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## Man in the middle

Gov. Evan Bayh and the college tax credit

**Indiana legislature**

■ "If it (the proposed college tax credit) is not passed, it won't be because of Medicare... It'll be because the legislature doesn't want to spend the money."



Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh meets with reporters from four Indiana colleges to discuss about the proposed college tax credit.

**Indiana families**

■ "It (the proposed college tax credit) would help 142,000 families across Indiana and 112,000 of these families would not qualify for state-student assistance."

■ Time wasting away on current college tax credit proposal; Bayh believes there's no reason why legislature shouldn't pass the bill.

By Brian Moore  
 The Sagamore

Governor Evan Bayh has a going-away present for current and future college students and their families. With 10 months remaining in his second, and last, term as governor of the state of Indiana, Bayh puts education on the top of his list of things to do. His most recent proposal is a \$500 per student tax credit for college students' families. A partial credit of \$250 dollars would also be available for part-time college students' families. "The state can afford its thanks to its strong financial position," said Bayh, referring to the \$1.46 billion state budget surplus. "It would help 142,000 families across Indiana and 112,000 of these families would not qualify for state student assistance."

In addition to the budget windfall, Indiana has a Medicaid surplus of a "couple hundred million dollars," said Bayh. In its original form, the plan would cut the average cost of tuition by approximately 17 percent. If it is approved, Bayh said it would help the "all-too-often-forgotten" middle- and lower-class families as well as other areas of the economy. "It's the most important issue in solving a lot of problems," explained Bayh, 40. And, the chances of the proposal being approved are high if Bayh's past track record regarding education is concerned. Since taking office in 1989, state funding for education has increased every year of his term. Time is wasting away on the current plan, however. The current session of the General Assembly is scheduled to end Feb. 15.

**About tax credit**

- The proposal would give families with college students a \$500 tax credit for each full-time student.
- The proposal would give families with college students a \$250 tax credit for each part-time student.
- The proposal would cut the average cost of tuition by approximately 17 percent, said Bayh.
- The proposal would also be available for students who are enrolled in college courses full time.
- It is part of a \$410 million tax cut package and must be acted upon by the state by Feb. 15.

**About Bayh**

- Elected as Governor of Indiana in 1989 and re-elected in 1992 by the largest margin in modern state history.
- Graduated from Indiana University in 1978 and received a degree in law from the University of Virginia in 1981.
- Named one of America's Most Promising Leaders Under the age of 40 by Time Magazine in 1994.
- Served as chairman of National Education Goals Panel in 1995.
- Served as chairman of Education Commission of the States in 1995.

"I am hopeful the legislature will take action on this before they adjourn," Bayh said. "I don't think we should use the federal governments inaction as an excuse to not take these important steps if we can clearly afford to do so." "If the legislature doesn't want to enact a college tax cut, they should just say that," Bayh explained. "If it's not passed, it won't be because of Medicare or Medicaid. It'll be because the legislature just doesn't want to spend the money." Most proposals in Congress give Indiana more than enough funding to last the rest of the century, so Bayh said he believes there's no reason not to approve his plan. The tax break proposal is as important to Bayh, he has been personally lobbying legislators to approve it. "I found that explaining the merits of my position privately is very important," Bayh admitted.

"I think it's important for young people who would be the direct beneficiaries of this program and their families to know about it." "The only reason the legislative leadership agreed to consider the tax credit bill was because I thought it was important," he added. Not only is it important for the economy, Bayh said, it is essential for the success of the younger generation. "It used to be a high school education was enough, now a college education is really critical in having the skills necessary to get a good job," he explained. "The requirements for knowledge and education are growing with each passing year exponentially." Bayh's experience as a national education expert may give an advantage in dealing with education legislation at the state level. His commitment to higher education has been recognized nationally, as well as locally. He has served as chairman of the National Education Goals Panel, chairman of Education Commission of the States and is one of two governors on the National Assessment in Education panel.

The apparent reluctance of some in the Indiana legislature to enact the plan is of no surprise to Bayh. He said it is an issue endemic of politics in general, especially in Washington D.C. "There's much too much partisanship in Washington today," Bayh said. "In this process the governor doesn't dictate to the legislature what to do we have to work on it cooperatively." To Bayh, his stance on education and the proposal he has set forth should be encouraging to college students who may have lost faith in government. "I think the governor has offered a pretty good example," Bayh said. Bayh also left the door open for a possible run for the Senate. "I haven't made up my mind yet," he said.

## Dental ballots provoke concern

■ Sexual harassment charges bring about odd issues regarding H. William Gilmore.

By Benjamin Cox  
 The Sagamore

Questions concerning the leadership ability of the dental school dean Dr. H. William Gilmore are surfacing in the wake of recent sexual harassment charges filed against him. Some dental school faculty, using the school's professor Dr. Dale Miles as their messenger, feel so strongly about the concerns, they acted to conduct a vote with three questions concerning Gilmore. ■ Is Gilmore an effective leader? ■ Is Gilmore a good role model? ■ Should Gilmore remain dean during the transition to a new dean? "If it would stop all of the problems we should do a confidence vote at five o'clock today," Gilmore said, referring to the vote. He later added, "It is a \$30 million school that comes in and out each year and it is a non-profit system with intricate detail. It is my responsibility to be certain that all the parts are done properly." "I am an administrator who demands excellence and with this strict discipline there are many interpretations," said Gilmore in response to the questions put forth in the vote. "These interpretations may not be positive according to Gilmore, however, the important thing for him is the school's future progress and reputation."

"We have one of the finest faculties

in the world of dentistry and with the support of the best university, and to furnish this reputation is not to the benefit of anyone — the students, faculty, alumni or the citizens of Indiana," he said.

A "yes" or "no" response was required for the confidential vote, which was to be tabulated by professor Henry Karlson, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. The results were to be sent to Chancellor Gerald Bepko, dean of faculties William Plater and the president of the board of trustees John Walda, according to Miles. Plater, in concurrence with Bepko, sent a memorandum to the faculty of the dental school on Feb. 2 in response to the ballot that was sent out Jan. 25.



Gilmore

He commented on the ballot referring to the memorandum which said in part, "While professor Miles has the right to write to members of the faculty on any subject he chooses, he is not authorized or empowered to conduct votes or to take any other actions reserved to faculty governance and administrative responsibilities." Miles responded, "Which I think really puts the breaks on academic freedom." Plater continued by saying deans are not elected. They are appointed by the chancellor and then approved by the board of trustees for IU.

Other members of the dental

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## Student decline proves 'insignificant'

■ Registration efforts implemented last year kept numbers higher.

By Theresa Carter  
 The Sagamore

Despite a slight drop in enrollment at IUPUI this spring, aggressive techniques started last fall to improve enrollment are having an effect. Spring enrollment at IUPUI dropped 0.6 percent from last spring, but Mark Grove, registrar, is positive because the Indianapolis Campus only lost 91 student this term. "The numbers are even smaller if the percentages of the Columbus campus are omitted. If those figures are removed, the

Indianapolis campus dropped 0.4 percent. In addition, the students enrolled are taking more classes. "Given the size of our campus, the (percentages show) a fairly insignificant decline — certainly a far smaller decline than we had the last couple of years," said Grove. "While we'd always prefer to be at least even with the preceding year, we came far closer this year than we did in the last two," he added. Jennifer Pease, associate director of admissions in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, pointed out a possible explanation for part of the decline. "When the economy is in a good state," she said, "fewer people opt to apply." She said what motivates some people to take classes are job layoffs.

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## Questions surround Lady Metros' van accident

■ Not enough money to hire drivers for away games, says IUPUI official.

By Brian Moore  
 The Sagamore

Questions continue to surround the IUPUI athletics department following the death of Shannon McPherson, a 20-year-old sophomore guard for the Lady Metros basketball team. McPherson was killed Jan. 30 on Interstate 65 after being thrown from

an IUPUI van on the way back to Indianapolis following an away game. One of the latest accusations involves the question: Who should have been driving the university-owned vehicle?

A letter to the editor published in the Feb. 6 issue of *The Indianapolis Star* stated IUPUI hires drivers for the men's team away games, but requires coaches or assistant coaches to drive the women out of town.



Wolf

Hugh Wolf, director of the athletic department, denied the claim. "The accusation that we have used independent drivers when the men's team travels is not true," Wolf said. "The suggestion that we would compromise the safety of our student athletes to save a few dollars is simply not true." According to Greg Seiter, sports information director for the department of Athletics, the university uses hired drivers only when the team goes out of town by charter. All other times, coaches or assistant coaches are responsible for driving the vans which carry team members.

He cited funding as a direct hindrance to hiring non-university drivers. "There's not enough money to hire drivers," Seiter said. "That is the case at any school of any size." Others say that is not true. At IU, for example, the team uses a "chartered bus out of Bloomington," according to Dorothy Bennet, associate business manager for the IU athletics department.

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Sagamore will have a homepage on the Internet which can be accessed at <http://www.sagamore.iupui.edu>. The electronic version of *The Sagamore* features the standard five sections: news, voice, sports, perspectives and focus — as well as other items. One of the features of the on-line newspaper is an option which allows visitors to write letters to the editor via e-mail. The on-line coordinator of *The Sagamore* homepage is Jason Sivk. He can be reached at [jmsk@cord.iupui.edu](mailto:jmsk@cord.iupui.edu). E-mail addresses of other employees are also accessible on the homepage. Starting today, the weekly

# Gilmore

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School faculty are concerned with the manner in which the vote or ballot was approached, such as Lawrence Garetto, associate professor of orthodontics and physiology.

"We as a faculty were not given the opportunity to speak our minds on this. So, we have a single person in effect acting as a spokesperson for the faculty," Garetto said, "when he has absolutely no mandate to do so, and that is wrong."

"We have constitutional rules and bylaws that are set up to provide for faculty governance of things, and this process has occurred outside the rules of faculty governance that are set up for us to use to start with," Garetto explained.

"He continued to say they didn't go through the proper channels to address this, probably because they wouldn't have been given the opportunity to vote. But, the fact was they didn't try to do what is both bothered Garetto."

Dr. George Willis, chair of the restorative dentistry department, has the same opinions about the circumvention of the proper channels as Garetto.

They both said because the university has announced plans to replace the retiring Gilmore within the near future, they didn't see a need to continue to stir up the issue.

Plater also urged concerned faculty to address this issue through his and Hepko's office.

And, to give their full attention to identifying a person who has the qualities and abilities to replace Gilmore which, according to Plater, would be a poor positive goal.

Gilmore announced his retirement late last semester, the day after three female dental school employees announced they were accusing him of

sexual harassment. "Completing 11 years in the position. I feel it is an opportune time to have a new dean in the school," Gilmore said.

He continued by saying if it takes an interim dean, which Miles and others would like to see, that would be fine, because there are special assignments of planning that Gilmore can't do until that person is in place.

Gilmore will continue to work in his position until the university finds a new dean. According to Miles, this might not be soon enough because of questions of leadership and morale issues regarding Gilmore.

"The poor morale of the school, now that he has decided to resign and has announced that he is going to resign. As we feel that some of the decisions that he is still making, which will have impact far beyond his term, may not be the agenda of an incoming dean," Miles said.

"The morale and leadership issues have been there for several years — long before the harassment charges came up. The allegations that came out of the media really helped to open up again some old questions, and the questions are of leadership," he added.

These are issues that Miles said he feels have been brought up in the past years and were met with retaliation.

"There have been challenges by different chairmen and other individual faculty members over many years, and what seems to have transpired is that if you challenge him, it's not an intellectual question that you pose, it is basically that you don't agree with him and you lose favor, and it can happen very rapidly," Miles said.

Gilmore responded, "In my 11 years of service to the university, I have been totally open and fair and have not retaliated against anyone, and I feel these accusations have no place in public discussion."

# News Briefs

Compiled by Jennifer Kay Ruple

## Public presentation aids in search

Five candidates for the Dean of University Libraries position will be available to answer questions Feb. 13, 20, 27, 29 and March 5 from 2:45 to 4 p.m. at public presentations.

The first three sessions will take place at the University Library Auditorium, Room 0130. The session taking place on Feb. 29 will be at the Lecture Hall, Room 100 and March 5 at the University Conference Center, Room 118.

Interested persons may receive a job description for this position and profiles of the candidates through the internet at <http://adodvry.iupui.edu> or call 274-0462 for more information.

## Dental fair offers free treatment

Oral screenings, fluoride rinse treatments, teeth-brushing instruction and nutritional information will be available during IUPUI's annual Dental Health Fair.

Sponsored by the School of Dentistry's Student Affairs Council, this fair will take place Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school.

For more information call Linda Yang or Miranda Schoof at 274-7957.

## Volunteer services requested for event

Earth Day Indiana, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help in the planning and preparation of the annual Earth Day Festival in central Indiana.

The festival will take place April 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Mall and Veterans Memorial Plaza downtown.

To volunteer or for more information, call 470-0859.

## Law school features key speakers

Key figures in the entertainment and sports industries will share their ideas on legal issues in their fields Feb. 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the IU School of Law - Indianapolis, Room 116.

Seating is limited and reservations are suggested.

For reservations or more information, contact Sean Macias at 921-1950.

## Herron alumni exhibit a decade of artwork

Paintings, sculptures, illustrations, drawings, photographs and ceramics created by Herron School of Art alumni from the past decade will be on display at the Herron Gallery Feb. 16 through March 8.

A panel discussion Feb. 16 will feature alumni discussing challenges faced during their careers beginning at 1 p.m.

The exhibit and discussion is free and open to the public.

## Scholarships offered to IUPUI students

Two \$2,500 scholarships for educational expenses are available to students through the Office of Service Learning.

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- will enroll in a service learning class for the fall semester.

Applications are available in the Administration Building, Room 138, in the Office of Financial Aid or by calling 278-2370.

March 1 is the deadline for submission.

## General Studies degree sessions

The third information session for the general studies degree program will take place on Feb. 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Union Building Roof Lounge.

This program is for adult learners who may receive an associate's and/or bachelor's degree taking general studies classes at IUPUI.

For more information or upcoming sessions, call 274-5039.

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# Students

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or a need to improve their education to obtain a better-paying job.

Another explanation Pease gave for the decline was a change in accepting applications that was implemented last year.

The admissions office continued to accept applications for last fall later than they had in the past.

So, instead of deferring enrollment for some students until the spring, they were allowed to begin classes in the fall.

Still, IUPUI had a smaller drop in enrollment than most of the other IUPUI campuses.

The university adopted the slogan "More Is Better" and advertised it on television and newspapers as well as distributing paraphernalia with the

slogan. According to Pease, the "marketing-ability helped."

The increase last fall and the small decrease this semester are also a result of the efforts of the people at the university, Grove said.

The offices of admissions, financial aid, bursar and registrar instituted Saturday hours for students. Various schools called their existing students to answer any questions and to encourage them to enroll for the spring semester.

One of the most important factors, said Pease, was the effort given by the staffs in Student Enrollment Services.

Many people worked overtime to answer the phones, process applications and make sure students understand admission procedures.

"Expanded hours, proactive services and marketing together helped make a difference," said Pease.

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# System 'promises' IUPUI registration relief

Program offers waiting lists for students needing specific courses that are closed because they are full.

By Dan Aaron  
The Sagamore

Students may have an ACE up their sleeve when registering for classes next fall term.

Automated Course Exchange (ACE) is a program which promises to change registration on campus permanently, according to Tom May, IUPUI's associate registrar.

ACE places students on a first-come-first-serve waiting list for closed courses.

"The system will give priority to students in the order in which the students register," May said.

ACE will be accessible from both

touch-tone telephone and on-line computer registration.

May said the ACE system will be piloted next registration for the following: math department, English department and Herron School of Art.

"ACE has been operational for approximately 18 months at the Bloomington campus with an 85 percent success rate," said May.

When a student encounters a course section closed, ACE will immediately notify the student.

If on-line, students are notified di-

rectly on the computer screen. When using touch-tone, an automated voice will instruct students on the following options:

■ **Wait list** is an option allowing students to place their name on a course's waiting list, bumping them into that course if another student drops it.

■ **The contingent/drop option** permits students to substitute an alternate course when a preferred class is full.

■ **Rain check/roll-over** provides the ability for students who cannot register for a preferred class because it's full, to be first in line for that course the following semester.

Students will be responsible for confirming any course changes the rain check/roll-over provides, ensuring the course is still desired.

Options selected on ACE will con-

tinue to be in force one week after classes begin. If a course becomes available during that time, the registrar's office will notify students of any changes in their schedule.

"Students can add, modify or change wait list requests at any time the registration system is open," said May.

"You'll have to claim it while it's waiting for you," May said.

Matt Schlimgen, manager of registration systems, said when the fall schedule arrives, students should read through the ACE section to familiarize themselves with the system.

"We're putting the responsibility in the students' hands," Schlimgen said.

The earlier students take advantage of ACE, the more likely they'll get the courses they want, he added.

Students already briefed about

ACE seemed optimistic.

"Sounds nice," said Melissa Babione, junior majoring in psychology. "Sometimes, even seniors don't get the classes they want because there are excesses when certain time slots are needed but are closed."

Babione said she registered for a class but had problems because its accompanied lab was full.

"They wouldn't let me register the class unless somebody dropped it," she added. "So that kind of a system would definitely help."

May said all the desk pounding and mad rushes to the registrar's office won't do students any good, any more.

"I'd like to emphasize that this will benefit the students, but they have to be able to use it to benefit," said May. "They have to plan ahead and use the system to their advantage."



May



Mike Thibault/The Sagamore

A student takes care of business with a registrar office employee.

## University's 'working' for employed students

Tuition reimbursement isn't the only thing some local companies are offering their employees.

By Jody Arthur  
The Sagamore

Three area businesses are working with IUPUI to make professional development more convenient than ever.

On-site college courses at Public Service Indiana (PSI), Boehringer-Mannheim and Eli Lilly Corporation, make it possible for employees to work on their degrees without having to commute to campus.

Ruth Iliff, head of corporate relations at Boehringer-Mannheim, said, "These kinds of courses are highly desired by employees."

Iliff was speaking of work site convenience.

"Clearly, when you live way out on the northeast side of town, not having to run all the way to the university at 5 or 6 o'clock is a real plus," Iliff said.

She said that employees can register for classes and even order books from the workplace, eliminating a trip to campus.

Although Boehringer-Mannheim already has a tuition assistance program, Iliff said the on-site courses, which began about three years ago, provide the extra motivation needed by employees beginning degree programs.

She said at least two employees, after receiving their degrees, said they would never have returned to school had their courses not been offered at work.

-According to Dr. James East, dean of the Weekend College, there are 60 to 70 students enrolled in on-site courses this semester.

Of these, approximately 80 percent are employees of the hosting companies.

East said the programs are typically initiated when a company approaches the university with specific educational needs.

From that point, East's office then works with those in charge of the ca-

reer development department at the company to get the program started.

Companies used to have problems keeping enrollment up, East said.

These difficulties stemmed from the differing needs of business and industry and their employees, he added.

"Employees and employees just aren't talking the same language these days," he said.

Companies originally wanted to offer specific and technical courses such as math and chemistry.

But, employees were more interested in general courses which would make them more marketable, he added.

One factor affecting enrollment was security. Companies didn't want to offer the courses to non-employees to ensure safety.

"Pretty soon they just didn't have the numbers," East said.

Eventually IUPUI made it a condition that courses were open to all IUPUI students, giving first priority to employees.

Despite initial resistance by some companies to the new policy, the programs have survived and are now offering courses better suited to employees' needs.

Courses focus on areas such as communications, supervision and technical writing.

East said foreign language courses are particularly well-attended because employees almost always view proficiency in a foreign language as beneficial to their careers.

Iliff cited the international nature of business as another reason for their popularity.

German classes are often full because of her company's dealings with German colleagues, she added.

East said he is unsure of the program's future "despite its success."

He added that the actual number of courses has diminished in recent years.

In the past, most work force education programs were conducted primarily through private industry.

Over the years, the federal government has taken a more active role in funding these types of programs, making their futures largely dependent on budget constraints.

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letic department.

Lori Bradley, business manager for IUPUI's athletic department, refused to comment on the issue.

Wolf did admit, however, there is a travel spending discrepancy between men's and women's teams. He said it was the "nature of athletics" and the product of the men's travel schedule.

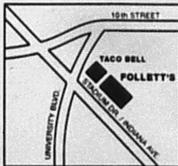
The men's team has traveled to

Hawaii, Arizona and Pennsylvania this year.

Budget figures for the 1994-95 season showed a disparity between the men's and women's travel budgets. Approximately \$35,000 was spent for the men's travel plans, while \$12,000 was spent on the women.

"What you spend on travel relates to where you play games," Wolf explained.

Wolf also said he would encourage any university policy which would require all passengers in university-owned vehicles to wear safety belts.



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# THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES PAGE

INFORMATION COMPILED BY MICHELLE THORPE

## Activities Calendar

### Monday/12th

• Wing Tsun, a martial arts club, conducts meetings every Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Student Activities Center 132.

This club is open to anyone interested in self-defense.

For more information about these meetings call Si-Hing or Todd Wright at 382-1325.

■■■

### Tuesday/13th

• POLSA is having its Election '96 speaker series featuring Mark Williams, campaign manager for Virginia Blankenbaker, from noon to 1 p.m. in Student Activities Center 131.

Blankenbaker is a candidate for the Republican nomination to run for the 10th District U.S. House of Representatives seat, currently occupied by the retiring Andy Jacobs.

Lunch will be provided.

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### Wednesday/14th

• Join the Catholic Newman Club at 801 N. Martin Luther King Jr. St. for a delicious all-you-can-eat home-cooked meal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$2.50.

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### Friday/16th

• The Catholic Newman Club invites you to ice skate with them at Pan Am Plaza from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission and rental of skates is free. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Newman Club and the Student Activity Fee.

For more information call 632-4378.

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### Saturday/16th

• The Catholic Newman Club is sponsoring a Valentine Dance and party for senior citizens at Goodwin Plaza from 4 to 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help out and socialize with senior citizens in good health. Call 632-4378 for details.

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### Sunday/18th

• The Catholic Newman Club offers a religious service/workshop every Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Newman Center.

The Newman Center is located at 801 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

• POLSA is sponsoring a \$23 ski trip to ski world from 2 to 9 p.m.

The fee includes bus fair with snacks, equipment rental, lift tickets and one lesson.

They will depart and return to the Cavanaugh Hall parking lot.

## Sweet smelling Valentine sales

During this Valentine's season, several student groups will be selling roses and baked goods.

Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity will be selling single roses and floral arrangements from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday on the second floor of the business building.

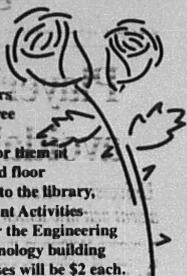
They also will be selling baked goods such as cookies, brownies and cakes.

The sweethearts of Phi Mu Fraternity are having a bake sale on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Activities Center with the proceeds benefiting Riley Children's Hospital.

The Honors Club will be selling peach, pink, yellow and white roses Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Purchase these roses for your sweetheart or that special someone in

your life at any of the Honors Clubs three locations. Look for them in the second floor entrance to the library, the Student Activities Center or the Engineering and Technology building 2126. Roses will be \$2 each.



Admission to the show is \$1.

### Lecture series to be presented

The Black Student Union is having a series of lectures in Student Activities center 115 during the month of February, Black History Month.

The first of these lectures will be today, "Breaking Barriers: Financial Planning for your Future," will be presented by Michael LeSura, Financial Consultant for The Prudential.

"Economic Development for Our Communities" will be on Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Minister Jeffrey X of The Nation of Islam will be the featured speaker.

The last lecture of the series will be presented by Dr. Khaula Muradha, IUPUI's School of Education, on Feb. 19. He will speak on "Black Student Survival in White Colleges" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Contact the Black Student Union at 278-2410 for further details.

### Larus Carter Hospital Tour

Employees at Larus Carter Hospital are providing an opportunity for students to tour their facility on Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about research being conducted as well as learning about research and volunteer opportunities that are currently available to students.

Everyone is welcome to attend the tour.

Contact Kathleen O'Brien at 726-1540 if you are interested.

Psi Chi and the Psychology Club are sponsoring this tour.

### POLSA club meeting

Every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Student Activities Center 131, POLSA conducts a club meeting. Students meet weekly to plan events and talk politics.

For more information e-mail: babeal@indyvax.iupui.edu.

### Chill lunch benefits Riley

The Psychology Club and Psi Chi are sponsoring a Chill for Charity lunch to benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Activities Center Room 112.

There will be a variety of chills for \$1.50 per big bowl and Cokes, Diet Cokes and Sprite for 25 cents.

Special thanks to Coca-Cola for donating the beverages to help Riley Hospital.

## Bulletin Board

### Native American classes

Students, faculty and the general public are invited to attend free, noncredit classes on Native American Studies.

Native Americans will give talks about their history, culture and traditions.

IUPUI is a very culturally diverse university. The classes give people the opportunity to gain an understanding of another culture and consequently, a better understanding of themselves.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Center.

You need not be of Native American ancestry to attend. Mitakuye-Oyasin (we are all related).

There will be no class on Valentine's Day, however on the 21st the discussion will focus on the Plains.

Refreshments will be served.

### Midwest Model European Union

The fourth Midwest Model European Union will take place on campus April 11-13.

Students from about a dozen colleges and universities around the Midwest will be participating.

They form delegations representing the 15 EU member states. They also spend 48 hours role-playing the leaders of those states, learning about the challenges of making deals, reaching compromises and generally having a fun time.

IUPUI students can also take a one credit hour course allied to the simulation (Y351).

For more information, contact Bruce Beal of the Model EU Club or John McCormick in political science at 274-4066. Beal can also be reached via e-mail at babeal@indyvax.iupui.edu.

### Talent show contestants needed

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is sponsoring a talent show on Mar. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Union Building on the Butler University Campus.

They are looking for all types of acts. First prize is \$100, second is \$50 and third place receives \$25.

### Business etiquette luncheon

The IUPUI Career Center is having a business etiquette luncheon and program on Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Place Conference Center Ballroom.

Tickets for undergraduates is \$16.50. Graduates and staff tickets are \$21.50. For more information contact the Career Center at 274-0863.

### Baha'i Gospel Choir

The Baha'i Gospel Choir will sing their praises on Feb. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the IUPUI Champions Club.

The Champions Club is located south of New York Street on Blackford Street.

Everyone is welcome.

There is no charge for this entertaining event.

Refreshments will be provided.

### Conversation/tutor groups

The Spanish Club offers conversation/tutor groups on Monday from 11 a.m. to noon and also from 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday hours are 11 a.m. to noon and 3 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday they meet from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. These meetings are usually in the Student Activities Center, however, check room assignments in Cavanaugh Hall 502A or the fourth floor bulletin board for advance notice.

For details e-mail: aecurie@indyvax.iupui.edu.

### Meet the professionals

PAHSO is featuring "Meet the Professional Student Night" on Feb. 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Nursing Building 212.

All Allied Health students are invited to attend this very informative meeting.

This meeting will include students from all the professional allied health programs.

They are prepared to answer any questions students may have about allied health programs and help fill in the gaps students may have about the program.

You'll find out what it takes to become a successful student and learn more about your program through students who have firsthand knowledge.

Hope to see you there!

## "Tipping the scales" political forum

All Black Student Union members and all culturally focused organization members interested in "tipping the scales" should attend the Black Student Unions informative meeting.

This meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon on February 17.

This meeting will take place in Student Activities Center 115.

During this meeting they will prepare for the Undergraduate Student Assembly elections in April.

This forum is to discuss a diverse political ticket that accurately depicts the IUPUI community.

Topics for discussion will include descriptions of offices, nominations for executive positions and platform issues.

Please call 278-2410 for additional information concerning this event.



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Player's death an avoidable tragedy

University or state officials should think about enacting a seat belt law which covers all passengers in vehicles.

Shannon McPherson, the 20-year-old sophomore guard killed on the way back from a Lady Metros away game Jan. 30, should be alive right now.

She should have arrived home that night to take care of her 1-year-old son.

She should have spent Feb. 1 celebrating her 21st birthday.

She should have played in the Lady Metros homecoming game last Saturday.

But she didn't.

As we have been informed by media institutions all across the state, the Lady Metros' transport van was involved in a traffic accident on icy Interstate 65, which resulted in Shannon's death, and injuries to the other five passengers.

No one was wearing seat belts, not even the front seat occupants, according to Indiana State Police accident investigator David Travis.

He said he was "absolutely" sure Shannon would have survived had she worn a seat belt.

Now, it's easy to look back and analyze the situation — hindsight is always 20/20. One thing is certain, however: There really was no reason for Shannon to wear her seat belt.

IUPUI doesn't require passengers in university-owned vehicles to wear seat belts.

And that is where hindsight stops and foresight begins.

Because of this unfortunate accident, it should be a priority among university administrators to institute a policy regarding the use

of seat belts.

Our suggestion is this: IUPUI should at least require all passengers in every university-owned vehicle to wear seat belts when traveling outside the immediate city limits. It would be desirable if IUPUI could require the use of seat belts at all times.

This would be a win-win situation for the university. It would limit the number of injuries incurred during the use of university vehicles and it would protect them from possible lawsuits. Also, if IUPUI would institute such a policy, it would be one of the first such policies in the United States.

It shouldn't end there, either. The General Assembly should discuss the possibility of making it a state law to require passengers in state-owned vehicles to wear seat belts. This would include university vehicles.

This would help prevent useless tragedies such as the one involving a school bus and a train last year in Chicago.

It's only a matter of time before a busload or vanload of people in Indiana suffer the same fate as Shannon.

Now is the time for the university to show it truly cares about its students and enact a policy requiring students to wear safety belts while traveling in university-owned vehicles.

They should have done it a long time ago.

Staff Editorial

Governor's college tax credit needed

Students, the state, the university and the economy will benefit from the proposal to give parents a \$500 refundable tax credit for dependents enrolled in classes.

Making the cost of Indiana's colleges more affordable — the central thrust of Gov. Evan Bayh's proposed \$500 refundable tax credit — is a far-sighted investment worthy of serious legislative consideration.

Here is why. Under the proposed plan, a maximum \$500 tax credit would be granted annually for educational expenses incurred by a taxpayer for each dependent enrolled in a full-time, undergraduate program at any of Indiana's public and private colleges or universities. This tax credit would offer concrete economic relief to college-bound Hoosiers faced with the looming realities of higher college costs and fewer options for federal loan assistance. Though far from a panacea, the proposal — the first of several likely to be offered in the legislature — is a good start. Beefed-up state loan programs with possible forgiveness endeavors, enhanced scholarship offerings and educational thrills also are worthy of discussion, but the governor's program is the first to surface and it is much needed, for several reasons.

Currently, Indiana ranks 32nd nationally in the amount of annual state appropriations for higher education per student, according to data released by Research Associates of Washington, D.C. A second jarring statistic: Indiana ranks 49th in the country in the number of residents who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees.

Another important point: census data shows that the average career-long income of college graduates is roughly \$300,000 more than the income of comparable workers with high school diplomas. So raising the percentage of Hoosiers with a college degree, from

an economic perspective, makes sense.

But there's more. Access to a college degree, I believe, is the single best means our society has for providing future generations with upward mobility. Slamming shut the door to a college education will eliminate opportunities for tens of thousands of Hoosiers.

Under the current proposal, the family of a full-time student attending IUPUI, for example, would have its annual tuition obligation offset by \$500 — or 17 percent — a significant incentive for some, a necessary bridge to the future for others.

This would be a financial boon for many, although it is incorrect to imply that the cost of public higher education in Indiana is astronomically high, as often is suggested. Four-year tuition at IU-Bloomington, for example, is \$12,000 — half the average cost of a new American car. Justapose these numbers with average career-long earnings, and it is clear an investment in a four-year degree is one of the best you can make.

I advocate the governor's proposal, the first of several we expect in upcoming months, and I urge bipartisan review — and support. As stakeholders in the future of Indiana, I believe all taxpayers benefit from increased access to higher education. The Bayh proposal helps achieve this goal.

Equipped with the knowledge, desire and direction that a college education engenders, a generation of young people embarks upon its most productive years, and we, the stakeholders, ensure the future with the very best possible societal net.



Myles Brand

Myles Brand is president of Indiana University.



Letters from readers

Poem inspired by children's art from Bosnia.

The following poem was inspired by an art exhibit created by children from the Balkan region and as a result of the civil war in Eastern Europe.

Though I've not walked down your streets Nor any of your people did I meet Yet the beauty of your city is clear As is the suffering of your children so dear.

Sarajevo my heart goes out to your people Who have endured bombings not just to mosque and steeple Who have been starved and tortured and killed Often for the sake of a perverted thrill.

The images brought back home to us via TV Depict a horror so heinous to me That I can only wonder how the world waited so long To stop a brutal genocide so very, very wrong.

Was it the age-old conflict of East and West? Was it because Muslims were in Europe's midst

That leaders looked the other way Until the slaughter had had its day?

God, it seems, has tested you well Though it may seem for now like a living hell And many a day I have wondered why God allowed so many people to die.

They say that Muslims, Serbs and Croats

Cannot live together without a fiat That is only a matter of time Before fighting resumes without reason or rhyme.

However, the stereotypes and lies must fail

For the truth will always, always prevail And for every soul cut down in his prime God will renew the land another time.

You have lived together and even intermarried Don't let your leaders make you tarry Work together and start anew Live as before, Christian, Muslim and Jew.

Do not blame the poor innocent child Born of a rape, a reprehensible crime See God in his soul and guide him well So that God will guide you out of your own hell.

For forgiveness though harder elevates the soul And softens the pain and helps one to grow So Sarajevo, for the sake of the children give peace a chance And learn again to live and love and dance.

Mary Ann K. Danner-Fedao assistant librarian/University Library

Man destroys earth, earth destroys man

Killer viruses, holes in the ozone and the greenhouse effect are all signs that Mother Nature is retaliating against the human race for killing the earth.

Killer viruses, the ozone hole, the enhanced greenhouse effect: The list goes on and on and on and on... Maybe this is Mother Earth's way of making the earth uninhabitable for a species that has managed to do so much damage in so little time.

Let me try and put this into perspective for you, even though the length of time we are talking about is almost incomprehensible. The earth formed some 4.6 billion years ago and the first signs of single-celled organisms that lived in the oceans was about 3.8 billion years ago.

It wasn't until 320 to 400 million years ago that life plant and animal life managed to come on land.

Here is the part that should help this make sense: Humans have only been here for about two million years, most of the time as hunters and gatherers.

In fact about 99.9 percent of the time humans have lived on the earth, they were hunters and gatherers.

That means they managed to live simply by obtaining enough food by gathering edible wild plants, hunting wild game and fishing.

This could more commonly be referred to as subsistence living. Living in balance with the environment, not tearing it up, taking advantage of it, burning it and all of the other wonderful things we are doing now in this supposed industrial and progressive age.

For about the last 100 years humans progressed past the hunting and gathering stage and became agriculturalists.

Any basic history class would indicate that humans have only been industrial for maybe the last 100 years or so. This is a minuscule amount of time, a twinkle in the eye of father time.

Even if the only media exposure a person comes in contact with is TV — no need for newspapers, magazines or textbooks — it would be screaming about environmental problems.

Let's take the ozone for example. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) were invented in the 1930s. With less than 50 years of usage, we have done damage to the ozone that is going to take 100 to 250 years to reverse.

Over the last 100 years we have managed to raise the average global temperatures through the enhanced greenhouse effect by

about one degree. I know this doesn't sound like much, however a change of three or four degrees could be enough to send the earth into another ice age.

After this brief history of the planet lesson, and new perspective of human existence, maybe Mother Earth's control has new meaning.

Killer viruses could be her way of attempting to control an exploding human population.

Ozone holes, global warming and all of the other human created problems just might be a result of our minuscule understanding of the delicate balance and intricate system that is the earth.

Benjamin Cox is a former marketing intern at Sagamore.

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**Sports**

■ "I'm going to be just the best player I can be."

David Dickey, Metros sophomore forward

# Dickey's heritage fueling his future

■ Father played in NBA, but Metros forward wants to make his own legacy on the basketball court.

By Brian Hendrickson  
The Sagamore

Ridding oneself of a looming shadow in his or her family can be a difficult task for a person to face.

If the father played on an NBA championship team, the expectations placed on their young son can be even tougher to overcome.

Such has been the case with David Dickey, the Metros muscle-bound sophomore forward, and eliminating his father's shadow has been a hurdle he is still trying to overcome.

Dickey, with his six-foot-six frame, shaved head and tattoo sporting his name in Old English letters, has been playing well since coming off the bench to help solidify the Metros front court.

As his game has developed this year he has started to come into his own and shed the shadow of his father.

"It was hard to deal with," Dickey said. "I had to tell (people) 'I'm David, not Derek.'"

Derek, Dickey's father, played on the Golden State Warriors 1975 championship team where he was a sixth man who was called on to come off the bench to grab rebounds.

When Dickey started to get into basketball during his freshman year of high school, his dad became the best teacher he could get.

Playing for the Metros was a big adjustment for David. He was a star player on his high school team in Cincinnati, and coming to the Metros caused him to have to work hard to have to work hard on the court.

"It took a big adjustment," Dickey recalled. "I was a star on my team, and I'm just another player on this team."

One adjustment that was hard for him was learning to deal with coach Ron Hunter. Dickey was not accustomed to being pushed hard and yelled at in high school the way Hunter does at IUPUI. It took time and understanding as well as advice from his father and assistant coach Kevin Jones.

"They told me to bear what (Hunter's) saying—not how he's saying it—and then go out and just play my game," Dickey explained.

But coach Hunter would like to see Dickey develop his game mentally. If he builds up his confidence, Hunter said he believes he could develop into one of the team's best players.

"David just needs to relax," said

Hunter. "He is not aggressive enough and a lot of that goes back to the lack of confidence in his game."

"I'm debating in my mind what shot I should take or when I should post up," said Dickey. "I let that go through my mind, which is a bad thing."

Dickey is learning how to deal with the mental aspect of the game and has slowly begun to blossom into the player he wants to become. Through 24 games this year he is fourth on the team in rebounding with 3.5 per game.

Dickey has been working to become a more versatile member of the team and improve his overall game this year.

"David is a really good player," said teammate Carlos Knox, who speaks highly about Dickey and his contributions to the team.

"I'm always trying to get him the ball and help him out," Knox said. "He's learned a lot this year. The biggest thing he's learned is how to screen."

The learning game continues for Dickey as he pushes himself to im-



David Dickey scrambles for the ball against Drury Jan. 22 as the opposing players look on. Dickey is fourth on the Metros in rebounding.

Lance Farwick/The Sagamore

**"It was hard to deal with. I had to tell (people) 'I'm David, not Derek.'"**

David Dickey, Metros forward

**Dickey's stats**  
Sophomore Forward David Dickey's stats for the season thus far:

Points per game: 3.8
Rebounds per game: 3.5
Blocks per game: 1.1

Source: IUPUI Department of Athletics

**IUPUI Scoreboard**  
Home games in bold  
• Upcoming Games •

**Men's Basketball**  
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Scorer: Knox 42

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Scorer: Murphy 28

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**17-7**

**Women's Basketball**  
**12-9**

• Notes •

**Knox one point away**

Carlos Knox moved to just one point per game away from Brett Beeson of Moorhead State for the NCAA Division II scoring championship. Knox is averaging 31.1 points per game.

**Three more wins**

With five games left, the Metros only need to win three to win 20 games for the first time since the 1989-90 season. The team has an 80 home record and will be looking to defend the streak Feb. 21 against Central State

## Metros basketball continues winning ways

■ Women's team beats up on 223 Central State in first game back since the tragic accident.

By Brian Hendrickson  
The Sagamore

The men's and women's basketball teams returned to action last week after a short layoff. The

men's team continued their late season surge with a victory over Kentucky State. The women's team rebounded from their tragic loss of Shannon McPherson to defeat Central State.

**Metros 95 • Kentucky State 77**  
The Metros rode to a 16 point half-time lead and coasted to a 95-77 victory at Kentucky State.

Carlos Knox scored 42 for the Metros, raising his season average to 31.1 points per game. With five games to play, Knox trails Moorhead

State's Brett Beeson by a one-point average for the NCAA Division II scoring title.

Jared Lux nearly scored a triple double with his 16 point, nine rebound and eight assist evening.

Anthony Winburn was dominant as usual as he pulled down 11 rebounds and scoring 15 points. The Metros had a 34-15 edge on the offensive glass.

The Metros shot 70 percent from the field, including 69 percent from three-point range on nine of 13 shoot-

ing. The Metros held the Thorobreds to 37 percent from field goal ranges.

**Lady Metros 78 • Central State 64**  
The Lady Metros played their first game since the tragic accident which claimed the life of teammate Shannon McPherson, and exploded in the second half for a 14-point victory Feb 8.

The victory raised their record to 12-9, and was only the third time Central State has lost this season. Their record stands at 22-3.

Katie Murphy scored 28 points on eight of 14 shooting, and Haley

James scored 13 points and dishd out eight assists to pace the team to a victory.

Melissa Herr scored a double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

The Lady Metros out-rebounded Central State 39-26 on the defensive boards.

The Metros defense held Central State to 31 percent shooting for the game on 26 of 82 shooting.

Sheri Fontino led Central with 17 points on six of 14 shooting.

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# Perspectives

## Greek life not obsolete at IUPUI

■ Campus fraternities and sororities offer IUPUI students more than parties and beer.

By Minka Hopper  
Contributing to The Sagamore

Although IUPUI is a commuter campus, its Greek life is rich and flourishing. IUPUI is home to three fraternities, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Phi and Pi Kappa Phi, and two sororities, Phi Mu and Delta Gamma.

Alpha Phi Alpha is heavily involved in community service and involved with many organizations and individuals.

"Last Halloween at the Martin Luther King Center, we had about 120 inner-city kids attend our Halloween party," said James Page, president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We wanted to make sure that they were inside and not going door to door in any bad neighborhoods. We wanted to keep them safe."

Alpha Phi Alpha also co-hosted a Christmas party with the Indiana Pacers for 300 foster children.

"We want to bring more positivity to campus and we want to help other organizations and give back to the community," said Page. "We also want people to know that if they need help to give us a call."

The other African-American fraternity on campus, Kappa Alpha Phi, is also committed to helping the community. This year, the members have participated in a home marrow drive, sold first-aid kits for the Goodwill soccer team, helped the Christa Moore House during Halloween and sponsored a child through the Giving Tree program.

Eugene Murray, president of Kappa Alpha Phi, has high hopes for the future.

"Hopefully, we will get the Chapter of the Year award for the second consecutive year out of 22 chapters and five states," he said.

Pi Kappa Phi, another IUPUI fraternity, is very active in helping disabled persons.

"We are involved in Push America, an organization involved in building playgrounds and ramps for the handicapped and other



Andrea Dyars/The Sagamore

Jacque Hancock, sorority vice-president, and other members of Phi Mu, enjoy a light moment at a recent meeting. The IUPUI chapter of Phi Mu was started in 1992.

handicapped organizations," said Jeff Bonke, president of the fraternity.

Pi Kappa Phi recruited new members, also called associate brothers, during the first week of February.

Bonke hopes to have 40 members by the end of next fall.

Joe Randolph, a Pi Kappa Phi associate brother, is enthusiastic about the fraternity.

"So far everything is great," he said. "We've done a lot of activities to meet people. This is a way to meet friends for life."

One of IUPUI's sororities, Phi Mu, works with many different children's organizations, including the Children's Miracle Network and Riley Hospital. The sorority helps by holding fundraisers, selling cookies and visiting the children.

According to Jacque Hancock, vice-president of Phi Mu, the members of the sorority also take time to just hang out, have fun and get to know each other better.

"This provides us with a time to interact with

each other and for unity to grow," she said.

Phi Mu and Delta Gamma, another sorority at IUPUI, share a similar agenda for rush.

"Each candidate meets with both sororities to decide which one she is more comfortable with," said Hancock. "The decision is a combination of both the candidate and the sorority she chooses. If she is chosen to be a profitable addition, she is chosen in return."

Delta Gamma works closely with Aid to the Blind and Sight Conservation. Delta Gamma's members are currently assisting a blind couple in Broad Ripple. Social events are also an integral part to membership in Delta Gamma.

This month, the sorority plans to hold a Crush Dance for Valentine's Day and in the spring a Senior Send-off is held in honor of the graduating seniors.

"I feel more comfortable in the group now that rush is over," said Kate Donahue, a freshmen member of Delta Gamma. "I don't feel as much pressure. We have a lot of fun together."



'Black Sheep'  
Chris Farley, David Spade

The new Farley/Spade release goes like this: Big-hearted but little-brained Mike Donnelly's (Farley) big-hearted but big-brained brother, Al, is running for governor against an evil incumbent.

Mike's well-intentioned antics are a liability to his brother's campaign; Steve Douds (Spade) is hired to keep him out of trouble the week before the election. Well, guess what. Calamity squared. No, make that cubed.

Despite paper-thin characterizations and unresolved sub-plots, the buffoonery of Farley and Spade keeps the movie floating. Lots of laughs, a smokin' live Mulhoney cameo and a raucous finish, but not much else. — John Matthew



'Beautiful Girls' Soundtrack  
Various Artists

Neil Diamond and Kiss? Not too compatible in the real world, but just peachy on a movie compilation.

Ultimately, the soundtrack to "Beautiful Girls" is a collection of 14 catchy tunes that fit together beautifully. Highlighted by The Alghun Whigs' discotic "Can't Get Enough of Your Love" and Kiss' "Beth" (featuring the original vocals of Peter Dinklage), the disc is worth a spin. — Amy Tosky



'Broken Arrow'  
John Travolta, Christian Slater

A pair of stolen thermobaric weapons, a smattering of bullets and John Travolta — a smokescreen in Hollywood was thinking, "Boy, this would make a great movie."

Well, they were right. "Broken Arrow" is most likely the most entertaining, enthralling, complex ride to come down the theater aisle since that expiring bus film.

Travolta is perfectly cast as the smarmy villain, going way, way, way over the top and loving, every minute of it. And surprisingly Slater does a respectable job playing the Keanu Reeves-action dude role.

But there are a few weak links, especially Samantha Mathis as the heroine. Umm, hello, they're called acting lessons, Ms. Mathis. But to her credit she does roll down a mountain really well. With a healthy dose of gunfire, explosions and a suspension of reality, "Broken Arrow" does not fail to entertain. — Christopher Nantz



Travolta

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The theme of the seminar will be "Role Models in Journalism." A luncheon, costing \$20 for faculty and staff or \$15 for students, will include a panel discussion on diversity issues in the Indianapolis area, particularly as they deal with the local news media. The educational presentations are free of charge.

Sponsors of the event include the national Society of Professional Journalists, the Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Indianapolis Association of Black Journalists and IUPUI, including the School of Journalism at IUPUI and The IUPUI Sagamore.

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# Vocalist McCain 'couldn't be happier' with life on the road

The Sagamore's news editor, Jennifer Rumble, interviewed Edwin McCain, lead vocalist and guitarist for Edwin McCain. The group performed at America Live's World Mardi Gras at the Circle Centre Mall last Tuesday night.

**Q:** Not many know of Edwin McCain. What is the band doing to promote themselves?

**A:** We've basically been playing professionally for about three years. We just get on the road and play. This record isn't a publicity-driven record. We've been on the road for quite a while, 28 days a month.

**Q:** How draining is touring?

**A:** I love it. Just love it. Everything about it. You don't have to deal with the every day grind. Every day is different.

**Q:** I read your dad had a revelation about your life about 10 years ago. What was it?

**A:** He came running into my room about five o'clock in the morning when I was about 17.

I thought the house was on fire. He told me he had a nightmare that I was driving around the country in a van playing music for a living.

**Q:** After he told you, did that put the idea in your head to become a musician someday?

**A:** I don't know what it did. I guess it was some sort of prophecy. (He laughs.)

**Q:** How does one get started in the music industry?

**A:** I don't know. I think it is half and half. One half blind faith and one half stupidity. I just always knew I wanted to play music.

**Q:** Your CD "Honor Among Thieves," features Darius Rucker (from Hootie and the Blowfish fame) singing a duet with you on "Solitude." How did this happen?

**A:** Actually, it was his idea. I've

known him since college (University of South Carolina). We played together in the same bars in the Southeast.

All the bands know each other in the Southeast. It's like a big family of musicians.

**Q:** What hopes did you have for your own band when you saw how successful your friends in Hootie were becoming?

**A:** We just want to build a national grass roots following that loves our music. So, when we go play around the country, people come here to play.

**Q:** On this tour, you've been playing smaller venues. Do you think you like that more than large amphitheaters?

**A:** We played this summer on tour with Hootie in huge amphitheaters.

I mean, playing in front of 20,000 people was definitely fun, but it's not something I necessarily live and die by.

It hasn't become the paragon of my aspirations. I think it is a fun and neat thing if your career is doing really well.

But, you know the clubs and the small theaters are really amazing venues for musical shows. It is so much more personal.

**Q:** Do you remember when you played in Indy?

**A:** Yeah, at the Deer Creek amphitheater.

Yeah, it was awesome.

We went and played at another place called the Vogue afterward.

All the guys from Hootie came down and we played (until) late.

We played our first set (at Deer Creek) and went down and set up. Then the guys came down and we jammed.

**Q:** When I reviewed your CD "Honor Among Thieves," I said it was "feel good" music, makes you want to drive.

**A:** Right on. A lot of people give me the drive comment. That is so right on.

**Q:** What kind of music do you like? Who influenced you?

**A:** I listen to everything from David Wilcox to Seal to Sting. Have you heard Annie Lenox's album "Diva"? I've never heard that before. I was blown away.

**Q:** Country?

**A:** I never listen to country. I like the lyrics, but the music just wears me out.

**Q:** How does your dad feel now about you as a musician?

**A:** He's totally happy.

**Q:** Are you happy?

**A:** Oh yah.

**Q:** How could you be happier?

If you create finish lots for yourself, you'll find that they are always moving further and further away from you. If you count on that to be happy, then it's not a really healthy way of looking at it. I think the trick is keeping your perspective on what you have today and what your reality is. The reality is, we get to play music every day and that's what we do. It's a beautiful life to be granted.



Courtesy Atlantic Records

Members of the band are (from left) vocalist Edwin McCain, former drummer T.J. Hall, guitarist Craig Shields and bassist Scott Bannevich. The group rocked World Mardi Gras early last week.

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His strong vocals accompanied by keyboardist Craig Shields' talent on several woodwind instruments put them over the top.

Bassist Scott Bannevich was too cool. He was so relaxed, he played bass like it was an extension of his body.

Drummer Dave Harrison was phenomenal as well.

Each performer was bombarded with fans for autographs and pictures after their sets.

They were more than happy to comply. — Jennifer Kay Rumble

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# Is Anyone Scared?

### Infectious diseases are spreading through the world like wild fire but are humans paying any attention?

### Humankind may now be more vulnerable to infectious disease

Sagamore wire services

These germs mean business. When a Nobel Prize-winning microbiologist warns in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, as Joshua Lederberg did recently, that humankind has never been more vulnerable to infectious diseases, it is time to sit up and take notice.

Alarms to this effect are increasing in volume. Two years ago, reporter Mike Toner of the *Journal-Constitution* won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles about "super" disease germs developing an immunity to antibiotics. A best-selling book, "The Hot Zone," and a popular movie, "Outbreak," chilled the public with the specter of exotic killer microbes running amok.

The international medical establishment takes the planet-wide threat posed by infectious diseases very seriously. It is sounding an alert in medical journals around the globe, spotlighting dangerous new and re-emerging pathogens.

How did this come to happen? Didn't scientists of a generation ago conjecture that communicable diseases should be eradicated by 2000, as smallpox was in 1977? Chalk it up to overconfidence. As Lederberg pointed out, a biological tinderbox has been concocted from a variety of volatile ingredients: unexpected adaptation by killer organisms; environmental encroachment and alteration; humankind's advances in mass transportation; and, conversely, our lapses into disorder and savagery toward our own kind.

Together, these factors have wreaked considerable havoc, most notably, the AIDS epidemic, and they're capable of further horrors. Imagine a carrier of a fierce new scourge jetting to a far-off population center before his symptoms are obvious, unknowingly infecting others. Imagine the world's medicine cabinet running out of effective drugs to combat ever-mutating microbes. Imagine the warning of Earth creating fertile breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes and vermin once confined to lower latitudes.

These scenarios are not far-fetched. Recent flare-ups of Ebola in Zaire and pneumonic plague in India subsided, fortunately, in New York City, a strain of tuberculosis resists all pharmacological remedies. Subtropical mice that carry a dangerous hanta virus have ranged northward into New Mexico.

None of this is cause for panic. Humans ought to be able to outsmart these microorganisms.

Lederberg advocates a sensible five-point program of monitoring, sanitation, research, public education and government action. The program does require, however, a reordering of priorities by our nation's leaders. As Lederberg notes, "political debates about health have focused on billions of dollars for health care insurance while millions for public health are in the main ignored."

For instance, the CDC repeatedly has appealed to Congress for adequate funding to improve its system of surveillance and response to outbreaks of disease. In 1994, it asked for \$125 million and got \$7.5 million; last year it sought \$100 million and got a tenth of that. Lawmakers need to reconsider their tightfistedness in light of scientific findings. The same applies down the government ladder.

Devoting more funds to research, whether at government laboratories or through incentives to private drugmakers, is also essential. Considering that the total cost of infectious diseases in America exceeds \$100 billion each year, intensified research makes financial sense.

Money isn't the only remedy. Public policy-makers need to be more sensitive to the health implications of their decisions. Doctors must be more selective about prescribing antibiotics. The rest of us cannot afford to be neglectful of good hygiene.

There's no foolproof way to insulate ourselves from each and every one of these dangerous microbes' ravages, but they can be controlled if we apply our intelligence and our capacity to cooperate. — From the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

### Virus sweeps through Achuapa

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In just four days, Ines Galeano Hernandez became an emergency foster parent when his neighbor began hemorrhaging and went into shock.

"On Monday, she caught a fever. . . . On Wednesday, they took her to the hospital. By dawn on Thursday, she was dead." Mr. Galeano said as he and his

#### ▶ AIDS

It renders the body's immune system unable to resist invasion by microorganisms that cause infections.

#### ▶ Hanta Virus

The viruses are classic "emerging viruses" because of their tendency to appear, sometimes explosively.

#### ▶ Histoplasmosis

It is most often asymptomatic but can produce acute pneumonia or an influenza-like shock.

#### ▶ Ebola

The virus can cause respiratory problems, severe bleeding, kidney problems and shock.

#### ▶ Streptococcus

It can cause various diseases in humans such as scarlet fever and septicaemia.

wife cuddled the crying infant the dead woman left behind.

A devastating virus, which doctors have been unable to identify, is sweeping through Achuapa and other villages in northern Nicaragua. It has infected more than 600 people in the past two weeks. At least 11 have died from internal bleeding and shock. Feverish and dehydrated patients, many of whom must be carried down from the mountains in hammocks or on horseback, crowd into the tiny health center in Achuapa each day.

Doctors and nurses from Managua, the capital, have been airlifted to the clinic, where patients lie sweating on cots with IV's dripping saline solution into their arms. Some are doused in cold water to bring down the fever.

"You get a fever, headache and chills. It's just terrible. It feels like you're going to die," said Adaluz Bonilla as she sat on a bench outside the Achuapa clinic, waiting for a blood test that may not confirm anything.

At first, doctors thought the illness was a severe form of dengue fever, known as dengue haemorrhagic fever. Indeed, about 350 people in the Achuapa area had contracted dengue fever.

With no name for the illness, the local area has speculated that it could be a mysterious form that deadly Ebola virus. — John Otis, *The Washington Times*

### Environment potential predictor for detecting Hanta virus

Sagamore wire services

In 1993, physically fit Navajo Indians began dying from mysterious cases of an illness resembling pneumonia or flu.

With the help of Navajo medicine men, health authorities were able to pin the blame on a rural deer mouse native to most of North America.

In an article on the resurgence of infectious diseases around the world, Anne Platt, a research associate at the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, D.C., calls for more awareness of the connections between disease and disruptions in the environment.

"When we begin routinely to take health impacts of our industries and societies into account, the outbreaks of disease that now shock us won't seem so puzzling," she wrote.

When the hanta virus broke out in Arizona, for example, it was not as mystifying to some of the Navajo medicine men, whose traditions had taught them to see the interconnectedness of all living things, as it was to the medical specialists and the media.

The scientists, alerted that deer mice were carrying the problem, tested the mice and were able to identify the exact culprit. But they failed to notice that it was the environment that was changing, not the pathogens.

The Navajo medicine men meanwhile observed that prior to the outbreak, snow melt cascading down the valley desert below, combined with a spring of heavy rains, had reminded some of their elders of the years 1918 and 1933. In each of those years, there had been a disease. In those years, pine nuts produced an abundance of pine nuts. Mice had descended on the extraordinary harvest and reproduced ten-fold in one season.

The rains had then forced the mice out of the flooded burrows to scurry about above ground, looking for food and shelter and increasing their exposure to humans.

Disease was what happened when the balance of life was upset. — From *The Baltimore Sun*

### Ebola in Zaire

Sagamore wire services

A U.S. army team was dispatched to Zaire last summer to help track down the source of the deadly Ebola virus which killed more than 160 people in and around the western town of Kikwit.

Zaire's top virologist, Professor Jean-Jacques Muyembe, said that he was not sure how many would be in the team but he expected it to be fewer than 40.

"A team of soldiers did much better from the CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control) is arriving soon," he told Reuters. "It is an ecological study to try and find the reservoir of the virus among animals and insects."

The virus, which is spread through contact with infected blood or bodily fluids, killed several hundred people in Yambuku village on the Ebola River in northern Zaire in 1976. It resurfaced in the town of Kikwit in January.

One of the most lethal diseases known to man, it kills at least seven out of 10 victims by causing uncontrollable bleeding. There is no known vaccine or cure.

Latest World Health Organization figures for the outbreak, issued last summer, put the death toll at 164 out of 214 known cases. Doctors in Zaire put the number of dead at 173.

The outbreak was confined to Bandundu Province, particularly its main town of Kikwit, 300 miles east of the capital Kinshasa and its four million.

Scientists have started hunting animals in the forest near Kikwit, where the first known victim of the latest outbreak used to collect wood for making charcoal. — Arthur Mulu-Mulu, *BC Cycle*

