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SPORTS
 ■ With the semester underway, the Metro teams meet their competition. Winning their first games, the volleyball and soccer teams hope to improve last year's records.

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Lack of class space causes scheduling problems

■ During the late morning and early afternoon, classrooms often fill to their capacity, leaving night and weekend classes bare.

By CHRIS RICKETT
Business Staff Writer

Reze Corrigan has a common problem. Like many IUPUI students, the pre-med takes classes during the day. Because of her job, it is inconvenient for her to take them at night.

After spending the last two days of final registration trying to register for 18 hours, she was only able to get five.

"I almost didn't take anything. I was ready to just wait until next semester," said Corrigan, a freshman in the School of Education.

"It was really frustrating," she added. The influx of students attending class in the late morning and early afternoon

has created a situation where classrooms fill to capacity during the day, yet remain more sparse in the early morning, evening and weekend, said William Plater, executive vice chancellor.

"We had essentially run out of class space," Plater said.

"One of the main reasons for that was because the space was not utilized to its potential," he added.

"What we have is a low utilization on the weekends and other non-peak times, it's hard to justify asking for funds to build a new facility," he added.

Although an enrollment is down this semester, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs has a record number of courses filled to capacity, said Mark Rosenzweig, associate dean

of the school.

"During peak hours of the day, we have a great overflow, but the evening and weekend classes may be half full," Rosenzweig said.

"It's not like an airport where they could just roll out another plane to serve a greater demand of flights," he added.

In an effort to make more of the space available, the Academic Programs and Policy Committee added a Friday meeting time for courses which normally only met Mondays and Wednesdays, said Carol Nathan, associate dean of faculties.

"Our first priority is still to develop a list of courses which would allow a better presentation of academic materials," Nathan said.

"We're basically taking the icing from the cake and trying to spread it out more evenly during the week," said Nathan, committee chairperson.

Academic quality is still the main priority when spreading out course time, she added.

Rosenzweig disagreed, saying it might alleviate crowded classes, but it is not the best interests of education.

"I don't think you can get enough useful discussion in a 50-minute period to be very beneficial," Rosenzweig said.

"It's better, in my opinion, to saturate students with information in longer periods of time, fewer times a week," he added.

In addition to time schedules, campus popularity can also determine in what sections students enroll, said Joseph Kuczkowski, associate dean of the School of Science.

"We tried to set up a three-class package at the 30th Street campus but the

ON THE RISE

Once again, IUPUI enrollment has increased. Here are some key points:

- Enrollment for undergraduate and professional schools has reached an all-time high, while graduate schools experienced a decline of approximately 20 students.
- Approximately 50-75 percent of students had to adjust their schedules due to class closings.
- IUPUI retains its status as the third largest campus in the state behind IU-Bloomington and Purdue-West Lafayette.

Source: OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Workplace safety leads to drug tests

■ IU Med Center has joined other hospitals in testing new hires and current employees.

By PATRICE HARTMANN
Health Writer

The focus of a drug testing policy at the IU Medical Center recently expanded to include the screening of current employees in addition to potential new hires.

Enacted Sept. 3, the "for cause" aspect of the program calls for screening to be used in any situation where a supervisor has a reason to suspect a staff member is under the influence of chemical intoxicants, said Mark Hamilton, senior assistant director of hospitals.

Screening also would be done if an employee appeared impaired or unable to perform normal duties, he added.

"The supervisors don't operate in a vacuum. There has to be documented evidence showing a decline in behavior of the employee over a period of six to nine months," Hamilton said.

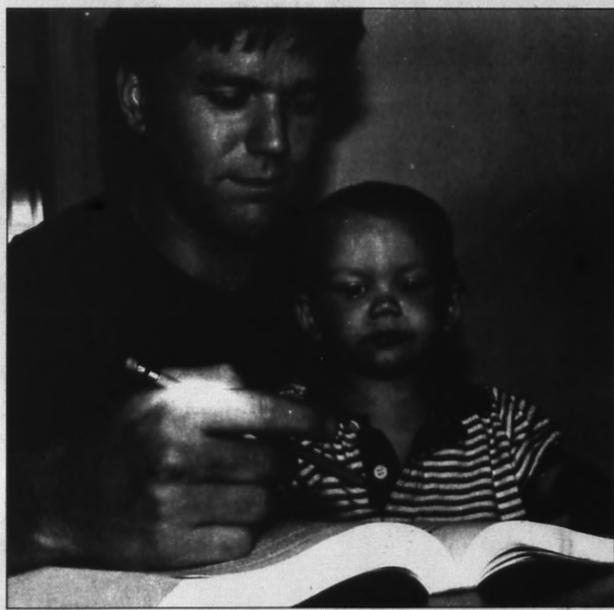
Because what might appear to be drug use could, in fact, be a medical condition, Lori Jennings, a third-year medical student, said she sees a real need for caution on the supervisor's part.

"Each case needs to be cited and investigated individually and carefully," said Jennings.

For instance, someone suspected of drug use could be hypo-glycemic, or could have a reaction to prescription medication, she added.

To ensure consistent application of

STUDY BUDDIES



While 34-month-old Matthew eats red and green M&M's, his father, David Blier reads and studies his assignments for his graduate class in the School of Social Work. Going against the traditional rules most men have adopted, Blier stays home during the day with his son while his wife, Cathy, works and pursues her Master's in Business Administration. Story and photos on Page 10.

Faculty council sets priorities for current school year

■ The Faculty Council lists academics, renovation, parking and university efficiency as top goals for the year.

By LEANNA WOODLEY
Health Writer

As the new school year gets underway, the IUPUI Faculty Council listed its top priorities as parking, the renovation of the Van Noy Medical Sciences Building and student financial aid.

Upon completion of the University Hospital garage and the new facility west of the School of Law, approximately 1,700 parking spaces will be added, said Robert Martin, vice chancellor for the Office of Administrative Affairs.

"Parking is tight, but we do believe we see the light at the end of the tunnel," Martin said.

For this semester, parking is at a maximum, particularly from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., he added.

B. Martin and some relief is in sight for

what can be a frustrating situation.

By adding temporary lots and by enhancing existing paved lots, Martin said the university has been able to keep up with the spaces lost due to construction of new facilities. Also, a recommendation is under advisement to make the garage west of the law school a student garage. That lot has a projected completion date of spring 1992.

The Van Noy Medical Sciences Building will also be added to and renovated, said Chancellor Gerald Beplek.

During the 1991 General Assembly, the university received a \$37 million grant for this renovation. The Van Noy building serves as the center for most scientific and medical research in the state.

A top priority for Tally Hart is expanding the manner in which students receive financial aid.

On July 1, Hart became the director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

"As I see our role in the Office of Student Financial Aid, we're there to make the

administration of activities as efficient as possible. Put simply, it's important to me that students are in the classroom instead of sitting in our office," Hart said.

Making the administration efficient is also a priority of the university, Beplek said.

To that end, two advisory groups are being formed — the University Academic Cabinet, headed by Kenneth Gross Louis, vice president, and the University Operations Cabinet, headed by Beplek.

"This is the first time there has been an advisory lead at this point in the university directly advising the president who is not just in the top cabinet offices of the university's vice president," Beplek said.

These committees will focus on improving the academic aspect on the IU campuses and improving contact with managerial operations, said William M. Plater, executive vice chancellor.

"This is a step toward better faculty leadership. It's a bolder approach," Plater said.

FACULTY COUNCIL

Here are some of the main points discussed at the first fall meeting of the IUPUI Faculty Council:

- **VAN NOY MEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING**
 Facility will be renovated using the \$37 million grant the university received during the 1991 General Assembly.
- **UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CABINET/UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS CABINET**
 These committees will focus on improving the academic aspect on the IU campuses and improving contact with managerial operations.
- **FINANCIAL AID**
 Director of Financial Aid Tally Hart will press to see the financial aid process streamlined for students.

Students view international newscasts

■ SCOLA, a news service, specializes in broadcasting news from 35 countries.

By MICHAEL MACE

Thanks to a contract with Satellite Communications for Learning (SCOLA), students can now watch newscasts from around the world, 24 hours a day.

SCOLA is a news service that specializes in collecting and broadcasting news from 35 countries to 100 universities, high schools and grade schools.

Each 30-minute newscast represents countries such as France, Turkey, Egypt, Japan, Israel, Poland, USSR, Mexico and Greece.

The service began its 24-hour run on campus two weeks ago, and began a part-time run on the education channels of both American Cablevision and Comcast Cablevision in Indianapolis last week.

Foreign language students will have access to the international channel in the Learning Center of Cavanaugh Hall, Room 419.

Those students will be able to pick up non-verbal aspects of the languages, said Rosalee Vermette, chairperson of the Department of French.

Students who live in the International House will be able to tune into SCOLA on the university's cable network, Channel 20.

In addition to keeping them in touch with events at home, the program can give foreign and American students a different perspective, said Gretchen Schirmer, Global Studies program assistant in the Office of International Affairs.

"We American students, it gives a fresh perspective," she said.

"Foreign students can also get a different perspective on the world that they could not get in America or their native country," Schirmer added.

Brenda Mathz, a student from India resides at the International House.

Mathz said the program was a good idea, and she could benefit from watching the programs with other foreign students.

"We would need to sit with someone from the country we're watching to know what actually is going on," Mathz said.

American students not enrolled currently in a foreign language can also benefit from the exposure to foreign newscasts, said Sherry Richardson, assistant professor in the school of journalism.

"Access to foreign media is essential for our international students as well as our own," she said.

"This is a very interesting and a global society, one in which our own media doesn't carry much of the international news on a day-to-day basis," she added.

For more information about SCOLA, contact Joann Bower in 274-4133.

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Student Organizations

LECTURES

Alcohol awareness week features various speakers

Preparations are currently being made for Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 13-19. Activities are coordinated by the Wellness Education Committee and supported by students, faculty and administration. It will coincide with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAA) and will include speakers who are promoting alcohol education, development of student decision-making skills and positive peer influence. Alcohol Awareness Week will include various speakers and other activities throughout the week. Lonnie Bias is the distinguished lecturer on Oct. 15. Bias is the author of "Inebriated" and "Lucky Blues," who overdosed on cocaine within three days of being drafted by the Boston Celtics. The reception begins at 5 p.m. on the first floor of the Office of Engineering and Technology. Bias' presentation begins at 5:45 p.m. in the University Place Conference Center.

Alcohol Awareness Week initiates a year-round emphasis on alcohol education and recognition of the individual's ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding use or non-use of alcohol, said From Larsen, assistant director of the Office of Student Activities.

"It is in the best interest of students, faculty, administrators and the community that such decision-making be responsible and well informed. In addition, we need to encourage a partnership to prevent campus problems associated with alcohol misuse," he said.

Now in its sixth year, NCAA is sponsored by the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues, representing student affairs' professionals across the country.

For information, call Larsen at 274-3931.

PUBLICATIONS

Yearbook encourages student involvement

The Circle Yearbook needs student talents. The yearbook is seeking graphic artists, business managers, photographers, graphics designers, and any other students wanting to get involved with the publication. There will be an open house Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Union Building, Room 436. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 274-3332.

PUBLICATIONS

Student publication seeks short stories, poems, art

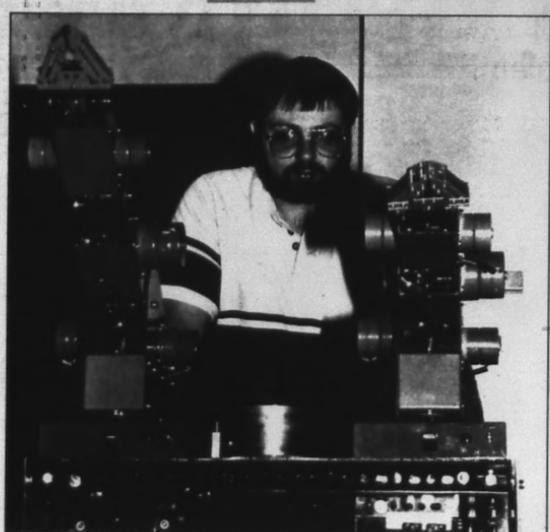
Submission deadline for artists, a bi-annual student publication of collected writings and art is Friday at 5 p.m. Submissions need to be taken to the Office of Student Activities, Room 002A, in the University Library. Each manuscript should include two double-spaced typed copies. They should be on letter-sized white paper, single-sided. Please do not write name or personal identification on manuscripts. A personal biography (with manuscripts) needs to be included on the back of each manuscript. Types of manuscripts, genre of each piece (essay, fiction, poetry, artwork, etc.) and a 25-word personal biography. There is a limit of three pages for 10 pieces of art. For more information, contact Geneva Ballard at 274-0701.

GREENS

Business fraternity recruits new members

Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity affiliated with the School of Business is recruiting new members. For more information, contact Kevin Lackey at 353-1358, or Traci Landfair, 574-0092.

SCIENCE



Sagamore Photo/TINA TUTTLE

An aspect of a joint venture among the departments of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, various faculty and students are working on the voice-activated mobile robot. Brent Lebo, a junior in computer science, is in charge of the main system programming for the robot.

EXHIBITION

Science project exhibition benefits both student observers and participants

Students and faculty in the School of Science, Engineering and Technology exhibit projects, giving observers a glimpse of science in the works.

By JENNA WOLFE

Advances in technology, from a voice-activated robot to a vehicle that achieves 180 miles per gallon, will be on display at the Science, Engineering and Technology project exhibition. Students and faculty in the schools of Science and Engineering will have the opportunity to display their projects Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the Library Mall.

The deadline to submit projects is Friday. Sponsored by the School of Science Student Council, the exhibition is designed to benefit both participants and observers. Students participating will have a better understanding of their projects.

"It is one thing to get it (the project) to go. The challenge is to present it in layman's terms so that the observers understand it," said Rita Matos, a senior in computer science and president of the Project Council.

In addition, the exhibition is also an opportunity for observers to view science in the works. It is designed to promote engineering and science, while at the same time giving observers an incentive to study science. Hopefully, onlookers will get a good feeling about what is there in the schools of Science and Engineering and Technology that will increase their interest and awareness of what is happening, said Matos.

Many misconceptions surround the study of science, she added. "Anyone can do it. It's just a matter of understanding the basics," said Matos.

Also, stereotypes exist concerning the type of student who majors in science.

"Students in the School of Science are not just a bunch of geeks who don't know what is going on in the real world," said Matos. "These are the guys who are making the bridges we drive across. There is a lot of money to be made in these areas."

Puffed together quickly, enthusiasm for the exhibition remains high.

"We're really excited about it," said Matos. "We've never done it before. There was never enough room at the Krassner Building. Now we have the opportunity to do it," she said.

This year's event is a low-budget preliminary run to put the word out on the science exhibition is well-received, the exhibition could become an annual event, said Matos.

Last March, Alex Angelopoulos, graduate student in physics, and Matos discussed the idea of graduate students demonstrating and explaining their projects.

"We talked to faculty, and we received a favorable response. We had the opportunity to pursue it," said Matos.

The idea has grown to include all student and faculty projects. Now since the idea has multiplied, most people are getting excited about it, she added.

One of the exhibitions will be a mobile robot, a joint research project among the departments of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Several faculty members and students are participating on the research project. Brent Lebo, a junior in computer science, aids in the main system programming for the robot.

"Working on this project is exciting," said Lebo. "It's a chance to be a part of making the latest technology."

Additional exhibits include:

- A solar oven.
- Excavated fossils.
- Various chemistry experiments, and.
- Preparation of truffles by students in the Department of Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management. Samples will be available.

ACTIVITIES

International House sponsors activities

The International House at Warburton Apartments fosters cross-cultural understanding and awareness of international issues and events. The International House is a living/learning center for U.S. and international students.

The residents and other plans and participate in academic and social programs of an international nature. These programs include the EDUCATE (Enlightened Dialogue for Understanding Cultures And Transnational Events) monthly lecture series, weekly coffee hours and international films. Upcoming events include:

- International Coffee Hour on Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., on the second floor of Warburton Apartments.
- The International House EDUCATE lecture series features a different topic each month. This month is a faculty panel and open discussion titled "The Soviet Union: Realities and Perspectives" on Tuesday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall, Room 105.

- The International Cinema Club is showing the movie, Home Alone, Friday at 7 p.m. in the Business/Science Building, Room 2000. The movie is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Gretchen Schirmer at 274-5024.

SCIENCE

Student Council plans day trip to Chicago museums

The School of Science Student Council is planning a bus trip to the Chicago museums on Sept. 28. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. The cost for transportation is \$8. Seating is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations with payment is required either the School of Science Administration Office, Science and Engineering Building, Room 2200C, or with Richard Wyman, associate professor of chemistry, Krassner Building, Room 2007, by Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. Students will board the bus at the parking lot east of SET II.

RECEPTION

Reception planned for student leaders, advisers

All student leaders and organization advisers have received an invitation to a reception on Sept. 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the University Conference Center.

Various issues will be discussed. The Office of Student Activities welcomes any suggestions to the agenda. Please RSVP by Sept. 16. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 274-3931.

BUSINESS

Accounting club sponsors special events, seminars

The IIA Accounting Club meets twice a month in the Office of Business. Also, the accounting club sponsors special events such as seminars, accounting firm office tours and meetings with potential employers.

For more information, call Kay Spear at 787-5718.

GOVERNMENT

Student Senate plans meeting with task force

The IUPUI Student Senate Constitution Committee is meeting with the faculty task force advisory group on Sept. 17. A draft of the constitution has been distributed to the task force for final criticism. Any student who wants to get involved in Student Government, either as a candidate for office or in committee work, should contact the Office of Student Activities at 274-3931.

For the week of Sept. 9, 1991

MONDAY

- The Sports Club will have their organizational meeting Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., at the food court, for more information, call 274-8957.

TUESDAY

- The International House EDUCATE lecture series features a faculty panel and open discussion titled "The Soviet Union: Realities and Perspectives" on Sept. 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall, Room 105.

For more information, call Gretchen Schirmer at 274-5024.

- The University Theatrical Association, Cue, is having an organizational meeting Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mary Cable Building, University Theatre. Officers for the upcoming year will be elected.

WEDNESDAY

- Students interested in video production are invited to attend the organizational meeting for Open Channels, telecommunications student group, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Cabanough Hall, Room 001D.

Information about producing student videos for MTV will be available.

THURSDAY

- The Black Student Union's general assembly meeting is Sept. 11, 7 p.m. in the Business Building, Room 4095. For information, call 274-2279.

FRIDAY

- Information about political science internships will be available Sept. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. in Cabanough Hall, Room 438.
- Rozann Rothman, director of applied politics, and recruiters from the Republican and Democratic staffs of the Indiana House of Representatives will discuss internships.

FRIDAY

- International Coffee Hour is Sept. 13, 4 to 6 p.m. on the second floor of Warburton Apartments.

For more information, call Gretchen Schirmer at 274-5024.

SATURDAY

- Bahai College Club will be meeting Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at 3152 N. Pennsylvania St.
- Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 291-6619.
- The International Cinema Club is showing Home Alone, Friday at 7 p.m. in the Business/Science Building, Room 2000. The movie is free and open to the public.

- The Chinese Culture Club is sponsoring two free Chinese movies Sept. 14.

Don-Don's Vacation and Song of the Eagle will be shown at the Nursing Building, Room 103, from 7 to 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Announcement

Now that organizations are beginning to elect officers and plan meeting dates, please who want to get involved in Student Activities so they can be published.

This week marks the kickoff of the United Way's campus campaign.

Tube links IUPUI buildings, helps pedestrian safety

Upon completion of the new walkway, four campus buildings will be connected.

By PATRICE HARTMANN

Sagamore Staff Writer

It won't be distant future, say IUPUI students could walk from University Hospital all the way to the Natatorium — without ever stepping outside.

A new walkway, now under construction, will connect the University Hospital and Outpatient Center with the University Place Hotel. With the addition of the new walkway, four buildings on campus will be linked together.

"Part of the campus master plan is to connect most of the campus buildings at the second floor level," said Patrick Luzzader, assistant university architect.

Pedestrian safety was also a factor in constructing the walkway, he said. Since the intersection of Michigan Street and University Boulevard is a heavy traffic area, the walkway will helpfully help avert accidents involving cars and pedestrians, he said.

When completed, the walkway,

which will span over 100 feet, will look a little different from the standard "gerbil tubes" that connect other buildings across campus, he said. The gerbil tubes only span 80-90 feet, he said, so university architects came up with a longer rectangular shape for the skywalk.

The walkway will be better ventilated than the ones presently in place, but it won't be heated or air-conditioned. The skywalk is tentatively scheduled to open for pedestrian use this April, the same time the new Outpatient Center opens.

Construction of the walkway is not expected to disrupt traffic on University Boulevard, Luzzader said. Although the trusses of the walkway will be put in place the week of Sept. 16, work will be done off traffic on a Sunday morning or when traffic on University Boulevard is not very heavy.

The walkway will give medical center guests and staff a safe, protected way to get from the hospital to the hotel, said John Sher, director of the Conference Center. "We see it as a tremendous benefit for the Conference Center, but more importantly for the hospital and its patients and families who will be staying at the hotel and using the walkway," he said.

Tests

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the drug screening policy, all managers and supervisors at the Med Center will attend training sessions, Hamilton said. "The objective of the program is to make the IU Med Center a safer environment for patients, visitors, students and staff," he added.

If an employee suspected of drug use undergoes a test and it comes back positive, the employee will not be immediately fired, he said. Instead, the employee is asked to participate in a rehabilitation program. "We want to assist any staff members who may have problems," he said. Med Center officials stressed that the drug testing is a way of helping employees who have a substance abuse problem.

"The goal is to get them into

rehabilitation. That is what we are seeking," said G. Chris Kinley, Director of Human Resources Administration. IU Med Center joined with four area hospitals in establishing pre-employment drug screening — St. Vincent, Methodist, St. Francis and Community.

Out of 773 new employee applicants that have been tested so far, nine people have tested positive for drugs, one refused to take the test and 15 who did not keep their test date.

The nine people who tested positive for drugs were referred to a rehabilitation program, Hamilton said. Those nine are now proof that they have attended a drug rehab program, they can reapply for a job with the university six months after their initial application. "The drug testing programs complement the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988, that states employers with federal contracts or grants of \$25,000 or more are required to maintain a

drug free work place. However, the act does not require drug testing.

The new drug testing policies were met with mixed reviews by some Med Center staffers.

DeAnn Owens, unit secretary in Riley Hospital, said that the process should be carefully regulated, so that an employee is not falsely accused of drug use.

Hamilton agreed that supervisors cannot arbitrarily decide an employee out and accuse them of drug or alcohol abuse.

Confidentiality is also an important factor in employee drug testing, said Sandra Golder, unit secretary in Riley Hospital. Sandy Carmichael, office manager in Surgical and Adult Critical Care Nursing, said that drug testing for new hires is a good thing, but said the would like the process inclusive along faster because it delays the hiring process.

The Sagamore is looking for people to write news, sports and feature stories.

Call 274-3455 or stop by the office in the basement of Cavanaugh Hall, Room 001G.

Classes

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we had to drop one of the courses and move it to the main campus because not enough people were signing up for it," Kaczmarek said. "Our departments have mentioned that they wanted more courses on the main campus," he added.

CORRECTIONS

In the September 3rd issue of The Sagamore, Angela Barron McBride, Dean of the School of Nursing, was incorrectly identified. It is the boyhead "Flaming on graduate school? Plan on

The School of Business maintains a fairly steady enrollment in both its daytime and evening courses, said Georgia Miller, assistant dean of the School of Business.

"The only day we really have an hour 4 p.m. when the daytime students are going home and students who attend in the evening are still at work," Miller said.

paying big bucks" it was implied that guaranteed student loans remain interest-free after graduation. Interest is applied to these loans after graduation. Also in that issue, Indianapolis Pacer Randy Wittman's name was misspelled.



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Student Employee Health Center offers discounted flu vaccinations

■ **Early identification of flu strain allows vaccination distribution to students, staff.**

By CHRIS RICHETT

It is September, which means the sun is going down earlier, it's getting colder and the leaves are changing color.

It also means that flu season is here. To help counter the effects of the easily spread virus, the Student Employee Health Service is offering flu vaccinations for \$7 to students, staff and faculty.

Obtained from the Department of Pharmacy, 3,000 dosages of the vaccine will be offered until supplies are exhausted.

The shots are being offered earlier than usual this season, said James

Slaur, the assistant director.

"The pharmaceutical companies were able to identify the strain of flu that would be prevalent a lot sooner so they could distribute the right vaccination," Slaur said.

Chris Robinson, a senior in the School of Liberal Arts, said he got an annual vaccination.

"I get flu shots every year. I think students should take advantage of these services. It's a way of showing appreciation that they are offered," Robinson said.

Mary Anne McKinney, acting director of External Affairs at the Indiana Board of Health, said that while the virus exists throughout the year, people have a greater tendency to catch it sometime between September and March.

"This time of the year, flu is more present because people are more often closer together in groups. People are indoors more of the time," McKinney said.

Pam Schwinski, a nurse at the center

said a major benefit of the shots was their price.

"I think most places would charge more than \$7 for a flu shot," Schwinski said.

Med Check, which operates a chain of immediate health care facilities, also offers flu shots. The price of a shot and a visit is approximately \$45.

In other SEHS developments, the service will undergo an assessment by university administration to monitor its progress towards fiscal independence.

Last July, the center's budget was reduced from \$800,000 to \$450,000 due to university budget constraints.

The assessment will play a role in determining the center's present needs.

An overall evaluation will take place toward the end of the semester to determine if the center will continue serving the campus at large.

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Opinion

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Sagamore Class availability must take higher priority

Students need required classes offered for graduation, regardless of small enrollment numbers

If you have been a student for any time at all on the IU/PUI campus, you are no doubt aware of the problems experienced when trying to get the classes you need, when you need them.

It can be very frustrating for students to stand for an hour or more in line, only to discover the one required class they need has been closed, or even worse, canceled.

Despite appearances to the contrary, there is no conspiracy to prevent anxious students from meeting their graduation prerequisites. Necessary classes can be found and registered for. It just takes patience and, in some cases, a little luck.

Who and what determine the courses that are offered? Under Responsibility Centered Budgeting (RCB) procedures instituted two years ago, those decisions are left to the individual school administrators.

Primarily, the number of students signing up for a particular class will determine whether it is feasible to offer that class. If the cost of offering the class cannot be covered by the number of students desiring to take it, it is canceled.

Economically, this makes perfect sense. For students needing that class to graduate, however, economic sense doesn't offer much solace.

Further complicating this decision is that not all schools operate under the same management philosophy or under the same priorities.

While some administrators place more importance on class offerings and instructors to teach them, others place a higher priority on administrative staff and office equipment.

Undoubtedly, these are hard calls to make. But, staffing decisions should be subordinated to those that more directly affect students. By approaching budgeting decisions in this way, class availability problems will be minor at worst.

To keep problems of this nature to a minimum, we recommend that students consult with their academic counselors to determine which classes are prone to this situation.

School administrators can offer some assistance by offering low demand, prerequisite classes, when possible, even though a loss may be incurred. Surely savings can be found in each school to offset any such losses.

After all, the mission statement of the university says nothing of offering students a cost-effective undergraduate education, but only a quality undergraduate education.

Student sets record straight on Office of International Affairs

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to an article in the Orientation issue of *The Sagamore* (Aug. 19) written by Greg Taylor.

In the past, except for a few occasions, I have always read your publication cover to cover, and have especially enjoyed the Orientation issues. Although I am no longer a new student, I like to keep abreast of new developments and programs offered on campus. For the last two years, I have been a work-study student in the Office of International Affairs, so that the above-mentioned article pertained. After reading it, I began to wonder if maybe I had misunderstood what our office was about, particularly in reference to study abroad.

As the Study Abroad Coordinator here at

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IU/PUI, I was a bit surprised to hear it portrayed in such a limited fashion in the article.

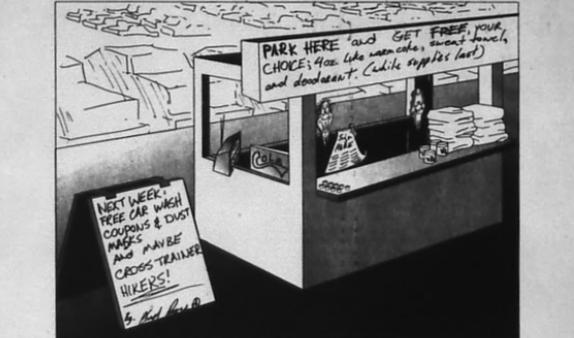
I only want to clear up the discrepancies, as well as properly inform students about study abroad. The Study Abroad focus in our office provides information, applications and assistance to both graduates and undergraduates about studying, teaching, and working overseas for summer-, semester- or year-long programs.

The programs offered are open to any student, American or foreign, in any major, at any level, with or without foreign language experience. Students may also research their own ideas for studying at any university in the world.

I felt that the article slanted this aspect of our office, and that students really need to be made aware of what services are available to them in our office.

Laura Wilson
Savoy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student disagrees with columnist's view of ROTC

To the Editor:

In response to Michael Morris' column (*The Sagamore*, Sept. 3), I use the words of discussion are alive and well at IU/PUI. While I respect Mr. Morris' opinion, please allow me a slightly alternative view.

Do the words cowardly, chicken, traitor — you pick one — enter in this little world of compassion whippersnaps? Has it occurred to you that of all people in the military, a physician is the most valuable commodity to have? Maybe a few casualties on both sides would not have an end up in body bags.

Our friend in Kansas will never know how many she could have saved, because she decided not to help.

By the way, would you want an undependable doctor working on your six-year-old? Not me, brother.

Anyone with the IQ of a tomato abhors the idea of war, and I am no exception. But the idea of war is to win, and win with the least losses, especially on your side. I knew some folks that went over there, and I am sure glad they are back.

Here's the deal in a nutshell, a rather simple contractual shell at that.

If you go into the military, ROTC, National Guard or Reserves, you sign a simple contract. If you renege and one day decide you don't want to follow orders, you have to pay the proverbial paper. There is nothing hidden and there aren't no surprises awaiting you, potter.

Wake up and grow up, folk. This lady sold out because she didn't want to go away from home. Do you think she had an attack of reverse patriotism while she was cabling

those nice little checks from Uncle Sam every month? And oh, yes, if you think I am being a little harsh, why don't you try getting a car loan from DIB and decide if you pay for a few months. Think they will let you keep your car?

Michael Thomas
Junior

Student responds to attack on campus ROTC

To the Editor:

It is never too soon for "experts" to be engaged upon their misguided beliefs about the military, ROTC, and what it stands for. IU medical student Michael Morris' column (*The Sagamore*, Sept. 3) is a case in point.

First of all, to imply the military, and ROTC programs, only teach you things that aren't useful is showing a complete ignorance and lack of research into the matter.

A recruit is taught first aid, physical fitness, leadership, and discipline, among other things, which are certainly useful in helping make a better society.

I would also like to dispel Morris' libelous accusation that the military's sole purpose is to kill people.

Those of us in the military do not want to kill, but instead, protect. For you to suggest that we make a clamor for the next war, and that we can't wait to kill or be killed, is unfounded.

I must bring up the cases about the deserters who wouldn't go to the Persian Gulf. One

side of you wants to condemn the military for killing people and claiming up to eight of the most productive years of the student's life, while the other side wants to save the deserters, trying to escape their contract with the government.

These people who stood up for voluntarily took a vow to serve the Army just the same as taking the vows of marriage. When it came time for them to make good on their pledges, they decided they wanted to break their contract. In breaking their contract, they had to suffer the consequences of their actions.

Being a part of the military is no different than working for a large company. There are many perks and bonuses, including helping to pay for school. But you don't get something for nothing. You are expected to perform whatever job you were hired for.

Of course you have your opinions, but if you want to keep your job, you aren't going to refuse to show up for work because you disagree with company policy.

The military teaches discipline and following orders through a chain of command. It is no different than in a corporate environment. You're given certain objectives, sometimes ones you aren't comfortable with, but you must do them, or face the music. You then make decisions on how to accomplish objectives on your own.

If Morris wants to generalize about the military and ROTC programs as being devoted to killing, then I guess I could lower myself to his level and imply that medical school is a breeding ground for money-hungry, uncaring jerks that wish only to enrich themselves and boost their ego at the expense of others.

Their opinion, maybe that's not a generalization. Maybe it's true.

Sgt. Jeffrey Gault
Junior

Student Government members respond to Sagamore's critique

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial titled, "Our Voiceless Student Body," (Sept. 3).

To begin, let me emphasize for the last time, there is a functioning Student Government with a loud voice.

Concerning the activity fee, open meetings with students and student leaders were held, and we might add, advertised and reported on in *The Sagamore*. The student attendance was nearly 500, extensive.

The Student Government was not forced to dissolve, as you put it, but rather, unanimously agreed among themselves to dissolve into the Committee of the Whole (COW). Rather than explain the functions, or powers, of the COW, we refer you back

to the copy of the *Athena*, our newsletter, that was presented to your staff explaining our position.

This move has never been regretted, as it has given us ample time and opportunity to grow by attending leadership and skill building workshops, and most importantly, develop the new constitution.

Next, concerning on your claim that students will remain unrepresented until next spring, two points must be clarified. First, elected officers will take office immediately after elections, which we approximate to be November.

Secondly, and once again, students will remain represented only if their elected senators can take their place.

Your call for a constitutional convention is great, but previous calls for that, as you mention in your editorial, led to wasted energy. Instead, we will be distributing a draft of the constitution to every student through *The Sagamore* and every student council. The

Student Senate can call for a convention if this version is not passed.

Here are our views. Having labored over, and given birth to, this new constitution for our student body, we cannot imagine abandoning this document before it can stand alone.

When we stop to think of the past student governments that led to this point, the massive amount of misinformation generated about Student Government and the potential for continued abuse, we feel we must remain committed to this project after its ratification.

Madus Lathin
Senior

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Benator, School of Social Work

IN YOUR OPINION

What problems, if any, did you have with class availability when registering for the fall semester?

ERIC CONKLIN
Junior
German/Geography

"Just one, Communications C110. I haven't been able to get in it for two years. My major area of study classes haven't been bad, but the general required classes can be difficult."

BASEFJU AKALLU
Freshman
Undergraduate Education

"I had to drop a jogging class to be able to take Calculus M163. Then, the instructor wouldn't sign me in."

GREG SMALTZ
Senior
Political Science/Economics

"I never have any trouble. You just have to know how to prime the system. Who to go to who will sign you into classes. It takes less work, but it can be done."

JOHN McELHINEY
Junior
SPEA

"There is always a problem. You need to line up in line. By the time you get ready to register, a class you need is closed. Then, after you leave, they open the class again."

Sports

Lady Metros open regular season with first win, prepare for second game

Coach says he is optimistic about match against St. Joseph College.

By AMY WEIDNER
Sagamore Staff Writer

The volleyball team will be looking to improve its 4-2 record with a complete performance when they play St. Joseph College, Sept. 10. "If we do our job on our side of the net, then we've met our goal," said Tom Pingel, head coach. "That's our goal whether we win or lose."

The Lady Metros were victorious in both meetings between the two teams last year, on route to its NAIA District championship.

"We play really well together as a team. The most important part is how well we all get along."

Pam Holloway
Senior

optimistic about the match, because he is unfamiliar with St. Joseph's team.

As a team, the Metros is much different from last year. "We're awfully different as far as personnel goes," he said.

Pingel is in his first year of coaching the Metros. His wife, Theresa, is the assistant coach.

The Metro's regular season got off to a good start Sept. 5 by beating Bellarmine University, an NCAA

Div. II school, 15-11, 15-3, 15-5. Tough defensive play was a key to the victory, said junior Gina Martinez.

"Our defense was good. We keyed in on offense, serving, and passing," she said.

"We played well, considering they are an NCAA Div. II school," she added.

Pingel said he was pleased with the way IUPUI capitalized on Bellarmine's mistakes.

"Overall, Bellarmine made a lot of errors, but we countered their mistakes well," he said.

"We played relaxed," said senior Pam Holloway.

Pingel said IUPUI had the advantage of already playing five matches, whereas Bellarmine was playing its first match of the season.

Freshman setter Amy Goodwin had a solid match, said Pingel, an aid junior front line player Kristine Gill, who scored four aces throughout the match.

"Gill served extremely well," said Pingel.

At the beginning of the second game, the Metros scored six straight points while Gill was serving.

IUPUI lost to Bellarmine last year in a close match.

Together there has been a key to the team's success so far, said Holloway.

"We play really well together as a team. The most important part is how well we all get along," she said.

The Metros opened its season with a ninth place finish in the Southwest State Invitational Tournament in Marshall, Minn., Aug. 30-31.

IUPUI entered the tournament seeded ninth.

"Our practice has been going better since it's been over," he added.

Soccer team starts year with win, new attitude

The Metros started the 1991 season with a victory over Rio Grande, and Coach Allen Egilmez said it's a 'new-look' team.

By GREG TAYLOR
Sagamore Staff Writer

Not only is the IUPUI soccer team playing with a new attitude, but Coach Allen Egilmez said he expects his team to win 12 or 13 games this season.

"It is a completely different team than last year," Egilmez said. "The attitude is a lot different."

He added he had some trouble last year with the players being over-confident.

"The players went into the games with a big head and didn't want to work hard enough to win," Egilmez said.

Soccer is a mental game, and the win usually goes to the team who wants the victory more, he added.

"That's what is different with this team. They

want to win," Egilmez said.

The Metros take a winning attitude to the Bethel Tourney on Friday and Saturday, he said.

The first match is Friday at 1 p.m. against Grand Rapids Baptist College, who journeys from Missouri. IUPUI won its only match with Grand Rapids in 1988, 2-0.

The second game is Saturday at 3 p.m., against Bethel College, who has won the District 21 tournament for the past two years.

The Metros won last year's match between the two teams, 2-1, and have not lost to Bethel since the teams started competing in 1988.

"Bethel is a balanced team with hard workers," Egilmez said.

The Metros won its first game of the season against the University of Rio Grande, 1-0.

"We had good defense and a solid offense," Egilmez said. "Rio Grande really didn't have any good shots on the goal."

Last Wednesday, the Metros played NCAA Div. III Earlham College at Kuntz Field.

Through some tough defense and two overtimes, the teams tied for the second straight year. The teams tied this year, 2-2, and last year, 0-0.

The Metros jumped to an early 2-0 lead on goals by seniors Raymond Quivey and John McNab.

Earlham came back to score once in the first half and once in the second half to send the game into overtime.

"We came out hot, and it got to our heads," said Jason Pattison, senior goalie. "We thought we were going to blow them out, but we discovered later we weren't."

"Some guys are still not in top shape. It'll take a couple of tough games to get them in shape," he said.

On Sept. 17, the Metros will play its second district match against Taylor University. Taylor Coach Joe Lund said he expects a solid match.

"The way it's been is we win here, and they win there," Lund said.

The two teams have split the series, 2-2, since they began competition in 1987.

Cheerleading practice sessions begin this week

Like other universities, IUPUI sports teams need student cheerleaders to bring enthusiasm and spirit to the games.

By AMY WEIDNER
Sagamore Staff Writer

The time has come for spirited students to show their Metro pride.

School spirit on campus needs a wake up call, said Stephanie Lovell, sponsor of the cheerleading team.

"A lot of people don't even know we have many athletic teams," said Lovell, a senior majoring in the School of Physical Education. "Secondly, they don't know where or when the games are held."

Having the cheerleaders at the games adds an extra dimension of support, said Bob Lovell, men's basketball coach.

"We didn't have cheerleaders one year, and there was a big void. When

you're trying to run a first-class program, you really need that kind of support," he said.

"Having cheerleaders also gives the students a chance to get involved in an extracurricular activity," he added. "If there is crowd participation, and everyone gets involved, the game really becomes more enjoyable for everyone."

Throughout the month of September, cheerleading tryouts will take place for the IUPUI men's basketball cheerleading squad.

Stephanie Lovell said tryout participation should be substantial, largely because the tryouts have been well publicized.

Student Activities is posting announcement sheets in various locations

throughout the campus, she added.

"I think this year we'll have a really big turnout," Lovell said.

She said the student body has the misconception that the Metro athletic teams are not successful, and therefore, not worthy of their support.

She noted that last year's women's basketball team advanced to the final four of the NAIA National Tournament.

"Granted, it's not the NCAA, but it's not like students would be cheering for losing teams," she said.

One important criteria to become a cheerleader is high school experience, Lovell said.

Jumping ability will also be judged. While tumblings is not necessary, in the event of a tie, that ability could be important, she added.

During tryouts, participants will learn one cheer, and may also be required to make up one of their own.

All participants must be enrolled in 12 credit hours, and a 2.0 GPA is required of upperclassmen.

Each participant must attend at least two practice sessions prior to tryouts.

These practices will take place on Sept. 8, 15 and 22 at 7 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym, Room 156.

Final tryouts will be Sept. 29 in the Auxiliary Gym.

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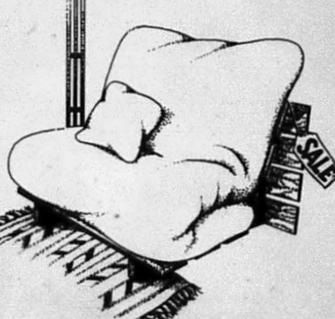
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BEHIND THE SCENES

Social work students gain 'vital' experience

Two seniors relate their accounts of internships that gave them first-hand knowledge in the field of social work.

By **STACEY MCARTHUR**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Sometimes the book work just isn't enough. In addition to taking classes, students in their junior and senior years at the School of Social Work must take on a semester-long internship to graduate. There are 284 placement sites for the students. A few of them include Catholic Social Services, Center for Mental Health, Children's Bureau, the Governor's Office, and Riley Hospital for Children. Because the school is a professional education program, students need to have experience before they get a job, said DeeEllen Davis, field coordinator for the Bachelor's Degree program. "The field placements are what they're most in need of sitting in a class learning about it," Davis said. "There they can cope with things

like ethical dilemmas instead of just reading about them. Like if a man finds out he has AIDS and he doesn't want to tell his girlfriend, who is six weeks pregnant. Then what do they do?" she added. The students are not paid, but they receive university credit. In their junior year, they work 12 hours a week and get three credits, and in their senior year, they work 20 hours a week and get five credits. One of 75 seniors in the school, Anita Gehring has an internship at the Indiana Boys' School. There she works in the substance abuse program where she talks to the juveniles about how to stop using drugs, reasons not to use them, and has them evaluate why they are in the school and what to do in order not to come back. Her internship this semester, and the one her junior year, has given her a

dose of reality that the books could not have done on their own, Gehring said. "I'm seeing how everything fits together," she said. "I'm able to apply my book knowledge, and things make more sense when you get out into the field." For Gehring, working in a school filled with delinquent males is not intimidating because she spent a summer in the clerical department first and was exposed to the people at the school. "I've learned to be more accepting, but harder. No matter what a person has done, I can find a reason to understand," Gehring said. "But I have also learned that they can't hide behind that reason forever," she added. Also, Gehring said she is learning from her internship to look at a situation realistically and realize there are not always easy solutions to problems. "I used to see a bad situation and think that there has to be something that can be done, and there is not,"

she said. "You have to be able to draw the line and find there is not always an answer, and be comfortable with that." Another positive aspect about the internship program is being able to explore interests without making a lifetime commitment, Gehring said. Although the internship and social work as a whole are a lot of work, Gehring said she is ready to handle it. "You have to give a lot, have a lot of energy, and want to tackle a lot to make changes. You also have to have a passion so things like not making a lot of money and having to tackle the system don't get into your way," she said. Bryan Short, who is also a senior majoring in social work, has an internship at the Southeast Multi Service Center. In Short's internship, he talks to clients about managing their money and obtaining food stamps. Learning that multi-stepped solutions

are not always the answer to people's problems when working on a tight schedule, Short said the main advantage to his internship is that the theory learned in books does not always apply in the real world. He added the experience of the internship was worth his time. "It's fantastic. I learned more from it than I have in my classes, and it will influence me and my practice," Short said. Short's values led him into the social work field. "Believing that everyone should have worth and dignity doesn't coincide with business, where they believe everyone should make a profit even if they have to step on people," he said. Short added that ritzy look at social work as a very low paying job, and that is not always the case. "Most students live on around \$10,000 a year, and a social worker usually starts out at about \$18,000," he said. "When I graduate, I'm not going to know what to do with the other \$8,000."

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New publications demonstrate innovative, 'sarcastic' reading

Two literary works, *Emigre* and *Top Top* Stories give readers slightly askewed viewpoints and commentary with flair and conviction.

By **KYLE BARNETT**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Very few magazines dedicate themselves to graphic design, and fewer take an unusual view of the art. **EMIGRE MAGAZINE** *Emigre* magazine uses an unusual view and runs with it. Published by a dutch emigre Rudy VanderLans, "Emigre," champions innovative graphic design. The magazine is a pleasure to read, to look at, to hold. Heron students will find Issue No. 19 interesting because there's a discussion of Scott Zakowski's design work. Zakowski was an instructor at Heron during the 1989-90 school year. He now teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago. *Emigre* is published four times a year and just recently began charging a consistent price for the magazine. *Emigre* is on the cutting edge of design, and often they take controversial stands in their profession. But *Emigre* is in no way a dry career journal meant only for people in graphic design. In Issue No. 19, Katherine McCoy, one of the two design instructors at the Cranbrook Academy of Art is interviewed. McCoy was a visiting artist at Heron last year. The magazine's relationship with Cranbrook has brought some criticism for creating its own rigid orthodoxy instead of opening to new ideas. Others have faulted the publication for breaking rules just to break rules. "For instance, in the current issue's "introduction," as it's called, VanderLans responds to a letter from a Midwestern design student who complained about the magazine's penchant for rule-breaking graphic design, and for experimenting with type and image for no reason. VanderLans response is that rule-breaking is always meant to find a better means of communicating ideas and

always meant as a positive. While the magazine is sometimes self-important, it's a vital voice in graphic design. Also, *Emigre* has created Emigre Music, a compact disc and cassette label. The magazine also sells its own typesets to designers. No bookstore in Indiana carries the magazine, but it can be ordered by writing to *Emigre*, 48 Shattuck Square, No. 175, Berkeley, Calif., 94704-1140. **TOP TOP STORIES** *Top Top Stories* is a new collection of essays and short fiction that takes its material from the journal *Top Stories* which though not widely known, has played host to some of the most interesting writers and artists of our times. The anthology, (*City Lights Books*, San Francisco, \$9.95) contains writings by mostly women on tongue-in-cheek articles like "How to Get Rid of Pimples," by the late Cookie Mueller, to the more serious "Foot Facts," by Linda Neaman. The Neaman article shows a photograph of an Asian woman whose feet have been deformed from the practice of foot-binding. The caption underneath the photograph reads, "Why must the feet be bound? To avoid barbarous running around!" Much of the work in *Top Top Stories* wouldn't quite fit in traditional literary or art publication. Kathy Acker's "New York in 1979" depicts an apocalyptic city, one where language itself is starting to come apart. "New York City will become alive again, when the people begin to speak to each other again, not information, but real emotion," Acker writes. Janet Stein's "Shattered Romance" examines the trials and tribulations of women through comic-strip form. The reader is quickly taken from a strip joint to the life of a female prostitute to women fleeing a male doctor who is conducting dubious birth control experiments. The whole mood is humorous and serious at the same time. Many of the points made about social conditions are made in a sarcastic tone. Not all of the essays included are winners, but the good works, from Jenny Holzer, Cookie Mueller, Gary Indiana (and others, outweighs the bad. Overall, the writing in *Top Top Stories* is innovative and refreshing, a pleasure to read.

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Breaking The Mold

The Silers have chosen a different method of raising their son, Matthew. While Cathy works full-time, David opts to be a stay-at-home dad.

By CHERYL MATTHEWS
Sagamore Staff Writer

Everything from the flower bed in the front yard to the blue and white stroller in the driveway seems typical of a young family just starting out. Yet this couple approaches life in a manner far from the norm.

While Cathy Siler takes the bus downtown to her job as senior internal auditor at Ameritech, her husband, David, stays home with 14-month-old Matthew and works on his master's degree in social work.

But Siler bears no resemblance to Hollywood's version of "Mr. Mom."

"Mr. Mom is a title that conjures up the image of the movie. It conjures up the image of a blabbering idiot. I think I am pretty competent at what I do," Siler said.

"The Hollywood images are not fair. I know how to do all those things, like cook and clean. Changing diapers has become something both sexes are doing," he added.

The Silers' role reversal resulted from a couple of causes.

"David was interested in expanding new career opportunities. He wanted to get into teen-age counseling, but he needed a master's," said Cathy. "We were discussing child care and were really worried about that."

With Siler home watching Matthew, Cathy said she doesn't have to worry about her son.

In addition to peace of mind, Siler said he actually enjoys disturbing the status quo.

"I like the fact that Matthew has gotten a chance to spend more time with his dad. Until I was six, I didn't really see my dad."

**Cathy Siler
Graduate Business Student**

When a neighbor told her husband about the Silers' arrangement, the husband said he was expecting a wimp and was surprised to see Siler was just like a real guy, Cathy said.

"But people seem to accept it real well. They seem envious," she added.

Because both of them came from typical families where the fathers went to work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cathy sees her husband's time with Matthew as a special gift, a bonding.

"I like the fact that Matthew has gotten a chance to spend more time with his dad. Until I was six, I didn't really see my dad," she said.

But, like any other working mother, Cathy experiences moments of jealousy, such as when Matthew took his first step and it was Siler, not she, that saw him do it.

"We are really open as far as communication goes. She feels

"I do like breaking the mold. I like shaking people up and challenging them," he said. "At the grocery store, people will ask if I'm baby-sitting. I come back with 'I do every day.'"

A big man, Siler has shaken up his own neighbors' image of Hollywood's "Mr. Mom."



Sagamore Photos/BUFFY WHITT

Even the job of changing diapers gives David Siler the opportunity to enjoy an affectionate moment with his son, Matthew. During the week, Siler takes care of all Matthew's needs, while mom, Cathy, works and pursues her MBA.

okay telling me about her jealousy and resentment. Then the weekend rolls around, and she will have plenty of time with him," Siler said.

During the week, the Silers try to balance duties so Matthew receives nurturing from them both.

Cathy bathes and feeds him dinner and gets up with him on the weekends.

Also a student, Cathy is enrolled in IUPUI's MBA program and has class on Tuesday evenings.

Because their weeks are so hectic, the Silers use the weekends to do the things they really want to do.

Household duties, like mowing the lawn and laundry are Siler's responsibilities, ones he takes care of while Cathy is at work.

Matthew even helps out with the chores. While Dad cuts the grass, Matthew toddles along beside him, pushing his toy lawn mower.

"He can grow up without the same sex role stereotyping we had," Siler said.

One stereotype Siler said he would like to see dispelled is that of the housewife sitting around all day doing nothing.

"Everybody asks me if I sit around, eat bonbons and watch soap operas," he added. "For a lot of guys, one week of this and their brains would explode. For me, it's been more physically taxing than any job I've ever had."

While many of Siler's male friends will admit he has a tough job, the women with whom he discusses parenting issues give him no sympathy. After all, women have been coping with that tough job for years, Siler said.

Now Siler knows what it's like to sit in a rocking chair for six hours with a baby who is teething or sick.

"When he was teething, he was around four or five months old, there was one particular day, from the time he woke up until the (Cathy) got home, he screamed and fussed," Siler said.

Cathy said the problems her husband encounters as a full-time parent are the same ones women have faced for years.

"Maybe guys will listen to him when he talks about the perils of being a house parent," said Cathy. "Through that, maybe women will be more appreciated. It's not easy. But if a woman complains, she's just whiney."

While being a full-time dad may be physically taxing, Siler said it is not very mentally stimulating.

That stimulation comes from his Monday and Wednesday evening classes. In the second year of a three-year program, Siler and his classmates have moved through the semesters as a cohort group.

Although they often tease him, Siler's classmates — mostly women — have adopted Matthew, who was only two months old when Siler entered graduate school.

"We all tease him that he is a whiner. I think it's great because he decided to go back to school. It's neat they don't want day care, that one of them would be in the home with the baby," said



Feeding Matthew his lunch is just one of the many parenting tasks that David Siler has chosen to undertake as a full-time father.

Christy Bailey, a graduate student in the School of Social Work.

But those same classmates also realize that Siler has a full-time and demanding job, said Ken Miller, a graduate social work student and the foster father of a 14-year-old boy.

"I can't help but admire him for taking such a large step. It's different from the roles most men take," Miller said. "I really think it is definitely an opportunity he is lucky to have."

Financing his graduate work has not been as difficult as buying the books, Siler said.

"Before Matthew was born, we were both working. I took my money and put it into a CD account. We knew what three years of schooling would cost," he said.

"But I had no idea that one book could cost \$50. In graduate school, with two to three classes, you could have a huge book bill. That was a cost I hadn't really anticipated," Siler added.

Once graduate school is behind him, Siler said he will probably work in the area of child counseling and families. The possibility also exists in working with corporations in employee assistance programs — on-site counseling.

Until then, Siler will continue the duties hundreds of other full-time parents have assumed and to use those experiences as background for the social work ahead.

Red-headed Matthew seems oblivious to the future as he sits on the couch by his mom, his fussiness somewhat overcome by the M&Ms that didn't stay in his hands long enough to melt.

His smile chocolate-coated, he rubs his eyes, tired from the morning swim at a neighbor's.



During a quiet moment together, David Siler reads a story to his 14-month-old son, Matthew. Once Mom gets home, Siler finds time to do his own reading.