had taken this building when things had been torn up around it and invited virtually everyone to come in," said Banta. "Elisee and the other people made us feel that we really made a difference."

Doctoral student Kim Kline was there that day.

"There is such a presence about the place when you walk in, and then when you meet Elisee, it just multiplies that tenfold," said Kline. "It was amazing to see the amount of people that stopped by to talk to her."

They started telling us about how basically she saved their lives and they were not walking advertisements, it was really heartfelt."

## Voters

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Breaux said there is a need to increase education about the registration system, as well as a need to demonstrate to government officials the importance of educating voters on Election Day.

There are 22 branches of the NAACP, according to Roderick E. Bohannon, president of the Indianapolis branch, which covers Hancock, Johnson, Shelby and Marion counties.

"There is a myth that voter registration is down," said Bohannon.

Currently, however, voter registration is on the rise across the country, Bohannon said.

The real problem, he said, is getting registered voters to go to the polls. And that is the main goal of the NAACP's Voter Empowerment Campaign.

Bohannon blamed the lack of interest among American voters on the way polls are run, making reference to two Indianapolis poll locations that opened late on Election Day.

"When people see this, they decide to move on," said Bohannon.

In 1993, Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act, also known as "motor voter," which makes it easier for people to vote by removing discriminatory and unfair obstacles, and giving all minorities and persons with

disabilities the opportunity to vote.

According to Bohannon, the Indianapolis branch has focused its campaign on conducting a demographic study of four separate groups, the first being individuals with a felony record.

"Indiana is one of 23 states that is not disenfranchise felons," said Bohannon. "In Indiana if you have a felony record you can still vote as long as you are not incarcerated."

The other groups Bohannon has targeted include individuals who have not voted in the last two elections, senior citizens and youth ages 18 to 30.

Last year, the NAACP organized the Voter 2000 Campaign, which involved a coalition of labor, churches, fraternities and societies.

"We are going back to this campaign and informing people in churches, in malls and on the streets," said Bohannon, who added that the NAACP youth council will take the message about the importance of voting to local high schools.

The Indianapolis branch also created a Web site where the community can refer to information about elections, candidates and polling sites.

"We didn't want people to feel as if we registered and then dropped them," said George Van Sickle, vice president of the Indianapolis branch. "That is why we created a Web site for people to refer to for any information about the NAACP

and news happenings within the election."

Breaux said she was very impressed by the Voter 2000 Campaign.

"I hope that the NAACP continues to educate not only the African Americans but everyone that every vote is counted," Breaux said.

"This is not just for the African-American community," said Bohannon. "Nationwide, we are moving from the African-American community to Asian, Hispanics and many others."

Results from the Voter 2000 Campaign show approximately 25 percent of those who registered to vote was Caucasian, while approximately five percent were Hispanic.

The campaign also added approximately 5,000 registrations from August to October 2000, according to Van Sickle.

He also said the Indianapolis branch worked in conjunction with *The Indianapolis Recorder* and another Indianapolis publication by placing a total of 17,000 registration forms with them in the publications.

"Although we won't be able to measure those forms turned in, we felt this was a great way to reach the Indianapolis community," said Van Sickle.

Bohannon added, "We have to educate everyone in our community that your vote does count and people do read the vote."

probably would not go to the finance committee, but Sen. Borst is the chairman of that committee," Mayfield said. "That's probably why he has it in that committee, so he can have better control."

Vargus explained that the cost of implementing Borst's bill is not necessarily the reason the bill has been shot down in the past.

"I think most legislators ... are not in favor of separating IUPUI from IU," he said. "The bill will never pass. It will never have a hearing."

Borst maintains IUPUI is "an urban clone" of IU-Bloomington, and said "IUPUI has no ideal, no purpose."

Jo Lynn Garing, press secretary for Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, said IUPUI "is a great institution of higher education, and it's very important to Indianapolis."

She advised the mayor looks forward to IUPUI's future role as the center for Abilene, the Internet 2 project.

Vargus said while Borst may have a valid argument when he first proposed the bill in the early 70s, IUPUI has since gained a good national reputation. "By now, the proof is in the pudding," Vargus said.

## Awards

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The program, in its second round in five years, awarded \$180,520 total to 13 applicants from the IU campuses.

Other IUPUI employees to receive money from the grant include Dr. Mostafa Anoloni, School of Dentistry; Elaine Cooney, School of Engineering and Technology; Marchusa Huff, School of Nursing; and Dr. Glenda Westmoreland, School of Medicine.

The first IUPUI librarian to receive this grant, Fiander said she hopes the online contact program will be operational by fall 2001, and is grateful for the grant.

"We know there's quite a few people that use the library at a distance, and we want to develop a rapport with them," Fiander said. "The way the library is interacting with its users is changing because the way we do research is different. This program is taking advantage of that and using it."

The other IUPUI-based projects funded by the grant are from a wide variety of academic disciplines.

To better train medical residents in caring for elderly patients, Westmoreland has developed a web-based program that will contain specific content on dementia, depression and urinary incontinence.

"As the U.S. population ages, training residents in fundamental concepts in the care of older patients is essential," said Westmoreland. "The program will be very interactive with places where residents will be required to answer questions and view videos. Residents will receive online feedback for their performance."

The initial phase of the program is scheduled to be finished within two months, and may be tested on medical residents before July 1.

Huff, an associate professor of nursing, has developed a web based surgical nursing program for courses that will teach undergraduate students and registered nurses essential concepts about practices in the operating room.

"With new technologies in surgery and continuing technological advancements in health care, students and practicing nurses have an increasing need for knowledge about professional development," said Huff. "This course will enhance that knowledge and prepare (nurses) to work with patients, and give them opportunity for future employment in an operating room as a professional nurse."

The course will be offered on all IU campuses beginning in fall 2001 and will address specific workforce and technology needs in the state of Indiana.

Cooney, associate professor and director of the electronics manufacturing associate degree program, has been able to make IUPUI's EET M200: Electronics Manufacturing II course available to students all over the country thanks to Ameritech's grant.

"We have the only associate degree program in electronics manufacturing in the country. Companies from outside the central Indiana region would like to have access to our courses," said Cooney. "This course is for operators and technicians who are in the electronics manufacturing industry."

Cooney will try to make courses more accessible by combining a variety of media, including different text, web sites, and video. Every student involved will have a local mentor—an engineer who will fill the role of on-site faculty to supervise projects.

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■ **Herron sculpture show at Vincennes**  
Herron School of Art instructor Gary Freeman is featured in an exhibition at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The show will include sculpture pieces from the Evaporation series. The exhibit runs until Feb. 16.

■ **IUPUI Optimist Club to start meeting**  
Meetings of the IUPUI Optimist Club are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:15 a.m. in the Union Building Cafeteria. For more information, contact club membership chair Ingrid Touchlog at 274-5944, or go to the club's Web page at <http://www.optimist.org>.

■ **Event planning**  
Student Life and Diversity Program will host "Event Planning 101," from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 1 and from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

## Bill

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Cheryl Sullivan, vice chancellor for external affairs at IUPUI, disagrees.

"I think IUPUI is a great urban university now," Sullivan said. "We do enjoy operating in an urban environment, and we take pride from being engaged in our community."

Brian Vargus, political science professor and director of IUPUI's public opinion lab, is no stranger to Borst's agenda.

"Larry has been doing this for a long time," he said. "I don't think (the bill) has ever gotten anywhere near the floor."

Before a bill can be presented, a non-partisan staff member from the Indiana Legislature's Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis performs a study to advise legislators of a bill's potential fiscal impact.

Chuck Mayfield, fiscal analyst for SB271, said the bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee, although he was unsure whether that action was appropriate. "Normally, bills like this

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Education policy is detrimental

■ Voucher proposal is based on poor perceptions.

Perceptions are not reality. Right now the Bush administration is making policy based on what it sees as the public perception of failing schools. As with most issues close to the heart, the emotions surrounding school vouchers are being used to push a program that will at the very least rewrite education public policy.

It is unfortunate that the voucher proposal comes on the heels of such dismal ISTEP+ scores, but it makes for good campaigning.

Even though numerous questions exist concerning the validity of ISTEP+, the sinking scores make perfect fodder to those in the Indiana General Assembly and Congress in Washington who want to push the school voucher system chambers of government.

If President Bush and the Indiana Legislature want to take steps toward improving our education system, the honest approach must start with a broad re-examination of our attitudes toward education.

Congress continues to repetitively reinforce, until we can't help but believe, that public education is a failure.

Unfortunately, the American public is being manipulated in an effort to push ideology through that may be detrimental to every child's education. The failure of the public school system is more a matter of perception than of substance. It is roughly equivalent to the perception that crime is on the rise when statistical evidence confirms that crime is at an all-time low.

Perception does not make good public policy. There are too many questions surrounding school vouchers. If these proposals become law without an honest examination of the current public school system, our children and their futures will suffer.

Vouchers allow segregated schools to exist. It is unconstitutional to provide public money to religious schools that stand in defiance of standards testing. Poorly performing schools should not be punished by taking away their tax base while schools in wealthy districts already have the cash-flow advantage.

American policy toward education is changing, and those changes are going to affect education from kindergarten all the way to college. Now is not the time to destroy public education. Instead, we must accept responsibility and faithfully examine the present system.

We cannot base the future of American education on something as malleable and subjective as public perception.

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## STAFF COMMENTARY

### First lady or Miss America?

■ In coverage of new administration, dynamic woman is relegated to fashion plate.

As the first 100 days of the Bush administration gear up, and we hear the blustering of quick action on education and abortion, our eyes are turned to an even greater issue raised by the media. What is the first lady wearing, and what will she do with the Lincoln bedroom?

Numerous articles have been written in the last few days closely monitoring and critiquing what Laura Bush wore for the inaugural festivities. Then we are led down the obligatory path of comparisons to the gowns of past first ladies: the dowdy Hillary Clinton violet, the maternally Barbara Bush blue, not to mention the risqué off the shoulder gown worn by Nancy Reagan or the recycled gubernatorial gown of Rosalyn Carter.

Since the resolution of last year's presidential election debacle by the U.S. Supreme Court, the press has devoted a lot of ink to the appearance of the new first lady. Her coiffure is dissected, her shoes are analyzed, and her makeup probed before a line or two is dedicated to her accomplishments in the final paragraphs?

What the analysts may be missing here is obvious: what is the role of the first lady.

Certainly the office of the president's wife has seen many transformations since Dolly Madison and Eleanor Roosevelt occupied it.

Hillary Clinton, however, brought a new purpose to the position. From the first days of the Clinton administration she sat on the health care advisory board and helped author the failed national health care policy.

She was the first wife of a president to occupy an office in the

West Wing of the White House.

From there, she assumed a strong role in policy making on issues such as the Family Medical Leave Act, children's insurance programs and veteran's affairs.

Now she has been elected to one of the most visible U.S. Senate seats in the nation.

This is a tough act to follow to say the least.

As Sen. Clinton heads for her new digs in Washington, she leaves in her wake a veritable vacuum in the office of the first lady.

Laura Bush has returned to the traditional East Wing setting for her post along with a staff of 15 female aides and advisers.

The return to tradition ends there. Instead of the customary tribute to the first lady, Bush opted for a reading by authors Stephen Ambrose and Mary Higgins-Clark. Later in the day she visited a public school in one of Washington's poorer sections.

Just as Bill Clinton's health care reform attempt was spearheaded by his better half, Laura Bush has taken a front seat on education while her husband sends his proposal on the same issue to Congress.

She was a teacher and librarian, holding a master's degree, becoming the second first lady to receive an advanced degree.

Hillary Clinton holds a J.D. from Yale.

Powerful women who sit alongside powerful men in this country have certainly redefined this traditionally social protocol position to that of wielding political power.

That being said, the first lady wore a garish, crystal-studded, scoop-necked red number for the inaugural ball.

## STAFF COMMENTARY

Warren Bobat

Viewpoints Editor

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Sexual preference not a choice

■ People should avoid condemning what they do not fully understand.

The answer to the question depends on what we believe and what we consider the source of authority. Much controversy surrounds the origins and nature of homosexuality. Many see it as a debate between science and religion, among liberals and conservatives. In actuality it is not this simple. The debate is complicated by unfounded myths, stereotypes, prejudices and misinformation. The debaters represent a broad spectrum of social strata and belief systems.

It is helpful to view the issues as a continuum rather than an either/or situation. When we examine scientific theories and evidence, we find few absolutes.

Research in the last decade has suggested biological and genetic explanations for homosexuality, touted by some scientists, disputed by others, with the majority probably lying somewhere on the continuum between the two viewpoints. There is considerable agreement, however, that sexual orientation is determined early in life, though often not recognized by the individual until later, and is most likely the result of multiple factors — including environmental and developmental, as well as biological.

Mental health professionals see individuals with a range of sexual orientations, from exclusively heterosexual, exclusively homosexual, bisexual (attraction to both sexes) to asexual (lack of attraction to either sex). All of us fall somewhere on this sexuality continuum, some more sexual, some less, some straight, some gay. Since 1975, the American Psychological Association

no longer considers homosexuality a mental disorder or emotional disturbance. It takes the position that attempts to "cure" or "correct" sexual feelings rarely effect permanent change and, in reality, can cause considerable psychological harm to the individual.

It is within the religious community that differences are most evident and most vigorously declared. Some view homosexuality as a choice, with conservative Christians citing biblical passages from the Old Testament and the Epistles of Paul in condemning homosexuality as an aberration from God's plan.

Others interpret the Bible more historically than literally, attributing those same passages to circumstances at the time and to attacks on the abusive sexual treatment of others.

Many probably fall somewhere between those two viewpoints on the spectrum. (It is interesting to note the Bible cites no reference to homosexuality by Christ himself).

Finally, consider the following: While we can choose our behavior, is it possible to choose to whom we are sexually attracted? Would anyone really choose to be gay in our society, given the social and personal repercussions? There is still much to be learned about homosexuality, so we need to examine all the available evidence carefully and avoid condemning what we do not fully understand.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Drug war gone bad

■ America continues to throw money at a losing battle.

New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson is not a typical politician. He has the courage to speak honestly on a subject considered sacred by the governing establishment: America's war on drugs. The Republican has publicly acknowledged his past use of marijuana and cocaine. Johnson believes the drug war is an abysmal and expensive failure. In an interview with MSNBC, he said, "We're spending more and we're locking more people up. Personally, I have a problem with putting people in jail for drug use."

According to the Justice Department, a record 1.86 million men and women were behind bars and another 4.5 million were on parole or probation for drug offenses in 1999. The government spends approximately \$50 billion a year on the effort to combat illegal drugs. It appears to be losing. The Washington Post reports 1 percent of the adult population in America was in prison in 1980. Now that number has risen to 3 percent, or one in every 32 people.

The failed effort to stem the tide of illegal drugs in the United States has only created more criminals. The time has come to admit the drug war is not only a failure, it is not winnable. Instead of pursuing a lost cause, other options merit serious consideration, including legalizing drugs and viewing drug use as a health, and not a criminal, problem.

Narcotics will always be around. The illegal drug trade is estimated to be \$400 billion a year — larger than the automobile industry. Some of the billions of dollars spent fighting the drug war could be redirected into combating the traffic violations, murders, burglaries and rapes that are often rooted in drug abuse. Under the legalization scenario, addiction would be treated as a health problem, not a crime. Criminal activity of someone under the influence of a substance would be severely prosecuted, similar to drunken driving.

Legality must not imply approval. Money freed for drug education should focus on the fact that using drugs has serious consequences. Officials lose credibility when they tell children they will fry their brains. In fact, drugs have a very real and powerful

lure. Marijuana and more dangerous substances can make people feel better, less lonely and more in control of their lives. But children might appreciate and positively respond to the truth that long-term abuse is a major handicap. Through legalization and an honest educational campaign, the government could control, regulate and tax drug use. The issue certainly merits further study. America's narcotics policy raises serious constitutional questions. Yale law professor Steven Duke said, "The anti-constitutional effects of the drug war have been so relentlessly obvious for so long that a cynic might wonder whether the Constitution is not the true enemy of the drug warriors." In a free society, purchasing and using substances harming only the individual should not be a criminal act. The actions resulting from these poor decisions should be the focus of law enforcement.

Joseph McNamara, former police chief in San Jose, Calif., believes that America's war on drugs is a pointless endeavor. He said, "There is no way the police can penetrate this world unless everyone becomes a suspect, everyone gets stopped, everyone gets searched." Under no circumstances should citizen privacy ever be compromised in this way.

America's current drug policies are simply not working. For many, obtaining illegal drugs is easier than obtaining legal ones. There are real casualties in the drug war, including nonviolent criminals facing jail time for only harming their own bodies. Most of the nation's citizens are intelligent, rational people who understand the problems of drug abuse. They deserve better than the rhetoric of politicians promising to pour more money into a losing battle.

The well-documented failure of the drug war should raise questions about continuing these policies that have so little progress to show. Through legalization, the government just might be able to control the drug market in a way that works. Instead of arguing how much more money should be poured into this battle, it would be smart to begin debating of the alternatives.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

Jonathan Jones

The Battalion (Texas A&M U)

# ACTIVITIES

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## Jam the Gym



January 29 - 7:35 p.m.  
Women's Basketball vs. Oakland University  
Sponsored by the IUPUI Student Foundation

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

### Looking for Teams

The IUPUI Student Foundation will be having its annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament all day on April 13. The Student Foundation is currently looking for teams to play. Ultimate Frisbee is an easy, quick, and fun game that anybody can play. So get your teams together today! Team packets can be found at the IUPUI Student Foundation desk in the lower level of UC or check us out on the web at [www.iupui.edu/~sf](http://www.iupui.edu/~sf). All proceeds from the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament will go to scholarships for student leaders at IUPUI. Plan on stopping by to watch the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, eat, listen to live music, and have fun!

April 13

at the Michael A. Carroll Track & Soccer Stadium

### Calendar of events at IUPUI

February 1, Noon, UC115

#### Experiencing Igbo Culture

Experience a rich repertoire of songs, dances, and theatrical dramatizations. The Odenigbo Cultural Group, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation and production of Igbo traditional music. The Igbo constitute one of the three major ethnic groups that make up the modern state of Nigeria.

February 1, Noon, UC115

#### Black History Month Book Club

Participate in this campus-wide book club, the title of the book will be revealed at the kick-off event. A limited number of books will be distributed. A book club wrap-up meeting will be held February 27.

February 2, 5:30 p.m., Lilly Auditorium (UL)

#### Lessons from Film

View films with teachings on Black History and how African Americans struggled for full legal equality under the Constitution. Sponsored by the Black Student Union.

February 5, 5 p.m., UC115

#### Black Student, Faculty, Staff Reception

Sponsored by the Black Student Union, Black Faculty and Staff Council, Office for Minority Faculty Development, and Student Life and Diversity Programs.

February 7, 6 p.m., UC115

#### Do You Know Your History

Students will have the opportunity to learn about their history through the playing of Black History games. Open discussions will be encouraged concerning major milestones accomplished by African Americans and how to move forward in the new millennium. Sponsored by the Black Student Union.

February 17-18

#### Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Presents Founder's Week 2001 "61 Years of Excellence"

For events and information, visit [pdp.iupui.edu/~immortalkappa](http://pdp.iupui.edu/~immortalkappa) or email [mgordy@butler.edu](mailto:mgordy@butler.edu).



### Wide Extravaganza

Everyone is welcome to attend the Extravaganza at the Madam CJ Walker Building.

February 17

10:06 p.m.

\$10

Reserve your spot now by purchasing tickets in advance from the Office of Alpha Phi Alpha.

## Annual Spring Dance

Friday, March 23, 2001

The IUPUI Student Activities Programming Board invites you to be a part of the continuing tradition of the 13th Annual Spring Celebration Dance.

The dinner/dance will be held on Friday, March 23 from 7:30 to midnight in the Indiana Roof Ballroom at 140 W. Washington St. Tickets may be purchased beginning on February 1 in the Office of Student Life and Diversity Programs, which is located in the basement of the University College building. Ticket prices are \$15 each for undergraduate students and their guest if purchased by Friday, March 9 or \$20 if purchased between March 9 and March 20. Tickets for all graduate students, faculty, staff and their guests will be \$25.



Tickets will be available until March 20, or until sold out and no tickets will be sold at the door. Entertainment will be provided by the Flip Miller Band. A wide variety of music will be played. The buffet dinner will be catered by Crystal Catering. Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Life and Diversity Programs at 274-3931.

**TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 1**

## what's happening this week

### Campus Crusade for Christ Meeting

Prayer Time, the weekly meeting of Campus Crusade for Christ, will be every Monday beginning at 4:00 pm in the University Library Lilly Auditorium (Room 0130). Check out our website at <http://www.iupui.edu/~cccr>.

### Newman Club's Spring Break Alternative

The Newman Club is offering an alternative to spring break by organizing a trip to Newsmen Farms in Appalachia West Virginia to refurbish homes and enhance lives. Cost of the trip is \$50 and registration ends February 14. Call 383-7651 for more information or to register.

### Newman Club Sunday Mass

The Newman Club will hold Mass and a religious and spiritual worship service every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the St. Mary Child Center located at 301 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

### Newman Club Study in the Book of Revelation

The Newman Club will have a bible study in the book of Revelation on Sunday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Butler Newman Center 1001 Student Ave. Contact the Newman Club at 283-7651 for more information.

### Student Government Association Call Out

The Student Government Association is currently seeking members. If you are interested in joining, call Henry for more information. Contact Henry at 274-4347.

### Black Student Union Monthly Meeting

The Black Student Union will have their next meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in UC115. Food and drinks are always provided. Visit their website at <http://www.bsu-iupui.org> for more information or to contact the president of the club at 274-4347.

### Black Student Union Book Club

The Black Student Union will have their next meeting on Sunday, February 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in UC115. The book club is currently seeking members. If you are interested in joining, call Henry for more information. Contact Henry at 274-4347.

### Black Club Day

The IUPUI Black Club Day is currently seeking members. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.bsu-iupui.org>.

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### IUPUI Academic Readiness Workshop

The IUPUI Academic Readiness Workshop is currently seeking members. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.bsu-iupui.org>.

### Golden Key Honor Society Information Table

The IUPUI chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society will have an information table on January 29-31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the corridor between the Business School and University Library.

### Phi Alpha Delta Book Meetings

The IUPUI chapter of Phi Alpha Delta will have a pair of book meetings on January 30, the meeting will be from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in UC115. On February 1, the meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in UC115.

### American Humanism Student Meeting

The IUPUI American Humanism Student Association will have their monthly meeting on January 31 beginning at 8:30 p.m. in UC115. Non-members are welcome.

### Society for Human Resource Management Meeting

SHRM will have their first meetings on January 31 and February 7 from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in BT324. These meetings feature professional speakers and many networking possibilities.

### Pai Chi & Psychology Club Snack Stand

The Pai Chi & Psychology Club's snack stand returns every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SL/D building. Candy, pop, popcorn and much more will be available at bargain prices.

### Pai Chi & Psychology Club Retreat

The IUPUI Pai Chi & Psychology Club will have a retreat February 10 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. that will feature a food picnic, team building exercises, communication skills, and much more. Open to all interested in club participation. For more details, email [cydard@iupui.edu](mailto:cydard@iupui.edu) or phone 278-2237.

## genesis

IUPUI's Student Literary Magazine

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The winter issue of genesis is now available and submissions for the spring issue are now being accepted. The publication needs student fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and artwork.

Submissions must be delivered to the Department of English in Cavanaugh Hall. Include a cover sheet listing the title of the submission along with your name, address, phone, email, and a brief biography.

For more information, email the editors at [genesis1@iupui.edu](mailto:genesis1@iupui.edu).

**DEADLINE:**  
**FEBRUARY 16**  
**5 P.M.**



Are you interested in going to law school?

Consider joining Phi Alpha Delta, IUPUI's pre-law fraternity. Contact Randy Biernat at [iupuidad@iupui.edu](mailto:iupuidad@iupui.edu) for more information.

**Deadline for joining the spring pledge class is February 11!**

## IUPUI Taekwondo Club

Any IUPUI student can join the Taekwondo Club as a general member (GM). GMs can participate in all club social and fund raising activities and provide support at club events. GMs may not participate in training sessions unless they qualify as a competitor member.

**Competitive Members (CM)** must meet ONE of the following: Obtained rank equivalent to yellow belt in a martial art. Have a least 6 months experience in a martial art. Be currently enrolled in E100, Taekwondo.



You do not have to compete in tournaments to be a competitor member! We welcome anyone with martial arts experience to join us at our practice sessions to sharpen their skills, increase their endurance, or just have fun.

### Practice Session held in PE156

Mondays: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Thursdays: 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Taste of Taekwondo

Curious about the martial arts? Experience the Korean martial art of Taekwondo in a fun and non-threatening environment.

- Learn basic punches and kicks
- Break boards
- Suit-up in Olympic regulation sparring gear
- Enjoy a Korean lunch
- See a Taekwondo demonstration

Friday, February 2

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

UC115

No cost but reservations required! Workshop limited to 40. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing.

## EVENT PLANNING 101

A workshop for student club and organization members

### Learn about:

- Effective planning
- Effective publicity
- Managing budgets
- Navigating the JAC process
- What to ask
- Involving members
- What the SLDP can do

February 1 - 2 p.m. - UC132

or

February 9 - Noon - UC132



### Delta Sigma Pi

International Business Fraternity for Men & Women

### Recruiting Luncheon

February 12 & 13

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

UC115

### Meet the Chapter

February 16

8 p.m. - 8 p.m.

University Library (UL 0118)