

Free ride

Survey reveals more than 90 percent of in-and-out-of-state students bound for IU like the university's proposal to pay for tuition beyond four years.

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Winning continues

IUPUI Men's Tennis team has beaten two NCAA Division I teams so far this year, coach predicts the team will "win regionals and go to nationals."

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Life-lasting trend

Between 12 and 20 million Americans have tattoos and almost half get them removed; removal cost may range from \$60 to \$2,000.

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Access Point audit goes on

Report on the amount of money lost by former computer sales center 'in its final stages.'

By Mike Lafferty
Writing for The Sagamore

Terry Radke, head of the Indiana University internal audit department, told The Sagamore last week that an investigation has turned up evidence, including ATM receipts and bank statements, that a former [IUPUI] employee embezzled more than \$300,000 while serving as manager of Access Point, a university-run computer store.

Court documents charge that Timothy Brough diverted funds to a private account and used them for personal purchases, such as a down payment on a house in the Geist area, vacations and hair transplants.

However, the former Access Point manager is being charged only in connection with the theft of about \$100,000 from the computer sales operation.

Some people have questioned why Brough has not been charged with the theft of the entire amount of funds missing from the Access Point account.

When the charges were filed in the fall of 1993, sources close to the case said the university's internal audit department had not completed its investigation into the embezzlement case. They also reported that the prosecutor's office wanted to be sure there was at least enough evidence to convict Brough on a Class D felony. The minimum amount to be classified as a Class D felony is \$100,000.

"They asked us to give them \$100,000 worth of documented proof, and that's what we gave them," explained Radke.

At a pretrial hearing earlier this year, Brough's attorney, Alex Murphy, said his client would plead guilty to the charges. Deputy Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said the sentence recommended for Brough would involve restitution to the university of approximately \$100,000.

University Counsel Jerry Kelly declined to comment on the plea agreement. "We did not have much input into the process of the plea agreement," said Kelly. "The university has no official position at this point."

Brizzi said that the plea date has been set for May 2.

Student service

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—Kathy Murray
project director
graduate nursing student



Reaching Out

Nursing students aid the Indianapolis community while gaining valuable experience at Broadway United Methodist Church wellness clinic.

By Jennifer Kay Rumpel
The Sagamore

Risks of getting shot, killed or stumbling upon a drug dealer are just a few reasons why some residents in the Fall Creek area will not leave their homes to get proper medical care, according to Kathy Murray, graduate nursing student. Faculty members and students at the IUPUI School of Nursing have set up a wellness clinic in the Broadway United Methodist Church, located at Fall Creek and Meridian streets, to help these residents get the medical care they need.

"Lack of transportation and the ability to pay for health care are two main reasons why the inner city population cannot get proper medical treatment," said Murray, project director.

"These people also have a great element of fear in their surroundings and never want to leave their homes," she added.

Established in 1994, the center was founded to be "the step in between the home and the hospitals," said Sandra Burgener, assistant professor of the School of Nursing

and co-director of the clinic.

"Although we help patients with illnesses, our primary goal is to educate and help the community prevent themselves from becoming ill," she added.

Some of these preventative measures include:

- nutrition and stress education,
- cholesterol, blood pressure and cancer screenings,
- tests for HIV and Sickle Cell Anemia,
- aerobic classes and
- education on how to stop smoking.

"We also put a tremendous amount of focus on chronically ill patients," said Burgener. "People with heart disease, lung disease and diabetes can be monitored at our clinic to make sure all is in check."

According to Murray, the center seldom has emergency situations, but when they do, their options are very limited.

"Once, a guy with a gunshot wound came into the center. We took the preliminary measures to help him and then rushed him to the hospital," she said.

"There is only so much we can do in our facility," she added.

Nursing students who volunteer time at the clinic are able to use the experience as part of their clinical

requirement through the School of Nursing.

Murray said she will be using this job as clinical time.

"I'm interested in preventative health care for the elderly as my profession," she said. "This experience has helped me to work in a culture different from mine and understand their issues."

Last year, the center received \$65,000 in state funding and a grant for \$71,000 this year.

"Our business has tripled in the first two months of this year," said Burgener. "We have over 900 patient contacts in this area by going door to door and letting the residents know we are here."

Patients are never charged for service at the clinic.

"All of our services are free to the community. This is the reason for us being here in the first place," said Murray. "Sometimes we will have the patients bring in canned goods in exchange for influenza shots and things like that, but they are never charged."

"Regulars who come into our clinic know we are not the end-all of all their health care needs. They do know that we can give them a quick opinion before they make a trip to the hospital and perhaps even completely treat them in our facility," she added.



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Plans for expanded student housing currently being discussed

David Paul, director of campus housing, said future facilities may be located on an 11-acre tract of land on west end of campus.

By Tammy Cleary
The Sagamore

Construction for new student housing could begin as early as the spring of 1996, according to David Paul, director of the Department of Campus Housing and Food Service Contract Administration.

Students could be living in the new facilities as early as 18 months later, Paul said.

He explained that the increasing need for additional student housing is the result of growing waiting lists for Ball Residence Hall,

International House and graduate townhouses on campus.

"Even housing on the peripheral of campus is full," he added.

Waiting lists are making it increasingly difficult for students to obtain housing at places like Lockefield Gardens, Canal Apartments and Riverpointe.

These waiting lists demonstrate that more students want to live



Paul

on the non-traditional campus. Paul said IUPUI needs to do something to accommodate the needs of these students.

"Space has always been a problem for everyone," Paul said. "We serve a fairly large, diverse community. Planning for additional housing is a goal come true."

Paul, who has been at the university for a quarter century, has been gathering research and looking at options for new student housing for a couple of years now. With the assistance of the newly formed Housing/Child Care RFP Committee, Paul said the first evidence of progress will come this May.

The committee, consisting of 14 representatives from faculty, staff, administration and students, has been meeting every Friday since March 3.

"We (of the committee) have the mission of designing a request for proposal (RFP)," Paul said. "It will list the mission statement and goals for housing and child care here on campus."

IUPUI provides beds for 275 students in Ball Residence Hall and 56 residents in the International House. The school also has 32 one- and two-bedroom townhouses. The number of students who live in housing on campus is less than 2 percent of the 27,000 students attending IUPUI.

Members of the committee said they hope to be able to provide housing for 1,000 additional residents, increasing the number to

Questions surround student elections

Grievance filed against candidate charged misuse of student funds; investigation uncovered no infractions.

By Brian Moore
The Sagamore

For the second time in as many years, the Undergraduate Student Assembly elections are faced with a controversy surrounding use of student funds.

And, as was the case last year, the questions are more the result of university decision makers' miscommunication rather than a candidate in the elections.

A grievance filed March 23 by Bruce Beal, USA senator for the School of Liberal Arts, and Christy Sheets, student volunteer services coordinator, and Laura McPhee, co-chair of the House Allocation Committee, stated that Craig Cooper, presidential candidate on the Positive Reform ticket, used Student Activity Fee funds to pay for flyers his ticket placed around campus.

"We believe this to be a gross misuse of Student Activity Fee money for personal benefit and demand a complete investigation by all appropriate units of this university," the complainants stated.

According to the grievance, Cooper told Beal, McPhee and Sheets that "the School of Business Student Activities Council, of which he is a member, had paid for the above-colored flyers he and fellow candidate Steve Scott had just handed them."

Adam Freeman, election committee chairman, after an investigation, concluded no election rules had been broken.

The Positive Reform ticket and the School of Business Student Activities Council are not in violation of election rules nor university rules," Freeman said in a reply to the grievance.

Mike Wagoner, director of Student Activities, said an infraction almost occurred, but that it was corrected.

"It's stated in election rules that (a candidate) cannot violate university rules," he said. "There was never any intention to use activity fee money. The fact that it was started to be used was an accident."

"By the time we got it (grievance) completely investigated, the business manager (at School of Business) had backed the (printing) order out of the system," Wagoner added.

Vicki Terhune, chair of the School of Business Student Activities Council, said the occurrence was a case of misunderstanding about campus charging procedures.

"We said that we would not make donations specifically in his campaign but that SAC (Student Activities Council of the School of Business) would personally fund—through the sale of sweatshirts—his printing through Graphic Reproductions," she explained. "The service order to have reproductions done (was) to be charged to SAC."

"The problem is that SAC does not, per se, have an account with them (Graphic Reproductions), Student Affairs does. So what was inadvertently going to happen was that it would be charged to Student Affairs but reimbursed by SAC," she said.

Although the incident was unintentional, Terhune acknowledged the possibility of breaking election rules.

"The problem is that organizations cannot pay organizations," she said. "I didn't realize we couldn't reimburse the Student Affairs fund."



Wagoner

Four-year plan gets students' approval

IUPUI survey reveals more than 90 percent of students bound for IU like the proposal.

By Julia Teeter
The Sagamore

"In our research, we surveyed more than 1,000 individuals of different combinations," Vargus explained. "We combined responses from in-and-out-of-state high school students, in-and-out-of-state parents, in-and-out-of-state college students, their parents and the general public."

Actual results revealed the majority of the surveyed groups were in favor of the plan by a high percentage.

Ninety-four percent of Indiana high school students bound for IU-Bloomington and 96 percent of out-of-state students going to IU-Bloomington thought the plan was a good idea.

Don Grey, assistant president of Faculty Relations at IU-Bloomington, said results of the survey were not unexpected.

"The results weren't really surprising," he said. "I believed that most students would want this opportunity."

"It was very encouraging to see such an endorsement from the public," he added.

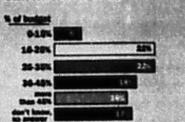
Myles Brand, IU president, said the plan makes the university more accountable to students.

"Through the GRADPACK Plan, IU is meeting the issue of accountability head on," said Brand. "If students do all they can to satisfy the requirements for graduating in the equivalent of four full years and yet do not graduate, then the university

Preliminary findings for IU four-year degree proposal

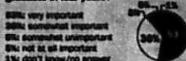
A phone survey was conducted to ask five different segments of the public—in-state college-bound high school students, out-of-state college-bound high school students, in-state parents of college-bound students, out-of-state parents of college-bound students and general citizenry of Indiana—their thoughts on the current proposal to have students' tuition paid for after four years. Here is a sample of questions asked.

About what percentage of the university's total budget do you think comes from the state?

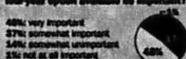


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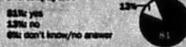
If your child were a college student, how important would it be for them to graduate in four years?



If you or your child were looking at colleges to attend, would having the four-year option available be important?



Do you think offering a four-year degree program will cause IU to be more accountable to its students, parents and taxpayers?



Other requirements are currently being considered.

"The surveys did play an important role in this," said Grey. "If we found a surprisingly high percentage of people who were really not for it, we would probably have aborted it."

"The faculty is still ironing out the final details," he added. "Once the program has been activated for a few semesters, we will review it."

Making IU-Bloomington pay for students' classes after they attend four full years sounds like a good idea, according to a survey released by the IUPUI Public Opinion Laboratory.

Known as the GRADPACK Plan, IU-Bloomington took steps in determining the appeal of the proposal by asking students their views on the plan.

GRADPACK calls for students meeting all requirements for graduation in four years to be reimbursed for classes they must take beyond four years.

As a response to the positive results of the survey and other studies, the GRADPACK Plan will be implemented beginning in the fall of 1996.

The survey was conducted in June of 1994. Results were recently released.

Brian Vargus, director of the IUPUI Public Opinion Laboratory, and members of his office asked high school and college students about the plan.

Strategic Directions Task Forces conduct open forums

From Sagamore wire reports

The IUPUI community has an opportunity to make their views about the future of IU known at public forums this week with members of the Strategic Directions Planning Process.

Members of eight task forces involved in IU's Strategic Directions

Planning Process will host public forums at IUPUI and in Indianapolis.

From noon to 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Task Force on Campus and University-Wide Mission will sponsor a forum in the Indiana State House, Room 404. Also tomorrow, the task force will host a public hearing at the Student Activities Center 132, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

An additional public hearing will be Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Indianapolis Power & Light building auditorium.

Friday from 12:30 to 2 p.m., the Task Force on Assessment and Accountability will sponsor a forum in the Indiana Room of the University Place Hotel and Conference Center.

The Task Force on Operational Ef-

iciency and Revenue Enhancement will host a public discussion April 12, from noon to 2 p.m., in the University Library Auditorium 0130.

On April 21, the Task Force on Student Persistence and Attainment will meet with members of the campus and community from 4 to 6 p.m. in the University Library Auditorium 0130.

News Briefs

Compiled by Brian Moore and Jennifer Kay Rumpke

IU Community Child Abuse Projects

IU Community Child Abuse Projects presents one of its 1995 Professional Educational Programs April 26 at the Myers Auditorium of Wishard Memorial Hospital.

This month's program is "Emergency High Priority Unit." Lisa Goldberg, supervisor of the Child Protection Service at the Family Advocacy Center, will be the featured speaker.

For more information on the event, contact Mary Von Burg at 630-6307.

Free educational library program

Richard Lederer, best-selling author of "Anguished English," "Crazy Goldberg" and "Get Thee to a Punner," will be the speaker at a free program at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

The event takes place April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Crosey Auditorium.

Lederer will be giving an educational speech about language and the often unintentional misspeaks and miswrites people make.

Following the program, a reception and book-signing takes place.

For more information and details about the event, call 269-5209.

Herron Gallery Senior Show continues

Visitors to the Herron School of Art have a chance to see art students' work at the Herron Senior Show.

At "Career in Art and Portfolio Day," the show will be open, along with an opportunity for potential art students to meet with representatives from Herron.

Career counseling sessions

and admissions information will also be available at the event, which takes place from 9 a.m. to noon April 12.

A representative from the financial aid office will also be available for students.

For more information on the event call 920-2403.

IU Med School hosts free seminar

IU School of Medicine hosts "Menopause: Change and Challenge" April 26 at 7:15 p.m.

The seminar will be presented at the Omni Indianapolis North Hotel.

Diane B. Brashear, Margerite Shepard and Margaret Watanabe are the featured speakers.

The event is sponsored by the Solvay Pharmaceuticals and the IU School of Medicine's department of OB/GYN faculty.

For more information on the event or to make reservations call 274-2014.

Participants needed for dental study

The Oral Health Research Institute of the IU School of Dentistry needs participants for a comparative study of a dental product.

The study tests the effects of an investigational antibiotic in reducing the signs associated with periodontitis, or gum disease.

Participants should be between the ages of 25 and 75.

The study is nine months long and requires 10 to 12 visits to the Oral Health Institute for exams and treatment.

Panelists will be supplied with toothbrushes and paste for their use at home for the entire nine months.

Monetary compensation of \$225 will be supplied to the participants.

Interested persons should contact Cynthia Quimby at 274-8822.

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THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES PAGE

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Activities Calendar

Monday/3rd

• The Latter Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) is sponsoring Institute of Religion Classes titled "Doctrines of the Gospel" every Monday and Wednesday from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.

These classes will take place in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 502 N. Capitol.



Tuesday/4th

• The Lutheran Campus Ministry is sponsoring an evening prayer from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. at the Catholic Newman Center.

This will be a simple service of psalms, lessons and prayer.

• The Latter Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) is sponsoring Institute of Religion Classes titled "The Book of Mormon" every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

These classes will take place in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 502 N. Capitol.

• Join Campus Crusade for Christ for a Bible study from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center 131.

They will also meet on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the same location.



Wednesday/5th

• Join the Catholic Newman Club at 1309 W. Michigan Street as they feast their eyes on the Midweek Menu for an all-you-can-eat homecooked meal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Newman Center. The cost is \$2.50.

• Join the Latter Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) as they conduct a religion class on The Old Testament from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 502 N. Capitol.



Sunday/9th

• The Catholic Newman Center at 1309 W. Michigan will conduct a mass/religious workshop from 4 to 5 p.m.
For more information about these services call 632-4378.



Wednesday/19th

• The Black Student Union is conducting its candidates forum in the Student Activities Center 115 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For further details contact William Lewis at 278-2410.

Pakistani coffee hour scheduled

The IUPUI International House, in conjunction with the IUPUI Intramural and Recreational Sports, presents Pakistani coffee hour.

Join us for our coffee hour discussion. Learn about life and meet students from other countries around the world. Students are invited to enjoy the sports activities that will follow the Pakistani discussion.

For more information please call 274-5024.

Generations of dreamers



Martin Luther King III visits campus today to present a free speech at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

The eldest son of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is scheduled to visit the IUPUI campus today.

Martin Luther King III is the featured speaker at a conference at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

King will present his speech "Generations of Dreamers: Let Freedom Ring!" from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the U.S. Customs Services-Office of Finance, Master

Scholars Productions and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

There is no admission fee to the speech; however, seating is by ticket only.

Tickets can be picked up in the Office of Student Affairs in the Student Activities Center 002.

Seating is limited, so individuals who are interested in attending the event are encouraged to obtain tickets early.

Bulletin Board

Seeking student ambassadors

Students in any school or division who have a minimum 2.5 GPA, are in good standing with the university, and have completed at least 12 credit hours at IUPUI are eligible to apply for a student ambassador position. Student ambassadors work throughout the year hosting university conferences, receptions, seminars and other special events.

Applications for student ambassadors are available in the Student Affairs Office (Student Activities Center 002 and 006), Career Center (School of Public and Environmental Affairs 2010) and the Herron School of Art dean's office.

Deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. on April 17 to the Student Activities Office 006. Questions should be directed to Freda Luers (274-5200) or to Karen Marks (274-0861).

Club collects clothes

The Catholic Newman Club is sponsoring a clothing drive during the entire month of April.

Please drop clothes off in paper or plastic bags on the porch of the Newman Center. The Newman Center is located at 1309 W. Michigan St. For details students can contact the Newman Center at 632-4378.

A Walk Down Kappa Lane

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity presents "A Walk Down Kappa Lane" April 9-15. A talent show begins the week's

spirited activities on the 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Butler Union Building.

A panel discussion titled "Greeks and Non-Greeks: Can We All Just Get Along?" follows on the 10th from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 326 of the Butler Union Building.

On the 11th there will be a seminar/discussion given by Mr. Robert Bedford on "Black Unity on College Campuses." This will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Business Building 2002 at IUPUI.

An Easter egg hunt will take place at the Christamore House on the 12th. Later in the evening there will be bowling from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

The 13th will be "Thirsty Thursday" at the Watergate Apartment Clubhouse (34th and Moeller Rd.) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On the 14th there will be a sorority showdown in Robertson Hall (Butler Campus) from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

On the final day of activities there will be a barbecue from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sigma Nu House at Butler with a jam and step show following.

Lenten lecture scheduled

The Catholic Newman Club is sponsoring a spiritual lecture on April 5.

This lecture will be presented from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Newman Center.

The discussion will take place on April 5 and will be given by Carol Falkner, a senior of the Beech Grove Benedictine Center.

Contact the Newman Center at 632-4378 for details.

Blood donations needed

On Tuesday, April 11, the Honors Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Central Indiana Regional Blood Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students who stop by the old library courtyard to donate will receive free pizza and soft drinks.

For more information contact Wendy Traylor at 274-2660.

Coffee hour discussions

The International House presents a coffee hour every Friday at 5 p.m. in the International House community room.

Come and learn about life and meet students from other countries around the world.

Each Friday a different country is featured.

A presentation is hosted and often international food is available to try.

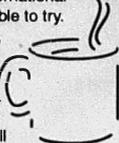
This Friday, Pakistan will be the focus of discussion.

This discussion will take place in the track and field stadium.

International House is located on the second floor of the Warthin Apartment Building, 440 N. Winona St. This is on the west side of campus, west of the Dental School.

Everyone is welcome.

If you would like more information or if you would be interested in hosting a coffee hour, please call International House at 274-5024.



Interfaith listening post

The IUPUI Interfaith Alliance has set up a listening post that will be accessible for students every Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Campus ministers, as well as other ministers, will be available for conversation and referrals.

The Listening Post is located on the first floor of the Student Activities Center vestibule.

Contact the Catholic Newman Center at 632-4378 for more information.

Fraternity interest meeting

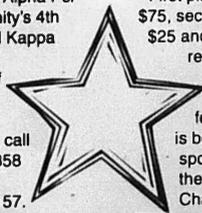
The Lambda Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will be having its spring interest meeting on Thursday, April 13, in the Student Activities Center 133 at 12:30 p.m.

Students who would like more information please contact Tracy Barnes at 921-9579.

Fraternity sponsors talent show

Students interested in performing at Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's 4th Annual Kappa Week kick off talent show should call 924-1358 or 921-6157.

The talent show will be in the Student Union building at Butler University from 6 to 9 p.m. Those with a talent to display are encouraged to participate. First place prize is \$75, second place is \$25 and third place receives movie passes. This festive event is being sponsored by the Lambda Eta Chapter. No registration fee is required. Admission is \$1 per person. Kappa Week '95 begins April 9 and concludes on April 15.



Baha'i Club sponsors free dinner program

The Baha'i Club will be sponsoring a free dinner and program documented by American Cablevision featuring White Fawn.

The Apache/Cherokee will share the ancestral wisdom of the Native American way of living.

She will highlight the unselfish lifestyle of Native Americans and describe how they promote a healthy environment.

The dinner will include traditional Native American foods as well as American dishes.

The program will include a traditional circle dance with audience participation, music and ancient artifacts.

The event will take place Friday, April 7 in the Student Activities Center 115 from 6 to 9 p.m.



Professor jumps onto information superhighway

■ Thomas Ho from School of Science constructs information home page on World Wide Web for students to use.

By Matthew S. Stage
The Sagamore

Thomas Ho, chair of the department of computer technology at Purdue School of Science and Engineering at IUPUI, is one of many people who are revolutionizing the way people will shop in the near future.

Ho said he believes that a whole new industry is being born on the Internet with the advent of the World Wide Web, an information system that allows easy access to the Internet.

He first became interested in using the Internet for electronic commerce last year while in Singapore.

"I had more free time to surf the net while I was in Singapore," he said. "Also, I felt much more profoundly affected by the need to know what is going on in Singapore."

Ho added that Singapore is an international trading center, and the importance of commerce, especially via the Internet, is large.

The creation of his World Wide Web page, titled Thomas Ho's Favorite Electronic Commerce World Wide Web Resources, allows Ho to post large amounts of information on the Internet that anyone can access with the right software.

"Thus far, in just the month of March, my home page has been accessed over 3,000 times," said Ho.

He added that he gets e-mail from people all over the world thanking him for his compilation.

His home page consists of several thousand entries that cover virtually all aspects of electronic commerce. Some of the headings include magazines and newspapers on the Internet, financial information, entertainment and tourism. He even has a list of used cars for sale.

After one year, Ho's home page has grown so large that he doesn't "know how many sites he has on his page at this point."

Ho said that the main reason for the page's huge size is his broad range of interests, which include national information infrastructure, the educational applications of telecommunications and electronic commerce.

On the subject of electronic commerce, Ho stressed growing importance of corporate presence on the Internet.

He cited Packard Bell as an example of a company that is in a good situation to use electronic commerce.

"Most people who use their products also have access to the Internet," he said.

"As with the Yellow Pages, most companies and organizations like being listed in as many venues as possible. The Internet is a new way for corporations to interact with their customers," he added.

Instead of driving to the shopping mall, consumers need only to access the desired product on a computer connected to the Internet.

"Electronic Commerce" is the shopping mall of the Internet. Hundreds of businesses are beginning to offer their goods and services to individuals and other businesses via the computer.

With many companies now offering services and products on the Internet, security is an issue.

Ho said that while he felt that credit card number security was an issue, electronic commerce on the Internet had much more to do with buying and selling.

"Once Internet security improves, once security is guaranteed, then you will see more



Thomas Ho, chair of the department of computer technology, sits with his homepage on the Internet on his computer.

on-line shopping," said Chad Hill of Integrated Technologies.

"Right now, something like a credit card number would go through too many machines," he added.

Ho said that IUPUI is in a good place to engage in electronic communication because of the available technology. "IUPUI is definitely on the leading edge of technology," he added.

Students debate legalizing drugs

■ POLSA sponsors talk concerning American drug policy last week.

By Rochelle Kacok
The Sagamore

Current trends in drug use, city crime and violence among children have recently raised the issue of legalizing drugs in America.

Four political science students took last Thursday's debate as a chance to voice their views on whether the government should end the prohibition of drugs.

"Prohibition is indeed something that should be repealed. Prohibition of any substances is unlawful," said Kevin Shaughnessy, a senior political science major. "Even if one person in 260 million chooses to use a substance, he or she is prohibited."

"I stand here in utter defiance to the war on drugs, to the war on me, to the war on liberty,"

he added. Kirk Johnson, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center, focused on what he sees as the country's deterioration.

"We are trying to save ourselves from something that is destroying the nation," he said.

Kevin Brosius, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center, added some historical evidence to his argument.

"In a perfect world we wouldn't need any drugs, would we? According to archeological evidence, every civilization known to man has used drugs, alcohol or both," Brosius said.

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Kevin Brosius, freshman, Undergraduate Education Center

A variety of views on the issue was presented, and Barry Palencer, a freshman in the Undergraduate Education Center, responded with conservative political ideology as to where the drug problem began.

"This is the era (1960s and 1970s)



Trent Schmidt introduces members of the Political Science Student Association last week as they prepare to debate legalizing drugs.

in my opinion, that bred human beings void of ethical and moral standards and low family values," he said.

Palencer also stressed the lack of prayer in schools as another reason for the decline in social standards in America and the turn to drugs.

Both sides addressed questions regarding issues dealing with legalization such as economic rational, health care costs, law enforcement corruption and a breakdown in the judicial system.

Although only a small number of students were in attendance, many different opinions were heard.

Many students' points centered on proven medicinal uses for the herb, environmental uses such as hemp for paper, as well as a backpact made from hemp being displayed.

Closing remarks gave each side one last shot at winning the audience.

Housing

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about five percent of the IUPUI population.

Space allocated for the new housing facilities is an 11-acre plot of land on the west end of the campus. Currently the land consists of Warthin Apartments, some parking lots and houses not owned by IUPUI.

"Right now we are in the process of acquiring property (in that area) we do not own," Paul said.

"We also need to decide in the proposal what to do with Warthin Apartments," he added. "We may renovate Warthin. We may not."

Paul estimates the cost of new housing to be between \$12 million and \$15 million.

The campus is looking into partnering with a private development company, a process called privatization, to keep costs to a minimum, he said.

Doing this, however, would mean the private company would be responsible for running the facility.

"There is some concern whether a private developer could provide adequate residence life," Paul said.

Another mission of the committee is to seek out programs that will accommodate the social needs of students. Junior Mari Black, majoring in occupational therapy, serves as a residential advisor for Ball Residence Hall. She is also a student member of the committee who is looking at how to make a new facility better than Ball Residence Hall.

She wants improvements.

"I came to IUPUI from Western Kentucky University where they had just built a new dorm," Black said.

"I've lived in a Hilton and now I'm

living in Motel 6." Black said IUPUI definitely needs new, better housing equipped with an activity center, wheelchair access, day care, security and better soundproofing of rooms.

"I would also like to keep the cost down for undergraduates," she said.

"The committee is taking a look at which types of housing to provide—undergraduate or graduate."

"It will probably be a combination of both," Paul said.

A proposal for graduate-type housing was submitted by a contractor out of Texas.

The contractor's proposal would accommodate 634 to 698 students in apartment-like settings. The prints showed several buildings surrounding a main clubhouse with an outdoor swimming pool.

The problem with this type of housing, said Black, is the expense for undergraduate students.

Paul said the plan from the Texas contractor was simply a preliminary one and that IUPUI is still talking to Chicago and Ohio based contractors.

Social planning is a concern for Paul. He also wants educational programming, cultural exposure and staff training.

"We need to provide some structure for the students," he said.

Evidence is proving that students are wanting to live on campus, Paul said.

"Since about 1991, vice chancellor Robert Martin—as the result of surveys—has been looking at what aids retention and what aids recruitment."

According to applications already on file, housing for next year is full. To date, Ball Residence Hall, which houses 275 students, has 160 residents planning to return.

"That's right at 60 percent," Paul said.

Corrections and clarifications

In last week's issue of *The Sagamore* there was a misquote in the story headlined "Brought the trial continues in May."

The correct quote from Carl Brizzi should have read:

"Basically we requested that the date be moved back in order to give Mr. (Tim) Brough some time to raise some money so he'd be better able to make some compensation to the school for its loss."

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Maturity and parents: not always compatible

■ According to study, more than 50 percent of marriages today end in divorce or permanent separation. Why?

In the 1950s the symbol of family life was best portrayed by the TV show "Leave it to Beaver." In the 1960s it was "The Ozzie and Harriet Show." In the 1970s it was "Archie Bunker." In the 1980s it was "The Cosby Show."

Now, in the 1990s, it's "Grace Under Fire." A TV show about a divorced mother of three living from paycheck to paycheck.

Shows like "Cybill," "Murphy Brown" and "The Nanny" have skyrocketed to the top of the Nielsen ratings. The reason is because a lot of parents in the U.S. can relate to Murphy Brown being a single parent. Or, they can understand Cybill's fights with her two ex-husbands.

Sometimes, art does imitate life. Consider that more than 30 percent of births today are to unmarried women. And most of these children will always live in mother-only homes, according to a recently released study entitled *Marriage in America: A Report to the Nation*.

Why is this? The authors of the survey gave a few words of advice to certain groups or figures in today's society that they believe encourage the separation of husband and wife.

■ The entertainment industry: Don't glamorize unwed motherhood, marital infidelity or sexual promiscuity.

■ Employers: Stop uprooting and relocating families; encourage parental leave, job-sharing, compressed work weeks, career breaks and working at home.

■ Religious leaders: Avoid equating concepts such as

"committed relationships" with marriage; prepare young people for parenthood; strengthen premarital counseling and marital enrichment programs.

■ Family scholars: Rewrite texts so marriage-with-children is portrayed as socially good, not an alternative lifestyle.

All are good suggestions, but to get to the core reasons behind divorce, it's going to take more than an extended leave of absence from work or a new edition of a textbook.

It's going to take a mandatory course for all Americans on maturity.

Too often do people — of any age — make the lifelong commitment to be with another human, but fail miserably within the first five years.

Failure to think ahead and plan ahead on the part of most newlyweds is the reason behind divorce.

Consider that the probability of a marriage today ending in either divorce or permanent separation is 60 percent, according to the study.

Divorce is a horrible thing. But it's not always the parents who suffer. It is the innocent child who misses out on a normal and productive childhood who suffers.

Seventy percent of juveniles and young adults who are currently in long-term correctional facilities didn't grow up with both parents.

It's American society at large who also suffers from a robbery or killing because some nit-witted parent didn't teach his or her son or daughter the importance of respect for morality or human civility.

Staff editorial

International prostitution on the rise

■ Third World countries are profiting off of sales of young women for sex. The females' families need the money, so they sell their daughters to purchase food and medicine.

Many Third World countries have devised a sinister plan to capitalize on natural resources to attract international tourists.

Through the development of laws and policies that allow and promote international prostitution, many young women are bought from impoverished farm families then sold to brothels as prostitutes for foreign men.

For what reason? Money. The government of Thailand, for example, circulated tour brochures to Switzerland promising that Thai women are "slim, sunburned and sweet ... masters of the art of making love by nature," according to Alice Leuchtig, in her article "The Merchants of Flesh," in *The Humanist*.

"Foreign girls, including Americans, who feel safely anonymous away from home, are now among Thailand's leading sources of hard currency."

Leuchtig explains that "Each year thousands of uneducated, orphaned, abandoned and destitute girls and young women across Asia, the Pacific and Africa are given false promises of good jobs, transported across borders and then sold into brothels in urban centers from Bombay to Bangkok to Nairobi."

Sometimes the girl's family sells her to feed the rest of the family.

For example, "Shanta Bai, at age 10, was sold to a trafficker for \$17 by an elderly village woman who had taken care of her when



Maria Dunbar

her parents died but found she could no longer afford to feed her."

International prostitution infects Europe as well. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, "Over 75 percent of the unemployed are women ... Many Russian and East European women and girls have become grist for the mill of international organized prostitution."

Aphrodite is the name of the first striptease school in Russia.

Many girls, urged by desperate mothers, try out for the school "by stripping to their underwear and parading before the director, two male judges and photographers."

Graduates will be sent abroad to work.

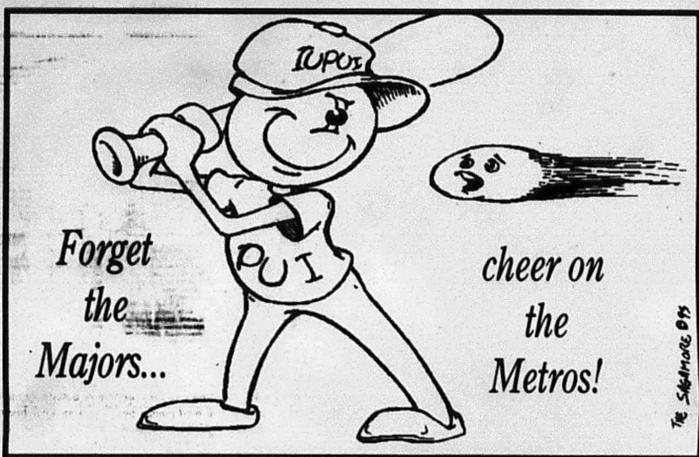
The director predicts that "many of the women will stay to work as prostitutes, thus acknowledging that Aphrodite serves as a front and procurer for international, organized prostitution."

What is being done to stop international prostitution?

The Coalition on Trafficking in Women is working to "strengthen and enforce laws against traffickers and to create and enforce anti-pimping laws."

Also UNESCO has made a proposal to the United Nations that would "completely ban sex-for-sale, not just forced prostitution."

Maria Dunbar is a Sagamore majoring in general studies



Letters from readers



Student Government: how much control does the university have over students?

The article "Force or Farce" in the March 20 issue of *The Sagamore* was interesting to me, particularly as very little was said toward the "farce" side of the upcoming undergraduate student elections.

My own experience in repeated attempts to obtain basic information regarding the electoral candidates has led me to believe that farce may be a bigger factor than even I would have thought.

Most students may not be aware that this year the campaign time was reduced from two weeks to one week, which is pitiful in and of itself. Even two weeks is not sufficient time to hold a valid race where issues, concerns and platforms can be raised.

I asked for a list of candidates so that I could contact them for information. The candidate deadline was early—as of March 6 all possible candidates had been identified.

Yet, when I tried to obtain a list of candidates on March 9, a list which was available and on the table in the Student Activities Center, I was told by an advisor that I could not have a copy of the list at that time.

They said I would have to wait for the administration meeting before it was official, which smacks of the very puppetry that may be a major problem with the Undergraduate Student Assembly.

It's a real disservice to the student body to withhold information and conduct an election that is so tightly controlled by the administration as to be practically inaccessible and rushed, such that very little chance of real change is possible.

It leaves the IUPUI community and the candidates at the mercy of the administration's own agenda.

I hope everyone realizes we are talking about paid positions here.

I wish good success to the next USA president in the struggle for more responsive, student-run representation and changes that truly address our needs here at IUPUI.

May the force, not farce, be with you.

Steven Deer
Junior, School of General Studies

Final draft of Honor Code: Will changes be made that affect all university students?

I am writing an open letter to advise you that the recent article on an IUPUI Honor Code being proposed by the School of Science Student Council contains some serious flaws.

First, and foremost, neither I, nor the Senator from Science, Aimee Tomlinson, have yet presented a draft of a proposed Honor Code to the Senate.

Indeed, although this proposal has been under discussion for several months, the

final Honor Code draft has only recently been endorsed by the School of Science Student Council.

We do not expect this to be formally presented to the Senate until sometime in April.

As all other errors in the *Sagamore's* "Proposed Honor Code..." article were obviously generated by the above initial misconception, I will neither bore you, nor the paper's readers, with other specific or point-by-point rebuttals.

In conclusion, I sincerely hope that—with an actual and accurate draft in hand—the esteemed gentleman from the School of Liberal Arts will be able to present the IUPUI Honor Code Proposal both to his own council and to its constituents, without any further misunderstandings about the actual contents.

I also sincerely hope that he will finally begin giving both his time and unwavering critical attention to the draft of an Honor Code Proposal actually germane to, and the one specifically being proposed for, the student body of IUPUI.

Ellen Lux Bland
President, School of Science Student Council

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Dole fighting three-way battle

■ Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan, finds it hard to keep up with fervor in House of Representatives; Republicans differ on agenda.

One group of Republican senators is imploring Bob Dole to support a \$500-per-child tax credit. Another tells him bluntly that given the size of the federal deficit, tax cuts will have to wait.

Eventually Dole will have to figure out how to reconcile this split within his party—and all the other conflicting pressures swirling around him.

Being Senate majority leader is nerve-racking enough under normal circumstances. Combine it with a House revolution and a soon-to-be-announced presidential campaign, and the complications are boundless.

Within the Senate alone, the Kansas Republican has three rivals for the White House nomination—conservative Phil Gramm of Texas, moderate Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Indiana's Dick Lugar, whose agriculture and foreign-policy expertise mirrors Dole's own areas of strength.

The policy tensions are as strong as the presidential ones. Senior GOP senators are urging caution on tax cuts as well as gradual changes in social programs, while militant freshmen and their allies push for House-style speed and revolutionary fervor.

"People back home ask me what it like to be part of this revolution. I say, 'I don't know, because I am in the Senate,'" freshman Republican Rod Grams of Minnesota said testily on the floor last week.

No one is more painfully aware of the contrast than Dole.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich is shoving through one major "Contract With America" promise after another. Congressional term limits, coming up this week, may be his sole defeat in a hyperkinetic first 100 days.

The Senate, in Dole's useful words, moves at the speed of grass growing.

"The founding fathers probably knew what they were doing," he told one audience recently, leaving the impression he had a few doubts.

The Senate already has killed one major element of the contract, the balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. Last week, after days of intensive negotiations,

senators passed the line-item veto another key item. Dole's relief was palpable.

Even Gingrich sees a rough Senate road ahead. "Bob Dole's job is probably 10 times as hard as my job," the speaker said, reflecting on the fate of the House contract.

Dole also seems to be keeping an eye on the White House. At one point President Clinton joked that there would be one more American employed after retired basketball star Michael Jordan rejoined the Chicago Bulls. A week later, Dole issued his own statement on Jordan.

He suggested Jordan might consider running for the U.S. Senate.

From the Associated Press

"People back home ask me what it is like to be part of this revolution. I say 'I don't know, because I am in the Senate.'"

Rod Grams
freshman senator

Student election voter turnout breaks record

■ Unofficial numbers indicate nearly 2,000 students voted last week.

By Brian Moore and Julia Teeter
The Sagamore

By most accounts, this year's voter turnout in the Undergraduate Student Assembly is record breaking.

As of last Thursday, Mike Wagoner, director of Student Activities, said he expects to top last year's turnout of approximately 1,300.

"I am quite sure we have surpassed last year's vote count," he said. "Our goal was 1,900 and I think we'll get that."

Adam Freeman, election committee chairman, was more specific with his assessment of voter turnout.

"As of (last Monday), we had 650 votes," Freeman said. "At 7 p.m. Tuesday we had 1,100 votes."

"It's growing more by the hour," he added.

Some locations on campus had broken 1994's records in one day of polling.

According to Wagoner, Herron School of Art, Cavanaugh Hall and

the School of Engineering and Technology III locations were among those to establish new high marks for voter turnout.

Although records for high voter turnout may have been set last week, other locations failed to meet the expectations of those involved in the elections.

"The one that really fooled me was the food court; it's been practically zero," he said. "We've only had about 50 votes (in four days)."

Last year the food court generated 189 votes.

Wagoner said the high turnout can be attributed to the campaigning each candidate has conducted.

"I'm really pleased with the campaigning going on. Vote totals are directly proportional to the amount of campaigning," Wagoner explained.

Freeman said the higher the number of students who vote, the more power student government may have.

"If we could get 2,900 students to vote, I think the administration would open its eyes to IUPUI's (student) governmental system," he said.

Wagoner said the vote totals were encouraging signs for the future.

"Each year is getting better and better," he said. "There is a lot more enthusiasm and a lot of excitement."



Carl Kurcinza, a sophomore majoring in finance, casts his vote in last week's Undergraduate Student Election. Martha Hodges (right) and Loretta Anderson (left) work the polling location.

Elections

Continued from Page 1

"There was no malicious intent. There was no impropriety," Terhune added. "A lot of this ugliness and pettiness is strictly political."

The alleged incident between Cooper and the complainants took place immediately following March 22's Candidates' Forum. Beal, Sheets and McPhee filed the grievance at approximately 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

In addition to the complaint filed against Cooper, Beal said he plans on submitting a separate grievance asking for full disclosure of funding origins from all USA candidates.

Another request for financial disclosure from all candidates was made by Richard Griffith, a sophomore in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

After the grievance was filed and Terhune was made aware of the charges, the School of Business Student Activities Council ceased its financial support of Cooper.

"Not in any way financially (did we support Cooper)," Terhune said. Terhune said the pursuit of a case against the Positive Reform ticket reflects badly on student government.

"I think it's a very sad statement about the state of student government affairs," she said.

They said it

The issue of funding student campaigns was a hot topic of this year's student government elections.

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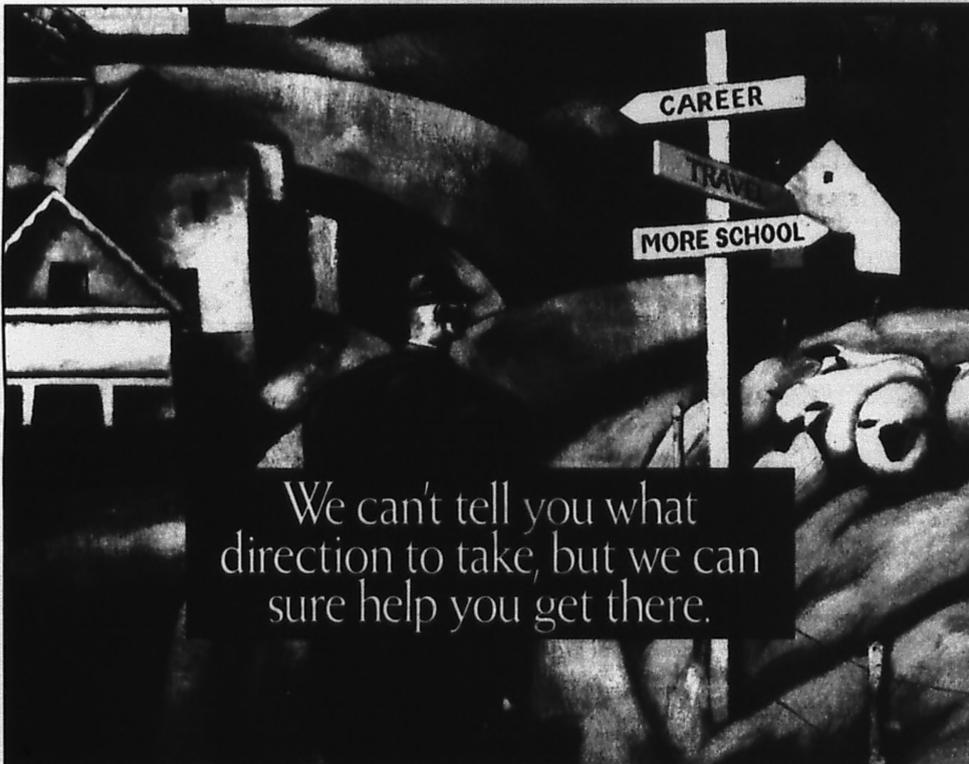
■ **Vield Terhune**, chair, school of business student activities council

"We believe this to be a gross misuse of student activity fee money."

■ **Bruce Beal**, Laura McPhee, Christy Sheets, complainants

"There was never any intention to use Student Activity Fee money."

■ **Mike Wagoner**, director, student activities



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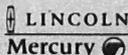
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Wellness program helps people walk to fitness

■ The MaxWell Walking Program provides students, faculty and staff the chance to get fit doing an everyday activity - walking.

By Darin Crone and Tammy Cleary
The Sagamore

Hazel Clark usually eats a small salad for lunch. Then, she replaces her work shoes with walking shoes and hits the pavement for 30 to 60 continuous minutes three to four times per week.

A research associate for the School of Dentistry, Clark walks for her health. She also walks for herself. Her goal is to walk 120 minutes per week, and she said she usually reaches it. For the last two years, as a member of the walking program at IUPUI, Clark has been keeping a log of how much she walks.

"The walking program is offered four times per year by the MaxWell Program to encourage students, faculty and staff to take an interest in health," said Darrel

Mendenhall, director of the MaxWell program.

"The whole purpose is to promote health," said Mendenhall. "Walking is the most popular form of cardiovascular exercise."

Clark said the program motivates her to exercise, since she's not into weight lifting or fitness clubs.

"This (walking) is the only thing I've ever stuck with," Clark said. "I'm not athletic at all, but I can do this."

While most walking for the program is done on an individual basis, Clark said the walking program also includes lunch hour seminars and group walks.

The walking program is a semi-self-directed program, Mendenhall said. Participants walk whenever they have time.

The program is 12 weeks long. Each of the participants sets goals and keeps a log of how long he or she walks.

"The whole purpose (of the MaxWell Walking Program) is to promote health. Walking is the most popular form of cardiovascular exercise."

Darrel Mendenhall, MaxWell Program coordinator

Audrey Southgate, a receptionist at the School of Medicine, set her goal at 240 minutes per week. This is Southgate's first time participating in the program. She has met her goal every week but one.

"I think walking is one of the best exercises you can do," she said.

Walking is not the only component of the program, Mendenhall added. Activities rotate from week to week.

One Wednesday, participants walk as a group; the following Wednesday, participants attend seminars covering various health topics.

Past seminars have included discussions on physical fitness, nutrition and liver health. Participants were also taught how to target their heart rates and were given information on proper shoe apparel and how to treat and prevent foot injuries.

"For me, the program is enough to keep me motivated," Clark said.

"We've had some really great lectures," she added.

This Wednesday, Dr. Linda Caser, director of Indiana Eye Care Center, will discuss common eye care conditions and principles. The seminar is open to the public and will be given from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. in CA226.

Each 12-week program ends with an awards ceremony that recognizes walkers for meeting their goals.

The next 12-week program will begin on April 17.

The MaxWell Walking Program integrates, unifies, and utilizes various resources within the university and surrounding community to provide a variety of high quality health and wellness services.

The goal is to enhance the personal health, well being, productivity and morale of university employees, student body, and local businesses and industry.

In addition to the walking program, MaxWell is also sponsoring a weight loss program, fitness and nutrition assessments and a workshop on proper weight lifting techniques to prevent injury to the back.

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Perspectives

Senior Show features 'Last Conceived'

Herron School of Art exhibit showcases various works created by members of the 1995 graduating class.

By Amy Tovasy
The Sagamore

Few college seniors are able to make their mark in the professional world until well after commencement, but graduating students at the Herron School of Art are recognized on an annual basis.

The Senior Art Show has been a tradition at Herron for over 20 years, giving seniors the opportunity to display their best pieces in a public exhibit.

"The intention of the student show," said Bill Atkins, director of the Herron Art Gallery, "is partially to show the community the accomplishments of the class. It's also meant to be an educational experience for the seniors," he continued, "because they are primarily responsible for all the aspects of putting the show together."

This year's show features over 200 projects that represent each department within the school, including painting, wood-working, ceramics, art history, art education and visual communications.

Also included in this year's exhibit is an installation created by senior Dennis M. Weddle.

The exhibit, titled "The Last Conceived," deals with "specifically, my reality," said Weddle, a painting major. "You have all different types of people and this installation is more of a self-portrait than anything else.

"In other words," he continued, "this is about who I am, and that's being a gay male growing up in a large, very conservative, Bible-belt midwest town and being accepted by most of my peers and my family."

Weddle's exhibit contains 26 interrelated pieces that deal with a loss of [childhood] innocence...and the rites of growing up."

"The installation is about...the things we go through



Courtesy Dennis M. Weddle

Over 200 projects are on display at the Herron School of Art's 1995 Senior Show, including this detail of a piece from Dennis M. Weddle's installation titled "The Last Conceived." The show runs through April 14.

[as a child]." Weddle said. "Family dynamics, socialized behavior, nurture vs. nature—all those issues, for me, are in this show."

Weddle is satisfied with the outcome of his exhibit and the overall achievements of the senior class.

"The one thing that sets this class apart from a lot of the classes that have graduated in the past," he said, "is that we're willing to take the responsibility to speak out on issues that are currently taboo."

Danielle Garland, a senior majoring in painting and print making, is also enthusiastic about the show.

"I think—and I may be biased—it's one of [the] better shows that we've had," she said. "I think it looks really good."

The Senior Show will be featured at the Herron Gallery, 1701 N. Pennsylvania, through April 14. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.



Jennifer Kay Rumpke/The Sagamore

Glen Phillips sang lead vocals at Toad the Wet Sprocket's Murat Theatre concert March 30.

Blowfish and Sprockets not a bad combination

By Jennifer Kay Rumpke
The Sagamore

With Hootie and the Blowfish as an opening act and a barefoot Glen Phillips belting out hit after hit, Toad the Wet Sprocket's performance March 30 was one for the record books.

Members from Toad, including Phillips, lead vocalist; Todd Nichols, vocalist/guitarist; Dean Dinning, bassist/keyboardist; and Randy Guss, drummer, attracted a packed-in crowd in the Murat Theatre's Egyptian Room.

Toad performed their biggest hits including "Fall Down," "Walk on the Ocean," and "Hold Her Down," proving they are true musicians.

With their mesmerizing harmonies and refreshing guitar stints, Toad left the audience begging for more.

Concert review
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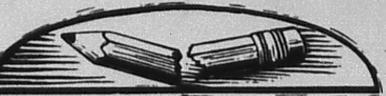
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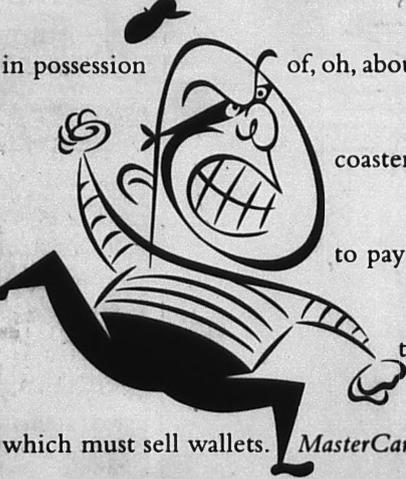


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What's it like to get a tattoo? Does it hurt when they poke that sharp-edged needle in your arm? Your butt? Your foot? Your CHEST? Besides, who in their right mind would put themselves through such miserable pain just to have different colored pictures on their skin for the rest of their life?

Story and photos by Jennifer Kay Rumpke
The Sagamore

It seemed just a few years ago, tattoos were only for Harley-Davidson riders and Marines. Today, more and more college students are following the "tattoo trend," but unlike most trends, this one won't go away in just a few months.

"People with tattoos are looked upon as bikers or people who have had a major party lifestyle, but that is not true," said Tom Shanklin, a junior majoring in nursing. "More and more people are getting them for the art and to show them off."

Between 12 and 20 million Americans have tattoos and almost half get them removed, according to a recent article in *Newsweek*.

"What the twenty-something generation thinks to be cool now is something they will outgrow by their thirties," said Dr. John Randall, director of the department of dermatology at the Zollman Center.

Randall said he removes three to five tattoos per week.

"Recently, I've seen a lot of World War II and Vietnam veterans wanting their tattoos removed," he said. "But, a large number of my clients are people who have just recently gotten a tattoo."

Names of girlfriends' or boyfriends' patients are no longer dating, bad artwork, or just simply changing their minds are the main reasons for removal, he added.

A large portion of Shanklin's chest is covered with a blue, Native American-style Thunderbird and his upper back sports two wolf paws.

Shanklin, 28 years old, said he doesn't see himself getting his tattoos removed.

"When I hit my 50s, my stomach is all blown out and starts to sag, this bird will look pretty sad, but I'm not too worried about it," he said. "This tattoo is a part of me. I thought long and hard before getting it because it is permanent. It's for life."

"Where a small tattoo costs someone \$60 to put on, it could cost them almost \$1,000 to remove. Most doctors charge anywhere from \$75 to \$2,000 per session. When you are looking at least three to five visits per tattoo, you are looking at a lot of money."

Dr. John Randall, director of the department of dermatology at the Zollman Center.

Not anymore. According to Randall, technology has become so advanced, tattoo removal is relatively simple and usually will not leave scars.

Tom Shanklin, a 28-year-old tattoo connoisseur, says he understands 'tattoos are for life' but they are part of him.

"About 95 percent of all tattoos (removed) are removed through laser surgery," he said. The most commonly used laser is the Nd Yang. This laser can remove all colors of pigment from the skin except aquamarine, in which the Alexandrite laser is then used.

The process involves a laser beam shot directly into the tattoo. The pigment absorbs the energy and disturbs the cells in the skin. "Because the cells are now damaged, your own body's scavenger cells remove the pigment from your body, getting rid of the damaged debris," he said. As painful as it may be to get a tattoo, the removal process is not as bad. For a tattoo the size of a coaster, the patient must go through three to five treatments every six weeks. The process does not hurt the surrounding skin, but may leave bruises and cause bleeding. "Actually, the bleeding and changing of the dressing is 70 percent of the removal process," said Randall. Using the laser technology, scarring very seldom occurs, but patients could experience what Randall calls the "shadow effect."

"The shadow effect is a faint, white outline of the tattoo that was just removed," said Randall. "This usually occurs in patients with dark or olive skin tones." Laser surgery is not cheap.

Randall said the cost of tattoo removal varies from place to place and, of course, depends on the size and location of the tattoo.

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Randall said another reason people are removing their tattoos is because they are having a hard time getting jobs.

Shanklin agrees getting a job might be harder for people with visible tattoos.

"In the society in which we live today, people put a lot of emphasis on the way we look, especially in a professional setting," he said. "A lot of companies want you to wear the white shirts and ties and look a certain way. If you don't fit into that mold, of course it is going to hurt you."

Randall said he believes that a lot of the people getting tattoos now will be his future patients.

"It is simply human nature for people to want to do things that are in vogue. If this is the reason for their tattoos, they will regret it—be it three weeks down the road or five to 10 years later.

Although Shanklin said he has no regrets, he said tattoos are permanent reminders of temporary insanity."



Shanklin also has two wolf paw tattoos on his back.



A student with a Native American tribal symbol tattoo on his arm.



Joel Goodwin has a tattoo of the sun with a lizard inside of it on his right calf.