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The IUPUI Sagamore

OPINION

Today is Earth Day 1991 and
The Sagamore takes a look at what the
campus is doing and what can be done
in order to make every PAGE
day Earth Day - not just one 4
day out of the year.

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Universities must decide between research, teaching

Charles Sykes, author of
Profcom says universities often
neglect students for research.

By CHERYL MATTHEWS
Staff Writer

During a presentation and panel discussion on the issue of research vs. teaching, Charles Sykes challenged IUPUI to become the premiere undergraduate teaching institution of the Midwest.

"The university has to decide whether it is an institution developed for the professional advancement of the careers of its faculty or whether it is an institution devoted to providing quality education to its students," said Sykes, journalist and author of *Profcom: Professors and the Demise of Higher Education*.

"I assure you that if IUPUI was known as the premiere undergraduate teaching institution of the Midwest, its faculty would be much sought after by hundreds of schools that are desperate to find quality teachers," added Sykes, who spoke to administrators, faculty and students last Friday in Lecture Hall 101.

As the guest speaker for the Edward

C. Moore Teaching Symposium, Sykes discussed his book that says students and their quality of education are suffering because universities have failed to achieve a balance between research and teaching requirements.

"IUPUI is in the same situation as a lot of urban universities caught in the conflicting pressures to raise their prestige while maintaining their urban teaching mission," said Sykes.

Because funding tends to reward researchers and discourage professors from teaching, the "temptation to prestige" puts pressure on professors to spend time in research that results in publication, Sykes said.

"Students should be under no illusion that a push for research often comes at their direct expense," he added. Richard Peterson, professor of anatomy in the School of Medicine, disagreed with Sykes' assessment. "We pay a lot more attention here to students than he (Sykes) gives the faculty credit for," said Peterson, a member of the panel.

Peterson said he feels he has a good balance among his teaching, research and service obligations.

Although David Stocum said he thinks it is important for the university

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Student life, academics unified under new plan

A structural change in
undergraduate services aims
to target key programs, issues.

By MARIE CHMIELEWSKI
Staff Writer

Even on a non-traditional commuter campus, students can find both the academics and social aspects of a college career.

University administrators say they hope to enhance this by making some structural changes in student services for undergraduates.

"We believe undergraduate education deserves our highest attention and our highest priority," said William

Plater, executive vice chancellor. Dean Timothy Langston, from the Office of Student Affairs, will now be reporting to J. Herman Blake, vice chancellor for Undergraduate Education.

By making this change, Plater said he believes Blake will provide leadership for undergraduate students. "We anticipate that this shift will give much greater focus and attention on student issues and student concerns within the framework of accomplishing overall campus goals," Blake said.

"We must bring student affairs and other key programs that impact students to higher levels of visibility

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C'mon, I dare you!



Bruce Wagner, associate professor and director of C110, dares people to throw softballs to dunk him in the dunk tank during Greek Week activities last Wednesday.

David Lee Hartigan/Staff Photographer

Institute sponsors computer conference for journalists

The National Institute for Advanced Reporting hosts second annual computer-assisted conference to inform, educate students and professional journalists.

By AMY MORRIS
Staff Writer

Through workshops and seminars, more than 110 practicing journalists will have the opportunity to learn the latest in computer technology.

"Journalists have realized that computer-assisted technology isn't going to go away, and journalists have learned it in order to be competitive," said Jerry Ricciardi, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and director of professional services at the National Institute

for Advanced Reporting. Located at IUPUI, NIAR will be hosting its second annual computer-assisted journalism conference this Friday through Sunday.

The conference is designed to provide participants with information on database capabilities, computer and software vendors, and hands-on workshops.

"Computers are a tool to augment reporting. They don't replace writing skills, but do save reporters time so they can spend more time reporting," said James Brown, associate dean of the School of Journalism and executive director

of NIAR.

One journalist who agrees about the time saved using the new computer technology is Joe Hallinan, a reporter with *The Indianapolis Star*.

Hallinan, along with fellow *Star* reporter Susan Headen, recently won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of two wrote on medical malpractice in Indiana.

"I wouldn't have been able to do it unless I had a whole lot more time," he said.

The two conducted computer searches of on-line databases and developed search strategies for their own databases with the help of the institute.

Hallinan will be a guest speaker at the conference along with other journalists who

have used computers to generate award-winning stories.

John Ullmann, former special projects editor for the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, will deliver the keynote address.

Several of the projects Ullmann supervised have won awards, including the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

Although last year's conference drew more than 330 people from around the world, this year only half that number have registered.

"I've received innumerable calls from people wanting to attend, but lack of funds prevent it," Brown said, adding that the economy has

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Researcher discusses aspects of strong family relationships

University of Nebraska
professor outlines qualities,
factors of strong connections.

By CHRIS RICKETT
Staff Writer

When John DeFrain wanted to know what it took to create strong family relationships 15 years ago, he began asking very simple questions.

"When I began researching, I just set out to ask 'What makes families work? How do they do it?'" said

DeFrain, a professor at the University of Nebraska's Department of Human Development and the Family.

DeFrain is the author of several books on the study of healthy family relationships.

His presentation titled "Characteristics of Strong Families: Keys to Family Wellness," took place in the University Place Conference Center Auditorium last Tuesday night.

One of the things DeFrain said he needed to find out when researching was the current definition of the word "family."

A survey of 4,000 people indicated that a family is a group of people that love and care for each other.

Today's divorce rate, 55 percent according to DeFrain's surveys, is greatly responsible for shaping that definition.

"Most Americans don't buy into the traditional definition where there's a husband, a wife and 2.2 children," said DeFrain.

"Back in the late 1960s and the early 1970s, it was thought if you weren't divorced, your marriage was lumpy dry, which we now know may not be the case," he said. Today's divorce rate, DeFrain said,

is partially a sign that women are not financially bound to marriage because more have professional careers today than before.

"Today, if women aren't getting along well with their husbands, they do not have to stay," he said.

As a result, 26 percent of all families today are single-parent families.

DeFrain researched the success of single-parent families by taking out 180 newspapers across the country. He received responses from 1,150

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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- A seminar titled "Anti-Catholicism and Imperialism in Colonial America," presented by the Department of History, will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Cavanaugh Hall, Room 438. For more information call 274-8613.
- An ongoing seminar and exhibit sale, sponsored by the School of Business, is taking place in the Kravert Building, Room 018B. For more information call 685-0453.
- Howard Zinn, author of the alternative history book, "A People's History of the United States," will be speaking about the United States' role in the Middle East at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, Room 101. His presentation is sponsored by the Progressive Student Union, the Political Science Students Association, the Department of History and Philosophy, the Women's Studies Program and the Center for American Studies.

TUESDAY

- Miles Wagner will be discussing the process of application into the Office of Student Activities from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Union Building, Room 207. For more information call 274-7296.
- Both Applegate from the Indiana Pro Choice League will be the guest speaker at the IUPUI Students for Choice meeting which will take place at 7 p.m. in the University Library, Room 358. For more information please call 274-4240.

WEDNESDAY

- The Disabled Student Organization will meet to discuss its progress at 11:30 a.m. in Cavanaugh Hall, Room 206. For more information call 274-7973.
- The IUPUI Moving Company begins its spring performances at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre located in the Mary Gates Building. The performances will also take place at the same time Friday and Saturday. For more information contact Laura Davis, 274-0622.
- The Department of Psychology is sponsoring a meeting concerning efforts to increase the success of college freshmen. The meeting will take place at 8 a.m. in the Business Building, Room 2000. For more information call 274-6754.

THURSDAY

- The Office of International Affairs is sponsoring an international coffee hour and an information session about the International House from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For further information, please call 274-2061.
- Two street plays, "Overtones" and "Suppressed Desires" will take place at 8 p.m. in the Mary Gates Building, Room 002 today and Saturday. Ticket prices for each show are \$4. For more information call 274-0557.

Completion of nursing research center marked by ceremony

The newly renovated space on the third floor for the Nursing Building will become the new home of the Center for Nursing Research.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the center will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Nursing Building, Room 438.

The new space will house several faculty offices, research facilities, and space for a library and conference room.

Concert band mixes it up with classical, commercial venue

The IUPUI Concert Band will be featured in concert at the University Theatre April 30 at 8 p.m.

The program will include John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March," Clara Cowdson's "Second American Folk Rhapsody," Claude T. Smith's "Emerita Overture" and several commercial jingles.

Admission is free. For more information call 274-4000.

Moving Company displays musical diversity at annual spring concert

Dances choreographed to music from Poland, France, Puerto Rico, Spain, Germany, Japan, Africa and America will be featured at the eighth annual IUPUI Moving Company Spring Concert, titled "An International Language."

The performances will take place April 25-27 at 8 p.m. in the Mary Gates Building.

The dances of the 12 dances range from the tearing down of the Berlin Wall in "The Wall," to the finale "Parade," set to music written by Indiana music icon Hoagy Carmichael. For ticket information call 274-2594.

Girl Scouts CEO keynotes third annual philanthropy celebration

Former head of Girl Scouts of America Frances Hoeselheit, was the keynote speaker at the third annual Spirit of Philanthropy Awards Celebration, which took place last Friday in the University Plaza Hotel.

Hoeselheit, who is currently CEO of the Peter F. Drucker Foundation for Organizational Management, was recently recognized by "Business Week" magazine for her work with non-profit organizations.

Briefly NOTED

By CHRIS RICHETT and AMY MORRIS

C110 finalists earn honors, present problem-solution topics

The 40th meeting of Speech Night featured seven finalists who spoke on topics ranging from drinking and driving to society's view of overweight individuals.

For his speech titled, "Filices is a Human Tragedy," Evelyn Barnes, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center, took third place with her topic, "A Cry for Help," which focused on the problems of America's youth.

All contestants received medals following the competition. While the judges were determining the winner, Bruce Wagner, director of C110, entertained the audience with various readings.



David Lee Hartwig, Staff Photographer

Darryl Bourz, a junior in environmental science, delivers his speech, "Why Does Mother Nature Turn Up The Heat?" at Speech Night last Monday.

University ensemble features evening of jazz, gospel music

An evening of traditional and contemporary gospel and jazz music will be featured by the African-American Choir Ensemble at the University Theatre, May 2.

The director will be Denise Colvin, who recently starred in the musical "One Mo' Time."

Music school sponsors computer technology conference, workshops

The IU School of Music at IUPUI will present the First Annual Computer Music Technology Conference & Workshop from June 17-22.

The event will feature exhibits of the latest computers, printers, keyboards and software.

Workshops will deal with music notation and printing, sequencing, sampling, music-work station setup, MIDI controllers, CD-ROM, editor/librarian sets, synthesizer programming, computer-assisted music instruction and many more.

The deadline for registration is May 15. For more information call 274-6000.

WHO recognizes nursing school's work with Healthy Cities efforts

The World Health Organization has designated the IU School of Nursing's Institute of Action Research for Community Health as the WHO Collaborating Center.

This recognition came in line of the center's work with the Healthy Cities Campaign, a worldwide movement established in Europe to encourage global cooperation in building a healthy urban environment.

As part of the institute's title, it will host WHO-related conferences in the coming year.

CORRECTIONS:

In the April 15 issue of *The Sagamore*, John Ward was listed as the president of the Progressive Student Union.

In the same issue, a letter written to the editor by Michael Thomas had a comma accidentally omitted between the words "sary" and "inspiration."

The *Sagamore* regrets the errors.

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Parenting group offers support, understanding Research

Parents of gay children say honesty and trust are important factors in establishing a healthy family relationship.

By MARIE CHMIELEWSKI
Staff Writer

When Oran, an ex-Marine sergeant, learned his son and daughter were both gay, he said his whole world fell apart.

"I cried a lot," he said. "When my children came to me, I just didn't happen. I think I've learned to let something in, when they share my age (50s) hear the word homosexual, they think of a sleazy hotel and a sexual act," Shirley said. "But that's just not true."

Oran and Shirley are both members of a local support group P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. They discussed issues parents face when they find out their children are gay with members of The Advocate, a student support organization for gays, lesbians and bi-sexuals, last Wednesday.

Attendees requested to be identified by their first name only.

Sarah, who found out one of her daughters is lesbian, said being candid about the gay community has helped her in accepting her daughter the way she is.

"There's a certain sense of my daughter's just great and those other people are weird. That's what the P-FLAG has been very beneficial," Sarah said.

The three representatives from P-FLAG suggested that students eventually tell their parents in order to maintain a good, honest relationship with them.

"When there's a part of your life you have to hide, you're not yourself with many people," Shirley said.

She added that she had a hard time accepting her son was gay, and her initial reaction is not one she's proud of. However, she realized if you can't trust your own mother, who can you trust?

All parents said they felt guilty, and would blame the situation on the spouse.

"Then you realize that it's something that, it," Sarah said. "We all want our kids to have this picket fence around this happy little life. It's not realistic."

It is important for parents to join a support group and take time to listen to their children, to just accept they are gay.

"I would choose for my children not to be gay only because of the anguish they have to go through," Oran said. "But, by the same token, they are my flesh and blood."

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to find a balance between teaching and research, he said he does not believe they should be viewed as separate issues.

"Teaching and research are complementary facets of the same learning experience. I believe the best teachers are those who understand and engage in the process of discovery," said Stoum, dean of the School of Science and a panel member.

IUPIU's mission statement lists undergraduate education as its top priority, said Ken Sauer, assistant director for academic affairs at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

In addition, the mission statement also includes research and service obligations. Faculty members must excel in one area and be competent in the other, said Susan Zent, associate professor in the School of Dentistry and a panel member.

"When it comes down to how to allocate resources for promotion, tenure and salary increases, the primary criteria is research," she said.

"IUPIU's mission was undergraduate education. But we have grown up, that direction, in my opinion, has changed. The primary criteria is research. It has hurt the students," Zent added.

Some professors said, however, that excellence in teaching is not enough if the research is inadequate.

Alan Greenburg, a former professor in the School of Engineering and Technology, said he did not receive tenure because he lacked the research.

"I wasn't very happy about it, it's a business in which illusion is much more important than substance. Reputation and status are what universities strive for," Greenburg said.

"Outstanding teachers from Harvard on down are being denied tenure, and I think that reflects the fact that, although school is teaching is important, when it comes to handing out the rewards, it turns out sometimes not to count," Szymek said.

"That issue needs to be readdressed because a university that fires its outstanding teachers can't really claim that teaching is a top priority," he added.

Because IUPIU is an urban campus populated by non-traditional students who have families and work to pay their tuition, Szymek said these students have every right to demand their money's worth from their education.

"For many students, this is their ticket to the American dream, so it's important that the dream can turn out to be a very cruel hoax."

Funding for the symposium came from the administration.

"We deliberately invited him. I think the kinds of issues he is raising are important," said William Flaker, executive vice chancellor. "We don't care so much about who he thinks, but about how we are serving our students and community."

Change

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and effectiveness," he added.

Blake is the first vice chancellor for undergraduate education in the IU system. He joined the staff in 1989, and has been focusing mainly on academics.

"When you integrate the two, academics and student life, it changes your student affairs," said Langston. "I'm looking forward to some positive results from this."

Some of the student services that report to Langston include the Counseling Center, Disabled Student Services and the Office of Student Activities.

However, under the change, Plater will still oversee the Office of the Registrar, the IUPIU Child Care Center and the physical and fiscal areas of student housing.

Plater emphasized there will be no disruption of services and no immediate changes.

"Students should begin to notice over the next few months some changes, something that meets their needs," Plater said. "Student life ought to be a part of academics."

"The notion is that for a student coming to a university, it should be a total or whole experience," he added.

Don Wakefield, director of the Counseling Center, said he sees the changes as a positive move.

"I can't think that it would hurt us. It may give us more visibility and advocacy that we need," he said.

Staff shortages and not enough funding for services are some problems the center has been facing.

The Counseling Center plans to continue with its services as usual, but Wakefield said there may be some things brought to their attention they could be doing differently.

"We're going to have someone looking at the student side of student development. I'm looking forward to it," Wakefield said.

Family

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successful single-parent families within six weeks.

"One of the common themes expressed by one of the fathers was 'Thank God that everyEve does not perceive a strong single family as a condemnation in terms,'" said DeFrain.

To determine how financial security affects a family relationship, DeFrain sent out questionnaires to the chief executive officers of all Fortune 500 companies.

Most fathers talked about the advantages their children had. In contrast, mothers surveyed said the fathers didn't even know their children's first names.

"It can be very easy to trade the heart and soul of your family for money and success," DeFrain said.

Regardless of the structure of the family, the simple things they do together, such as eating, taking vacations or just spending time together is the key to having strong

family ties.

"Not only do families need quality time, but they need it in great quantities," he said.

Robin Borczon said she and her husband John Stephens started the program to find out what constitutes a happy family.

"We're expecting our first child soon, and we've been thinking about how to make our family a healthy one," said Borczon, an adviser at the Office of International Affairs.

Don Roma, member of the Wellness Education Committee, said he appreciated the thoroughness of DeFrain's research.

"Anyone could have read a book, come here tonight and given a presentation," said Roma.

"But to have someone who has researched the information for 15 years gives kind of a different feel to it," he added.

DeFrain's visit was sponsored by Max-Well, the IUPIU Wellness Education Committee, the IUPIU Childcare Center and the Office of Student Activities.

NIAR

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hurt conferences all over.

This year the conference will expose participants to more hands-on experience by offering a full day of workshops, said Brown.

Established in 1990 to improve journalistic reporting methods, NIAR conducts research and on-the-workshops throughout the country.

Brown said, among other goals, NIAR teaches advanced reporting

techniques to working journalists, journalism educators and IUPIU students.

"It's vital for students to learn this if they are going to be marketable and competitive," said Richiards.

Of the Splatters won this year, nine or 10 (of the stories) were computer-generated, Richiards said.

"We live in a computer world and are rapidly getting to the point where people need to know how to analyze data to know what's happening," said Brown.

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Earth deserves more than one day

Environmental protection must be a concern of everyone

Today is Earth Day. A celebration of our host planet and a call to arms for those concerned with a myriad of environmental issues.

But, little has transpired since the 20th anniversary of Earth Day a short year ago. There weren't even any plans for Earth Day events on campus until last week.

What is the IUPUI community doing to promote the protection of our fragile planet?

We are all aware of the aluminum recycling boxes situated around campus. But most of us are not aware that these cans are not being recycled.

They're being stored on campus because ALCOA, who agreed to collect the cans for recycling, has suspended that practice because the percentage of steel cans collected in the boxes is unprofitably high, around 40 percent.

In discussing this, and other environmentally sound projects, with members of the Environmental Study Committee, it appears that there is little more the administration can do to rectify the situation.

ALCOA and other recycling companies are for-profit organizations who cannot be forced to accept "inferior" raw materials or change their quality standards.

The problem is not isolated to recyclable aluminum either. Numerous attempts to organize a paper recycling campaign have met with less than encouraging results.

For example, after several months of well-intentioned efforts, a paper recycling program in the Business/SPEA building died on the vine because there was a lack of drop-off locations.

All is not lost, however.

We, as a community, can make the right ecological choices and make every day Earth Day.

We simply need to raise our awareness as to the very simple things we can do on an individual basis to make our environment a cleaner, healthier one.

For instance, limit your purchases of soft drinks to those brands that use only recyclable aluminum, not the steel cans used by Dr. Pepper, Diet Mountain Dew and Coke Classic. By doing this, the percentage of unrecyclable cans would decrease and ALCOA would be more likely to pick up the collection boxes.

The Progressive Student Union, which organized this year's Earth Day observances on campus could place information sheets in all canteens to help make this information easily available to everyone.

Also, a successful paper campaign could be started on a small scale by first organizing pick-up points at all computer cell locations, where a large percentage of the campus' waste paper is generated. Once that program is running successfully, it will be easier to expand it for wider coverage around campus.

The point is we should use today, Earth Day 1991, as a starting point to make every day Earth Day by making, and keeping, all of us aware of how important our individual contributions are to improving and maintaining our environment.



JAMES ATLAS

Classics, traditions scorned

Columnist writes that concern for cultural balance degrades education

In the spring of 1987, professor Allan Bloom, a member of the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago and the author of a well-regarded translation of Rousseau's *Emile*, among other scholarly works, published a book called *Higher Education in America*.

Issued in a first printing of 5,000 by Simon & Schuster, *The Closing of the American Mind* sold more than 1 million copies. In its author, as his later unmanuscript, found himself an American celebrity, interviewed by Oprah Winfrey, profiled in "Time", his photograph on the cover of "The New York Magazine". For once, the life of the mind was a public issue.

What was it about this difficult, demanding book that made it a best seller? Surely it couldn't have been titled "The Nazification of the Left or Vice Versa" and "From Secular Apology to Heidegger's *Being and Time*". Bloom's real subject was revealed in his incendiary subtitle: *How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students*.

America's colleges and universities were in trouble, Bloom declared; students could no longer expect to come away from their four years on campus with even a rudimentary grasp of their own culture and civilization. "Every educational system has a moral goal that it tries to attain and that informs its curriculum," wrote Bloom.

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Indeed, the whole idea of tradition was elitist, a literary form of white, male, supremacy. To

study the great works was to suffer the domination of a colonial power.

This kind of thinking has practical consequences.

By the late 1980s, the curriculum — the courses that universities offer — was a campus free-for-all.

Course requirements were largely a thing of the past. At a vast majority of American colleges and universities, a student could graduate without having taken a single course in Western civilization.

The idea that there existed a hierarchy of knowledge, a cultural tradition made of those works that had survived the harsh discriminations of the time was obsolete.

All over the country, colleges and universities were busy renovating their journalism departments, closing out traditional literary programs and replacing them with new more "relevant" offerings.

At Stanford, the core list of classes was reduced to make room for works by "women, minorities, and persons of color." At Berkeley, freshmen and sophomores would have to pass a one-semester course focusing on at least three out of five ethnic groups: Afro-American, Latino, Asian-American, Native American, and European-American.

In itself, the debate over the curriculum has turned out to be a good thing. The canon, or core of great books, is not immutable; it's changing, its history of literature is the history of a state. And minorities have been singled out the curriculum as much as in other departments of American life.

It could be argued that the study of one's own literature does promote ethnic self-identity.

At the very least, we ought to follow the advice of Gerald Craft, a professor of English at Northwestern and a visible commentator on the book wars, who urges, "Teach the debate. Examine the processes by which

books find their way into the classroom — what makes them representative of their culture? How are the criteria of literary greatness ultimately determined?"

What has been lost in this debate is a fundamental premise of our culture: that to be American is to be assimilated, to define ourselves by what is common in our heritage — the shared tradition of our language, our literature, our ideas about the social covenant that constitutes democracy.

A core curriculum presupposes agreement. If not about what the Great Books are, at the very least that there are Great Books. The university today is like the nation-church of Oklahoma in Franz Kafka's novel *Metamorphosis*, where "everyone is welcome, everyone can be an artist." To distinguish among cultures is to be guilty of "cultural relativism" and establishing hierarchies of value. And that's anti-American. But is it?

The books we read and teach reflect the way this country defines itself as a self-reflective enterprise.

To read English and American literature, the classics of our Western culture, is to discover the sources of a national identity. And that identity makes itself felt in a global way. Our foreign policy is an expression of our self-image.

"Just as in politics, the responsibility for the fate of freedom in the world has developed upon universities, and the two are related as they have never been before," writes Bloom on the last page of his *Manuscript*. What we read, he's saying, — if we read — will determine America's fate.

That's why college catalogues should be required reading for anyone concerned about America's future. They say I'm a bit out there.

In the end, we are what we read.

Editor's note: James Atlas is a editor of *The New York Times* and his column was distributed by the *Collegiate Times*, a program of the Madison Center for Educational Affairs.

Student takes whimsical look at campus commuters

To the Editor:

Tips for pedestrians on the IUPUI campus:

- Look both ways as you're crossing the street.
- If you see a car coming, stop.
- You may cross a street one lane at a time.
- Watch those pet-bulls. You might fall in and can't get out.
- Always cross in small groups. Have you ever heard someone try to walk out of hitting six people, let alone one?
- Invest in a good pair of running shoes.

Tips for driving on campus:

- Maintain a maximum speed of 30 mph.
- Check brakes frequently.
- Avoid pedestrians at all costs.
- If you must hit a pedestrian, make sure they are not in the crosswalk.
- Remember: Red means stop. Green means go. Yellow means fly like hell.
- Tips for parking on campus:
 - If someone is waiting for a parking space and the person backs out the wrong way, take the spot.
 - Always proceed to the lot with the most cars circling the aisle.
 - Never park in empty lots, even if it means being late.
 - If you cannot find a parking spot, go home.
 - If necessary, park in loading zone, but do

not forget flashers.

• If you see someone walking with keys in hand, follow them at approximately 1/2 mph to their car. Better yet, offer them a ride.

Gretchen Spencer

Freshman

Student says gravel lots create dust and frustration

To the Editor:

A few comments about the parking lot and checkouts around campus.

While they've been filled with asphalt, the parking lots remain created and the overall

condition of most roads on the eastern half of campus aren't anything to be proud of.

The gravel parking lots have no positive traits, other than being cheap. When it rains, the mud clings to our shoes and is tracked into cars and into buildings we enter.

In the winter, it doesn't snow a shine like other surfaces, and it's easy to get caught up in a patch of ice.

When it's dry, light white dust blows endlessly. It gets into our eyes and all over our cars, which is bad enough, but maintenance is proper running order.

I know of no other way to express my feelings about the condition of the parking lot surfaces, other than to say I feel proud of ownership by the Suzuki Samurai. If not a full-sized Chevy 4x4, should be a prerequisite for acquiring a parking permit.

Now, I can understand, to some degree, the sacrifice of roads near construction sites. But, the conditions are beyond an inconvenience and are intolerable.

One final point. Supposedly, part of the reason we have pet dogs and gravel lots is there might be garbage built at these locations.

If and when this happens, I hope we don't see another one of these pathetic three-level desks. When in the last time anyone has seen a parking garage so small? Let's see a real garage of at least six or seven levels.

Mike Thomas

Junior

IN YOUR OPINION

What do you plan to do to observe Earth Day this year?

MUSIC PAYNE
Junior
Pre-Law

"We have a neighborhood clean up scheduled in my neighborhood. That's probably about it."

TONY SOLOMON
Freshman
Pre-Med

"I'm going to plant a tree at Eagle Creek. I'll also collect all the recyclables from home. I'm going to try and schedule an event on campus, with a student organization."

TEK THAMMUDIAL
Senior
Biology

"With finals, I'm too busy for any specific activity. But, I do recycle cans at home, though."

JEANIE FARR
Senior
Psychology

"I'm going to the Institute at Military Park."

District 21 bid heats up for Metros

■ With six district games to go, the baseball team looks for the No. 8 seed in the tourney.

By GREG TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Throughout this up-and-down season for the 16-13 baseball team, the Metros have been climbing the mountain to reach the district tournament.

But the team has not yet reached the peak.

At 10-8 in the district, the Metros still have not secured one of the eight tournament bids, said Coach Chad Cunningham.

"Right now, if the tournament started today, we'd be ranked 10th in the district," Cunningham said. "And that's not good enough to receive a bid."

He added the rankings can be deceiving in the sense that some teams still have not played the required eight district games to qualify for the tournament.

"I think we're close to receiving a bid," said junior pitcher Mike Shadoon. "I believe we're just a couple of games away."

The district needs will be announced May 5.

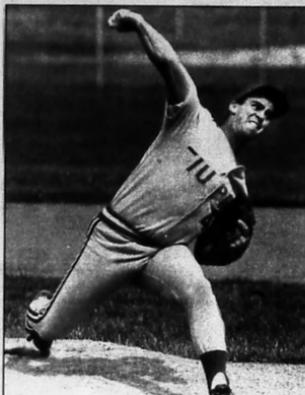
The Metros could grasp the No. 8 or No. 7 seed with victories in Friday's two doubleheaders at Fort Wayne against St. Francis College and Indiana Tech.

"We know we have a good chance to make the tournament," Cunningham said. "These games are important for that reason."

Losing seven straight games last month, the Metros have bettered their chances of making the tournament by winning eight of their last 10 games.

"Last month, we were inconsistent, had a lot of splits, would play well one game and terrible the next," Cunningham said.

The only area that has not been



Daniel Lee Hartigan/Staff Photographer

Sophomore Sean Schaefer hurts a pitch during the first game against Taylor University last Thursday. Schaefer scored the victory and the Metros swept the Trojans 6-3, 3-0.

struggling in the pitching staff, Shadoon said.

"The pitching has been consistent all year, and now, the hitting has picked up," said Shadoon, who transferred from IU-Bloomington in 1987.

"We're definitely going in the right direction now," he continued. "We're not playing individually anymore, we're playing like a team."

The Metros won its third straight game by sweeping visiting IU-Southeast 4-2, 15-13, last Tuesday.

"The offense really came together in the second game against IU-Southeast," Cunningham said. "We were down 10-0 and came back to win it 15-13."

Extending its winning streak to five games, the Metros swept Taylor University 6-3, 3-0, last Thursday.

"We're doing what we have to do to win," said Shadoon, who pitched his fourth save of the season in the first game.

"We're starting to support each other," he added.

Sophomore Sean Schaefer (2-1) was the winning pitcher in the first game and Pat Heck improved to 3-4 by shutting out the Trojans in the second game.

"The pitching staff itself has done well," Cunningham said. "And I think (sophomore) Jason Stecher is the best 17 pitcher in the country."

As Cunningham mentioned before, the outfield play is less than what he imagined it would be.

"If the tournament started today, we'd be ranked 10th in the district. And that's not good enough to receive a bid."

—Chad Cunningham
IUPUI baseball coach

"To be successful toward the end of the season, the outfield needs to improve immensely," Cunningham said. "They're letting too many balls fall into the gap, and there are times when they miss the relay throws."

Cunningham added that sometimes he wishes the ball was hit in the infield because his infielders have given a better effort so far.

But he credits the outfielders effort at the plate.

The outfield may be lacking defense, but they're hitting the ball, he said.

Cunningham said last year's rebuilding season helped his players gain some experience.

But, he said he feels his team's lack of mental preparation has caused poor responses to some game-winning situations.

One of those mental lapses came on April 12 when IUPUI lost against Manchester College, 6-5 in 18 innings.

"We had four or five chances to win the game, but we didn't respond well," Cunningham said. "And the 18 innings were tough on our pitchers."

Men's tennis team scores big win over Eastern Illinois

■ Freshman Tim Minks says

the Metros were well prepared and psyched up for this rivalry.

By AMY WEIDNER

In what Coach Joe Ramirez calls the best match of the season, the men's tennis team defeated rival Eastern Illinois University 7-2 on April 11.

"This was probably the best match overall anybody's played this season," Ramirez said.

"The guys were hungry for a win. They rose to the occasion," he added. Freshman Tim Minks said the Metros were well prepared for their opponents.

"We were ready to play. We were more prepared than they were," Minks said. "I think they were intimidated by us. They were not nearly as tough as our other opponents."

Ramirez said senior George Adams, IUPUI's No. 1 singles player, played an exceptional match. After losing the first set 7-5, Adams swept the remaining two sets 6-0, 6-0.

The Metros won last year's contest at Eastern 6-3, improving on that score was a goal for this match, Minks said.

"We wanted to do better than we did last year and we accomplished that," Minks said. "It was a good win for us."

The rivalry between Eastern and IUPUI helped spark the Metros' victory, Minks added.

"That's the most fired up we've been all season. Everything fell our way," he said.

IUPUI's next match is Saturday against Sinclair University, from Dayton, Ohio.

Ramirez said last year's loss against Sinclair was a bad experience for the Metros. He added that the players are anxious for the rematch at the Sports Center.

"We want to beat them," Ramirez said. The Metro's victory against Eastern Illinois followed the April 6 match against Vincennes University in which IUPUI was soundly defeated 9-0.

"It didn't go well April 6. It was like everyone had a bad day," said Adams. "It wasn't a pretty sight, to say the least. The credit goes to Vincennes, though. They played extremely well."

Adams, who lost his No. 1 singles match in straight sets, said his opponent played a nearly perfect match.

"He didn't make any mistakes. He played flawless tennis," Adams said. Ramirez said the Metros may not have prepared themselves well enough for a serious match.

"Mainly, they just weren't prepared. They took this match a little more lightly than they should have," he added. IUPUI lost every match in straight sets.



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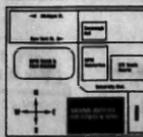


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Vogel claims national, district honors

■ Although the softball team faces three Div. I teams this week, Coach Nick Kellum says this will help IUPUI for the districts.

By JANE PARTENHEIMER
Staff Writer

Sophomore left fielder Jamie Vogel holds the honor of being the NCAA women's softball National Player of the Week after she led the Lady Metros to a 7-1 record the week of April 7.

"I don't know what to think," Vogel said. "It's great but I wasn't expecting it at all."

Vogel, a transfer from IU-Bloomington, hit .560 for the week and had 14 hits in 25 at bats with two RBIs and six runs scored.

Also named District 21 Player of the Week, Vogel hit two three-run home runs in a doubleheader sweep of No. 17 ranked St. Xavier (Illinois) on April 9.

"I didn't even know you could get that," Vogel said. "It was a surprise."

The 32-4 Lady Metros, ranked eighth in the nation, will need to continue its success this week as IUPUI plays three NCAA Div. I teams.

"We have three Div. I schools right in a row," said Coach Nick Kellum. "We'll find out what we're made of."

IUPUI travels to Butler University today, Valparaiso

University on Wednesday, and Dayton University on Friday.

"We're trying to build our schedule so it gets tougher in the end," Kellum said. "We've got better competitors to peak against."

Today's game is the second time the Lady Metros have played Butler this season. IUPUI swept the Bulldogs 1-0, 10-2 on March 23.

Junior center fielder Wendy Cantor said the Lady Metros are pumped up for this week's Div. I challenges.

"We'll be up for them because we're playing NCAA Div. I," Cantor said.

"That just goes on us because we know the teams are going to be a lot better and the players are going to be a lot more mentally prepared for the game," added Cantor, who is batting .393 and was a second team All-American last year.

Junior Kim Duncan, IUPUI's No. 1 pitcher with a 16-3 record, said throwing against these Div. I teams will help her prepare for the districts, which start on May 3.

"I think that's going to help me out a lot," said Duncan, who was named District 21 Player of the Week on March 25. "I'm really glad we have the schedule that we do for the next week."

Both Duncan and Vogel said the Lady Metros play better when faced against tougher ball clubs.

"When you play the weaker teams, you can yourself off a little bit mentally and you don't perform as well as you should," Duncan said.

"When you play a tougher opponent, you perform a lot better because you're more psyched up and motivated for it," she added.

Vogel said the Lady Metros prefer playing against the better teams.

"You play at the level of the team you're playing," Vogel added.

All season long, the Lady Metros have had a hard time hitting against slower pitchers, especially since the team practices hitting faster pitches.

"It seems like maybe with the slower pitching that everybody wants to kill the ball," Cantor said. "They get really impatient waiting for it, and we get a lot of pop-ups that way," she added.

IUPUI also plays a doubleheader against St. Francis College on Saturday. This contest will take place on the Lady Metros' home field at 1 p.m.

Last Tuesday's game against Huntington College was cancelled due to rain, but IUPUI was able to play a doubleheader at Franklin College last Wednesday, pounding the Grizzlies 11-4, 13-0.

IUPUI split a doubleheader with the University of Indianapolis 6-5, 0-4 on April 12.

In its first game, IUPUI trailed 5-0 going into the bottom of the sixth, but rallied back and scored four runs.

The score was tied in the seventh and the Lady Metros scored one more in the eighth for the win.

IUPUI hosted its Invitational last Friday and Saturday, but results were not available at press time. IUPUI's record does not include this tournament.

THE SPORTS WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

•Football vs. Butler University - away 3 p.m.
•Women's tennis vs. Miami of Ohio University - away 3 p.m.

24 WEDNESDAY

•Football vs. Valparaiso University - away 3 p.m.
•Women's tennis vs. DePaul University - away 3:30 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

•Football vs. Dayton University - away 3:30 p.m.

27 SATURDAY

•Football vs. St. Francis College - home 4 p.m.
•Baseball vs. St. Francis College, Indiana Tech - away 1 p.m.
•Men's tennis vs. Sinclair University - home 3 p.m.

Catch the sports in
The Sagamore

Coach says tennis team determined to win, overcome disadvantages

By GREG TAYLOR
Staff Writer

In only its second year, the women's tennis team has managed to overcome a number of obstacles to become a squad determined to win, said Coach Debbie Petrick.

"Our girls have no scholarships," she said. "And as an understand, other schools have girls under scholarship."

She added that seven or eight of the Lady Metros have jobs which makes it difficult for them to juggle their studies around.

"It hurls the girls because they're used to practicing," Petrick said. "It hurts the team when girls have to quit to get jobs and pay for their schooling."

Even with these disadvantages, the 2-3 Lady Metros seem to be progressing well to their tough schedule, said Petrick.

Of the five matches the team has completed in, three were against NCAA Div. I teams.

The Lady Metros lost to Ball State University 9-0, Chicago State University 9-0 and Indiana State University 9-0.

"We're playing some tough teams," Petrick said. "Some of these teams are recruiting foreign players that are playing well."

The bright spots for IUPUI were victories against Wilmington College 6-3, and Marian College 9-0.

"We're really playing well right now, better than we were in October," Petrick said.

The No. 1 player for the Lady Metros has been Hema Gupta, who is 2-3 in singles and doubles competition. Her doubles partner, Marcy West, is also 2-3.

Right below Gupta in the No. 2 spot is Shelby Yoder, who, along with her doubles partner Hope Stein, is 2-3 in singles and doubles matches.

The Lady Metros have two matches remaining, Miami of Ohio today and district champion DePaul University on Wednesday.

"I think it'll be interesting to see how we play against DePaul," Petrick said. "I really don't know how we'll match up."

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'Disturbances' disappoints reviewer

■ Despite some good performances, the Tina Howe play ultimately falls short.

By STACEY MACARTHUR
Staff Writer

Waves crash against the seashore while seagulls gracefully fly above, with cries echoing throughout the beach. Every once in awhile, a fog horn blows in the distance.

Put on by the IUPUI University Theatre, "Coastal Disturbances" is a play that spiritually whisks its viewers away to their favorite seashore beach.

Although good, the sound effects were not loud at times, making it difficult to hear the actors.

Written by Tina Howe, the play takes place on a north shore Atlantic beach and is about four generations of male/female romances.

The play focuses on the budding puppy-love of Leo Hart and Holly Dainger, played by Jeff Vowell and Diandre Lovette McCollum.

The love story between McCollum and Vowell had little substance from the beginning of the play.

Chemistry was lacking between the two, making their feelings for one another seem insincere.

Also, their lines seemed to lack spontaneity. They followed one another's cues and went no further in developing the dialogue.

Another childhood relationship was developed between two children, Winston Took and Miranda Bigelow, played by Sam Jones and Katie Berber.

The appearance of the children added to the otherwise dull scene. Jones and Berber made the audience laugh with their playful antics.

In one scene, they acted like dogs and trotted around on stage pretending to urinate on the other cast members.

Also, the children did an excellent



Photo courtesy of University Theatre

University Theatre's last production of the season, "Coastal Disturbances," ran from April 13-13 and April 19-20 with curtain times at 8 p.m.

job as background characters. They played in the sand convincingly, oblivious to what was happening around them.

The third relationship was of an older couple experiencing everlasting love. Elizabeth Bodner played

M.J. Adams, the older woman, and Edgar J. Webb stepped in for Phil Walker and Dr. Hamilton Adams.

Wearing shorts and black socks that stretched to his knees, Webb, who also directed the play and is a professor in the Department of

Communication and Theatre, was a convincing retired eye surgeon turned shell collector.

The relationship between him and Bodner was a nice look at love that stood the test of time.

The final relationship was between two middle-aged women.

Beverly Brewer, as Ariel Took, played a divorcee and Winston's mother. The other woman, Faith Bigelow, was played by Keith Little.

Brewer's divorce left her bitter and she began to realize she is not resistant to aging. When she looks at Bigelow, Miranda's adoptive mother who is now pregnant, she sees her opposite

— she sees life. Brewer says the only life she could

make would be an insect like a moth.

Towards the end of the play, Andre Sex, played by Tracy Downing, came to the beach to renounce his love for McCollum, his old flame.

With his thick accent and his tedious monologues, Downing bored the audience. It seemed to last forever and was not germane to the overall theme of the play.

Overall, "Coastal Disturbances" had its good moments and its bad.

The bad usually prevailed. If one wants to be whisked away to a seaside and cannot afford it, "Coastal Disturbances" is a cheap alternative.

If not, don't worry. You didn't miss a thing.

Night spots prove big hit for IUPUI students

■ Local hang-outs offer various means of stress relief for test-weary students.

By KYLE BARNETT
Staff Writer

When IUPUI students hit the town, they do it all over the city.

Since many of the non-traditional students from this non-traditional campus live all around the city and suburbs, IUPUI students go to many different night spots to escape the pressures of classes and work.

Here are just a few of the bars and nightclubs that IUPUI students frequent.

The Patio Lounge

6305 Guilford Ave.

The Patio nightclub used to have the ambience of a barn with pinball machines. It was not exactly oozing with charm.

Recently, some of the employees at the Patio decided to take things into their own hands, with the help of some local artists.

Now the walls of the Patio are covered with day-glo neo-cave paintings and black light, straight out of some teenager's bedroom.

Even those scary badroomers and all the hand graffiti have been painted over.

The club is popular with both IUPUI and Butler students, particularly on Thursday nights when more adventurous bands from near and far play.

The Elbow Room Pub and Deli

605 N. Pennsylvania St.

The Elbow Room may be the only bar and restaurant in town to feature an "IUPUI" burger in their menu.

The "IUPUI" burger is plain, and can be topped with a variety of offerings.

Is that an underdog stam towards the campus?

Anyways, the decorated floors away of Rick Rising Moore's other restaurants, such as The Aristocrat in Meridian-Kessler and Union Jack's in Broad Ripple.

On first glance, it is a British-style pub, but upon closer inspection the be-a-brac is of Hoosier origin.

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The Recovery Room

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On a non-traditional campus,
children can often
become involved in
the educational process.

The facilities of staff members are seen frequently in the newsroom of The Sagamore. At left, Ashley Matthews gets a lift from her father, John, husband of Cheryl Matthews, managing editor.

By STACEY McARTHUR
Staff Writer

While managing editor Cheryl Matthews furiously types a news story at her computer in the newsroom, a five-foot away a 2-year-old plays with blocks in his playpen.

Matthews' four little girls race chairs up and down the hallway. Intermittently, she glances up from her computer.

"Kids, be careful! Not so fast," she says.

This is just one of many ways in which RUPUI is not a traditional campus. Many people bring their children to school because a babysitter canceled or one cannot be found.

The Sagamore newsroom is no exception. Matthews said she brings her children to work and school sometimes because the other wants to spend time with them or her husband may be working late and cannot care for them.

"Everybody is really helpful when I bring the kids in. They (the staff) talk and play with the kids. They even do gymnastics on Mike Perkins (graphics editor)," Matthews said.

"Sometimes the janitors even play with the kids. They will roll pennies down the hall, and whoever gets to them first keeps them," she added.

Since The Sagamore must go to press Friday nights, many staff members stay late on Thursdays and Fridays in order to have the paper done on time.

"One Friday night when my husband was also working late, I took two of the kids and he took two," Matthews said. "I brought their pillows and blankets so they could sleep on the floor. The distribution editor almost stepped on one of them because he did not expect children to be on the floor."

Dennis Crisp, publisher and journalism professor, said in his 20 years of advising newspapers, this is the first where children have spent a lot of time in the newsroom.

"Sometimes it looks like a nursery school with playpens in the corner and people walking the kids up and down the hall," Crisp said.

He added that this is what makes RUPUI a non-traditional campus. "This is what is so special about this campus. It can meet everybody's needs. We have the traditional and non-traditional mix," he said.

On the newspaper, many editors have families and must balance their time as a student, a parent and a journalist. "We are able to meet each other



David Beall, opinion editor for The Sagamore, gets a helping hand from his 2-year-old son Derek. With both husband and wife working full-time, David, a writer majoring in economics and political science, sometimes finds it necessary to bring his son to the newsroom.

on many different levels. Everyone can pick everyone else up and help them even if that means baby-sitting for them while they are on an interview," Crisp said.

Opinion editor David Beall sometimes brings his 2-year-old son, Derek, into work with him.

One time Beall put his son's playpen too close to the editor in chief's desk and Derek pulled off baskets for incoming mail.

"We also had to keep all the flats, and the art leaves away from him," he said.

Although Derek usually has fun down in the newsroom, at times, even he gets tired. Then he lets the staff know, the only way he can.

"Once I was in the darkroom printing photos, and I heard this noise that sounded like a dying cow," said Jane Parntschner, sports editor.

"I came out of the darkroom and it was Derek screaming because he wanted someone to hold him," she added.

Parntschner, who is single and does not have any children, said when the kids are in the newsroom problems sometimes arise.

"Once we held the paper over a day so we could cover who won the District 21 men's tennis championship and I had to write the story," she said. "The kids were so loud that I could not concentrate, so I had to walk until they left to write it."

The only other problem, she said, is when the kids run by the desks with the computers on them.

"I'm always afraid they will either get hurt or crash the system," she said.

Amy Morris, news editor, has a 6-year-old, Dustin.

Because she often does not want to spend the money for a baby-sitter, she occasionally brings Dustin to the newsroom and to class.

"Sometimes it's hard to work and concentrate with him here. I have to chase him down when he goes to the bathroom or the vending-rooms," she said.

"It's really hard balancing everything. We spend about 40 hours a week at the newsroom, and then there is school and family," she said.



Amy Morris, news editor, discusses with her 6-year-old son, Dustin, the possibility of staying over night at Ashley's. Amy graduates in May with a degree in journalism.

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