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OPINION

■ The Indiana General Assembly voted against a bill that would make IUPUI an independent entity, and *The Sagamore* feels the university is better off retaining its affiliation. **PAGE 6**

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Students with no insurance fear illnesses

■ IUPUI has a health insurance policy through Blue Cross Blue Shield for students, but many aren't using it, said Dan Reeves, director of compensation.

By DIETRICK LARGE
Sagamore Staff Writer

Last semester Melissa Devinney, a freshman physical therapy major, could only take nine credit hours. She needed 12 hours to be covered by her parents' health insurance policy. Their solution — a lot of praying that she wouldn't become ill. Although she avoided everything but the flu, had Devinney been confronted with a major illness requiring hospitalization, it could have been financially catastrophic for her family,

she said.

"It bothered them a lot that I wasn't covered during the semester," said Devinney. "They told me to be really careful not to get sick," said Devinney, laughing at the idea of her parents' instructions. For many students like Devinney, their parents' health insurance coverage is the only "piece of the rock" they have.

However, when that coverage no longer exists, many college students are finding it increasingly difficult to come up with the extra money for

health insurance.

Brian Horton, a junior majoring in supervision, had health insurance when he was working. When he became a full-time student, his company dropped his coverage because the policy did not include part-time employees. Horton now pays about \$150 a month for his own health plan.

"It puts a strain on my income, but its something you gotta have," said Horton.

Students are not the only ones facing increasing insurance costs. Universities like IU are feeling the pinch, too.

The IU Board of Trustees met recently to discuss what measures could be taken to help reduce the increasing cost of student medical health insurance claims.

"Schools across the country are finding it increasingly difficult to offer low-cost medical insurance to college students," said Dan Reeves, director of compensation and benefits for IU. The student health plan offered by IU is through Blue Cross Blue Shield and administered by Aconordia Personal Benefits, Inc.

For a plan with a \$100 deductible, students age 17-29, depending upon the county they live in, would pay anywhere from \$30 to \$40 per month.

For a plan with a \$200 deductible, the cost would range between \$28 to \$40 per month.

Both Devinney and Horton were unaware of the student health plan, but said they would have taken advantage of the plan had they known.

Reeves said one of the problems with the present student health care plan is the low number of participants.

Of the approximately 60,000 students eligible to enroll in the student health plan, only about 1,500 students are currently participating. That's down from 2,500 last year, said Reeves.

Enrollment has decreased in the plan, said Reeves, because many of the students who apply already have marginal incomes. If they have to choose between paying a bill or an insurance premium, they will forego paying their insurance.

He added, most applicants who apply for

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First of four lectures brings issue of abortion to forefront

■ In a lecture sponsored by Students for Choice, Anne Donchin, Women's Studies director, talks about the different choices women face today.

By TAMMY DEAN
Sagamore Staff Writer

With the possibility of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned by the Supreme Court this year, the focus of last Wednesday night's lecture quickly turned to abortion.

During the first of a four-part series sponsored by Students for Choice, Anne Donchin addressed 25 students on the topic of contraceptive technology.

"A reproductive choice offers both the choice to discontinue a pregnancy when there are fertility problems, but also in addition, allows the option to intervene and cause a pregnancy to enable a woman to have a child," said Donchin, director of Women's Studies.

Although this lecture listed abortion as only one choice, members of Students for Life disagreed with the focus of such contraceptive technology.

Gerald Hatcher said the availability of such technology only serves to promote abortion.

"The whole reason behind Students for Choice, which is a division of NARAL, only exists to promote abortion and keep it legal," he said.

However, the National Abortion Rights Action League

places a broader emphasis on women's self-development and does not exist solely for abortion, Donchin said.

With both sides presenting their opinions and arguments on abortion, another group — RESOLVE — has emerged, providing students with an alternate view.

"We specifically deal with infertile couples or women alone. However, RESOLVE offers a choice for anything," said Francine Carter, president.

"We provide information on donor insemination, adoption and general information on how to cope or how to communicate with your parents. We are there as a support group to help people get through tough times," she added.

Participants in the lecture series stressed the importance of being informed and being involved in public policies.

Students for Choice urged those in attendance to write state senator candidate Joseph Hogsett and encourage him to take a stand on the choice issue.

"Not only do we hope Hogsett would take the choice stand, but also consent and help sponsor the Freedom of Choice Act," said Cindy Carley, president of the organization. The second part of this series will feature Bill and Karen Bell, whose daughter allegedly died from an illegal abortion obtained without their consent.

From that death arose the debate over the Parental Consent Law, which requires all minors to obtain parental consent before legally getting an abortion.

In March, state Sen. Virginia Blankenbaker will speak on how a woman's decision has now become a legislative issue since *Roe v. Wade*.

Election '92 Gubernatorial candidate stresses importance of educational reforms

■ In a speech last Wednesday, John Johnson said the A-plus program isn't adequate.

By DARIN CRONE
Sagamore Staff Writer

Gubernatorial candidate John Johnson envisions for Indiana a new educational standard which would place an emphasis on the quality of education rather than the quantity.

The A-plus program doesn't do enough for the student. The program emphasizes that students attend school longer during the school year and requires more classes for students, but doesn't stress what is learned in those classes, Johnson said.

last Wednesday during his speech at the IU School of Law, sponsored by the Republican Law Coalition.

"The A-plus program stipulates a student take four years of English; it does not stipulate the student know how to make a verb agree with its noun," said Johnson.

"Only when Indiana provides such a quality education can we expect to attract to Indiana meaningful job opportunities."

Indiana must set standards, not just a curricula, for high school students, he said.

"We must set the standards and then measure the performance (of the students) against those standards and leave it up to the schools to determine how

they are going to handle it," he said.

Johnson added that citizens must support the efforts of parents to become better role models and to prepare their children for school.

If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned by the Supreme Court, the issue of abortion could also play a major part in political campaigns this year.

Johnson said he does not believe in abortion except in very rare cases.

"It is a very difficult question politically when human life begins. The political process is not competent to make that decision," Johnson said.

Johnson first began his political career in 1990 when he ran unsuccessfully

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Cheer Guild brings smiles, hugs to children; scholarships help nursing students pay tuition

■ Assisting busy nurses and giving parents a rest, Shar Windle piles on the attention.

By AMY MAY
Sagamore Staff Writer

If not for Shar Windle, many newborns wouldn't get a needed hug or kiss.

A volunteer for the Cheer Guild of IU Hospitals, Inc., Windle works in the infant care unit at Riley Hospital for Children.

"I hold, cuddle and play with little tiny infants," said the junior nursing major.

Like other volunteers, Windle spends

Tuesday afternoons doing the little things the nurses are often too busy to do.

"So many children are in right now with respiratory problems. The nurses are so busy," Windle said.

Sometimes she provides physical stimulation to an infant that otherwise might lie in a crib all day, an infant whose parents cannot afford to stay near the hospital or who needed a break from the pressure of hospital life.

Sometimes she just provides a pair of hands and arms to give a child a little extra security.

"We do the little things that would fall through the cracks. We give the little extras that would otherwise be forgotten," said Dorothy Kemmer, president

of the Cheer Guild.

Making a child happy is the goal of the Cheer Guild, a volunteer service group for University Hospitals.

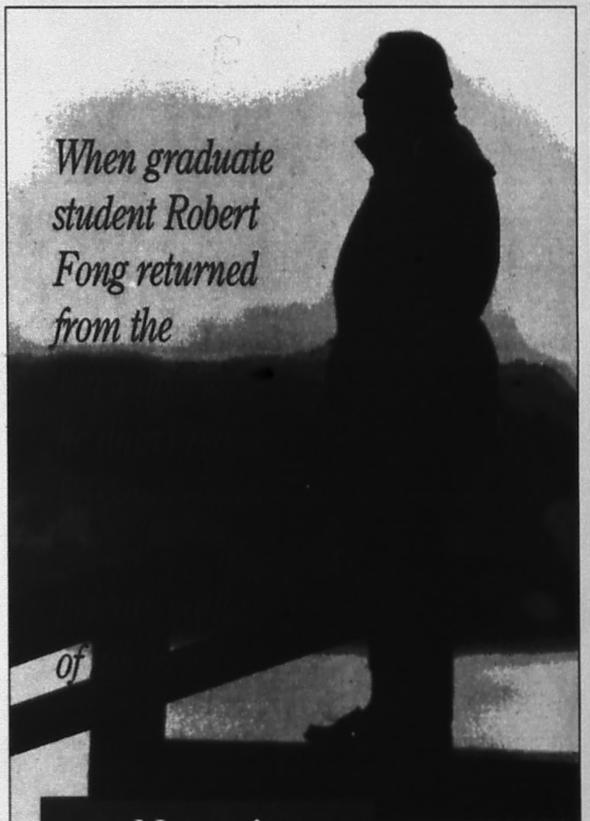
That volunteer organization has four missions:

- Assisting in the hospitals' wellness programs.
- Outreaching to patients' families.
- Providing personal growth for the guild members, and.
- Providing volunteer services to the hospital patients.

"The kids need stimulation and something to do. When there isn't anyone to be

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THIS WEEK IN FOCUS



When graduate student Robert Fong returned from the

Not quite

and exciting to Fong. There he met new friends, saw Scuds

emper paratus, always prepared, is the Coast Guard's motto. Bob Fong, being a reservist, didn't miss that call when they needed his services in Desert Storm. Last fall semester, Fong dropped his classes and headed for Saudi Arabia for active duty. For seven months, he was a boatsman on a small raider boat. Those months were both painful

explode in the sky after being hit by Patriots, spent eight hours cold and wet on a boat in the ocean—all the while missing his family. "It's a different world of reality," said Fong. "The person is reduced to a base level of human in a strange land. Each day you are alive, you are thankful."

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Student Organizations

English Sports Club Meeting seeks those interested in cricket

Tuesday, from 12:20 to 12:50 p.m., an organizational meeting will take place in CA 227 to start a University Cricket Club.

Open to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students of IUPUI, the purpose of the Cricket Club is to encourage the learning and playing of a civilized sports activity.

For more information contact Subir Chakrabarti, professor in the Department of Economics, or John McCormick, professor in the Department of Political Science at 274-7387.

International Business Organization supports overseas study program

The International Business Organization is sponsoring an informational meeting this Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in BS 4087.

Morton J. Marcus from the Indiana Business Research Center will be the featured guest speaker. The topic will concern Singapore overseas study program and South East Asia opportunities. For more information contact Marlene C. Franke at 274-3907 or 298-4803.

Athletics NAIA recognizes IUPUI volleyball team, coach

On Feb. 29, a recognition ceremony for the Metros' volleyball team will take place at the men's basketball game against Tri-State University beginning at 3 p.m.

These recognitions for accomplishments in the 1991 NAIA National Championships will occur at halftime. Head coach Tom Pingel will be recognized as coach of the year, plaques and trophies will be presented. Admission to the game is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and free to IUPUI students with a student ID. For more information call Linda Carroll at 274-0622.

Computer Science Club invites interested computer enthusiasts

The Computer Science Club encourages all persons interested in computers to attend Tuesday's meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in SL 2210. This includes faculty, staff and students from all departments and majors. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the Department of Computer Science at 274-9727.

Psychology Club Group hosts discussion, information exchange

The Psychology Club is sponsoring a discussion on suicide. Mary Hoffman, coordinator of the Crisis and Suicide Intervention Center, will be the featured guest speaker. The lecture will take place on Feb. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in SL 2146.

The discussion will be followed by an informal information exchange regarding career opportunities for psychology majors. For more information contact Roger Ware professor in the Department of Psychology, at 274-6771.

Attention:

Organizations with upcoming events or announcements, please submit information to the Office of Student Activities in the basement of the library by 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information call: 274-3931

Equestrian Team



Missy Pennington, president of the IUPUI Equestrian Team, is shown here with her 4-year-old quarter horse, "Stick," which she rides during competition. Pennington has placed third, seventh and fourth in national equestrian competitions. Membership is open to novice and inexperienced riders. Owning a horse is not required. Students interested in the club can contact Betty Fields, faculty adviser, at 274-6801. Sagamore Photo: DAVID LEE HARTLAGE

Giddyap and go!

The Equestrian Team formed on campus as an informal club; as interest and membership grew, the program evolved into a dedicated competitive group.

By BLAIR HARRY
Sagamore Staff writer

Missy Pennington, the current president of the IUPUI Equestrian Team, first started riding a pony at the age of three.

"I told grandma I wanted a pony, and one pony led to another one," Pennington said. Growing up on a farm raising horses east of Greenwood, Pennington's interest grew with her membership in the local 4-H Club.

In January 1990, her work and training paid off. Pennington was chosen to represent IUPUI and the United States in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team in an equestrian competition in Ireland.

Pennington is one of 14 students representing IUPUI through the equestrian club. The United States defeated their Irish hosts for the second straight time in the annual event.

Pennington has also placed third, seventh and fourth in national equestrian competitions. Last year she placed in the top five of the Western Division.

The team began as a more informal club, but as interest and the dedication of its members grew, the club has become a competitive team with a budget allocated from IUPUI.

Although membership is open, and riding experience is not required, there are expenses involved. "You must be dedicated to the program because of the expenses involved," Pennington said.

Costs can run from \$10 to \$60 or more for a weekend event, said Pennington. Plans for this year include six three-day shows, the first of which will be hosted by the University of Illinois in Champaign on Feb. 1. The following competition is slated for Feb. 21-23 at IU-

Bloomington.

The team will travel to Taylor University in Marion, Ind. for the weekend of March 3-5.

The competition season runs from August through April. Competition is divided into three levels based on experience and points attained.

- Western or stock, where the horse and rider go through pre-arranged maneuvers that emphasize controlling the horse through set patterns and riding with good rhythm and grace.
- English or Hunt competition emphasizes the rider controlling the horse at a faster pace, and.
- Jumping - riders guide their horses over a series of six to eight different barricades of varying height, the highest of which is three-and-one-half feet tall.

Riders compete for points to achieve higher levels of ability. ■ Beginners work to attain points by controlling the horse in walking and trotting maneuvers.

■ Intermediates work at controlling the horse in a slow run, called cantering.

■ Advanced level is for experienced riders, and.

■ Open level is for riders who have attained more than 28 points or won first place three times.

Different levels of riding occur to keep competition fair. Another way of enforcing fairness is the practice of the host school providing all the horses for a competition.

The riders have only a few minutes to become acquainted with the horse and gear they are assigned.

The team practices at Cooper Woods farm, the home of Barb Meyer, team coach. The farm is near Zionsville in Boone County.

Admission to the Equestrian Team is open to any full-time IUPUI student. Owning a horse is not required.

Students interested in finding out more about the team may contact Betty Fields, the faculty adviser, at 274-6801.

GET WITH IT

Students who would like to participate in the Equestrian Team, or would like more information on the upcoming competitions, can call 274-6801 for more details.

Bilalian Alliance Chapter sensitizes IUPUI to Muslim truth, concerns

The Bilalian Student Alliance provides a network for Muslims on campus. The group's purpose is to educate and sensitize the university to the truths about Al-Islam and the concerns of Muslims.

Information and orientation will foster learning and intellectual growth outside the classroom. The learning will apply the principle of Al-Islam into the reality of everyday living.

Those interested in attending the meetings may be added to the listing by contacting Kenneth D. Majied at 274-0722.

University Forum Debate team finishes ninth at Otterbein College

The University Forum traveled to Otterbein College in Westville, Ohio, Jan. 24-25, for the spring debate tournament. The team of Christine Jones and Melissa Smith finished ninth overall and missed elimination rounds by six points. Their wins included rounds against Ball State University, Ferris State University and Allegheny College. Smith was awarded sixth speaker out of 60 competitors.

Ball Residence Deejay spins records for Valentine's dance

Ball Residence is sponsoring a semi-formal Valentine's Day dance in the Union Building Cafeteria, from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., on Feb. 13. Refreshments will be served and a deejay will be present to play favorite songs. For information call Michelle Mazeika, 274-6445.

Baha'i College Prizes, gift certificates round out dance

The Baha'i College Club is sponsoring a Valentine's Bash on Feb. 14, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Union Building Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 per couple. For more information call Jackie Grable, 291-6619.

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A guide to campus activities for the week of days

Monday 3

■ Student Employment, in BS 2010, has expanded its office hours. On Wednesdays, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

During the rest of the week, the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 274-0857.

■ The International House and International Affairs invite students to learn about opportunities to study and work overseas. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in BS 4087. For information call Renee Gregory, 274-2735.

■ The Disabled Students Organization is sponsoring a

fund raiser from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. today and Thursday in BS 3013. For more information contact Pam King, 274-3241.

Tuesday 4

■ All students in the Undergraduate Education Center are invited to attend an open meeting to plan activities at 6 p.m., in the Union Building, 148. For more information call 274-4818.

Wednesday 5

■ Students are invited to bring their doubts, fears and questions about the Bible and the Christian faith to an investigative Bible study sponsored by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship from 10

to 11 a.m. in ES 2102. For more information call Pam Baker 889-7141.

■ The Journalism Student Organization is hosting a get-together to discuss internship opportunities and to meet with professionals in various media fields.

The meeting will take place in the fourth floor commons, ES Building, at 8 p.m. For more information call Cheryl Matthews, 274-3455, or Stacey McArthur, 274-2954.

■ The Advocate will meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Tonight's meeting will take

place in BS 4088 at 7:30. For more information call Dominic Bisignano, 274-0079.

Thursday 6

■ Applications and nominations for the Spirit of Philanthropy awards are due in the Office of Student Activities, Library 002.

■ Ken Barger, professor of anthropology, will speak on cultural adaptation at the International Commons, Warthin Apartments, from 7 to 8 p.m. For information call 274-5024.

Friday 7

■ Thai students are sponsoring an international coffee hour from 4 to 6 p.m. at the International

Commons, Warthin Apartments, second floor. For more information call 274-5024.

■ Foreign students and visiting research scholars are invited to attend "Visa Experience After Graduation," in the Union Rooftop Lounge, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. For information call the Office of International Affairs, 274-7295.

Saturday 8

■ Delta Sigma Pi is throwing a wine and cheese party to recruit new members for their fraternity. Call Kevin Lackey, 353-1358.

Briefly Noted

First sexual abuse recovery group begins, survivors learn to build healing foundation

In response to articles last semester on sexual abuse, the first sexual abuse recovery group at Counseling and Psychological Services has begun.

Two more groups are now being formed - one for women and one for men. These groups will meet during the day, making them more accessible to people who do not stay on campus after 5 p.m.

The primary function of these

groups is to help survivors build a foundation for healing by providing educational material and ample time for personal interaction with other survivors.

Each group will run for 10 sessions, each 90 minutes in length. Plans are also being made for an ongoing support group to begin later in the spring.

For more information, call Diane in the CAPS office, 274-2548.

Television station announces minority scholarship award, internship program

Applications for the 1992 Minority Journalism Scholarship are being accepted at WTHR-13. The finalist will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a 12-week internship with the station.

This award is open to any minority journalism or telecommunications student.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 21. Call 636-1313 for more information.

Aikido seeks to achieve self-defense through harmony, circular motion

A second degree black belt, Didier Bertrand, a professor in the Department of French, is trying to set up an Aikido club at IUPUI. Young among the martial arts, Aikido is the path of least resistance.

Martial arts are studied for self-

defense and self-improvement, but Aikido is different in that the practitioner seeks to achieve self-defense without opposition or injury to the attacker.

For more information about this club, contact Bertrand at 274-3902 or 926-8117.

Cheer

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with the kid; hopefully we can provide that stimulation," Kestner said.

At times, that stimulation comes from Riley's toy room, an area maintained by guild volunteers through donations by guild chapters, usually sororities, church or professional groups.

"Membership is open to anyone who is interested in supporting our mission and wants their organization to help others," said Kestner.

In addition to donations, the guild generates much of its revenue through a gift shop at University Hospital, the Raggedy Man's Gift Shop at Riley and photographs of newborns.

The guild just doesn't receive, however. It also gives.

Through its efforts, the chapel at Riley

was furnished, and Camp Riley, a facility for handicapped children in Bradford Woods, received needed equipment.

Artwork and aquariums in the lobby and in other hospital units give visitors some enjoyment in an otherwise too serious environment.

That maintenance of artwork and aquariums in Riley is the handwork of 100 guild volunteers.

Patients aren't the only ones benefiting from these men and women. The Cheer Guild also helps students in the medical program through its scholarship program.

The Porter Award, named after A.J. Porter who founded the Cheer Guild in 1924, provides up to \$1,000 to students showing some financial need.

One such student, Debora Stevenson said she was thrilled to learn she had received a \$750 scholarship.

"It was a lot more money than I expected," said Stevenson, a second-

year nursing major.

"It paid almost all the tuition," she added.

Applications for scholarships can be picked up in the Cheer Guild office in Room 403 at Riley Hospital. For the spring semester, the deadline is Oct. 1. For the fall semester, the deadline is April 1.

Because the need for extra hands is so great, the Cheer Guild actively seeks new members for the organization. Students under 22 years old can become members for \$4 a year. Non-students can join for \$10 annually.

As a member, the students also participate in volunteer work at the hospital.

People who are interested in joining the Cheer Guild can call 274-8705 for more information.

For Winkle, the benefits of volunteering her time come when she walks into the infant unit and does not see the

"We do the little things that would fall through the cracks. We give the little extras that would otherwise be forgotten,"

Dorothy Kestner, Cheer Guild president

child that was there yesterday or the day before.

"You find yourself torn, wanting to see them the next week, but you know if they are there, they aren't getting any better," Winkle said. "So you also look forward to seeing that spot empty."

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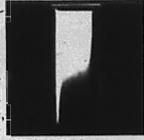
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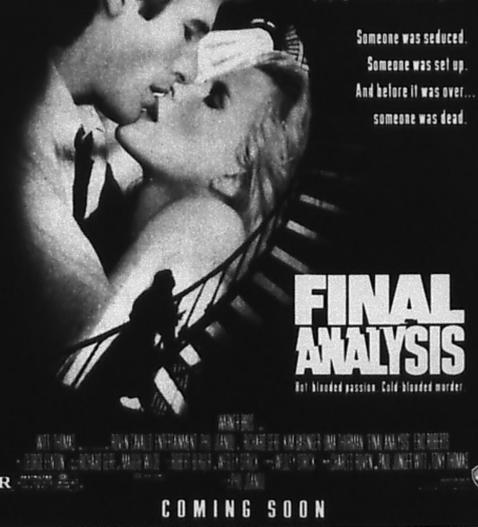
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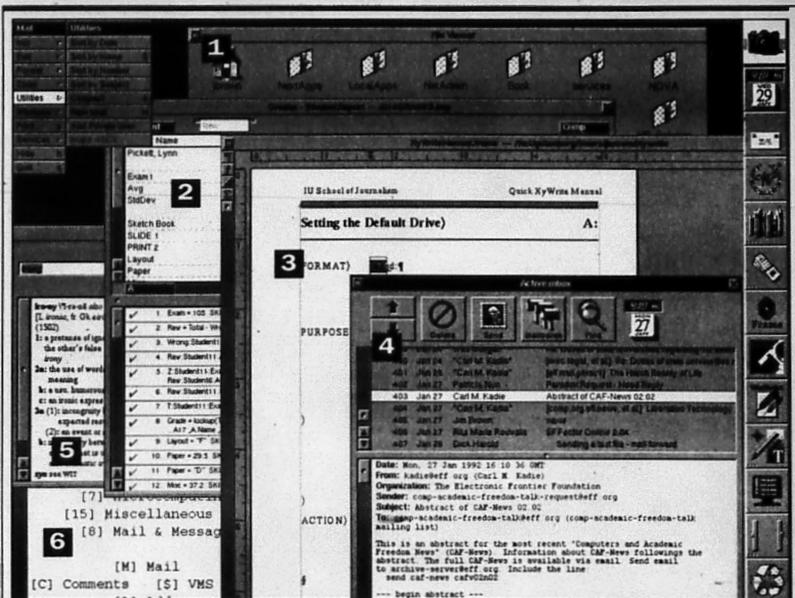
The NeXT is really a visual interface for a powerful UNIX computer, a popular operating system in the computing world. Double clicking a folder opens it to view the

files stored inside. File names may be much longer than the eight character abbreviation to which DOS users are limited, and are often fully descriptive of the contents of the file.

My own computer doubles as the office network server which means it delivers software and documents to other work stations in the School of Journalism. Network-ready, NeXT computers have Ethernet connections and the networking software is shipped with every computer at no extra cost.

Campus mail between journalism offices in Bloomington and IUPUI has been virtually eliminated thanks to computer technology.

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The NeXT computer excels at multi-tasking—running many applications at the same time. Five programs are running on the computer pictured above. The NeXT screen measures 12.75 inches x 10 inches, which Jim Brown says is a great advantage.

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TECHNOLOGY ON OUR CAMPUS

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campus mail, are called "snail mail."

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Jim Brown is the associate dean of the School of Journalism at Indianapolis.

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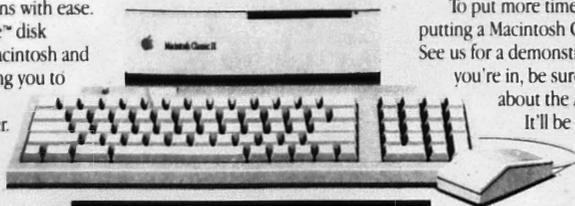


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Reforms

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in 1990 when he ran unsuccessfully for the Fifth District congressional seat held by incumbent Jim Jontz.

He said his unsuccessful attempt won't hinder his efforts of winning the Republican nomination in the May 5 primaries.

"My background in business gives me a distinct quality for governor of Indiana," Johnson said.

"I am pro business and am not used to procrastinating, unlike the Bayh administration," he said.

Gov. Bayh has not used his popularity for conservative purposes, added Johnson.

"Gov. Bayh has tremendous personal

popularity, but he has not used it for anything other than to try to get himself re-elected," he said.

David Dawson, deputy press secretary to Gov. Bayh, agreed with Johnson that Bayh has personal popularity, but said he is not using it to get himself re-elected.

"Gov. Bayh has led Indiana in prudent management. He is one of four governors appointed by President Bush to the National Board of Education, and he has kept taxes down during the recession while other

states have had to raise theirs," Dawson said.

Some students attending the speech, such as Tim Smith, were impressed with Johnson's remarks.

"I think he is a very competent, qualified candidate, and we need more businessmen to be politicians and possibly a few less lawyers," said Smith, a first-year law student.

David Leonard, also a first-year law student, said that the candidate holds a non-traditional background in politics, a position that may help him win the candidacy.

"John Johnson has a lot to offer. He has a different view on politics," said Leonard.

"He is not afraid to come out and say what he believes in. He brings the viewpoint of the private sector to

the political stage," Leonard added.

One of three candidates seeking the Republican nomination, Johnson will be running against H. Dean Evans, superintendent of Public Instruction, and Linley Pearson, Attorney General for Indiana.



Johnson

Health

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the plan are students who either don't qualify for insurance on their jobs or who cannot be covered under their parents' insurance plans.

"Medical claim expenses for IU have increased 30 percent over last year and the projected total expenses could exceed \$3 million by the end of this fiscal year," said Reeves.

"Because of the limited amount of participants enrolled in the plan, it's no longer cost-effective to operate," said Reeves.

When there is a larger pool of students in the plan, more premiums are being paid by students to help absorb a portion of claim expenses, he added.

One option under discussion by the Board was a proposal to make a portion of the current plan mandatory, requiring students to pay a \$25 fee.

However, Reeves discounted that as a serious alternative.

"That idea was discussed, but it is no longer a viable solution to the problem," Reeves said.

"We want to provide quality health care for students, but at a reasonable cost," he added.

Kevin Lackey, controller for the IUPUI

Undergraduate Student Assembly, said he believes a mandatory plan for students would not have been in their best interest.

"Students are already having a tough time paying for school," Lackey said.

"Some students just wouldn't have been able to afford the added expense," he added.

To evaluate several alternative plans, the trustees appointed an ad hoc committee comprised of students representing all eight IU campuses.

"That committee, scheduled to meet later in the month, will address these concerns and make recommendations to the Board regarding the benefits and liabilities of mandatory health insurance.

"Only when Indiana provides such a quality education can we expect to attract to Indiana meaningful job opportunities."

John Johnson
Governatorial candidate for the '92 election

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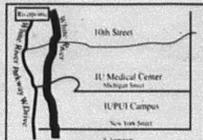
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Sagamore Overrating Independence

Bill's narrow defeat in the state Senate becomes victory, concern for IUPUI

Once again, state Sen. Lawrence Borst's attempt to divorce our campus from the state university system has been defeated, but only by the narrowest of margins. Senate Bill 324, which would have established a commission to investigate the possible advantages of making IUPUI an independent state-supported university, was voted down by only four votes, 23-27.

The fact that this measure was defeated was not surprising. Sen. Borst has had similar legislation defeated before. What is alarming is that the vote was so close, given that representatives from both the administration and student body conveyed, in the uncertain terms, that there was very little support for such a change on this campus.

Because the vote was so close and Borst wields much influence through his position as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, we can be sure that this proposal will be put forward again. Next time, the outcome could be different. The commission could be approved and an independent university found to be beneficial. For that reason, we, as a community, must let this year's candidates for state office know that IUPUI is doing fine just the way we are and we want it to stay this way.

The association between Indiana and Purdue universities and this campus is what draws many students from Marion and the surrounding counties. The opportunity to earn a degree from either of these reputable schools and still live at home or keep a good job in Indianapolis should not be discarded.

At a time when funding for higher education is being scaled back, it makes no sense to us to cut this institution loose from the vast resources available to us from not one, but two renowned universities. It would also be a shame to put this campus through the ordeal of reinventing itself when so much effort has gone into building an IUPUI identity.

We encourage everyone on campus—students, faculty and staff alike—to find out who the candidates are in their legislative districts and then let them know that the merger between Indiana and Purdue universities is what we want and our support in November will be contingent on these candidates promising to leave it IUPUI.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misunderstanding, not order, causes removal of the Circle yearbook's publicity banner

To the Editor:

President Ehrlich did not ask that the Circle yearbook banner be removed from the campus.

From what I gather, he just asked his staff about why the sign was there, and to whom it belonged. Apparently, that inquiry was misinterpreted and miscommunicated through several offices—until by the time it reached the last point—it appeared that the president requested that sign come down.

Chancellor Bepko and President Ehrlich both regret the incident, and they both reaffirm their support of the Circle yearbook and other student projects that build campus identity.

Eugene R. Tempel
 Vice-Chancellor for
 External Affairs

Herron dean says new building will meet student needs

To the Editor:

It is true that our buildings at Herron School of Art are old and in need of repair, as related in *The Sagamore*, (Jan. 20, 1991), and that we have overcrowding in some classes. These are among the reasons why the university administration is committed to building a new facility for the art school on the main IUPUI campus to solve these problems and provide better visual arts educational opportunities for all IUPUI students as well as for Herron art major students.

Although our record enrollments, achieved when many art schools are suffering enrollment declines, create some problems, they also show that the Herron program is recognized as an outstanding one by students seeking a career in art.

William Voos
 Dean, Herron School of Art

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SEAN HOLLOWAY

Integration is answer to racial harmony

Columnists says unity, not separatism, will resolve racial conflict

Racism, and its subsequent violence, is one of the last signs of mankind's primitive ancestry. If we wish to call ourselves modern man, then it is about time we sandblasted the abhorrent blemishes, wounds and bloodstained grave markers from America's (and the world's) concrete image. It is time to stop merely referring to racism as a problem and begin venturing to seek its solution.

However, we do not have to venture far to uncover a solution to racism. As a matter of fact, a resolution has existed since the dawn of mankind's eventual awareness. A solution so tangible that it is the very stitch that holds our society together—education. Racism is not only a form of animosity derived from a feeling of superiority, but it is also a form of ignorance—a lack of knowledge. What better way to combat ignorance (racism) than to educate the most important patterns on the clothwork of America (and the world)? Ourselves.

We know so little about other people's cultures, religions and creeds. Furthermore, we segregate ourselves from one another and "stick to our own." The blacks hang with the blacks; the whites hang with the whites; the Indians hang with the Indians; the Japanese hang with the Japanese; the Muslims hang with the Muslims; the Chinese hang with the Chinese; and the Hispanics hang with the Hispanics. Is it not time to

discontinue this monotonous homogeneity of genus grouping. Should we not purposely integrate ourselves (mentally and sexually) and become the melting pot America is famous for?

The lack of knowledge we have of one another and the unintentional or intentional manner in which we segregate—alienate—ourselves from those that are different produces an ignorance that leads to stereotyping, which could possibly develop into a hatred of the unknown.

This behavior is exemplified by the situation in Dubuque, Iowa, where the city council is attempting to recruit African-Americans into their town to alleviate its image as a closed, intolerant, and even racist community.

Although this may seem like an endeavor full of integrity, several of Dubuque's 58,000 residents are in full disagreement with the council's open-minded plan for constructive integration. As a result of succumbing to stereotypical, ignorant thought, they have concluded that they do not want their town to become subject to black riots and crime, and thus destroyed. And so to manifest their fear of the unknown, they welcome their African-American counterparts with the poignant glow of burning crosses and Klan rallies.

Of course, white supremacists are not the only groups that hinder racial harmony. Groups such as the Black

Student Union and the Muslim Student Association restrict racial harmonization, as well. Associations that can do nothing but help the members of their own race teach us nothing about ourselves. We are a population of people, not a population of races. Therefore, we must help one another by coming together and forming provocative thoughts.

I asked Steve Garrett, the public relations chairman for Black Student Union, if his organization's meetings with the campus administration sought to help the campus as a whole (representing all students). His reply was that the meetings' objectives are to help black students.

I must disagree. Garrett's statement, and the one-sided thought of his organization, are exactly what we must avoid.

The time has come to follow in the footsteps of the Tu-Wa-Moja (Swahili for "We Are One") Study Group that educates communities as well as institutions (such as the Smithsonian Institute) with applied anthropology. It is an organization that uses scholarship to forge a distinctive view of the world, one in which Europeans and their white descendants no longer occupy the central and exalted position. In other words, they simply express the multicultural diversity of our societies by educating and influencing school systems and noted organizations.

Though the Tu-Wa-Moja Study Group is African-based and often Afrocentric (which I am against, because it works against the contiguous attitude I support), it works as a catalyst and pioneer in influencing other groups and established organizations to promote multicultural history classes that acknowledge the existence of all nationalities and the part they played in the construction of our society (the Aztec Indians gave us the calendar, American Indians brought us revolutionary agricultural concepts, the Greeks left us architecture, and the Africans bestowed us with the knowledge to create modern civilizations). Our country is an adherence of multicultural and innovative ideas, and this fact must be reiterated until it is openly accepted as fact.

Let us not continue to debate over who is the master race, or complain that one nationality receives more appreciation than the others. But let us venture to educate ourselves about one another and overlook and destroy the stereotypes and hatred.

When you take a look around you and see someone who is different than yourself and it seems as though there is a world of difference, just realize that you are both just a couple of chromosomes apart.

Sean Holloway is a freshman majoring in biology.

IN YOUR OPINION

Would you support making IUPUI independent of both IU and Purdue?

KUMAR MENON
Graduate Student
Economics



"No, IU has a reputation that is nationally recognized. By being independent, IUPUI would lose that reputation and I think that would cut into our funding."

KRISTINA MONSON
Freshman
Undergraduate Education



"Yes, I think it's a great idea. By being independent, there would be a better opportunity for educational growth."

GENE KRESS
Graduate Student
Law



"I think that would be a good idea. If nothing else, we would get a new name. The University of Central Indiana is much better than IUPUI."

TEMPLE BLACK
Sophomore
Chemistry



"No, IU already has academic standing nationally. If we separate from IU, we wouldn't have that reputation."

Sports

WAITING IN THE WINGS



Senior James Vaughn stands on the sidelines during a practice last Thursday. Vaughn spent most of the month watching the action instead of being a part of it.

Senior James Vaughn and freshman Asunia Robertson watch from the sidelines after being declared ineligible at the beginning of the semester.

By GREG TAYLOR
Sagamore Staff Writer

High school is an important tool to prepare students for the greater responsibility of college life. However, some students don't take advantage of this tool.

Freshman Asunia Robertson, a guard for the Metros, discovered being successful in his sport required more than just good play. It required living up to the responsibilities of being a student-athlete.

Two of those key responsibilities were making the grades and winning games.

That transition from high school to college was harder than Robertson predicted.

"The transition was extremely difficult," he said. "I didn't have to study much in high school, but I have to a lot in college."

Off to one of the best starts for a freshman, Robertson's momentum was broken by nothing more than a bad grade on a final.

"I was making a 'C' in this class before I took the final," Robertson said. "But I messed up on the final, and I was 3 to 4 percent shy of a 'C'."

And because of the professor's policy of not giving out "Ds", Coach Bob Lovell informed him that he

had failed the course and was ineligible for the remainder of the season.

Robertson was crushed.

"I felt so terrible. I was having a great season," he said. "I felt I let the team down as well as myself."

Fortunately for Robertson, he learned that lesson early in his career, and he knows what not to do.

"I'm glad that it happened now in my career," he said. "It's a minor setback, but I can't let it affect me. I just need to get over the hump."

However, for senior James Vaughn, the lesson was learned in his final year with the team.

At the end of the fall semester, Vaughn received an "F" in one of his courses, leaving him a few credits shy of the NAAIA requirements.

Unlike Robertson, Vaughn has the opportunity to return to the team, if he passes a correspondent course to receive the needed credits.

"I do school work through the mail in which I read and answer questions," he said. "I then take a midterm and a final down in Bloomington."

Vaughn is expected to return this week. However, being his last year, the time off was devastating not only to him, but to the team.

"I felt I hurt the team," he said. "If we (Robertson and Lance Madison) would have been here, the team would have done half way better."

But much like Robertson, Vaughn had troubles adjusting to college life.

"I started off with grade problems as well," he said. "I just learned to buckle down, focus and concentrate on what I was doing."

After looking at their schedules, one can see why it is difficult being a student-athlete.

For Vaughn and Robertson, between school and basketball, there is little time for socializing.

Stop the hurtin'

Women's basketball team suffers from player injuries

■ To add to a tough season, the Lady Metros have been victimized by key player injuries and a competitive schedule.

By GREG TAYLOR
Sagamore Staff Writer

The Lady Metros have given the classic "rags to riches" story a new twist.

Everytime the team puts together a wealth of good games, something happens to send it back to the welfare line, where the team tries to scrape together some momentum.

On Jan. 14, they hosted nationally ranked St. Joseph's College and played a tight game.

Though coming out with a 76-68 loss, Coach Joe Johnson said his team performed extremely well and had improved.

Two days later, the Lady Metros hosted IU-Southeast in their fourth straight home game.

substituted for the injured Kristin Pritchett.

But in practice, Murrell sustained a back injury that has kept her out since then.

Even more devastating for the team, Pritchett and leading scorer Murfy Murphy haven't been playing at 100 percent.

On Jan. 21, Pritchett received a concussion during the game against Manchester College.

Since then, Johnson said she has been bothered by headaches.

"The trainers are being real careful with Kristin's situation," he said. "Though no damage to her skull was found, you never know what it could be."

Murphy sprained her ankle a couple of weeks ago, and Johnson said she still is bothered by it.

"She still has a bit of discomfort," he said. "She may be in need of treatment, but it won't slow her down or hold her back during games."

So with all of these injuries, one

can see why the team hasn't been able to get up the hill.

And with reserves, lacking in game experience, playing in the place of the injured, playing a tough schedule doesn't help the team overcome these adverse times.

This Thursday, the Lady Metros will travel to Huntington College, a team that is usually ranked high in district play.

"If we were playing them (Huntington) at home we would most likely win," he said. "However, playing at Huntington is a different story."

It is then back home on Saturday to face St. Francis College, a NAAIA Div. II school.

By time the injured players return, the team might be looking at some momentum going into the playoffs.

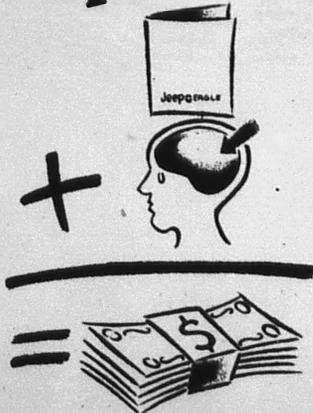
But whether or not they stay up or get knocked down again is left to be seen.



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Junior Murfy Murphy, guard, drives to the paint for two last Tuesday's game against Northern Kentucky. The team lost 81-55. Murfy Murphy (#21) suffers from an ankle sprain.

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Thursday 6:

Robert F. Sutton Jr. will present a lecture titled "Female Bathers in Greek Art" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, which will take place in DeBoest Lecture Hall. This is free and open to the public. Sutton is an associate professor of classical studies at IUPUI.

Saturday 8:

Acoustic guitarist Barbara Ann Humphreys will perform at Coffee Zon on Ohio Street with the time to be announced. Humphreys will also be playing in the basement of Union Station on Feb. 22. For more information on Humphreys' upcoming performances, call 579-4799.

Monday 10:

B.B. King will perform Sunday and Monday at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre. There are two performances each day. For more information call 872-9664.

Thursday 13:

A Valentine's Day Dance will take place from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Union Building cafeteria on campus. The semi-formal event is sponsored by Ball Residence Hall. Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by a local disc jockey. For more information call Michelle at 274-6445.

Friday 14:

Auditions for West Side Story will take place at the Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 West 42nd St., from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. For more

information call 924-1331, ext. 201.

Monday 17:

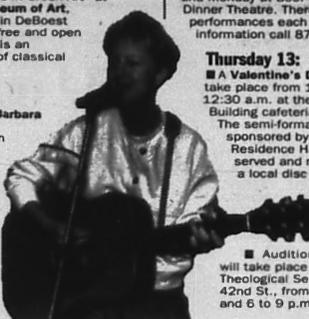
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Friday 21:

The Flirtations, an acappella group of six openly gay, politically active men based in New York City, will perform at the Madame Walker Theatre, 617 Indiana Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call 637-2906.

Sunday 23:

Auditions for My Fair Lady will take place today and Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Hedrick Theatre, located at 19th Street and Alabama Avenue. There will also be a need for a large stage crew as well. This is sponsored by Footlite Musicals, Inc. Contact Lucinda, 283-1736, or Jill, 636-5357 for more information.



Perspectives

Business major makes campus involvement a main priority

By AMY MAY, Sagamore Staff Writer

Marlene Franke leads a busy life. She is a full-time business student, in addition to being the president of the International Business Organization and the speaker of the House of Organizations. Being involved at IUPUI is a priority for her.



Franke likes the School of Business and thinks it is very different from other schools around the state.

"At first I was hesitant. I wanted to specialize in a particular area of business. IUPUI discourages that. They want us to get a broader view of the business world and not be so antisocial," she said. She has received a well-rounded education at the business school, with a major in finance as well as studying economics, international business and Japanese.

She said the faculty are a positive influence on her. They have been wonderful. They are always willing to be a friend and give a boost of morale to the students," she said.

Tom Lentz, associate dean, is one of her favorites, she said, and has helped her with many projects.

"How many deans would grab a hammer and help hang posters?" she said.

Franke doesn't think IUPUI students fit the stereotype of typical business people who wear three-piece suits.

"The students are very innovative. The business school teaches them to be," she said.

As president of the IBO, she thinks all business students can benefit from the group.

"We address each concentration of business from the international level. It gives students a broader view of business in the world today," she said.

One of Franke's responsibilities with the IBO is to find speakers, which is sometimes a problem.

"They always want a letter to invite them, and then, either they are too busy or we can't meet on that day," she said.

She has many things planned as speaker of the House of Organizations, which includes boosting attendance at the Metro's games and may be a contest between the competing schools. She is also into a book-swap to be coordinated with the bookstore, and a welcoming committee for new students.

"My only regret is that I only have a few months to do this," she said.

Franke will graduate in May, and she plans to look for a job in banking or stockbroking. She is also interested in going to Japan to teach English. In the future, she wants to open a firm that would help foreigners start a business in the United States.

"Whatever I do, I want to have interaction with people. I'm not much of a number-cruncher," she said.



Sagamore Photo/LAURA RICHARDSON

Members of Southwind, from left, Tom Thompson, drums; Jay Bragdon, bass guitar; Michael Joe Bowling, lead vocals/rhythm guitar; Kirby Jarvis, keyboards; and Allen Purdiebaugh, lead guitar.

COUNTRY

After establishing a local reputation, Indianapolis-based band, Southwind, is on their way to making a name for themselves on the national music scene.

By MARIE SMITH, Sagamore Staff Writer

Two years ago, Indiana's most promising young country band was told it couldn't set up its equipment on the same stage as the Marshall Tucker Band to do the opening act at a local bar.

But just a few weeks ago, Southwind was in Nashville to begin work on a demo tape at the same studio where the big shots like Alabama, Dolly Parton and Ricky Skaggs record their hit songs.

Michael Joe Bowling, lead singer and rhythm guitarist, remembers the incident when Southwind was working their way to the point they are now. "The owner of Cowboy's told the Marshall Tucker Band they could pack their bags and leave, that our band was good and we deserved to be on stage, not on the floor," said Bowling. "We ended up playing on the stage."

Since that time, Southwind has proven their musical abilities by taking first place in the country category in the 1990 Indiana Music Awards, packing the house wherever they play around town and continuing to reach for the "big time."

Their most recent trip to Nashville last month was by invitation from the owner of Treasure Isle recording studio, Fred Vail, who at one time was manager for the Beach Boys. This puts the five-member band one step closer to achieving their ultimate goal — to get signed with a record label.

"Our competition isn't local bands. We've got to compete against Restless Heart, Shinedown and Alabama," Bowling said. "That's our competition as far as we're concerned."

"We've got to be that good," he added. Southwind plans to get their foot in the door by completing an impressive six-song demo tape to push

to big record labels like RCA and Warner Brothers. Featured on this tape are originals like *Laid Back* and *She Didn't Tell Me*, both written by Bowling, and *Small Town Saturday Night*, which has already been released by country singer Hal Ketchum.

"I'm real optimistic. The group shows a lot of promise," said Vail, from his Nashville office. "Timing is everything. Right now, with country music growing as it is, the timing could be perfect for Southwind."

This isn't the first time Vail has worked with the group. In 1989, Southwind was in Nashville trying to put together their first demo tape. However, due to expenses, they were unable to complete the project.

"Now I think they're stronger and better prepared. They are just determined not to see a repeat of '89," said Vail.

But the band is eager to finish up the project this time, Bowling said.

"Country music is hotter right now than it's ever been," he said. "We don't just want to play the clubs. If I wasn't as serious as I am, I wouldn't be in it."

Bowling's vocal ability brings a style all its own to the band. Inspired by the likes of Elvis and Creedence Clearwater Revival, he projects a solid voice without sounding like other country singers.

"Singing is the one thing I do best," he said, adding that his parents are two of the best singers he has ever heard and heavily influenced his music career.

Vail said Bowling has what it takes to catch the attention of the ever-growing, young country audience. "I'm quite impressed with Michael as a lead singer and the band as a whole," he said.

Southwind will play at Union Station, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Feb. 12 and 26, and on March 18. They are also scheduled indefinitely for Thursday through Saturday nights at Fabiana, located at Sherman Drive and Southeastern Avenue.

"With Garth Brooks being so extremely successful, all of a sudden we're seeing a new group of people competing for this elusive crown. It's extremely uncommon to find a group and a lead singer that aren't copy cats," Vail said. "Mike has a unique voice. He's not a copy cat."

All members of Southwind are serious about their music, and even quit their full-time jobs to be able to devote more time to the band.

"This is one of the few groups that is unknown, unsigned and working at it full-time. But, that's what you've got to do," Vail said.

Drummer Tom Thompson, the only original member along with Bowling when the group started up five years ago, used to sing harmony, but now concentrates on keeping the beat. As a result, Bowling said his drumming has become much more solid.

Other band members contribute in their own ways to Southwind's polished sound.

Jay Bragdon, bass guitarist, sings harmony and keeps the audience going between songs, which provides Bowling the opportunity to give his voice a break. When on stage, Bragdon's spot is never overlooked, not only because of his talent, but the "Jay's Parking Only" sign attached to his microphone stand.

Keyboardist Kirby Jarvis is what Bowling calls the best musician in the band, with his "overwhelming musical and songwriting abilities."

The newest member, lead guitarist Allen Purdiebaugh, has only been with Southwind for two weeks, but Bowling said his harmonizing took the band by surprise.

"The only place he can go now is up," he said. The remaining steps for Southwind is to complete the demo tape within the next couple of months. This means more trips to Nashville to cut lead vocals and harmony.

"We're going in and doing our own thing," he said. In order to sell the demo, however, Vail said it takes a strong set of songs, plus the ability of the lead vocalist to deliver and feel the music.

"You can't fabricate how the song is presented. As long as we can put wrapping on the package, Mike is the bow," Vail said.

However, Bowling said, although there have been a lot of good times up to this point, he is still waiting for the peak of Southwind's career.

"We've set our goals so high that we haven't touched the high point yet," he said.

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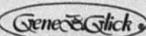
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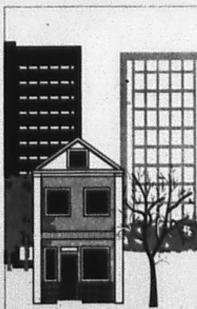
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Focus

When graduate Robert Fong finished his tour of duty in Saudi Arabia, he returned to his wife and family but coming home was only half the journey.

By STACEY MCARTHUR
Sagamore Staff Writer

When Bob Fong talks about Desert Storm, he gets a far-away look in his big brown eyes. A look that could say "That was the worse experience of my life," or, just as easily

"God, I wish I was back there." A look you could get lost in, for if you were standing there, right in front of him, he might not even see your image. He would probably be thinking back nine months ago to a time when he was forced to think of his death, life as a soldier, terrorist attacks, bombs and even the true meaning of friendship.

One of the reasons Fong hasn't completely returned home in spirit from the Middle East is because he knows that he could have easily died over there. That is hard to stop thinking about.

"That was a place you maybe would never come back from. A day before the war started, I watched as they were unloading caskets and body bags. You look at that and in your mind say 'I hope I never go home in one of those,'" said Fong, as he smoked one cigarette after another, a habit he had given up before Desert Storm.

"It's a different world of reality. The person is reduced to a base level of human, in a strange land. Each day you are alive, you are thankful," Fong added.

Protecting the Ports

Spending seven months in Daharan, Saudi Arabia, Fong's job was to protect a country, a people he had never met, to guard the coast and the sea ports of Dammam from commandos and terrorists. He rode on a small raider boat with four other men for eight hour shifts using vision glasses and radar screens to watch the shores.

"If those ports had not been protected, all military supplies could have taken a big hit," said Fong, a graduate student.

This job was not easy. Starting in mid-October, the desert gets colder. Temperatures went from 110 degrees to 40 degrees at night.

"No matter what we did, or how much clothing we wore, we were always cold and always wet," Fong said.

On the boat, Fong, an older man with thinning black hair with specks of gray, was always watching for the enemy.

"You never knew where they were. There are no defined lines in the ocean. For the Coast Guards, it was kind of like being a Vietnam vet because you didn't know who your enemies were, or where they were. If you are on the water, the enemy could come from underneath, the surface, the air, behind you, in small groups or large ones, at night or during the day."

The Scuds

While protecting those shores and being 8,900 miles away from his wife and two children, Fong thought of dying. Thoughts brought back each time he saw a Scud missile.

He was often awakened by the loud explosions of bombs. Scuds launched in the air. Patriots hitting the scuds. Boom! Remaining scuds hitting the ground. Boom! All the while, air raid sirens screeching through the sandy desert air.

Hear the sirens, know you have only minutes to put on a gas mask and a mop suit. Silence. Take the suit off, wait for another bomb.

"When the Scuds came, you never got an initial warning. The warning sirens would go off, but often you would see the bomb first in the sky, but you never knew where it would land," said Fong, adding that with those bombs, the soldiers never knew whether chemical or



Not quite

biological warfare would follow.

"I remember the first bomb." Fong's gaze is distant as he mentally returns to the picnic bench where he saw his first Scud. "It was 10:30 p.m., a couple of guys looked up into the sky and asked what the bright light was. We all looked at each other, and then heard the bomb."

"We ran for shelter, running the hallways yelling 'Scuds, Scuds.' Then, over the radio we were told to prepare for a chemical attack. We went bunkers, and once it was over, we knew we couldn't react that way anymore," he said.

"This mania made it impossible to relax. 'There might be a chemical attack on the next Scud. You never sleep, you lay down and your eyes are closed, but your brain never stops. You can hear anything out of the ordinary,'" he said, adding that even today it is hard for him to sleep peacefully through the night.

Once a bomb hit the mess tent where Fong stayed. An hour before breakfast, the tent was empty. Nobody died.

"When I first got there, I didn't want to die. But after a while I became ambivalent about death and didn't think of it. I only hoped that if it was my time, I would go quickly and not while I was alone," Fong said.

Friendships

The soldiers in Fong's camp would have been the ones to watch him die or die with him. His mind often goes back to these men he lived with, fought with and could have died with or for.

This bonding made any friend in the United States turn quickly into just an acquaintance, Fong said as he gazed off into the distance.

"Friends just aren't on the same level they were. I made Arab friends who didn't know me but would die for me. My friends from the military would have died for me," said Fong.

"When one human sacrifices himself for another in battle, there is no closer relationship." Some of those friends included Arabs. Fong worked with four Arab counterparts, who he described as shadows. They followed him, translated for him and read Arab documents.

"These were four guys who I trusted with my life. They even shared their food with us," said Fong, thinking of the men he had come to love, adding that he may never see them again.

Fear

The war, the threat of death, the new environment were all frightening to Fong. But he was a senior petty officer, which meant he



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(ABOVE) Bob Fong embraces his wife, Colleen, after his return from duty in the Gulf War. (LEFT) Fong has found his return a difficult transition. Although the war was often frightening and lonely, Fong misses the routine it brought. Often he returns to Saudi Arabia in his thoughts.

was in charge. His fears could not be shown. He was the strong one the others would lean on, complain to, be comforted by.

"I didn't have the luxury of showing my fears. We had younger ones, 17-, 18-, 19-years-old, away from home for the first time. One was at home going to school, just like many of the people at IUPUI. The next day, he had people trying to kill him," said Fong.

"They felt safer since we were there. We were like mommy and daddy," he added. "But we didn't have a place of security. It was a must for us to think, react, make decisions and use our own brains to keep us alive with no physical outlets."

Memories of Home

Although his thoughts had to remain on the war to keep him alive, Fong often thought of his wife and his two children, from whom he received cards and letters from time to time.

"When you get letters or packages from home, that is when you say, 'I don't want to lose this and God help the guy who gets between me and my family,'" said Fong.

In the gulf, the gold wedding ring from his wife served as a constant reminder of that family. Engraved on the ring in black lettering is the name Colleen - Fong's wife.

Missing his family caused Fong the most sorrow, but he said he often didn't have the luxury of thinking of them.

"You get a card and you look at it," he said, his hands holding an imaginary card, a look in his eyes that said he remembered how it felt to hold a piece of paper, but not the loved ones who sent it.

"You'd look at it and say, 'Yeah, I miss my family. I love them,'" he said. "But, now it is time to go back to work."

Coming Back

But in March, a time finally came when he could think about going home. The big man who had lost more than 60 pounds during Desert Storm was finally leaving for home.

To his surprise, the good-bye was hard. And even though his troop's theme song was "We Gotta Get Out of This Place," by the Animals, actually leaving the desert was hard.

"I was walking across the sand to the bus that would take us to the airplane, and my pace quickened, but my steps felt heavy and I thought 'This is the last time I'll ever see this place again.'" Fong's normally matter-of-fact voice softened.

When he left, he said good-bye to a place that caused him pain, friends that he loved, memories that pay fade, but will never be forgotten.

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Men and women needed for a Redken and Paul Mitchell Professional Hair Seminar to demonstrate the latest hairstyles. This is a great chance to get a hot new look from top international hair designers and work with a nationally known choreographer. Be a part of the midwest's largest hair and fashion show March 8-9 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. All participants will receive free products. For more information call Kelly at 1-800-551-4639

RESEARCH STUDIES

Healthy men, at least 21 years old, are needed to participate in research studies involving investigational drugs and devices. The studies will be conducted at the Lilly Clinic, Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

Interested persons must not currently be taking medicine or be able to stop taking any medicines for the duration of a study and up to 7 days prior to entering a study. They should be non-smokers or able to stop smoking for the duration of a study. Room and board is provided if the study requires overnight stays and reasonable payment may also be available..

Interested persons should call the clinic at 276-4948 for further information and details of payment for participation.