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Passing the torch, Jay Starks, sophomore majoring in history and president-elect for the 1996-97 Undergraduate Student Assembly, and Todd Schmidt, senior majoring in political science and current president of the USA, discuss student government strategies.

University proposes \$30 million housing project

■ Many factors have indicated need for on-campus housing, plans underway for August 1997.

By Benjamin Cox
The Sagamore

The campus' status as non-traditional may be changing.

IUPUI is experiencing an increase in traditional students, reinforcing the need for more on-campus student housing, according to David Paul, director of the Department of Campus Housing.

Campus administrators are now considering five proposals to accomplish their goal of adding 1,000 beds and a new childcare center to the campus, Paul said.

"In our goal to establish 1,000 more beds — what we call a minimum net increase over what we have — we're targeting about 600 of those beds to the traditional undergraduate and special interest students," Paul said.

Paul described special interest students such as those involved in the International House program.

The remaining 400 beds are targeted for graduated, professional and married students, he added.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$30 million dollars, Paul said. The new housing is a dream come true, he added.

"Last August, I celebrated my twenty-fifth year here at the university," Paul said. "And, I've been associated, on and off, with housing all that time. This is sort of a dream come true for me."

He said he feels the university has needed student housing since long ago.

"I've thought for a long time that for this institution to totally fulfill its mission to students it needed to provide more housing," Paul said.

Administration put together a Housing/Childcare Request for the Proposal Committee consisting of 13 administrators, faculty and staff. They have been working diligently on the project and should be congratulated for their efforts, said Paul.

Reasons for new housing
Many factors have pointed toward the need

for adding housing, prompting investigation, Paul said.

"Preliminary works on plans really got started back in 1991 when my boss, Vice Chancellor Robert Martin, administration and finance, requested that I start putting material together looking at what other schools are doing around the country in the way of providing housing," Paul said.

Particular focus was placed on schools considered to be peer institutions for IUPUI such as the University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville and the University of Illinois at Chicago, he added.

Numbers of applications, people not provided with housing and inquiries, are continuously tracked by the housing office.

According to Paul, IUPUI's housing occupancy rate has been right at 100 percent for the past several years.

Private sector apartments surrounding the campus report high occupancy rates of 95 percent or more, even with high rent prices of around \$800, he added.

Victor Borden, director of informational management and institutional research, conducts a continuing student satisfaction survey each year.

As a result, Borden — in conjunction with Brian Vargas, director of the Public Opinion Lab — submitted an analysis on the need for on-campus housing.

Students are very unsatisfied with the opportunity to live near campus according to the analysis.

"Basically, our data for the past couple years has indicated a significant (student) interest in living in the vicinity of campus," Borden said.

Polling conducted by Vargas' office indicates approximately 11,400 students are potential candidates for on-campus housing, with a projected yield of 2,300.

Currently, IUPUI offers approximately 500 beds, which doesn't meet the projected 2,300 interested, Paul said.

"As you can see, that doesn't go very far toward meeting the need the surveys indicate," he added. "That's in the face of the private developers doing all this work around us."

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Example Proposal Map

University administration received five proposals for the new housing/childcare plan. For example this map is part of one proposal that has been submitted for consideration.

- A — traditional undergraduate and special-interest student residences
- B — non-traditional/graduate and professional student residences
- C — resident services building
- D — childcare center

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Starks secures narrow victory in presidential race

■ Former organization leader wins student government presidency.

By Jason Hall
The Sagamore

IUPUI's 1996 Undergraduate Student Assembly's Election Committee announced April 13 that Jay Starks won the presidency by four votes.

In fact, the ticket in which he was running, Team Diversity, won across the board for each position.

"I felt really funny because I had so much on my mind," said Starks, sophomore majoring in history. "The

whole day was huge."

Starks has been president of the Black Student Union for one year, and a member of the organization for two previous years.

Starks received 148 votes, with Craig Cooper coming in second with 144 votes.

The president-elect said he felt he was able to get more votes because he used "mainly word-of-mouth advertising."

"I just talked to people privately and then they talked to people they knew about my opinions on issues," he said.

There was a low voter turnout this year. Four hundred sixty-one people successfully completed the voting process.

According to Mike Wagoner, director of student activities, it is possible there were some user errors.

"People could have exited the system before pressing nine pound, which would have meant their votes would have not been counted," Wagoner said.

There are some complaints from some of the candidates who lost. Wagoner said he felt these complaints will "go nowhere" though.

"All of the candidates were affected the same by all of the elements of the election," he added.

Regardless of the complaints,

Starks said he would like to see all of this year's candidates be involved with the new student government.

"I think they all had really good

ideas," Starks said. "I would like to see them all get involved with us."

The campaign this year involved many complaints from almost all the tickets running in the election.

"I think it is unfortunate that everyone is focusing on two isolated incidents," Starks said. "I feel that all of the candidates ran a good campaign."

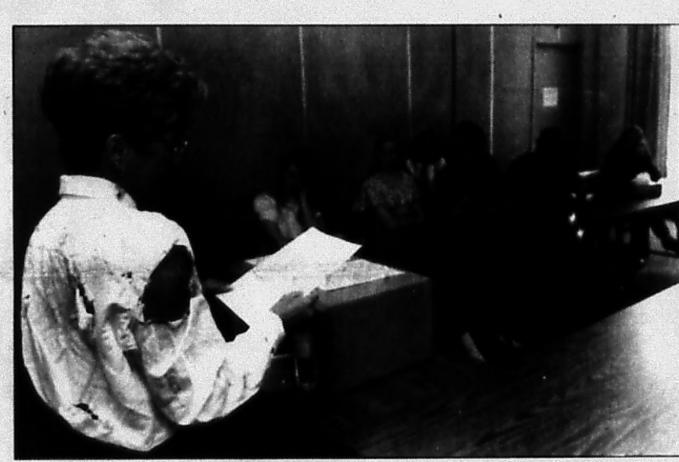
"I don't think I could fault anyone for human emotion and reacting to how they feel," he added.

Starks said his number one goal is to bring the university together.

The student center is an important element of this goal, he added.

"Although it is not a traditional

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As part of Assault Victim's Awareness Week, Patricia McIntosh, survivor of rape, wears a torn shirt stressing the importance of being a victim and seeking help in order to heal at the Student Activities Center last week. Patricia is also the mom of Rachel McIntosh, secretary of the Undergraduate Student Assembly.

Healing after the hurt

■ Events focusing on victim assaults last week featured sexually abused women speakers.

By Dan Aaron
The Sagamore

National Assault Victim's Awareness Month was honored last week on campus with workshops, demonstrations and guest speakers who have been sexually assaulted.

Patricia McIntosh, rape survivor and counselor for sexually abused women, and Katie Koestner, date rape survivor and national speaker on the issues of date rape, both spoke on issues regarding their experiences and healing.

The events were sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Assembly (USA), the IU Police Department and the Undergraduate Education Center Student Council (UEC).

These women shared testimonies demonstrating the trauma and lasting effects caused by sexual offenses and brought some students closer to assault-related issues, according to Michael Olson, junior majoring in visual communications.

"As you can see, that doesn't go very far toward meeting the need the surveys indicate," he added. "That's in the face of the private developers doing all this work around us."

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Date rape survivor, Katie Koestner, tells students about her experience.

tion to men was exactly one of the goals Koestner seemed to strive for last Wednesday when she addressed men in her listening audience.

"Men must become aware of the traumatic effects from rape if it is ever going to stop," Koestner said.

Koestner recounted how she was enchanted by an attractive date who romanced her with a candlelight dinner and an invitation to Greece.

"She said the events were 'instrumental' for him in providing this connection."

"It was very romantic because he spoke french when ordering our dinner," she said.

He told her, however, to travel with him, she would have to change the way she dressed, drink alcohol and have sex when he pleased.

Koestner described herself as, "some what shy and having been taught never to hurt other's feelings" and to always say please.

However, their evening went from kissing and dancing to his making aggressive sexual advances, she said.

Exhausted after arguing, Koestner said she was talked in to "lying down to just sleep."

It was then he forcibly raped her, Koestner added.

She said when she tried to report the incident to the dean of her school, he reminded her she had not slept in two days.

He advised her to think about it because she, "could ruin someone's life with such accusations."

"That dean doesn't work at The William and Mary College anymore," she said. "Now, he's the head laundry attendant at Penn State."

Koestner asked both sexes to speak out against such crimes.

She specifically challenged men not to perpetuate rape by remaining silent among those who would joke about it.

"When a woman says no, it's never too late to listen," Koestner said.

She gave some advice to the women in the audience.

"If a guy is physically acting like he isn't listening to you, then just get up and get out," she said.

"Don't stick around trying to teach him language," she added.

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Housing

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with a proposal, Paul said.

"So, our housing applications and inquiries, the fact that we've been at pretty much 100 percent for the last three to four years and the fact that public opinion survey people and Victor Borden have done this analysis ... it was clear that while the private sector was helping, we also needed to help ourselves," he said.

Also, as the undergraduate population grows, housing is expected, Paul said.

"A very important part of our mission is to insure we're not just a hotel, a place to grab 40 winks," he added. "But, we are support to the academic mission of the campus."

He said he wants to provide the students with the opportunity for a second classroom environment and recreation.

John Williams, director of Campus Services, concurred with Paul. He said the housing should not be just dormitories.

"I think that dorms are a thing of the past for most students," Williams said. "The students are the customers of the university and we must listen to what they want and react accordingly."

"I think this program does that because it has had a lot of student input from the beginning," he added.

Proposals

A proposal meeting took place last November, when 32 firms accepted IUPUI's offer to discuss the new housing issue.

As a result, five proposals have been submitted and are being considered. The firms are both local and national, many of which teamed up to put together proposals.

Paul said he is not sure as to what extent the university will involve the private sector.

The administration is developing ideas along the lines of forming "a partnership with some private developers and looking at the options of privatizing," Paul said.

"Which was done here with the University Place Hotel and has been very successful," he added.

Tired of throwing your weight around?

The proposal is projected to cost some \$30 million, which the university might be looking to finance through the private sector, according to Paul.

"It's not absolutely necessary, but one of the benefits of privatizing is to get the private sector to help with the financing," he said.

The Future

The new housing and childcare center would occupy the 11-acre tract of land the university has or will be acquiring, west of the Administration Building to White River — the southwest quadrant of campus.

Plans include the renovation or replacement of existing housing and the addition of both residence-hall rooms and apartments.

Both Warthin and the Graduate Townhouse Apartments are being considered for renovation or demolition.

"Warthin is definitely a building that could be salvaged," Paul said. "It depends on the cost."

"It lacks a lot of amenities and would require the renovation of the kitchens and bathrooms, upgrading the heating and cooling and electrical and plumbing systems," he added.

This would cost around \$5 to \$6 million to upgrade.

Paul said he expects some of the new housing to be open by August of 1997.

Some of the proposals would have the project complete by then and others plan for a two to three year phase-in, according to Paul.

Extra time will probably be needed for current residents to move to other housing during renovation.

A 10 percent ratio of students to housing is common among peer institutions, which would mean a second phase might be needed in the future, according to Paul.

Paul also said he expects at some point and time, Ball Residence Hall will be phased out.

Finally, one goal of the administration for the project is for it to serve as an example for IUPUI's peer institution.

"A goal of the committee in the RFP (Request for Proposal) is to develop something that is very special," Paul said. "Housing and childcare, that can serve as models to others around the country," Paul said.

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David Paul,
director of Campus Services

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Koestner also urged if a sexual crime has been committed, seek help immediately to help with recovery.

Healing was the central theme of McIntosh's workshop titled, "Breaking Free."

McIntosh told how she delayed seeking professional help and as a result, suffered several disorders from anorexia to alcohol abuse.

Such disorders were like, "bricks used to build a wall of protection," McIntosh said.

Rather than victims dealing with such trauma alone, women should seek professional help for healthier coping strategies, she added.

McIntosh stressed the importance of starting the healing process as soon as possible in order to avoid sexually transmitted diseases, self degradation and eventual self-destruction.

"The definition of depression is anger turned inward," said McIntosh.

Victim's Resources

The following is a list of local emergency telephone numbers and shelters for victims of assault, domestic violence or abuse.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

■ Police Emergency: 911

■ Crisis Intervention: 251-7575

■ Adult Protective Services: 1-800-992-6978

■ Shelters:

■ Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 637-5551

■ Julian Center Shelter: 251-7575

■ Dayspring Center (after-hours shelter): 635-6780

■ Care Center: 637-2916

■ Holy Family Shelter (emergency): 635-7830

■ Mount Olive Crisis Care Center: 264-5750

News Briefs

Compiled by Jennifer Kay Kumpf

Corrections and Clarifications

Maynard K. Hine's name was misspelled in the article titled, "School struggle calls for Strokey," in the April 8th issue of *The Sagamore*.

We apologize for the error and any inconvenience.

Variety show raises scholarship funds

Louise Goggans, IUPUI nutritionist, will perform a lip-sync routine with two other health care professionals at Chi Eta Phi Sorority's 12th annual fund-

raiser variety show titled, "Flip Side '96."

This event takes place at the Madame Walker Theatre April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and all proceeds go toward housing scholarships.

For tickets or more information, please call 547-9943.

Driver's instruction course offered

Students interested in the IU School of Physical Education's annual driver's instruction course may reserve a spot for \$30 per person on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call Carol Clarke at 274-0604.

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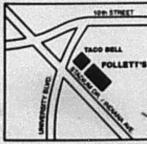
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THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES PAGE

INFORMATION COMPILED BY MICHELLE THORPE

Activities Calendar

Monday/22nd

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

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

For more information, call Si-Hing or Todd Wright at 382-1325.

• This month's last Spanish Club meeting will be from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Student Activities Center, Room 131.

Events for the fall semester will be discussed.



Tuesday/23rd

• POLSA will not be having its normal Tuesday meeting for the next few weeks.

Watch this page for information concerning the next meeting.

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

• Psi Chi and the Psychology Club are having a brown bag lunch "Metaphor Therapy" from noon to 1 p.m.

Daniel Murphy, M.S., will conduct a session of David Grove's "Metaphor Therapy" in LD Room 124B.

The therapy is designed to take the client through early traumatic experiences.

Refreshments will be provided. Call 274-6771 for more information.



Wednesday/24th

• 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. Cost is \$2.50.



Sunday/28th

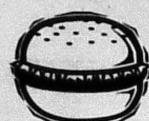
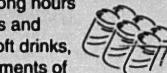
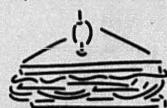
• The Catholic Newman Club offers a religious service/workshop every Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Newman Center.

The Newman Center is located at 801 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. For details call 632-4378.

Final exam break

Take a break from the long hours of studying for final exams and enjoy free sandwiches, soft drinks, chips and cookies compliments of the student activity fee and the Catholic Newman Club.

Students can stop by the Student Activities Center foyer on April 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. and rejuvenate with free food.



Bulletin Board

Native American classes

Students, faculty and the general public are invited to attend free, non-credit classes on Native American studies.

Native Americans will discuss 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 take place 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). Be sure to attend the class wrap-up party this Wednesday.

Refreshments will be served.

Conversation/tutor groups

The Spanish Club offers conversation/tutor groups on Monday from 11 a.m. to noon and from 5:10 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday hours are 11 a.m. to noon and 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday the club will meet from 11 a.m. to noon and 5:10 to 6 p.m. On Thursdays, they will meet from

15 to 16 to 17 to 18 to 19 to 20 to 21 to 22 to 23 to 24 to 25 to 26 to 27 to 28 to 29 to 30 to 31 to 32 to 33 to 34 to 35 to 36 to 37 to 38 to 39 to 40 to 41 to 42 to 43 to 44 to 45 to 46 to 47 to 48 to 49 to 50 to 51 to 52 to 53 to 54 to 55 to 56 to 57 to 58 to 59 to 60 to 61 to 62 to 63 to 64 to 65 to 66 to 67 to 68 to 69 to 70 to 71 to 72 to 73 to 74 to 75 to 76 to 77 to 78 to 79 to 80 to 81 to 82 to 83 to 84 to 85 to 86 to 87 to 88 to 89 to 90 to 91 to 92 to 93 to 94 to 95 to 96 to 97 to 98 to 99 to 100 to 101 to 102 to 103 to 104 to 105 to 106 to 107 to 108 to 109 to 110 to 111 to 112 to 113 to 114 to 115 to 116 to 117 to 118 to 119 to 120 to 121 to 122 to 123 to 124 to 125 to 126 to 127 to 128 to 129 to 130 to 131 to 132 to 133 to 134 to 135 to 136 to 137 to 138 to 139 to 140 to 141 to 142 to 143 to 144 to 145 to 146 to 147 to 148 to 149 to 150 to 151 to 152 to 153 to 154 to 155 to 156 to 157 to 158 to 159 to 160 to 161 to 162 to 163 to 164 to 165 to 166 to 167 to 168 to 169 to 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Student election results prove every vote counts

Jay Starks, outgoing Black Student Union president, won Undergraduate Student Assembly presidency by 4 votes.

Despite the comedy of errors which made up the 1996-97 edition of the Undergraduate Student Assembly elections, the event proved at least one thing: Every vote counts.

The victor, Jay Starks, outgoing president of the Black Student Union, won by four slim votes over Craig Cooper, presidential candidate on the Student's Choice ticket.

Cooper, in turn, claimed second place by only 23 votes over Bruce Beal, presidential candidate on the Politically Incorrect ticket.

The fourth candidate for president, Tom Vessely, on the CLASS ticket, finished the campaign 74 votes behind Beal and 101 votes behind the winner.

The competition was closer than ever, but the result was tainted by the fact that only 461 people decided to vote this year. Last year more than 1,800 people voted.

In case it's not obvious, that's a drop in more than 1,300 students.

That's a shame.

Maybe the decrease was because of the increasingly popular politics-as-usual approach used by the students campaigning. Maybe the drop was because of the installment of a touch-tone telephone system of voting. Maybe fewer students voted because more and more students don't care about student government.

Chances are it's a combination of all the above factors.

Whatever the case, students should take the five or so minutes out of their day it takes to vote.

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Why? Because student government represents all students on campus.

So, if next year's USA officers decide to propose an increase in the student activity fee, it will affect each and every student at IUPUI.

And, regardless of what is commonly believed, student government can help influence the decisions of administrators.

Had it not been for the industrious efforts of Todd Schmidt, outgoing USA president, and his staff, the first floor of the old library may be occupied by administrative offices instead of a Student Activities Center.

Next year the campus administration will be making key decisions regarding IUPUI's Division I status, the new student center and campus housing.

Student government will be involved in these decisions in one way or another, even if it is only in an advisory role.

Will the student officers in power represent the majority of IUPUI's beliefs?

Maybe they will. Maybe they won't.

The fact is, the elections are now over and students have been selected to represent the views of all IUPUI students.

Apparently only 461 students on this campus care about how their money is spent, where they will be able to study on campus and whether student government represents them.

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no desire to vote, let alone be bombarded with election propaganda.

Therefore, it is feasible that this benevolent deed was performed by someone with no association to Mr. Cooper, or even Cooper himself.

It is similar to reading comments from the bathroom wall: "For a good time, call Suzy at 555-3555 ... Does that mean that a girl named Suzy has put her name down, hoping to have a good time when someone called her number?

It is terrible that there are people who want something done for this campus, and they take it upon themselves by running for a position that enables them to do so.

The competition between candidates this year was good.

But mistakes were made. The solution to correcting these misunderstandings is to prevent further trouble from occurring and limiting the damage already done.

How does one accomplish this?

Certainly not by reciting hearsay and running a campaign with such. While it is

"It is a sad day, indeed, when cheap tricks make their way from big-time politics to the campus."

*Shay Garrell
Sagamore, finance management/accounting major*

commendable that presidential candidate Bruce Beal stopped the "inevitable" fight that ensued between Mulcahy and Cooper, it may not have been in anyone's best interest to put up a poster such as the one posted by Beal (which was later removed by the Election Committee).

If for somebody (anybody) to take a slicker, peel it off, and stick it on anything like a wall, table, floor or even a poster,

The most basic fact one can arrive at is that those stickers were probably handed out to literally thousands of students.

Undoubtedly, some of these students had

Computer technology labs need help

Students who have taken a variety of classes in the computer technology department have dealt with a plethora of technological mishaps which take away from valuable learning time.

For those of us who have been trying to stay current with the leading edge of technology, the past couple years have been extremely frustrating.

Just last spring semester I was enrolled in computer technology 188. Half the class was not able to participate. Why?

Because, quite simply, more than half of our computers were consistently down.

It wasn't like one of those classes where you have one part of your class which is lecture and then the other half lab — this was Word Processing.

The whole idea of this class was hands-on experience. We paid our lab fees so everyone could learn this super word processing software. What we got in return was a cold shoulder from the computer technology department.

When students went to Thomas Ho, chair of the Department of Computer Technology, they came back saying he told them there was nothing he could do about it.

Perhaps some readers were in CPT 115 last fall semester. Then you were cheated out of three to four classes because somehow the CPT just couldn't quite seem to schedule a classroom.

Of course a room was finally found, but the class time was lost.

How do I know this? Well, this time I watched my wife struggle through with little to show for money spent on CPT labs.

Have things gotten better? Not according to Natalie White, a senior majoring in criminal justice.

If you're a student enrolled in CPT 104, then you're probably

frustratingly familiar with the following stories.

"There have been several times in our classroom when the computers have been down," White said. "Probably every class period you have some (computers) that don't work."

White recounted the familiar frustration of wasted time.

"It's a problem when the instructor is walking around going on with class and you're spending your time moving around trying to find a computer that's working," White said.

Ho said if instructors are experiencing problems then they are to inform the school's Computer Network Center about such technical difficulties.

Here comes the good news:

CNC has a new director, Greg Smith.

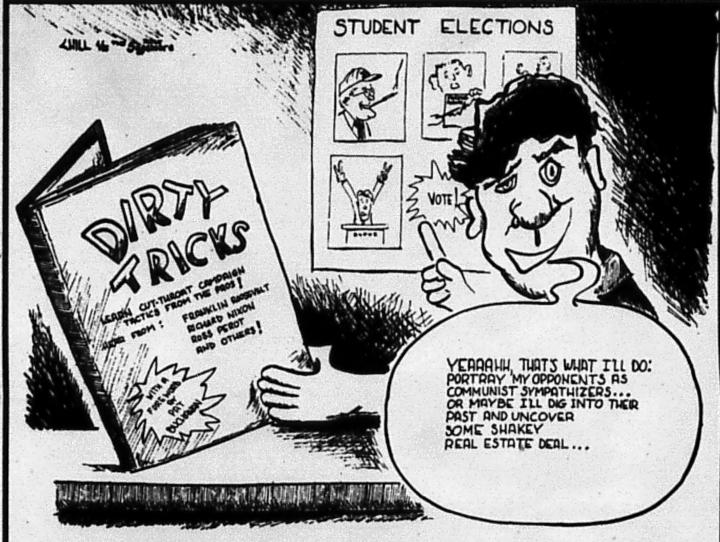
"The students have a valid complaint," Smith said. "It's unfortunate it was allowed to get to that point, but we will definitely respond. It's priority number one."

Smith said money was being diverted to remedial situations as described above.

"We are planning a fairly major upgrade this summer," he said.

Well, like a lot of other veteran survivors from the CPT labs, I hope this promised new medicine is extended to administration as well as the technical hardware.

Des Aarow is a senior majoring in organizational communications



public and say, "Here, look, I went to IU/Purdue at Indianapolis, and this is what we did when I was there," well, this is not it.

It is shameful that things turned out this way. But we will limit the damage and move on.

Perhaps next year, it will not be so disgraceful.

In any case, our student officials for the Undergraduate Student Assembly, 1996-97 term, has been decided.

Good luck to the victors.

*Shay Garrell
Sagamore, finance management/accounting major*

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*Gilbert L. Holmes
Commissioner, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles*

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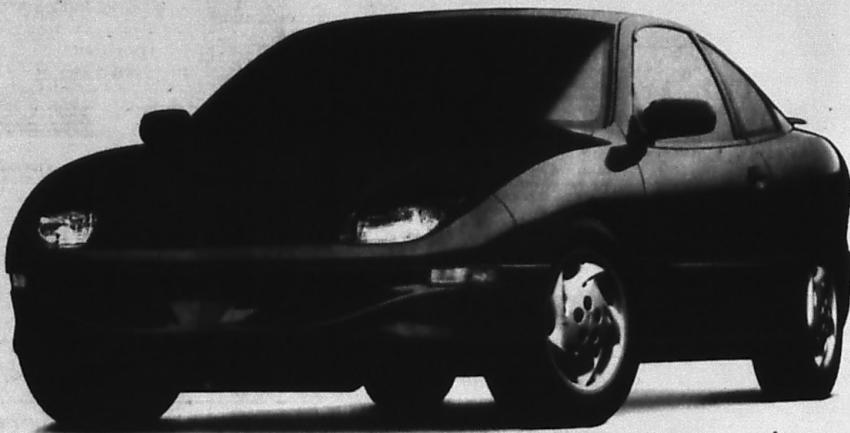
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Baseball situation frustrates coach

■ Coach Shambaugh credits players ability to deal with adversity while team has recorded a 7-29 record.

By Brian Hendrickson
The Sagamore

They practice in a city park, placing tape on their torn baseballs because their budget will not allow them to buy enough equipment. They play their home games at another school's field and are forced to play most of their games on the road because of it.

If this sounds like a little league team, think again. This is head coach Bret Shambaugh's description of everyday life for the IUPUI Metros baseball team.

While the Metros have tallied a 7-29 record this year, Shambaugh said his team has received plenty of criticism which, if the big picture is looked at, is completely undeserved. Shambaugh is getting tired of hearing the complaints.

"I'm becoming a little bit angry because all anybody wants to look at is the product on the field," Shambaugh said.

"I want to turn to those people who think that we're not very good and I want them to look at the big picture and say, 'How the hell could we be good?'

"The only reason we are as good as we are is because of the kids that we have," he added.

Shambaugh said his athletes are forced to raise money for the team's expenses because the budget is so small. He said the team raised more money this year than was allotted to them by the school in their budget.

Shambaugh said this commitment to the team, on top of playing baseball and going to school, shows the character his team possesses, but also

has contributed to the team's troubles this year.

"How can you put real high expectations on a bunch of kids where they have to work real hard (raising funds) to play 56 games because our budget won't allow us to?" Shambaugh said.

Not only does it affect his team's ability to recruit players and puts strains on other areas like equipment, where he said the team tapes up torn balls and raises money to buy a second set of uniforms, but there is not enough money in its budget.

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"Well, we practice at a city park, and when we have a home game we don't know where we're going to play it."

Bret Shambaugh, baseball coach

"You look at (a recruit) and his parents and have to tell them, 'Well, we practice at a city park and when we have a home game we don't know where we're going to play it.'"

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"Now, why would a young person and his family want to involve themselves with that?" he continued. "It takes a special group."

Hugh Wolf, the director of IUPUI intercollegiate athletics, said pending approval by the IU board of trustees,

the school will increase scholarships and aid to sports other than basketball by 25 each for men and women. He said the budget for operating costs will gradually be increased over the next few years.

Wolf said he was unaware of problems concerning the team's equipment. He said there is not a financial problem replacing equipment at this time and the only requirement to receive replacements is to fill out an order form.

Shambaugh said Wolf has worked hard to help the team, but would like to see IUPUI as a whole, including the school administration, support the team more financially.

Shambaugh said he believes he has a special group at IUPUI that gives its all for the team and constantly works under adverse conditions.

Shambaugh said people still look at the team's play on the field first, particularly the school's administration. He said these spectators choose not to look at the whole picture, but criticize his team's play.

"We had a comment by an administrator after seeing us play that we weren't very aggressive," Shambaugh said. "I wanted to say IUPUI is not aggressive."

Shambaugh said he is not looking for sympathy, but wants people to realize what his players are going through and what they are doing for the team and the school. He said people look at the win-loss column and make comments about the team's play before asking why their situation on the field is so bleak.

Shambaugh insists he is not bitter, only stating facts which he feels have been overlooked for too long and need to be addressed.

"There's probably no one to blame, or anything to blame," he said. "It's like they say on 'Dragnet': 'Just the facts ma'am, just the facts.'"

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Perspectives

Popular pianist knows his music 'By Heart'

■ Jim Brickman reflects on his success, his fans and his relationship with the music he loves to play.

By Amy Tovsky
The Sagamore

When Jim Brickman was four years old, he began playing the piano on a piece of green felt.

Three decades later, he has taken his childhood dreams and unhidden talent to the top of the popular music charts.

"I didn't think that this was something I would ever be doing," Brickman said in a phone interview last week. "I never thought that I would be a performer, that I would be selling out concerts and that people would come see me play the piano."

He says his parents were hesitant to buy him a real piano at such a young age, but admits he never thought about doing anything else.

"It's one of those things that you don't really choose to do," he said. "It's more of something that kind of chooses you."

Brickman is currently on a national tour in support of "By Heart," an all-instrumental album featuring his singles "Angel Eyes" and "If You Believe."

Although Brickman "always intended to be in adult contemporary radio," he admits his recent success has taken him by surprise.

"My music is like songs without words," he said. "Even though it is instrumental, the style is a pop style. It's not really new wave. It's not really jazz. Where it really belongs is pop radio. It's thrilling to be in the company of other great pop icons."

Brickman began his successful music career at age 19, composing short songs for the Muppets and later writing and recording advertising jingles for 7-Up, Sony, Diet Coke and The Walt Disney Company.

Brickman is grateful for the experience and says the variety has made him a better musician.

"When you know how to play a lot of different styles of music, it's easier



Courtesy Windham Hill Records

The latest release from pianist Jim Brickman has secured him two Top 10 positions on the national adult contemporary music charts. He will be in concert in Indianapolis at Circle Theatre April 25.

to have your own voice because you're not really stuck in one genre," he said. "You create your own voice by a compilation of all your influences."

Brickman's current tour has taken him to major markets across the United States, including Boston, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and on April 25, Indianapolis.

Playing primarily in symphony halls and other formal music venues, Brickman says his concerts are "a really comfortable experience for people."

"I think at my concerts people feel like they know me or they get to know me because it's a very intimate environment," he said. "It's very conversational. It's like I'm in my living room and you're over for dinner. There just happens to be 2000 people there."

Brickman also admits he is overwhelmed by audience reaction. "There's such amazing feedback

from people," he said. "I get so many fan letters and so much e-mail."

"I think the thing that has been the most interesting is that most people describe how (the music) has affected their lives. Somebody will write and say 'We're walking down the aisle to your song' or 'I'm a teacher and I bring your song into my special-ed kids and it calms them down.'

"There are all different kinds of ways that people really seem to use the music to affect their lives," he continued. "That is the thing that is the most gratifying."

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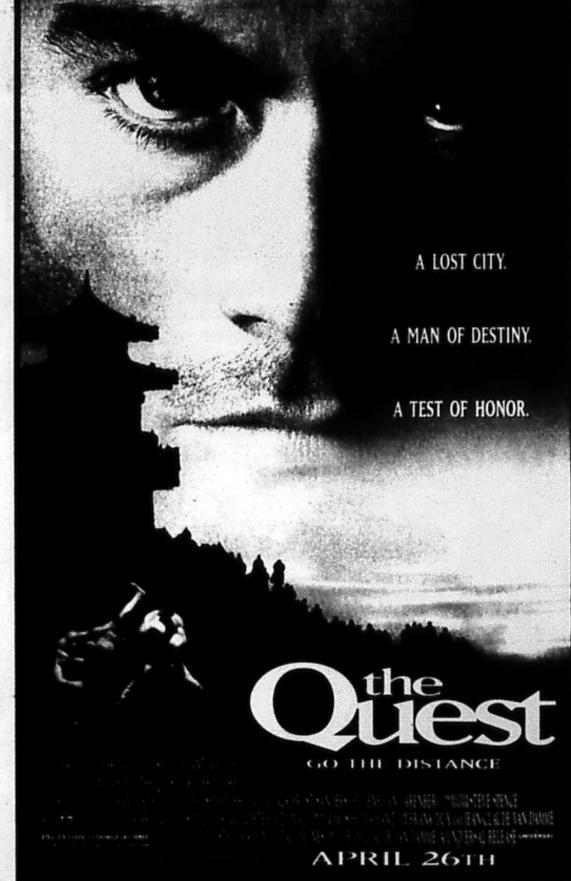
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Campus Safety

Elevators: flirting with disaster?

■ Change in safety authorities 'reduces call-backs by 80 percent'; no accidents reported.

By Christina Moore
The Sagamore

A recent change in the contractor which monitors campus elevator safety and maintenance was made to get IUPUI's elevators "back into shape."

According to Ralph Bennett, electrical operating engineer of Campus Facilities Services, campus elevators are a "safe means of travel." There has not, to his recollection, ever been any dangerous accidents involving elevators on the campus.

He notes there are two unannounced inspections performed annually by the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services. Additionally, Mid-America Elevator Company, Inc., with whom the university recently contracted for elevator maintenance and repair, performs a variety of routine tests in accordance with specifications set by the Association of Mechanical Engineers and the American National Standards Institute.

However, Mid-America has been the university's elevator contractor of choice for approximately 1 1/2 months. Prior to March 1, Abel Elevator Company was affiliated with the campus.

When asked about the change, Bennett emphasized that "elevator maintenance and repair is a specialized business" and these companies are hired for five-year contracts which are awarded based upon standard university procedures for evaluating contractors which is not strictly the lowest bid."

In fact, Mid-America has been the elevator contractor for both the Riley Children's and University hospitals for the last five years.

During that time they have "reduced call backs (better known as shutdowns) by 80 percent," said company president, Ron Selke.

Selke said he is unaware of any major violations or accidents involving campus elevators prior to his company's coming on board.

He did indicate campus elevators weren't up to standards and that it would require about six months to get the campus "back into shape" with two Mid-America workers remaining on campus at all times.

This arrangement, he explained, allows one engineer to focus on "preventative maintenance and the other to act as a field engineer who trouble shoots and addresses particular problems."

Jim Clark, a supervisor at Indiana's Division of Elevator Safety, confirms that there have been no dangerous accidents involving elevators on the IUPUI campus.

He said he believes the movies sensationalize elevator accidents.

"We don't have many accidents because of elevator safety. They just don't happen," he said. "Hosting doors cannot open unless the elevator is there. If a cable were ever to break there are safeties on the bottom of every car that would stop a fall after three or four feet max, and it would take something extraordinary to break a cable."

That is not to say that the campus elevators are perfect.

Just ask anyone who has ever used one. Clark said IUPUI is no different than other elevator operators in that there will always be minor violations which are expected to be remedied within a reasonable amount of time, usually 30 days.

However, these are not safety issues.

"Safety issues always result in the immediate shut down of an elevator," Clark explained.

Bennett acknowledges that some of the university's elevators are older and withstand heavy use.

"We are in the process of completely refurbishing (many of these) with everything being replaced except for the shaft," he said.

And the old age of some IUPUI elevators doesn't make them more dangerous either, Bennett said.

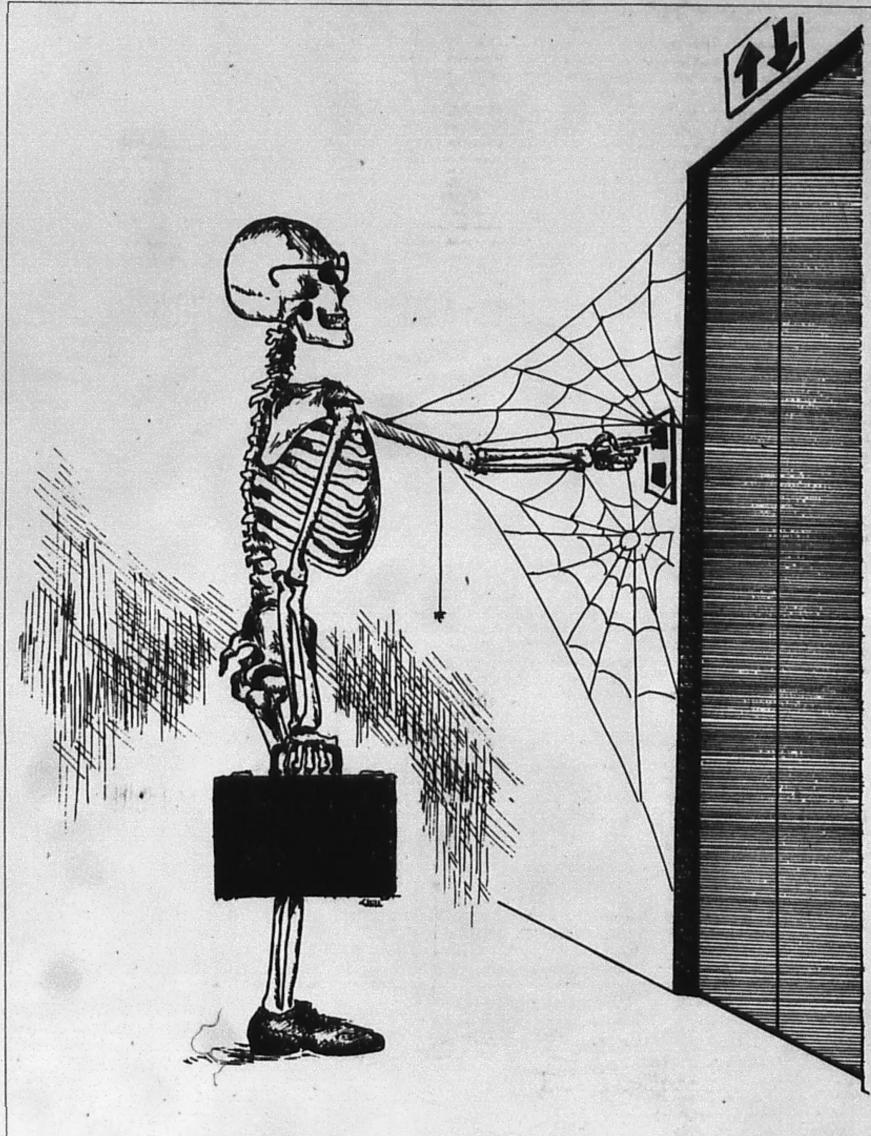
"The old silicon technology may affect the control system, but they are just as safe. I don't think we have any unsafe elevators, and the inspection certificates are on file in the campus safety office for anyone to see," he explained.

The fact of the matter is, however, that sometimes the elevators act up. If it's not a matter of safety, then what do you call it?

Pam Burgess, a junior majoring in political science, explained that she has had experiences with "really slow, but not dangerous" university elevators.

She remembers a recent incident in Cavanaugh Hall. "I was sitting in the lobby area on the second floor and the elevator came five times in 15 minutes. The door kept opening up to this same elevator but there was no one there to press the button."

Holly Strickling, also a junior political science major, said putting up with the occasional inconveniences associated with the elevators doesn't out-



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Although it will only take two-to-three minutes for the next car to come, because of the law of quantum physics and that

bit of wisdom that dictates a watched pot will never boil, it seems like fifteen minutes pass.

Finally, the elevator arrives with a welcome "ding" and everyone files in and presses their respective buttons.

The doors close and the elevator lurches upward with a strange-sounding, heavy sigh.

Of course, it stops at every floor along the way and you can't help but notice that the creaking and squeaking seems to be growing increasingly louder.

More and more people are getting on forcing you back into a corner. You try to hold your coffee out in front of you as the rocking motion of the elevator causes the steaming liquid from side to side in your cup.

Suddenly you are jolted in your mind as the opening comes from the *Reanu Reeves film, "Space,"* in which the elevator plummets more than 50 floors. The last that you'll ever

four floors up from ground doesn't matter.

You break out in a light sweat and find yourself wishing you had taken the stairs. Eventually the crowd on the elevator files out and with what seems like one last mighty jolt the car arrives at your floor.

You walk awkwardly as the doors crack open and then slowly drag to either side until finally — FINALLY — you are able to exit; you feel fortunate to have made it alive.

Sound vaguely familiar?

IUPUI students have probably ridden on elevators in which they had less than complete confidence, and with more than 80 elevators on the grounds, it's quite likely that students have had at least once such experience on campus.

All of this might make one wonder: just how safe are the university's elevators?

weigh their advantages.

"They don't seem to work well, like they're pretty old. I mean, I like them. I think they're convenient, especially after you've been working all day. It's nice not to have to trudge up four or five flights of stairs, but they are pretty slow," Strickling said.

Selke said that more than safety, passengers' chief complaints deal with issues of efficiency and perfor-

mance. He said he is aware of the "tremendous grumbling on campus about the elevators."

"We feel strongly that with a little time we'll get them back in shape," he added.

If a student should observe or experience a problem with an elevator, Bennett asks that they call their trouble dispatch line at 274-7609.

He said he is optimistic that "the better preventative maintenance has been reducing the number of trouble calls we've been getting," and he wants students to understand how important safety is to campus officials.

"I may say so, I think the university is more concerned about elevator and fire safety than anything on campus," Bennett said.