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The IUPUI Sagamore

Being confined to a wheelchair isn't all bad for senior Frank Epperson. He looks to bring home a gold medal in this year's Paralympics. **PAGE 8**

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Election contested; candidates receive 4 more hours

■ Presidential candidate said voting time error could have caused him to lose the election.

By **CHERYL MATTHEWS**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Bill Trafford's victory may be short-lived.

Unofficially elected president of the Undergraduate Student Assembly on April 4, Trafford's claim to the office has been contested by his opponent, Steve Sudler.

Because of an error by the election committee, voting times for April 4 were incorrectly listed in *The Sagamore*. Sudler said that error could have cost him the election.

"I think I contested the results because it is unfair that students who did not vote didn't get a chance," said Sudler, a junior majoring in organizational communications.

Since the polls opened two hours later than advertised, Sudler said many students who attend classes on Saturday mornings might have lost their chance to vote.

To correct the mistake, the election committee decided to offer students another chance to cast their ballot not only for president, but for each office this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the library foyer.

"Anyone who has not voted can come and vote for all candidates. One good spinoff on this is the focus it will make on non-voters. Everyone is shocked by the number of voters," said Mike Waggoner, director of the Office of Student Activities.

Only 388 students voted this year, compared to last year's election in which 606 voted.

"I distributed 2,400 pamphlets. I had personal contact with that many people. And only 388 responded. It's hard to understand why the remaining 20,000 students would let them (the 388 voters) make decisions about the quality of their lives on this campus for the next 12 months," said Trafford, a senior majoring in science.

Although Trafford said all students should have an opportunity to vote, he said he was disappointed in the turn of events.

"I'm disappointed but willing to go along with it," he said.

This week, Trafford plans to do a complete campaign blitz.

"I'm going to campaign to students during the week and on weekends. They will be my lifeline," he said.

Sudler also plans to spend this week campaigning.

"I plan on really focusing on those students who can vote on that Saturday,"

Jeff Mitchell, the third candidate for president was unavailable for comment.

Prank causes delays, disrupts routine

■ False fire alarms cost taxpayers money and students lost time.

By **CHERYL MATTHEWS** and **LEANNA WOODLEY**
Sagamore Staff Writers

With an open house taking place in the Engineering/Technology Building last Thursday, Ron Kelley needed every minute of time he could find to get the computer labs set up and ready.

Instead of going in and getting setup time, he spent the next 20 minutes standing around outside waiting for Fire Protection Services to give the all-clear signal.

At 10:51 a.m., someone pulled the fire alarm in the basement of the ET building.

"I'm behind on everything. I'm trying to set up a machine for a class that uses it tonight. This week is open house and I'm trying to get the labs open," said Kelley, a lab technician.

Although the all-clear to re-enter the building came at 11:12 a.m., Kelley still lost 20 minutes of setup time.

"You lose your train of thought and have to come back and start all over again," he said.

In 1991, 16 of these malicious false alarms brought fire engines and rescue squads racing onto campus. Four false alarms have occurred so far this year.

"It's an aggravation to us. Quite frankly, it really messes up the protection of everybody in the downtown area. It's a pretty irresponsible thing to do," said Lowell Black, coordinator of Fire Protection Services.

On this particular run, four fire engines, two aerial trucks, one rescue squad, a battalion chief, campus Fire Protection Services and two IUPUI police officers responded to the call.

Depending on the situation or the location, a campus electrician, plumber, or refrigeration specialist could be dispatched as well.

"A whole multitude of people come screaming in here when someone does this," said Dave Kelly, inspector for Fire Protection Services.

Since those units also service the city, other people in real need of help are left unprotected during false alarms.

Black said.

"Engine No. 1 and Truck No. 1 are part of the Tactical 1 Rescue team. While here on the alarm, they're not available to the city. They are the confined space rescue team, the only one in the city," Black said.

"Engine 13, Truck 13 and Rescue 13 make up the hazardous materials team. They were also unavailable to the rest of the city. Engine 7 is part of the Tactical 7 Rescue team. They are the water and rope rescue," he added.

In addition, false alarms disrupt the normal operation of a building, disrupt normal classroom procedures and cost students and/or taxpayers money, Black said.

"The city has an ordinance which assesses a fine for excess fire runs. In that particular ordinance, our cost for assessment is \$700," Black said.

Eventually the Indianapolis Fire Department could increase its fees for servicing the campus based on the numbers of false alarms and runs that are made.

To avoid that, the university contracted with the city to use the department's services, Kelly said.

Payment of that contract fee eventually finds its way to the students.

"It's all thrown back into the pot and it would filter down to all involved: the departments, the faculty and the students," Kelly said.

A Class B misdemeanor, maliciously setting false alarms carries a penalty of up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

"I'd love to catch them. We do occasionally. But they are opportunists; make sure the area is clear, find an easy exit and go," said Sgt. Gordon Eoff, IUPUI.

When the alarm went off, Tim Walsh was just getting out of class. Since he was just standing around in the hall, the 20-minute event didn't inconvenience him.

"It's definitely wrong. But the handles are there to pull," said Walsh, a senior construction technology major.

In the ET Building, all the fire alarms are the pull type. In some buildings, such as University Hospital, Riley Hospital and the Camous Facility Services, the alarms are glass-covered and must be broken before they can be set.

Actress graces Walker Theatre

■ Audrey Hepburn receives lifetime achievement award, promotes UNICEF's cause.

By **CHERYL MATTHEWS**
Sagamore Staff Writer

She stepped up to the microphone, her hair pulled sleekly back in a bun, her beauty still as evident at 62 as it was at 22.

Movie fans saw the actress who had graced the screen in "Sabrina," "Roman Holiday" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Philanthropists saw the woman who has dedicated herself to bettering the lives of children as the goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.

In town last Monday and Tuesday, Audrey Hepburn accepted the Sigma Theta Tau nursing society's first Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to world health.

Within the setting of the Madame Walker Theatre, the actress also accepted a key to the city from Mayor Stephen Goldsmith.

"And it's a proper key, not one of those plastic ones with holes that doesn't work. This is a very generous town and I can't even play basketball. And I'm hardly a wrestler," said Hepburn, whose visit to Indianapolis coincided with the Final Four basketball tournament.

"I shall use it, Mr. Mayor, so please don't change the locks," she added. Although her statement about basketball and wrestling were made jokingly, Lawrence Bruce told the audience Hepburn would do both to help children.

"If she had to play basketball or wrestle to help children, she'd be on the front lines doing just that," said Bruce, president of the U.S. UNICEF Committee.

"I have traveled the globe with this

woman. Her deep commitment and dedication is overwhelming. What you see is what you get," he added.

What the audience saw was a woman who placed the responsibility of making life good for children on the shoulders of the audience.

"Today, we stand at the crossroads. We must now plot a new course for the future and decide where children fit in. We have to recognize that children have not been the greatest priority, but they must be," she said.

A UNICEF aid recipient after World War II, Hepburn said she was not sure she would survive to see the end of that struggle.

"The choice between guns and bread during the Cold War was obvious. Now, we have a second chance," she added.

Through UNICEF, Hepburn has traveled to more than 128 countries, including Bangladesh, Vietnam and Ethiopia. Yet her efforts do not focus solely on children in other countries.

"Child poverty is on the rise in the United States. Even here, in a country that is a model, we are slow to realize that children do not benefit," Hepburn said. "We must build a safety net to catch these children before it's too late."

One of the builders of that safety net, UNICEF works with world leaders to reach such goals as a one-third reduction in children's deaths by the year 2000. One goal, worldwide immunization, was achieved last October.

"Eighty percent of the world's 1-year-olds are now immunized against the six childhood diseases — measles, tuberculosis, tetanus, whooping cough, diphtheria and polio," Hepburn said.

"But it's difficult to grasp the meaning of success until you look into the eyes of children," she added.

With 100 million children living on the streets of the world with only their courage, wits and dreams,



Sagamore Photo/DAVID LEE HARTLAGE
Last Monday at the Madame Walker Theatre, Audrey Hepburn outlines the plight of the world's children.

UNICEF faces a formidable task.

"Of the many problems UNICEF has to deal with, one of the worst enemies for children, is indifference," she said.

Her voice breaking, Hepburn took off her glasses, looked out over the audience and quoted Dickens: "In their little world in which children have

existence, nothing is so finely felt or perceived as injustice."

As the house rose to its feet in a standing ovation, Hepburn added to Dickens:

"Every child has the right to health, education, protection, tenderness and life."

Dental school instructor works to educate smokers

■ Arden Christen educates his classes on how to use the "teachable moment" to help patients quit smoking.

By **THOM DAWSON**

The dental students in Arden Christen's program learn to do more than just pull teeth and fill cavities. They learn to utilize the "teachable moment," the period of time that the patient is in the dental chair and the dentist has the full attention of that patient.

The teachable moment should be used to inform patients of gum cancer and other dangers attributed to smoking cigarettes, said Christen.

Christen, who quit smoking 23 years ago, has spent the last 22 years campaigning against smoking.

He was instrumental in the development of Nicorette gum in 1984, the Nicoderm patch last year and various smoking cessation programs.

they won't succeed if they don't have an understanding of why they smoke and what they're doing when they light up," he added.

Since 1964, studies have shown that 40 million people quit smoking. However, 3,000 children and teenagers start smoking each day.

Of the children who smoke, the average habitual smoker begins around the age of 12 or 13, but Christen added that even children ages 8 to 9 may try to smoke a cigarette.

Although education is the first step to combating the smoking problem, Christen's vision of the future is a program that will actually treat the smoking addiction.

A program that will utilize the patch, gum and education is being developed by the IU School of Dentistry and will begin in early May.

The Dental School will start the therapy on an outpatient basis, and IU Hospital will begin an in-patient therapy program as well.

Christen said heart and lung patients who are having surgery or cancer treatments need to have a smoking cessation program going at the same time.

Once surgery is complete, doctors shouldn't have the attitude that the patients will stop the habits that got them in the hospital in the first place, he said.

"They can't say 'You're cured, go out and sin no more,'" he added.

Smoking must be handled like any other addiction such as alcohol, drugs or overeating. The smoker, like the alcoholic, must overcome denial of addiction.

Like alcoholism, smoking is a long-term addiction that catches up to a person later on.

"The smoker pulls the trigger today, but the gun goes off 30 years later,"

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Campus housing improves, room rates increase

■ Remodeling and repairs of student housing will add such extras as new furniture, carpet.

By **AMY MAY**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Students who plan to live on campus this fall will pay more money for it.

An average rent increase of 4.88 percent has been approved by the IU Board of Trustees for the three campus housing units at IUPUI. The increase will go into effect July 1.

"The additional funding is needed because of increased operating costs," said David Paul, director of campus housing.

The reason that costs of campus housing have increased is the extensive repairs and remodeling that are in

ROOM FOR RENT

IUPUI proposes the following rate increases for campus housing during the 1992-93 school year.

BALL RESIDENCE	6%	GRADUATE TOWNHOUSES	5%
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE	5%	WARTHIN APARTMENTS	3.5%

Source/IU NEWS BUREAU

progress.

The building repair equipment reserves is a special fund used for major maintenance and remodeling. Under the Campus Housing 10 Year Plan, Warthin Apartments, Ball Residence and the Graduate Townhouses will all undergo extensive remodeling.

The university has borrowed the money to make the repairs, and the rate increase

will go into the fund to pay back the creditors in the next 10 years.

Some of the renovations that have been made are:

• An updated fire alarm system in Ball Residence, which was built in 1928.

• Repairing the roof of Ball Residence, which was damaged during a winter storm.

• Twelve kitchens in Warthin have been modernized, adding new appliances and dishwashers.

• Remodeling, with new furniture and carpeting at the International House.

• A \$20,000 landscaping project at the Graduate Townhouse Apartments.

• New vinyl siding and carpet at the Graduate Townhouses, and,

• Plans to make all of the units in Campus Housing accessible to the disabled.

"We are also planning to add central heating and air to Ball Residence in the next couple of years," said Paul.

It also takes a lot of money to maintain students programs, such as the International House and the Residents' Life Program, added Paul.

The Residents' Life Program helps

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Student Organizations

Student Assembly USA reschedules polling for student election

An ad in *The Sagamore* prior to the Undergraduate Student Assembly elections incorrectly stated that the Cavanaugh Hall polling place would be open on April 4, from 8 a.m. to noon. The polls were actually open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Because of this error by the election committee, the USA will open an additional polling place at the entrance to the University Library on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon. Votes cast by qualified undergraduate voters who have not already voted in this election will be counted and added to the previously tabulated results.

There will be a candidate forum to meet and hear the candidates in the Library Courtyard Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Black Student Union Group recognizes its first annual Black Greek Week

The Black Student Union presents: "A Unified Effort Always Ensures Success: the Choice is Yours." The first annual Black Greek Week will include a week of seminars.

Greek Week Schedule:

■ April 13 - KAPPA ALPHA PSI, "Minority Owned Business." 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., LY 318.

■ April 14 - ALPHA PHI ALPHA, "Opening the Doors of Opportunity." Noon to 2 p.m., LY 318.

■ April 15 - DELTA SIGMA THETA, "Female/Male Relationships," speaker: Vivian Gordon, professor in the Department of Sociology from SUNY-Albany. Movie: *Hand That Rocks the Cradle*. 9 p.m., 617 Indiana Ave., \$2.

■ April 16 - OMEGA PSI PHI, "Scholarship Enhancement & Master's Degree Preparation," speaker: John Norfleet, educator. Noon to 2 p.m., LY 318. * Register for free diagnostic master's test from Ronkin Group.

■ April 17 - ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, "STD Awareness." Noon to 2 p.m., LY 318.

■ April 18 - BSU, IUPUI vs. Butler basketball game. 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Butler's West Gym. Cost is \$1. Following the game, an informal gathering will take place at Butler's Holcomb Gardens.

■ April 19 - DELTA SIGMA THETA, "Bringin' Out Da NEO! party." \$3 (\$2 for Greeks) charge. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Union Building.

Progressive Union Groups focus on violations of human rights in prisons

Progressive Student Union, POLSA and Afro-American Studies are hosting a discussion on: "Human Rights Violations in Prisons."

The five-month-old lockdown at the Pendleton Reformatory will be the focus of a discussion on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 102.

The discussion will be led by Achebe Lataef, a former prisoner, a member of the African National Prison Organization, and an activist on community affairs as well as prison issues.

It will be preceded by a showing of Cinda Firestone's classic documentary *Attica*, which depicts the 1971 rebellion and massacre at Attica. For more information, call 274-1464.

Student Activities Programming Board



Aissa Smith and Elvis Shields, members of the Student Activities Programming Board, receive the Student Organization of the Year award, presented at the Student Activities Award Banquet last Thursday.

Service Fraternity Chapter promotes leadership, help to humanity

By LEANNA WOODLEY
Sagamore Staff Writer

When most people think of a fraternity, they are likely to envision wild toga parties. The Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity does not have toga parties. This national fraternity is a service fraternity and its main purpose is to develop leadership, promote friendship and provide service to humanity. The organization is founded upon the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

The IUPUI chapter was granted a charter from the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity April 1968, becoming the Tau Omicron Chapter of APO. Twenty-four students pledged the fraternity. Membership was limited to males at that time. Eventually the chapter went inactive, but in 1991 two students, Elvis Shields and Colleen Floyd, revived the chapter. They soon recruited three other students. The five members then organized the fall and spring rushes. Now the chapter is thriving.

Gigi Roach, senior adviser for the IUPUI chapter, has been an active member of APO for 15 years; joining when she was a student at Purdue University. "This is not a social fraternity," Roach said. "In fact, the national fraternity won't allow the chapters to have houses. However, each chapter has maximum flexibility as to the projects it chooses to participate in," she added. The three cardinal principles, leadership, friendship and service are the leading forces behind the fraternity she said.

"We want to develop our leadership. Here at IUPUI we have leadership positions such as president, vice president, service, community, financial, and committee chairmanships. Also, the fraternity on the sectional, regional, and national levels have leadership development programs, as well as a Chapter President Workshop for potential leaders. The workshop uses the Boy Scouting Development Program, but it has been retooled for APO," said Roach. "The friendship of the fraternity is the tie that

binds everyting together; we are brothers, and we are friends. The fraternity goes beyond the run of the mill student organization," she said.

The third principle of the fraternity is service and the IUPUI chapter is definitely service oriented. Painting canoes racks at the Boy Scout's Camp Belzer, clearing trails and digging ditches at the Camp Bradford, holding food drives, providing Coats for Kids, organizing a blood drive, and stuffing envelopes for the Prevention of Child Abuse Center are just some of the activities that the fraternity is involved in.

"We just initiated nine new pledges, they are very gung ho and very dedicated to improving the chapter," said Roach. Pledges are new members. "Pledgeship is nine weeks long. During that time the pledges learn about the organization and must perform at least 5-10 hours of service work. After the nine weeks there is an Activation Ceremony. It's a very dignified ceremony in which the pledges are given their active pins and welcomed into the chapter. There's a banquet and dance afterward," said Colleen Floyd, president of the IUPUI chapter. There are currently 32 members active. When the chapter was activated in the fall of 1991, there were only five members. One frustration for Floyd is how to get the word out about the fraternity. According to university rules, neither individuals nor organizations may hand out flyers or hang up posters around the campus said Floyd.

Floyd credits the chapter's advisers for much of the success of the past year.

"Nathan Brindle is a big help, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty as an adviser. He's great," she added.

Some future projects for the coming year include a Chapter Programming Conference and working with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Indianapolis. The plans for the summer and fall rush are currently being made and elections will take place April 17. If you are interested in joining Alpha Phi Omega, call Nathan Brindle at the Office of Student Activities, 274-3931.

"The friendship of the fraternity is the tie that binds everyting together; we are brothers, and we are friends."

Gigi Roach
Senior Adviser
of Alpha Phi Omega

School of Music Ensemble presents music from African Diaspora

The IUPUI African-American Choral Ensemble is hosting music from the African Diaspora, April 23 at 8 p.m., in Lecture Hall 101. Folk spirituals, arranged spirituals, praise, inspirational and urban contemporary gospel music will be performed.

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

Theatre Students direct original one act plays

An evening of original One Act Plays will open in the IUPUI Studio Theatre in the Mary Cable Building on Thursday with performances through Saturday. All curtain times are at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door.

Storm and Driving takes its title from the English translation of the German expression "Storm and Stress". The power of love and the human spirit battles the darker side of life as one man deals with the pain triggered by the death of his son. Alcoholism fuels his rage and, in turn, causes the accidental death of his youngest daughter. He is transported into the future and forced to see the results of his actions and returned to the past with a second chance to set things right.

The Players unmask the meaning and value of friendship as it addresses the ultimate human tragedy, suicide. A young man seeks to restore balance in his life after the discovery of his father's suicide. His search gives new meaning to the life of an aging actor and new hope to a despairing young woman.

For more information, call the IUPUI Theatre Department at 274-2095.

Max•Well Program honors April as 'cancer control' month

The IUPUI Wellness Program is recognizing April as Cancer Control month. Healthcheck: "Shopper's Fair - Cancer, Control Information" is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in BS, second floor.

Drop by the table any time during the scheduled period. Browse through the information available and take what you find helpful. Pamphlets and brochures include detection and prevention tips for the following types of cancer: breast, colon, colorectal, esophagus, gall bladder, larynx, liver, lung, prostate, skin, stomach, testicular, uterine. Some literature pertains to gender-specific types of cancer.

In honor of Secretary's Day, an informational flyer is available to assist employees with tips for stress management and/or reduction.

For more information, call Max•Well activities at 274-0610.

Literacy Awareness Corps encourages students to help increase literacy

The "Campus Wide Literacy Awareness Event" will take place April 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the University Library. Diane Willis, co-anchor for WRTV Channel 6 News, will address faculty and students at 11:30 a.m. Mike Rayburn, contemporary recording artist and entertainer from Nashville, Tenn., will be performing.

Students are encouraged to bring a lunch, and learn how they can get involved in literacy on their campus. For more information, call 274-6845.

Islam: and the African American Experience

Friday • 7:30 to 9 p.m. • LE 100
Call 839-8581
for more information

days

A guide to campus activities for the week of April 13

Today

■ The Finance Club is hosting a meeting from noon to 1:15 p.m. in BS 4093. Marjorie H. O'Laughlin, state treasurer, will speak on: "How the State Treasury is Run." Lunch will be provided. For more information, call David Dvohobl at 897-6502.

■ Career & Employment Services is sponsoring the "Get the Job You Want" seminar, featuring David Swanson, nationally acclaimed job expert of the "What Color is Your Parachute?" international workshop team. The lecture is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in LE 101. For more information, call 274-2554.

Tuesday 14

■ Students for Choice is sponsoring a panel discussion on: "Women & AIDS from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in LE 103. Virginia Caine, medical director of Bell Flower Clinic, Stephanie Sanders, assistant director of Kinsey Institute, Monica Medina, executive director of the Hispanic Center, and Ann Kurth, lifecare program coordinator from Methodist Hospital will be the guest speakers. For more information, call Cindy Carley at 924-4612.

Wednesday 15

■ The Advocate is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in BS 4088. Chris Gonzalez, director of

the Indianapolis hotline, will be speaking.

The Advocate functions to promote better understanding and to support gay, lesbian and bisexual issues.

■ The Student Activities Programming Board is sponsoring Steve 'Trash' from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of the University Library. The IUPUI Jazz Band will be performing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 274-3931.

■ International House is sponsoring the Race & Ethnicity Discussion Group. The meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. in the International Commons, Warthin

Apartments, second floor. Call 274-5024 for more information.

Thursday 16

■ The Muslim Student Association is sponsoring: "Abortion & the Islamic Perspective," from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in LE 102.

For more information, call Uzma Unus at 839-8581.

Friday 17

■ Interservice Christian Fellowship is hosting a movie night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in LE 104. All are welcome to attend. Watch for posters to find out what movie will be shown. Call Rebecka Renfro at 357-8164.

■ African Students are meeting for an International Coffee Hour from 4 to 6 p.m. in International Commons, Warthin Apartments, second floor. For more information, call 274-5024.

■ Alpha Phi Omega is meeting at 6:30 p.m. in BS 4087. Elections will be held for the 1992-93 year.

Saturday 18

■ Newman Center is meeting for Easter Vigil Mass at 9 p.m. The group will meet at St. Bridget's Day Care Center, second floor, 813 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

For more information, call 632-4378.

Awards banquet recognizes top faculty, administrators, students

William Garrett Awards given to students who "go the extra mile."

By **CHERYL MATTHEWS**
Sagamore Staff Writer

From its humble beginnings as an afternoon tea to a catered awards ceremony, the Student Activities Award Banquet continues to honor students, faculty and administrators who went the extra mile during the year.

"Eighteen years ago, the vice president of the Student Association, Denise Booher Walker, wanted some way to recognize the students who had done extra service and outstanding work," said Mike Wagoner, director of the Office of Student Activities.

"She persuaded them (student government) to have a Sunday afternoon tea late in the semester. It was very small, but a nice affair with cake and certificates," he added.

Guests at this year's award ceremony still got cake and certificates, but outstanding students, faculty and administrators also got engraved plaques

and dinner catered by the Marriott Corp. "It's a real chance to say thank you to people who have carried the load during the year. It does help tie students to faculty," Wagoner said.

"That's so important, especially on a large campus where there's not much opportunity for personal interaction," he added.

Delivering the opening address for the awards, Chancellor Gerald Bepko described IUPUI as a model urban university rapidly becoming the talk of higher education.

Bepko cited student leadership as an important part of that learning process. "Another part of learning is student leadership. They provide the ingredients necessary to move the campus forward," Bepko said.

"This year is especially important. A little less than two years ago, we had a renaissance in student activities. It's the beginning of a golden era where students have more part in their education," he added.

Although the focus of the evening was students, many faculty and administrators also present and received recognition.

Among the top awards were:

- Top Administrator Award given to Karen Marks, Career and Employment Services.
- Outstanding Educator Award given to Ain Hass, Department of Sociology.
- Student Organization of the Year awarded to the Student Activities Programming Board.
- Faculty Adviser of the Year award given to Beverly Ross and Marchusa Huff, senior nursing advisers.
- Howard G. Schaller Award given to Paul Nagy, Center for American Studies.
- Extra Smile Award given to Nevada Wilkins-Stone, School of Nursing.
- John Whitesell Award for Professional Staff awarded to Helen A. Henard, School of Liberal Arts.
- Senator of the Year given to Laura Plik, School of Liberal Arts.
- Representative of the Year given to Joe Williams, Campus Singles.
- IUPUI Campus Achievement Award given to Melisa Lalich, president of the Undergraduate Student Assembly.
- Lola L. Lohse Faculty Appreciation Award given to Linda R. Brothers, School of Engineering/Technology.
- Special Certificates of Achievement



During the 18th Annual Student Activities Award Banquet, Rande Pollock, vice president of the Undergraduate Student Assembly, hands Laura Plik the Senator of the Year Award. Plik was one of many students honored for their service to the IUPUI community and their work with organizations. Faculty and administrators received awards, as well.

Sagamore Photo/LAURA RICHARDSON

given to Melisa Lalich, LaTheda Njoman and Rande Pollock, and

■ William Garrett Awards given to students Melisa Lalich, Dave Hanson, Kevin Lackey, Alan Tucker, Teresa Wiley and Todd Strom.

The William Garrett award is named after the former assistant dean for Student Services who always encouraged students to excel in school.

and reach their greatest level of achievement.

The awards are presented to the five most deserving students who have devoted their time to worthwhile projects during the school year for the betterment of the campus. These students have demonstrated leadership and service.

Three selection committees chose

the award recipients from nominations received from around the campus community.

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Students, faculty share responses, ideas on writing in progress

As faculty and students from all eight IU campuses met to share ideas on how to interact with writing, participants viewed three conferencing models.

By **CHERYL MATTHEWS**
Sagamore Staff Writer

In front of 60 students and faculty from the eight IU campuses, Julie Champagne took a risk and let Cynthia Randolph read aloud a rough draft of her literary review paper.

"It's a different feeling to have it read out loud. One-on-one is much different from a whole audience," said Champagne, a freshman in the School of Liberal Arts.

As Randolph, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center, read the paper, she made comments and observations on her own reaction to Champagne's work.

MODELING CONFERENCE

This demonstration was one of three conferences modeled for participants in the Inter-campus Committee on Writing and Assessment of Writing on April 3 in the Lecture Hall.

"There are not many opportunities for both students and faculty to talk together about things that matter," said Barbara Cambridge, chairperson of the committee and coordinator of advanced writing at IUPUI.

GRADES VERSUS IDEAS

This all-day event explored ways students and faculty can respond to writing in progress and benefit from those responses before judgment, in the form of a grade, is passed.

"Judgment needs to be put off as long as possible. Make suggestions, not definitive statements," said Bob Otten, professor of English at IU-Kokomo and a reactor to the conferencing models.

In each conference modeled, the papers read or discussed were rough drafts, not the finished product.

"That's when the conversion can be really

useful. Grades can just get in the way. Students need to learn to apply the comments," Cambridge said.

In the first conferencing model, Richard Fredland, chairman of the Department of Political Science, and Steve Peck, a senior political science major, interacted on Peck's four-part series on Nicaragua.

Questioning Peck on his motives and reasons for writing the article, Fredland's approach placed an emphasis on the teacher's responsibility to know the subject matter and to stimulate the student to expand his reasoning, said Keith Morran, professor in the School of Education.

"That style could be threatening for some students. It's important that the questions and challenges be geared to the student's level," Morran said.

COACHING

In the third demonstration, Eleanor Turk, history professor from IU-East, departed from the traditional role of teacher and became a coach, walking her student, Becky

McClure, through her story, questioning and advising.

"Overall, it (the model) used questions, direct feedback and more guidance. It required more of a mentor-type relationship," Morran said.

However, he cautioned students to be careful not to become just mirror images of their teachers' styles.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

A student from IU-Kokomo, Patricia Berry also served as a reactor to the three conferencing models.

Taking the student's perspective, Berry said conferencing should not be understated.

"Most students don't realize when they have the opportunity to conference, that it implies a responsibility on the student's part. They should come to this conference with an open-minded attitude and a degree of preparation," Berry said. "It would be wonderful if every student who wrote a paper could conference. Time doesn't allow that. But several reactions at various stages would

be beneficial."

Students in Cambridge's writing classes get those reactions at various stages of their papers.

"What Cynthia and Julie did onstage, we do in my class all the time. It's a pretty standard way of responding to writing on this campus," Cambridge said.

FOUR ISSUES

In all three models, Otten said four issues seemed to occur:

- Environment — the physical relationship of the people who are conferencing.
- Context — a movement toward routine conferencing that becomes part of the process, not just when the student is in trouble.
- Tone — trust between the people doing the conferencing and an implicit and explicit statement of the instructor's appreciation of what the student is doing.
- Articulation of judgment — getting at the ideas that matter first and letting form and style come later.

FRIENDS

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They don't become close or part of our world;
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We do become close and share the pulse of the heart beat;
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Because what keeps us forever as one, is the spirit within.

Dedicated to Kim
From Monica

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VA Hospital

Recent movie portrays VA hospitals negatively, but patients give hospital high marks in survey

Staff members say the movie "Article 99" unjustly portrays the VA hospital in a negative light.

By PATRICE HARTMANN
Sagamore Staff Writer

Never judge a book by its cover. That's what some staff members at the Richard Roudebush VA Medical Center, IUPUI's next-door neighbor, are saying these days.

Due to a fictional movie released recently, the words "veterans hospital" have conjured up in some people's minds the images of inadequate care, budget cuts and apathy.

In the film "Article 99," a band of renegade young doctors, in a rebellion against bureaucratic red tape and areas of general neglect, stage a takeover of a fictitious veterans hospital.

But at the VA Medical Center, such images are far from reality, staff members say. And a survey released recently by hospital administrators supports their claims.

Hospital gets high marks

In the survey, approximately 800 to 1,000 former patients of the hospital were interviewed regarding the care they had received during 1990 and 1991.

The survey, administered by the Indiana University Survey Research Lab in Bloomington, showed that over 90 percent of the respondents rated the VA Medical Center as good or excellent.

In addition, over 94 percent said they would recommend the Indianapolis VA Medical Center to other veterans.

"That's a pretty high satisfaction rate," said Ralph Gighiotti, health systems specialist for the hospital. "We were pretty pleased overall with the results."

Established in 1952, the West 10th Street division is an addition to the original VA Hospital on Cold Springs Road, which was built in 1932.

The hospital primarily serves low-income military veterans, as well as veterans who have sustained injuries or

illness directly resulting from their military service, said John Henneman, public affairs specialist for the medical center.

Medical students help veterans

In addition to medical care, the hospital also acts as a training school for the IU School of Medicine. Many medical and nursing students serve clinical rotations at the hospital, receiving hands-on training while helping out veterans in need of medical assistance.

Eric Knoll, a resident surgeon in ear, nose and throat surgery and an IU medical school graduate, likes the opportunity to help older veterans.

"This is one of our better rotations," he said. "We like coming over here." "As far as how Hollywood portrays VA hospitals, this is nothing compared to what you see in the movies," Knoll said.

The hospital has a sharing/training agreement with the IU schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Allied Health. In fiscal year 1991, a total of 1,165 trainees rotated through the Medical Center for part of their training.

Patients face long waits

Although the hospital may be much acclaimed by some, it is not without its problems, said Homer Minnick, a World War II veteran and a native of Linton, Ind.

Minnick, who drives over 90 miles from his home to receive treatment at the hospital, remarked about the long waits in line at the hospital pharmacy, as well as in the outpatient area.

"You have to wait and wait and wait," Minnick said. "Sometimes you have to wait for an hour before a doctor gets done with you and the nurse comes back around and gives you your prescription."

Then he has to go to the pharmacy area and sometimes wait even longer, he said.

On his most recent visit, it took nearly two hours from the time he

got done seeing a doctor to the time he got his prescription.

Henneman acknowledged that some problems exist in the clinical areas of the hospital. Once a new wing currently under construction is finished, such hassles will be eliminated, he said.

All the clinics, as well as the emergency room, will be housed in the new building, facilitating a better flow between different outpatient services, he said. A new parking garage will make the new building more accessible.

"The biggest concerns we have are in the waiting time in the outpatient areas," Henneman said.

The new facility will help offset that problem, he added.

Renovations underway

Both the West 10th St. and the Cold Spring Road divisions are currently undergoing facelifts to the tune of about \$94 million.

The West 10th St. portion of the renovation includes a four story addition to the southwest side of the main building. Some services will be relocated and renovated within the main building to correct space deficiencies.

Some improvements will help to:

- Consolidate outpatient clinics on the first floor with outpatient pharmacy and canteen,

- Provide state of the art equipment in clinical areas, and

- Provide future expansion for the Radiology department above the Emergency and Evaluation and Pharmacy areas.

The new parking garage, which will be located to the east of the new clinical addition, is expected to be completed by the end of 1993.

Three year accreditation

The Medical Center has received a full three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care

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**Eric Knoll
Resident Surgeon**

Organizations in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission on Accreditation works to improve the quality of health care institutions through voluntary accreditation.

The VA Medical Center received a score of 91 in the hospital accreditation program, 9 percentage points higher than the private sector national average score.

High marks were also received in two other program areas. The hospital was awarded a perfect 100 in home-care and 98 in long-term care.

Overwhelmed by patients

In the early 1980s, the VA hospital served nearly 100,000 outpatients a year, Henneman said. Today, that figure stands at about 150,000.

"We actually got overwhelmed on outpatient care because our care was so good," he said.

Sometimes, patients would come to the hospital from miles away for surgery. Then instead of going back to their primary service area for follow-up treatment, they would return to the Indianapolis hospital.

"There were some people who were bypassing other VAs to come here," Henneman said.

"Their care was so good they came an extra 100 miles to come down here to be seen just because they said it was the best care they've ever had," he said.

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In accordance with Indiana University's new policy on access to data, a new set of computer systems and screens are being made available to students, faculty, and staff.

These systems will provide greater and more timely access to such University data as student records and the class schedule.

Although some systems are still under development, users of campus computer

unique academic characteristics in mind. This system will create a "mock", conflict-free schedule which can serve as a guide based on the latest course offerings, up to 4 weeks before early registration.

Such items as the student's major, class standing, and school, as well as pertinent University policies, and course co-requisites (i.e. if a lab, lecture, or recitation must be taken with a selected section), are all considered with each course section selection. Because of a variety of complexities, prerequisites for courses are not incorporated in this system as a screening tool.

Based on these "personalized" characteristics, the system helps the student select the best, conflict-free schedule available and receive a "mock" schedule. And yes, this is an important distinction. For as all experienced students know, a great class schedule plan from last Friday may not mean much when Tuesday or Wednesday rolls around and half of your classes are taken. Even the Personalized Schedule of Classes system can't perform miracles.

This system won't register a student for any sections, as is now done through in-person and touchtone registration. It will simply allow a student to select from and balance available courses which the student is authorized to take.

It is hoped that students will enjoy and take full advantage of this opportunity to construct their class schedule first-hand and online, knowing that the schedule they're building will guide them through upcoming registrations with the best available information and a minimum of surprises.

More articles are being planned to bring students up-to-date on how the Registrar's Office is putting computer technology to work providing more and better information faster, in the right place, and at the right time.

Russell Vertner is the associate registrar of systems in the Office of the Registrar.

Smoking

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Christen said. More than 434,000 deaths yearly are directly linked to smoking: 1,200 of those deaths occur daily.

Imagine two 747 jets, filled to capacity, crashing every day of the year. People would be alarmed at the number of deaths, but they don't realize that the same number die daily from smoking, Christen said.

The person Christen said he hopes to reach is the hard-core smoker, who truly enjoys smoking, who smokes more than 25 cigarettes a day, and who wants to quit.

The past year has seen the number of women who smoke surpass that of men.

Nicotine is a mood-controlling drug. Because most smokers are not future oriented, said Christen, they live day-to-day and worry about what they can do to get through their routine stress. They believe the cigarettes help them get through the day.

Even when a person realizes that a

smoking cessation program is needed, it is instinctual to defend the habit.

"It's an internal mind game," said Christen.

Although many smokers complain about the cost of programs such as this, Christen estimates that the patch and therapy cost less than two packs of cigarettes a day from a vending machine.

"People have got to realize they pay twice for smoking," he said.

"They pay once for the cigarettes and a second time with future health problems."

Christen's smoking cessation program will last 10-12 weeks, with one change at the beginning of the program.

In order to reach a larger number of smokers, Lifetime Television-Network has taped Christen for the show, "Smoking Cessation: Investigator's Roundtable," which will be aired a total of eight times in April.

The show deals with IU Dental School's role in helping to develop the Nicoderm patch.

Lifetime's program is estimated to reach 19.5 million consumers, 180,000 of which are dentists.

Housing

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students make the transition from home to campus life.

Counselors help the students with academic problems and also help manage the houses.

Another expense that is not included in the Reserves Fund is daily general maintenance, such as fixing stopped drains or replacing light bulbs.

Campus Housing spent \$144,500 on general maintenance alone last year. "It takes a lot of money to maintain

these facilities," said Paul. "But IUPUI housing is self-supporting."

According to the Association of College Housing Officers, IUPUI is below average on costs for on-campus housing in this part of the country.

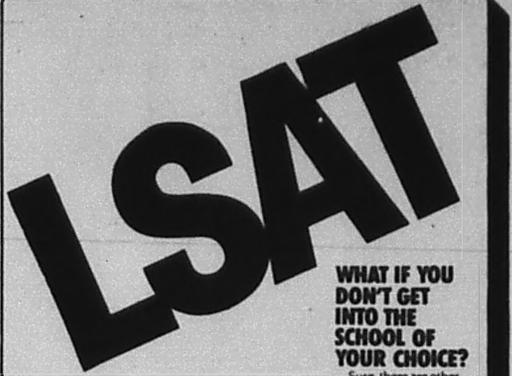
The average, yearly price for a non-air conditioned double room is \$1,864 per year in the Great Lakes Region.

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"That's comparing us to all the big-ten schools," said Paul.

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The "Menu Driven Schedule of Classes" is available to all interested viewers: students, faculty, staff, and visitors without the need for a special logon ID or password. This system contains the standard schedule of classes information such as the day, time, location, and instructor (if available) for a given class. A semester's schedule is available online approximately four weeks before early registration.

Students and faculty alike will appreciate the "seats available/seating capacity" statistics that are updated to dynamically reflect both in-person and telephone registration activity.

The strongest registration aid for students is the "Personalized Schedule of Classes". As the name implies, this system requires input of a student's ID and PIN number, then tailors all subsequent interaction with the student's

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Briefly Noted

Nursing faculty members open their homes for tours to establish scholarship

Eight faculty with the IUPUI School of Nursing plan to open their historic downtown homes to tours by the public.

The homes are located in Lockerbie Square, Old Northside and Herro-Morton.

Tickets are sold for \$15 and come with a brochure that gives a

historic overview of the neighborhoods and descriptions of the homes on tour.

Proceeds from tours will help establish a scholarship for IUPUI nursing students living in downtown Indianapolis.

For more information and to reserve tickets, call 274-1545.

Family Service Association offers training to parent aide volunteers

Family Service Association will offer training for persons willing to volunteer as aides to parents who need special support.

The training will give volunteers information on how to be helpful to parents who are experiencing difficulties in caring for their children and managing their lives.

Volunteers can commit two to four hours per week for at least six months.

Training for the program will begin Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Family Service Association, 615 N. Alabama.

For more information, call Barbara Netzke at 634-6341.

Annual health fair seeks volunteers to assist with fitness-education event

The ninth annual IUPUI Fitness Day Health Fair will take place May 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A tent will be set up north of the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

The fair will provide students, faculty and staff an opportunity to

learn about health and improve fitness levels.

Volunteers are needed to host some of the booths and distribute raffle tickets.

Students interested in being volunteers can call Cheryl Gilmore at 274-8338.

Former prisoner to discuss human rights violations at Pendleton Reformatory

The five-month lockdown at the Pendleton Reformatory will be the focus of a discussion Wednesday.

Cinda Firestone's documentary, "Attica", which depicts the 1971 rebellion at the prison, will be

shown before the discussion.

Achebe Lateef, a former prisoner and activist on prison issues, will lead the discussion, which is at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall Room 102.

Senior associate of POLIS to discuss suburbanization of Indianapolis

Lamont Hulse of POLIS will discuss the suburbanization of Indianapolis at the UrbanAgenda, which is a continuing series of

discussions on issues affecting the city.

They meet at the Associated Group at 120 Monument Circle.

Grad students visit Florida; help runaway teens in need

■ Newman Center social workers give teens much needed care and attention; help them get off the streets.

By DIETRICK LARGE
Sagamore Staff Writer

A group of students from the Newman Center saw firsthand what happens to kids who run away and don't make it.

Over spring break, 10 students spent the week in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., volunteering at a teen-age crisis intervention center, Covenant House.

Lorrie Kramer, a graduate student, made the trip hoping to gain a better understanding of the problems young runaways experience.

What she found shocked her into the realization that the problems were greater than she ever could have anticipated.

"The kids we saw were fighting for their lives," said Kramer.

These teen-agers come from dysfunctional families and head for the streets as a refuge. Many already live in Fort Lauderdale, but some come there from out of state for the excitement a beach life can give.

In order to survive, many of the kids have resorted to selling drugs or their own bodies for sex, said Kramer.

While there, these students ate with the teenagers, went to recreational events, and talked with them.

"Basically the kids wanted attention. They just wanted someone willing to listen to them," said Kramer.

"It was an opportunity to reach out

for their welfare," said Carolyn Kamp, a graduate student with a masters in social work.

"When the kids come to the house they're filthy and dirty. Most of them come in off the streets with only the clothes they have on," said Kamp.

Once at the Covenant Center, the teens shower and wash their clothes because the social workers at the Center have the theory that dirt breeds dirt, and keeping the teens clean will help them raise their self-respect.

The IUPUI students also attempted to help the teens with their self-confidence.

While there, these students ate with the teenagers, went to recreational events, and talked with them.

"Most of these kids have been preyed upon by people who have no regard

and share a part of ourselves with kids desperate for attention and care," added Kramer.

By the time most of the kids reach the shelters, they are desperately in need of help because they have exhausted all of their other resources.

But, the teens at the Center helped Kamp as much as she helped them. Working with the kids rekindled her interest in helping teen-agers in the social work field.

Before the trip, she had been burned out from working in the child welfare office.

"Sometimes when you work in those kinds of situations, things look hopeless," said Kamp.

But seeing the workers at the Covenant Center with the kids, even though they also faced burn-out, helped her understand that this stress was just a part of her job.

Corrections

The March 30 issue of *The Sagamore* stated that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago and the University of California-Berkeley had no intercollegiate athletic programs.

All of these institutions have an intercollegiate program.

In addition, the funding required to move IUPUI from the NAIA to the NCAA Div. II would be approximately \$75,000 to \$125,000. The total budget of the

athletic program would be \$500,000, including the NCAA Div. II move.

The Sagamore regrets the errors. Corrections should be type-written, if possible, and sent to:

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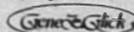
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Sagamore
Opinion

CHERYL MATTHEWS
Editor in Chief

The IUPUI
Sagamore
Locked out again

Many students at the art school can't finish their work during class and can't come back at night because the building is closed.

Some students who are trying to finish their work on time feel that the Herron School of Art is closing the door on their efforts... literally.

The Herron School of Art's policy that requires its doors be closed to the public (and students) every night at 11 p.m. is causing students problems.

Citing security as the reason for the early closing, William Voos, dean of Herron, sent IUPUI a letter saying no student could be in the building after 11 p.m. Posted in the halls of Herron, that letter resulted from problems the school had with theft. There was also a concern for the safety of students working with machinery.

Unlike the main IUPUI campus, Herron does not have security guards unless they are hired for a private function. After midnight, the IUPUI patrol the Herron campus two to three times per night.

"We've tried to keep it (doors) open later," said Voos, "but we've had problems with the doors being propped open."

Students left the doors to the building open, causing a security and safety hazard.

Voos has discussed with IUPUI ways of correcting the problem and said he is "still checking."

However, Voos has problems justifying the extra cost it would take to patrol the area before midnight for such a small number of students and still wants to maintain his students' safety.

While we appreciate the dean's concern for student safety, Herron's overcrowding calls for special measures.

Since there is only a limited amount of resources, early closing causes problems for certain students. For example, pottery classes have seven pottery wheels with more than 50 pottery students. Simple math dictates that not every student will get on a wheel during class.

Also, for students working other jobs, taking care of families, 11 p.m. may be the best time to begin their schoolwork.

However, these students aren't allowed in the building.

With Voos' approval, they could be.

Perhaps the student council could conduct a fund-raiser to hire a private security guard for those times when students need to be in the building. Voos has worked with other schools that have had 24-hour access and "roving patrols" — programs that worked well.

It seems like this kind of program could alleviate the problem and give students the kind of access they need.



HIDDEN AT THE HERRON

CHERYL MATTHEWS

Wake up, student body

Are student government candidates as apathetic as students themselves?

For the second time in the last three student government elections, controversy has erupted.

This year, an error committed by the election committee nullified Bill Trafford's victory and resulted in an additional four hours of voting this Saturday.

Only 388 students bothered to vote. On a campus with more than 27,000 students enrolled, that total is pathetic. One candidate did not even vote.

Until students, faculty and administrators really care whether we have a government or not, these occurrences will continue.

Each time student government fails to be effective — through its fault or the election committee's — its constituents become a little more cynical. Helping student government become an operative voice on the campus becomes lip service. Student government has been ineffective so long that we see it as a "game" or an ego booster to those in office — something to put on a resume.

Perhaps we, and the student body, are so used to seeing this type of problem occurring with student government that it

becomes just another setback in a long tragic history.

We just shake our heads and say "Can't they do anything right?"

Or perhaps we wonder why IUPUI even bothers having a student government. IUPUI operated for more than a year with no government and we don't seem to be any the worse for wear.

What voice does the Undergraduate Student Assembly really have on this campus? How much difference can it make in the areas of parking, day care, registration or a student center?

Each of these issues — raised in each candidate's campaign platform — is one that involves the expenditure of money.

These are also issues that ultimately require approval from the Board of Trustees. And when you talk money to a university already besieged by funding cutbacks and responsibility-centered budgeting, students cannot expect to believe they can change situations just because they call themselves 'student government.'

Each candidate told *The Sagamore* they would change things if elected, but none of them said how, in detail, they would — or

could — bring about change.

None of the candidates had visited the day care center to see how to expand it. None of the candidates had talked with Chancellor Gerald Bepko or President Tom Ehrlich to see how much power student government can wield.

How many members of the current student government or candidates attend the board's meetings or have talked with members of the board about these issues?

If the candidates are serious about making this university a better place — academically, socially, financially — let's see some results — not just lip service. Talk to the Board of Trustees, the chancellor and the president. Hound them until change, or at least the beginnings of change, occurs.

Work on those things that student government has the power to change.

Until those in power see that student government intends to exercise its right as a governing body on this campus, why should they bother to listen?

Cheryl Matthews is a senior majoring in journalism and is the editor in chief of *The Sagamore*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Director seeks students' involvement in elections

To the Editor:

The most common reason people give for not voting in the student campus elections is they do not know the candidates. That response begs the question: is the non-voter apathetic, or too busy to vote?

In any election, in the "real world" or here on campus, the voter has a certain responsibility to become informed. During the recent campus elections, candidates tried to tell students about themselves and what they hoped to do if elected. On a commuter campus, communication is extremely difficult at best.

Without a student center or common gathering place, communication between students is nearly impossible. It is more difficult for students to be informed about anything, especially about something as complex as student government. Students are busy. Some students are also

apathetic. When a student is interrupted during a daily, busy routine with the question "Have you voted yet?" or "Why didn't you vote?" the natural response is, "Oh, I don't know the candidates."

What the non-voter really is saying is, "This is a low priority on my list of things to do. I don't know the candidates, and I don't want to spend the time to find out about them."

Those who realize what is at stake in the student elections have to wonder how to make the elections a higher priority in the lives of students. It's not an easy question to answer.

Students do have a voice on campus, and people listen when the voice is mature and well-informed. The best way to improve campus life is through a student governance process. For 19,000 students on campus, that process is called the Undergraduate Student Assembly.

Non-voters will get another chance this Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the entrance of the University Library. They have about a week to learn who will

represent them to the administration and faculty. It is important.

Mike Wagoner
Director of Student Activities

Student thanks undergraduates for taking time to vote

To the Editor:

My name is Bill Trafford, and I have been declared the unofficial winner of the office of president of the Undergraduate Student Assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all of those students who participated in the elections by casting their vote of support for one of three presidential candidates. I would like to further extend my most sincere appreciation to those students who supported and endorsed my candidacy by taking time to vote and recruit votes for me.

Unfortunately, this election is not over. Due to an error by the election committee, and the

protest of Steve Sudler, the election committee has decided to extend the elections one additional day. As a candidate who has actively expressed an interest in the issues of my platform by meeting with representatives of the day care center, as well as the Disabled Students Organization, I urge all undergraduate students who have not yet voted to take the time this Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, and support, with your vote, the candidate who best represents your interests. It is time to make dramatic changes within the university, but without the support of the student body, student government will remain ineffective.

Although I appreciate the 388 students who made the effort to vote, I cannot believe that the remaining 20,000 students have chosen to let 3 percent of the population at the university make the decisions of change for them. If you don't take the time to vote, the candidates may question the real need to make changes. Can 20,000 students be content with the cost of textbooks? The thought of stepping

out of your automobile into a pond when you park on the dilapidated gravel lots? Cast your vote for me and I will make the difference.

During the week of the election, I distributed over 2,400 flyers, making myself available for questions and comments. Less than five people made any inquiry as to the strategies I intend to employ on making changes. I want to make myself available to you; that's why I have requested that the election committee allow one more day for students to meet the candidates. Thursday, I will be available for questions and comments at the presidential forum (see announcement on *The Sagamore* Organizations page). I will also be available the entire four hours on election day.

I have made the commitment to serve the students of IUPUI. I hope you will express your appreciation by voting for Bill Trafford on Saturday.

Bill Trafford
Senior Science Major

IN YOUR OPINION

How do you study for final exams?

MARY SWITZER
Freshman
Nursing



"I cram. Even though all-nighters don't usually work for me."

STEVE LASLEY
Senior
Management



"Luckily, I don't have to study because most of my finals are papers. But I usually wait until the last minute to do them. I work best under pressure."

GREG WOODS
Junior
Psychology



"I read and go over my notes. I also try to study with the smartest people in the class or the ones that look studious."

AMY STRODE
Freshman
Nursing



"I basically cram and go through all my chapters and pick out the bold words and remember them."

Sports

WHEELING TO WIN

Bringing home a bronze medal from the 1988 Paralympics, Frank Epperson looks for a gold medal and world record this year



Sagamore Photos/DAVID LEE HARTLAGE

(Left) Frank Epperson, a senior physical education major, has been wheelchair racing since middle school. (Above) Epperson and runners prepare for the "Run For Riley Race," April 4.

By WENDY CRUMLEY

By accident, Frank Epperson's racing career began in middle school. "I was late for class and plowed the assistant principal over in the hallway. For my punishment, he made me write 500 times 'I will not race in the hallways.' When I had my mom sign it, she said 'We are going to have to do something with all that extra energy.' That's when my racing career began," he said.

SUMMER GAMES

While most people only dream of taking part in an Olympic event, the physical education senior is planning to take part in the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain. "It's not exactly the Olympics," Epperson said "It's called the Paralympics, not the Special Olympics. That's completely different. I train just as any other Olympic caliber athlete would."

Epperson has been confined to a wheelchair his entire life due to a birth defect called spina bifida, an opening in the spinal cord that has left

him paralyzed from the waist down.

The Paralympics are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and serve as alternate Olympics for athletes with physical disabilities.

BUMPY ROAD

However, the road to Barcelona is not without its bumps for the 26-year-old sprinter.

"In May, I go to Champaign, Ill. for the regional qualifications, then move to the National Trials in Utah or Kansas. Then I go to Spain," said Epperson.

The 1985 Perry Meridian graduate finished fourth in the 100-meter at the 1988 Paralympics, in Seoul, South Korea.

"I was beaten by four one-hundredths of a second, not even a wheel's length," Epperson said.

MEDAL WINNER

He also participated in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter and

400-meter dash, and 4 x 100 relay, for which he brought home a bronze medal.

"I want the world record in the 100," Epperson said.

That record is held by Belgium's Paul Van Winkle, who won the first wheelchair 1600-meter race in an exhibition

at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Epperson holds the national record in the 100-meter dash.

"My official coach, Judy Einbinder, is in Texas. She sends me a workout sheet that covers a few weeks and, my dad takes me to the track or meets

me there every day and runs me through my workout," Epperson said.

Being the father of an Olympic-caliber athlete makes Frank Epperson Sr. a proud parent.

"I'm very proud of Frank and this talent that he has. I do everything that I can to help him out," he said with a smile.

TRAINING TIME

While most athletes take the weekends off, Epperson spends six days a week training.

"I spend four days a week doing sprint work, 100 and 200-meter dashes. Then I spend two days a week doing technique training. This means practicing my starts and turns,"

Epperson said.

"Although, I am a sprinter, I also work on distance training," he added.

Epperson broke the 29-minute barrier for the 10-kilometers in the Black Expo 10K in June 1991, covering the 6.2 mile downtown course in 28:55. That

win came just after a runner-up finish May 24 to 33-year old Butch Martin of Fishers in the 15th annual "500" Festival Mini-Marathon, where he ran the 13.1 mile set up in a personal best of 1:03.31.

He races 30 to 40 times per year in road races and track meets sponsored by the National Wheelchair Athlete Association.

"I race to go as fast as I can," said Epperson. "I love speed. Because of all the publicity I'm getting, I can increase awareness of people with disabilities, both for serious athletes like myself and people who just do it on the weekend."

While Epperson weighs only 130 pounds, he boast a 42 1/2" chest and 29" waist on his 5-3 frame.

LIFE PHILOSOPHIES

Epperson has two philosophies that have taken him this far in his racing career.

"No one has ever truly failed unless he or she failed to try," he recited with pride. "And, no one is ever beaten unless he gives up the fight."

Men's tennis team struggling with mental maturity

■ Mertos use losing streak to realize importance of being mentally prepared for matches.

By CARLA MATLOCK and GREG TAYLOR
Sagamore Staff Writer

The 1992 men's tennis team has found that being successful in tennis takes more than being physically prepared. It takes mental preparation.

Usually hearing about lightning quick serves that speed past the outstretched arms of an opponent, people tend to forget the mental importance of the sport. "I'd say tennis is about 90 percent mental," said Coach Joe Ramirez. "Most college players are just as good as another stroke for stroke. But the difference is who wants to win more and is into the game mentally."

Staying focused throughout entire games has been a problem for his team, which lost all four matches played this spring.

Although tennis takes a physically fit athlete to perform well, setting one's mind is the biggest part of the sport.

"It's a battle of the minds, instead of a battle of the strokes," Ramirez said. "They know what it takes. They've stayed in the games to a certain point, but they don't stay in it long enough to pull out a win."

One player that has excelled on the team this spring and who has dealt with the mental aspect of the game is junior Joe Manning.

At 4-0 in the No. 6 singles spot and 3-1 in No. 3 doubles, Manning has learned what it takes to prepare himself mentally, and he has applied it to his

game plan. "Prior to my game, I focus on my game plan," Manning said. "During the match, I try to slow down the pace and take control of the momentum, taking into consideration my opponent's style of play."

Unfortunately, not all of the players on the team have shared the same success as Manning this season.

Players like junior Dan Baker, who plays in the No. 3 singles spot and No. 4 doubles, has struggled all year.

"I worked hard off-season to improve," Baker said. "However, my mental concentration from moving up in singles and doubles isn't there."

Though the team will experience a losing spring record, some underclassmen will have an opportunity to redeem themselves next fall.

However, seniors Brian Tipmore and Dave Ferrer only have one last chance to close-out their college careers in a winning fashion.

"I want to go out and win our last two matches," Tipmore said. "Our team focus isn't where it was last fall. At that time, we had the District 21 Tournament to gear up for."

Tonight, the team battles NCAA Div. II University of Indianapolis in the final match of the spring season.

Though the Metros fell to the Greyhounds 7-2 last fall, Ramirez said the matches have traditionally been close in the past.



Sagamore Photo/LAURA RICHARDSON

Freshman Kevin Pinnegar sets his sights on winning his last two matches. Pinnegar plays No. 1 singles and doubles.

"I'd say tennis is about 90 percent mental. Most college players are just as good as another stroke for stroke."

Joe Ramirez
Men's Tennis Coach

With four of their 10 spring games being rained out, the Metros missed out on opportunities to compete against NAIA teams. Instead, the team has played strong NCAA opponents, like Eastern Illinois.

Last Wednesday's match with the Panthers was no rain out. In fact, the Panthers turned up the heat and dehydrated the Metros, 6-3.

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Perspectives

MONEY TALKS

By PENNY ZIELINSKI

Edward Joseph Mahoney was following his family's tradition, working toward becoming a New York City police officer. That was until Mahoney won a battle of the bands contest held by his future manager, Bill Graham. Mahoney, whose name may not be familiar to you, changed his name to Eddie Money after meeting Graham. The change was a joke related to the fact that he had no money.

In 1977, Money's financial situation definitely changed as his self-titled debut release skyrocketed, leaving him with his first platinum album on Columbia records. The album included his classic hit songs "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise." The year 1982 gave Money his best selling album ever, "No Control."

The title track on "No Control" talks about a turning point in Money's life. After a bad experience with a drug called phenitol, Money was put into the hospital after he walked through a glass door. Killing the sciatic nerve in his left leg, Money was told he would never be able to walk again. Overcoming the odds, Money regained the strength of his leg and pumped out more classic hits like "Shakin'," "Walk On Water," and "Take Me Home Tonight (Be My Baby)."

Money's latest release, "Right Here" contains the current Billboard smasher, "I'll Get By." He dedicated it to Graham, who died in a helicopter crash. Money said it was Graham's favorite song from the album.

I had an opportunity to talk with Money backstage at the WZPL Star Party 2, and here is an inside look on how he feels about his current release.

Q: Your new album, "Right Here," has a lot of depth.

A: I spent a long time in the studio putting it together, a year and a half to two years. It's like back where I want to be with my career, and the way I want to sound live.

It is a good effort, as they say in the business. It's good to be back in control of the situation. "Heaven In The Back Seat" was a song that was more or less politically thrown into my court. I mean it was a great song, but, it is kind of like Eddie Money does Def Leppard, that kind of thing. With "She Takes My Breath Away," fans can tell it was my decision to write that song. I did not write the "Heaven In The Back Seat" acoustic show. I wrote "Fall In Love Again," "I'll Get By," "She Takes My Breath Away."

Q: You have mentioned that "Right Here" personally meant a lot to you. How does this album compare to your previous release "Nothing To Lose?"

Rock star Eddie Money discusses his latest album release in a recent backstage interview

just got this thing happening now where the band is really clicking.

Q: What is the inspiration behind the music you write?

A: I just write songs people relate to, like "She Takes My Breath Away." I wrote the song about my wife. She has a great body. She's very well filled out. She is gorgeous. She has three kids and one on the way for me. She takes my breath away and I think people can relate to the song. You know some guy could be singing about his girlfriend.

A: The last record I put out before the greatest hits package, "Sound of Money," was "Nothing to Lose." That was a good record. There were some songs that didn't have a lot of air play because the radio list got really tight.

You did not get a chance to hear a lot of songs. We went on the road and played songs from the record, but you wouldn't hear them from the radio. You had to check them out live.

But, "Right Here" is a great record. It felt natural. I did the record with the band instead of a lot of outside musicians. There was a lot of magic there. We had a good time. We

Some girl can feel like it is her with the guy looking.

I just write songs that I think are from the heart. I mean everybody would love to have "Two Tickets to Paradise." Everybody thinks they are in love. Everybody wants to do a little shakin in the back seat while they blow out the speakers in their dad's radio. I write songs about things people can picture themselves doing.

Q: Is there a certain formula you use when you put together a song?

A: I write the lyrics and music at the same time. I sit down, I find some chords and I start singing about something.

That's how I write. The ideas just come out. You have to be in the right mood and in the right place. Like "Another Nice Day In L.A.," it talks about living in this crazy town that I live in. It is a satire about living in Los Angeles. I live down here because it is close to the record company and I like the beach.

Q: You have recently begun to perform all acoustic shows. Why is that?

A: It gives me a chance to be really creative. I can do songs that really get a hold of me and that I have not done in a long time. I do a song called "Save A Little of Your Heart For Me" which is a beautiful song that I had never done live.



Scientists ponder clues to limb regeneration

Retinoic acid, a derivative of Vitamin A, may hold the key to regeneration of human limbs

By PATRICE HARTMANN
Sagamore Staff Writer

A possible cure for people who have been paralyzed by spinal cord injuries, or who have lost a limb or organ, may not be found in fancy drugs or heroic medical procedures.

It might be found in a substance people consume every day: Vitamin A.

Researchers in the School of Science are studying the effects of a derivative of Vitamin A, retinoic acid, on the regeneration of limbs and the spinal cord in a rare breed of salamanders.

The tiny pink salamanders are called axolotls, and David Stocum, dean of the school, and Ellen Chernoff, assistant biology professor, are examining how retinoic acid acts as a signal in the development process of the tiny animals.

Axolotls are the only vertebrate animals that have the ability to regenerate limbs, organs and spinal cords throughout their lives.

"We're interested in how Vitamin A works to regenerate limbs," said

is focusing on how the mammals heal injured spinal cords.

When an axolotl's hand is cut off at its wrist, the tissues at the point of injury break down, liberating individual cells. The liberated cells differentiate to a state similar to the cells of an embryonic axolotl limb bud.

The cells of the limb bud then divide, and the growing bud regenerates itself into the same structure that was lost. Eventually, the bud grows into a completely functional hand. Stocum is examining what role retinoic acid plays in that growth process.

"Vitamin A is a tool to manipulate the regenerating pattern," Stocum said. "The use of retinoic acid allows us to explore which genes are involved in the pattern process."

In examining spinal cord injuries in axolotls, Chernoff examines the role of epindymal cells in the regrowth process.

The axolotl's epindymal cells prevent scarring in the area of a spinal injury, allowing nerves to grow across that area.

Humans have epindymal cells, but for unknown reasons they do not prevent scarring when a spinal cord injury occurs.

By looking at cells taken from the spinal cords of the salamanders, Chernoff is trying to find out how regeneration occurs by manipulating

growth factors.

The scientists try to avert any suffering of the axolotls when working on them. Before any work is done on the animals, the anesthetic Benzocaine is put in their water. The salamanders absorb it through their skin.

Although the research is not expected to be applied to clinical patients for at least a decade, Stocum said that the



Igor, one of the researchers' three pet axolotls, keeps the two scientists company in the research laboratory.

study of spinal cord regeneration will continue to draw interest from the medical community in future years.

"This is going to be a hot item in the next five years," he predicted.

The fact that some undergraduate and graduate students are also involved in the project adds another dimension to the scientific process, Stocum said.

"Teaching and research are viewed as mutually exclusive, when they are actually complementary," he said.

"We believe that we have a nice balance between teaching and research here," he added.

Students can make a contribution in many areas, even in small ways.

The two researchers said they are looking for more students who are interested in working with the axolotls.

But Chernoff cautioned that the students should be prepared to wait a while before they see results from their work, a time period which could last for as long as two years.

"Patience and stubborn determination are good qualities to have," Chernoff said.

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New Watley album hot, uplifting

■ Socially conscious artist, Jody Watley, writes songs about society's problems.

By DAVID R. TOWNSEND

"Lives have been lost/ People on the wrong track/ Forgetting hopes and dreams/ They never look back."
— "Affairs of the Heart"

It's very difficult to put reins around a free spirit like Jody Watley.

Coming off two consecutive platinum-plus albums and six Top Ten hit singles that established her as one of the music world's premier artists, the singer returns with her new MCA album, "Affairs of the Heart." This album represents a leap forward for Watley. Compellingly united by the theme of "love, togetherness, communication and commitment," it



1970s album "What's Goin' On" as having a profound effect on her when she heard it in the fifth grade.

"I remember being totally transfixed looking at the album cover, reading the lyrics and singing the songs over and over," she said on the back of her album.

Socially conscious, Watley co-wrote nine of the songs on her new album, all of which began as ideas written in her notebooks of lyrics and poetry. Concerned about the continuing disintegration of today's society, "Affairs of the Heart" is Watley's way of expressing the values that need to be re-established if the destructive course of society is to be altered.

"We live in a disposable society, and people too easily throw love away," she said. "They treat it too frivolously. And in order to solve larger issues — like racism and environmental threats — they have to first experience love themselves. It really begins there."

"Affairs of the Heart" solidifies Watley's stunning talent and musical ability. Ironically, when Watley left Shalamar in 1983, an adviser told her she'd never make it as a solo artist.

"They all told me that," she said. "But I'm a driven woman. I knew what I had to do — and I did it."

RECORD REVIEW

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Watley cites Marvin Gaye's classic

Competition showcases excellence in students' speaking abilities

■ Winner at annual speech night wears motorcycle gear and talks about safety

By CHERYL MATTHEWS
Sagamore Staff Writer

With a helmet tucked under her arm and leather chaps over her blue jeans, Renee Block drove her point of motorcycle safety home to the audience at the 42nd Speech Night competition last Monday night.

"I just wanted to drive a point home that if you are going to ride, you want to protect yourself as much as possible," said Block, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center who plans to major in communications.

Winning first place in the competition, Block said she also wore the chaps and carried the helmet as visual aids for her speech and to give the impression that when she rides her motorcycle, a Honda 700 Magna, she is as safe as possible.

Although just a little nervous, especially since she was the first contestant, Block said performing has been a part of her life.

"I was a professional musician for 10 years. I got used to being in front of crowds and learned how to control my stage fright. I make it work for me," she added.

Todd Gainer, the second place winner, also played to the audience, making them work for him.

"He watched them for feedback. It was the charm of it. The second and third place winners both played the audience to the hilt. We like to focus on content, but there is a place for delivery," said Jennifer Cochrane, assistant C110 director in the Department

of Communication and Theatre. "We had some really unbelievable speeches. They really stood for something," she added.

Gainer took the stage, waved a condom at the audience and asked how many of them had ever read the back of a condom package. Then he flashed a message on the overhead projector — "Warning: Sexual intercourse may be dangerous to your health."

"That got their attention. Some of them seemed shocked. It peaked interest for some. Some of them just wondered what I would say next," said Gainer, a sophomore business major who spoke on sexually transmitted diseases among college students.

"I tried to put a little humor in the speech since it was such a sensitive subject. I did not want to embarrass anyone, but I wanted my point to come across," he added.

Kim Bentley took third place with her speech about homelessness.

Although Cochrane said she worked hard organizing the event, she feared

playing to an empty house that evening because of the Final Four basketball tournament.

"I was expecting to play to a zero house if IU had been playing. Instead, the house was full," she said.

Two main items impressed Ann Holcombe, Speech Night critic, about the competition.

"What was impressive was the dedication of the ceremony to the memory of a student killed on the way to a speech contest in Dayton. When coaches or professors send their students out, they don't expect that to happen," said Holcombe, assistant dean of Weekend College.

That student was Troy Gambrel from the University of Indianapolis.

What also impressed Holcombe was the performances of the three speakers who won.

"There was excellent preparation, good references, good sources. The top three were really the top three. They seemed to affect people in the Lecture Hall," she added.

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BACK to the BOOKS

Middle-aged women are finally taking the time to nurture themselves. This often means having the time to attend college.



By **DIETRICK LARGE**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Charlene Fields, a junior, gave up the comforts of her home to live in a small boarding room. And sophomore Pat Toliver gave up her full-time secretarial job to work at a temporary service.

Both have made personal sacrifices for one purpose: the chance to return to college.

"That itch always remained with me to return to school. I wanted to test that old adage, 'It's never too late,'" said Fields, an English major.

Today, a record number of adults go to school whether start or complete a degree.

According to a recent report by the National Center for Educational Statistics, 41 percent of adults returning to college are women.

Many of these women have never attended college and are taking classes not only for the benefit of a degree, but for the chance to realize their full potential.

"For many women, coming back to college is more than going to class and studying," said Judy Lovejoy, an adult education counselor, who works with women returning to school.

"In some respects it's a time for women to really get acquainted with themselves," she added.

Lovejoy said some of the women she talked with appeared to have lost some self-esteem from not being adequately prepared to join the workforce.

Getting that college degree could be their ticket back into the work field.

For Fields and Toliver, their return is a personal achievement they both considered long overdue.

A full-time student, Fields decided two years ago she was finally ready for the rigors of college work.

The divorced mother of four children, Fields delayed attending college to support her family.

"After the kids were grown and went off to college, I thought working would be enough to keep me busy and content," she said.

But the prospect of spending her remaining years making cookies for her grandchildren just didn't appeal to her.

Other women share Fields' urge to "do something" with their lives.

Many of these female students are 30 years or older, and a number of them are recently divorced or separated, said Anne Donchin, director of Women's Studies.

Women today are realizing they need to improve their educational skills to be more competitive and



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(Left) Pat Toliver, a sophomore majoring in business, said she spends many of her nights studying. (Above) Charlene Fields, a senior majoring in English, attends her Japanese class.

marketable in a changing workforce, Donchin said.

The personal sacrifices these women make are evidence of how serious and determined they are about returning to school.

To save on her expenses, Fields rented out her home to a family and moved into a small boarding room.

She admits giving up her home is a decision most people would probably consider extreme, or even radical, for a woman her age.

"I knew if I wanted to come back to school I couldn't afford the added expense of a home," said Fields.

Now working as a self-employed domestic, cleaning homes and baby-sitting to supplement her income while in college, Fields gave up her full-time job at a hardware store.

"I couldn't see myself spending another 20 years selling nuts and bolts," she said. "Working for myself allows me more flexibility in scheduling my classes."

For six years, Pat Toliver worked as a secretary until one day she finally decided to put the typing and filing behind her.

With the support of her husband, she quit her job and enrolled in college full-time.

It was a decision Toliver, a business major, said she has never regretted.

"I realized I could have spent the next 20 years in that same position," she added.

After high school, Toliver attended college, but dropped out after her freshman year.

Toliver said she let her friends, who

decided not to attend college, distract her from taking that first year in college seriously.

"They were working and having fun and I was spending my nights studying. I thought I was getting the short end of the stick," said Toliver.

Looking back on those years, Toliver said she was really the lucky one to be able to go to school.

"Now that I'm back, I am really more focused on my classes and enjoying them," she said.

In Fields' neighborhood, little kids like to tease her about being in school.

"They tell me I better make good grades or they're going to tell my mother," she said.

But for both Fields and Toliver, just having the chance to come back to school is making the grade.

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