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A campus love story

## Leaders work to diminish voter apathy

### Registration deadline nears; drive this week

■ Campaign co-chair, city-county councillor, student leaders desire more interest in political process.

By J. M. BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the 1999 mayoral race in its final stretch, so is the opportunity for Marion County residents to secure their vote in the election.

The deadline to register is 7 p.m. Oct. 4. To register, one must be a U.S. Citizen, be 18 years of age on or before Nov. 2 and have lived in their precinct 30 days prior to Oct. 4.

The IUPUI Political Science Students Association will host a voter registration drive from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 29 and 30 in the student activities courtyard in front of University College.

Other places to register are the Voters Registration Office in the City-County Building, at post offices and at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

At publication time, there were 518,834 voters registered for the election, according to the country records.

Andy Horning and Bart Peterson have more in common than bidding for the mayoralty of Indianapolis.

In 1976, both graduated from North Central High School, which according to Horning's website, offered a "Future Mayor of Indianapolis" program that year — a kind of opportunity, like many public leaders say, motivated them to enter politics.

College students of today, however, don't seem to share that same fire and passion to vote let alone enter politics.

According to records from the Marion County Board of Registration, citizens age 18 to 24 make up a mere seven percent of residents registered to vote Nov. 2 in the mayoral election.

The 90s has been an era flanked by voter apathy, especially among the traditional college-aged students. In a recent survey, Project Vote Smart, a national, non-partisan research

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center, reported that a mere 26 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 25 were in touch with the nation's political issues.

The survey, which also found that only 23 percent of college-aged students knew the identity of the current U.S. vice president, reported that this generation of students are 30 percent less likely to vote than older citizens.

"There is so much information and it's hard to discern between the valuable and invaluable," said Anne Marie Becholdt, president of the Political Science Students Association, characterizing students' attitude toward politics. "People have been turning it off because as long as they have 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer,' as long as they have their job and their car and everything works perfectly in their life, there's no need to be concerned.

"As long as their electricity turns on in the morning, their water comes on," she continued, "everything's fine. So why worry about it?" However, academics, politicians and student leaders — regardless of their political affiliation

— are sending a strong message to young constituents: Pay attention to the politics and vote. Public and campus leaders alike say disturbingly apathetic attitude among students toward the local and national political climates will come to end only when America's youth begins to recognize its civic responsibility to vote and its welcomed participation in public service.

For and by the people

Kevin Shipp, senior in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, has been president of the IUPUI Libertarian Club for about two months. Although he has been a member of the local Libertarian movement since 1997, he just became active in the party this summer.



Parker-Sawyers

"The problem is people don't participate, don't pay attention, and the whole system is based on that — civic involvement," he said. "If we don't have that, democracy doesn't work."

Voicing a complaint about governmental officials and their decisions without registering a vote in local and national elections is socially irresponsible, said Paula Parker-Sawyers, director of the IUPUI Office of Neighborhood Resources and co-chair of Sue

## Controversial web page links to hate sites

By JENNY MONTGOMERY  
NEWS EDITOR

A student came under fire last week when a local TV news station reported that his web page — provided through IUPUI — contained racist messages.

Upon reviewing the web page, called "The Why Rap Sucks Page," The Sagamore investigated several links from the site and found some to include violent language and hate speech.

Editors at The Sagamore have chosen not to publish the student's name or the website address due to potential community relations against him.

The student has not been enrolled in classes at IUPUI since Fall 1998.

University Information Technology Services and the Office of Dean of Students are reviewing the content the site to determine if it should be shut down in accordance with the university's technology code.

The student said he does not condone racism. "The site has nothing to do with racist people," he told The Sagamore. "It is supposed to be humorous."

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## Gates promises \$1 billion to fund minority grants

■ Microsoft chairman and wife donate largest gift ever made to higher education; UNCF will distribute funds.

By HEATHER ALLEN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bill Gates, chairman and co-founder of Microsoft, and his wife Melinda are granting \$1 billion dollars to establish the Gates Millennium Scholars Program — the largest donation to higher education in US history. The announcement was made Sept. 16 just before Indiana kicked off "Dollars for Scholars" week.

Although there are other millennium scholars programs in the US and abroad, the Gates program stands out because it seeks to increase the number of minority students enrolling in college and completing undergraduate programs.

The United Negro College Fund will distribute the funds in collaboration with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund.

"With available financial aid failing to keep pace with rising educational costs, the economically disadvantaged face significant barriers in gaining access to and completing their degree programs," said William H. Gray III, president and CEO of the UNCF, in a recent statement. "This program will assist some of the 30,000 students who annually don't attend college because of financial limitations."

"Since 1980, higher education has gone up 133 percent for public institutions," said Tina Tuttle, director of IUPUI's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Tuttle, a graduate student, added that she thought students often are apprehensive about taking out loans, and, as a result, may not continue their education.

The goal of the Gates program is to supplement federal financial aid so minority students do not need to take out loans or work at a level that makes it difficult to focus on school.

Scholars selected for the program will receive funds, not only for the cost of tuition, but for fees, books and living expenses as well.

College and high school minority students who want to continue their education and are able to demonstrate significant financial need, can apply the funds to any course of study as an undergraduate student. Scholarships are renewed yearly and are based on full-time enrollment.

However, graduate students who want to renew

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## I Viva las mujeres!



This group of Hispanic women were among many performers at Fiesta '99, which was downtown Sept. 18. For full coverage of the day's cultural and informative events, see Page 6.

Photos by Amber Hanley/The Sagamore

## BSU members to be volunteers for Classic

By MELVIN L. HAYES  
STAFF WRITER

For the past 15 years, Circle City Classic, in Indianapolis early next month, has focused on demonstrating the strength of the African-American community while providing exposure for historically black universities.

Since 1990, more than 60,000 spectators have attended the sold-out football game each year.

And this year, members of the IUPUI Black Student Union will volunteer as ushers in the CCC Parade.

"One of my top priorities this year is to promote unity here on campus and in the community," said Starla Hart, BSU president. "We were not able to organize in time for the Indiana Black Expo Celebration, but myself and members of the executive board have worked hard in making

sure we found a way to participate in CCC."

The parade, ranked second largest among African-American street parades in the country, draws just as many spectators as the football game.

Freshman Robert Hutcherson said the CCC is a positive event.

"I think the Classic is a very festive occasion that truly brings the black community together," he said. "It's not often that we, the black community, have the opportunity to unite and entertain each other in a positive way."

The champions of the Mideastern-Atlantic Conference, the Hampton University Pirates, will take on Southwestern Atlantic Conference champions Southern University Jaguars in an afternoon battle between two of the most successful black collegiate football teams in history.

## Bird to fly coop after next season

■ Coach for Indiana Pacers announces last week that he will call it quits after 1999-2000 term.

By MIKE MELINDRE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ending several weeks of speculation, Larry Bird officially announced Sept. 16 that the 1999-2000 NBA season would be his last as head coach of the Indiana Pacers.

"When I came to Indianapolis, I sat down to talk with the Pacers front office and straight out said that three years was long enough for one coach at one place," Bird said in a recent satellite interview to promote his new book, "Bird Watching: On Playing and Coaching the Game I Love."

"Coaching has been a great experience for me. It's not something I ever dreamed of doing," said Bird.

The Pacers reportedly hope Bird will remain with the organization, perhaps succeeding team Pacer president Donnie Walsh. Bird's current contract runs through the upcoming season.

Walsh has said that before Bird signed

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Larry Bird  
Indiana Pacers Head Coach

his coaching contract, the opportunity for a front office position was discussed.

"I haven't thought about it," Bird said, regarding his future plans. "I'm going to wait until after this season. I want to go for another title this year."

Bird fielded many questions about his heart condition, something he talks in detail about in his new book. The condition, atrial fibrillation, was diagnosed soon after Bird's retirement from the Boston Celtics. Bird said that he had experienced symptoms earlier during the Pacers' off-season.

"I always thought it was fatigue, working out too hard, or overdoing it," he said. "The pain didn't last long and it was always gone when I woke up the next morning. I never had it while I was playing."



Photo by ©/Courtesy of The Indianapolis Star-News

Larry Bird, Indiana Pacers coach, announced last week that the 1999-2000 season would be his last.

## Police search for suspect in carjacking

STAFF REPORT

Campus police are searching for a male estimated to be age 20 who reportedly threatened a female student and stole her car in IUPUI Lot 22 in the 600 block of Union Drive Sept. 23.

According to a campus crime alert, the victim told police that the suspect said he was armed but that she did not see a weapon.

She further described the suspect as having black hair, being 6'2" tall and weighing 175 lbs.

After the suspect took her car, the woman said he drove northbound on Union Drive.

Anyone with any information about the reported incident may contact IUPUI Det. Ray Turley at 274-2059.

Police officials were unavailable for further comment at press time.

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**GET TO THE GOOD PART.**

## Travel gurus to visit campus

■ Caravanning couple to make campus stop for to discuss, sign book about traveling.

By Cyndi Fugate  
Staff Writer

Megan Edwards and Mark Sedenquist, along with Marvin, their road dog, will park their custom built, four-wheel drive motor home on campus Oct. 13.

In 1993, the couple lost their personal belongings when a wildfire destroyed their California home.

Edwards and Sedenquist viewed the incident as having been given a clean slate. The decision was made between the two not to rebuild.

Instead, they boarded their customized home, Phoenix One, and set out to see America.

"The super Off-Roader looks like a cross between a mobile military command post and a party wagon," Edwards said of their vehicle. "It is the ultimate in manliness, the sort of rig guys dream about taking their buddies hunting in, no women allowed," she joked.

The couple's latest road trip doubles as a book tour and discussion about traveling in America.

The idea for Edwards' new book, "Roads from the Ashes" was born

from the ashes of their home. The nomadic couple will park Phoenix One on the campus for a public chat called "The American Experience: Traveling America," which will begin at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Lilly Auditorium at University Library.

The agenda will include "traveling that introduces the different American cultures of history and literature — the relationship between the individual and society," said Tom Marvin, American Studies professor, "and the relationships between various American cultures and their environments — considering the American experience from the point of view of the traveler."

The discussion will include places and characters which are memorable to the couple. Edwards also shares with the readers the not-so-wonderful times — sandstorms, tornadoes and bouts with insects.

Other topics of the discussion will include Edwards' thoughts on her living quarters, which are 200 sq. ft., which includes the room for her spouse and dog — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, month after month.

Edwards, a newspaper columnist and freelance writer, created a web site which details the couple's travels. The address is: [www.RoadTripAmerica.com](http://www.RoadTripAmerica.com). Since 1996, Edwards has kept an on line weekly



The Phoenix One (above) doubles as transportation and home for Megan Edwards, Mark Sedenquist and their dog, Marvin. Since 1996, the have kept couple keep an on line Journal of their journey. The Internet address is [www.RoadTripAmerica.com](http://www.RoadTripAmerica.com).

journal that chronicles their travels. According to Marvin, that journal is the only on-line magazine which is published entirely on the road.

Edwards and Sedenquist coined the phrase "dashboarding" — pioneering wireless mobile business operations. The term relates to their personal and professional lifestyle.

"I was having a hard time believing

that the road to serenity lay in losing 10 pounds or highlighting my hair," said Edwards.

What started out as a six-month sabbatical has turned into five years and 130,000 miles.

Edwards sums up the journey: "A path is nothing unless it is taken. Roads are merely pavement without travelers on them."

## Boxer bows for knockout bride

By Jill L. Hundley  
Campus Life Editor

At 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16 Adam Wynant marched into a J200 class on the and dropped to one knee beside Amanda Hinton's seat.

"I can't wait any longer," he said. Wynant then proceeded to ask her to be his wife, a question he had intended to wait until her birthday in November to pose.

Pat McKeand, instructor in the School of Journalism, had just finished teaching class prior to Wynant's entrance.

"I said 'that concludes the class for today' and then he zipped" into the room," said McKeand.

Hinton, senior majoring in journalism, was pleasantly surprised at Wynant's approach.

"I told him yes right then. He is really compassionate, a good person and smart," she said.

Wynant, a professional boxer, wows her with his poetry, Hinton said.

"I had the rings for a month and I couldn't take it any longer," he said. He considered the proposal a humbling experience and wanted to show her he could put his ego aside. Wynant, a freshman majoring in social work, considers himself a very lucky man to have this "wonderful woman".

The couple plans to wed next year.



Adam Wynant and Amanda Hinton plan to marry next year. Wynant proposed during Hinton's class.

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their scholarships will need to study science, engineering, education, mathematics or library science. If students maintain a 3.0 GPA, funding will extend in these majors through a doctorate degree.

All applicants must be nominated by a principal, dean, teacher or community leader, demonstrate leadership abilities and write essays describing their goals. In addition, high school applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Colleges, universities and high schools will begin the new millennium putting this scholarship program to work for minority students.

"I hope that students of color can see that there are opportunities out there, and the idea of going to college doesn't have to be a dream," said Kristopher Davis, vice-president of the IUPUI Latino Student Association.

Applications for the Gates scholarship will be available Nov. 1. For more information about the program, visit the web at: <http://www.gmsp.org>.

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Ironically, he claims to hate rap music because of its violent message. The student said he would review the content of the links, and if he found the content to be racist, he would take the links off the web page.

UIT's continues to review the site to determine if it is in violation of university policy. Mark Bruhn, vice president of information technology, will make the ultimate decision on whether or not the site will be taken down. Bruhn was unavailable for comment at press time.

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Anne Gilroy's Republican Party bid for mayor of Indianapolis.

"It is a shame, travesty, that people would not take advantage of their opportunity to have a say in what happens in local, state and national politics," Parker-Sawyers said. "Forget what side you're going to vote on. Vote for the best person. But vote."

"It's our responsibility as citizens, our, if you will, acknowledgment of our history as a people — as American people — of what our forefathers did," she continued. "The whites who founded this land, they came to the US for the purpose of escaping the tyranny and unjust system that they thought they were living under in England, fought for our right to vote and established this country. I look at African-Americans who fought and died for our right to vote."

**Taking action**

Parker-Sawyers, who is a former deputy mayor of Indianapolis, said administrators, faculty, staff and student leaders throughout the national higher education scene must encourage students "to have a civic responsibility and to practice that responsibility."

Bechdolt is doing just that. Banking on the logical hope that a higher number of students who regis-

ter will create a greater college-aged turnout at the polls, POLSA will sponsor a voter registration drive in the student activities courtyard outside University College from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 29 and 30.

"You have to get out there and let (students) know there are issues that are important, especially with the world they way it is today," said Bechdolt, a junior majoring in political science. "I think a lot of them take for granted the opportunity we have. It's a privilege to be a citizen. It's not a right."

While Shipp supports POLSA's attempt at inspiring students to join the political process, he believes students should take the initiative to register for elections.

"It's almost like they should be doing it anyway," Shipp said. "You get out of it what you put into it."

In the School of Public and Environmental Affairs as well as the Department of Political Science, professors try to spark student interest not only in government but also a possible career in politics.

"Individual instructors have been and are free to decide how much or how little emphasis to place upon this with their students in their classes," said Bill Blomquist, political science department chairman. "We encourage

students to pursue internship opportunities, which can include working on a campaign or working in a government agency or with an interest group that tries to affect public policy. And we offer credit for those internships."

In years marked by elections, the department has offered courses specializing in the election process and the political races of the day.

"We are proposing new courses in effective political organization and effective political action and hope to offer both for the first time in 2000," added Blomquist, who along with leaders in SPEA, the Center for Public Service and the IU Center on Philanthropy are proposing the creation of a certificate program that would allow students to combine course work with "hands-on experience to develop their interest and skills in using the political process to advance their concerns."

Last week, in a survey passed around in her Introduction to Public Affairs class, Teresa Bennett, communications director for SPEA, quizzed her students about what educators could do to encourage choosing government as a potential career path and spark their interest in today's current political environment.

"Interestingly, internships and in-class speakers who work in the field

also were cited frequently as something that high schools and colleges could do to create more interest and participation," Bennett said. "Other ideas included strengthening the government/civic classes to discuss real-world issues and to talk about the value of public service."

**Building an early start**

While Andy Horning was inspired to get involved in politics during his pursuit of a high school degree, a local official caught the political bug at the tender age of 13.

City-county councilor Mary Moriarty-Adams (D-15th) in the late 60s was recruited by a cousin running for Marion County Auditor to walk door to door in Indianapolis neighborhoods spreading flyers, which heralded the candidate's platform.

"As I was knocking on doors, passing out his flyer, people would say to me 'Now, why are you supporting this gentleman, what will he do when he gets in office that hasn't maybe already been done or what does he stand for?'" she said. "And at the time, outside of the fact that he was related to me, I

didn't really know what to tell them. "And I thought, well maybe I better sit down with my cousin and maybe I better find out his stance on issues," she continued, "so that when I knock on doors, I can respond to those people's questions."

From that early contact with voters, Moriarty-Adams, who is running Nov. 2 for her fourth term in office, worked locally on Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 bid for the Oval Office and former US Senator from Indiana Vance Harkley's re-election campaign in the early 70s.

Both Moriarty-Adams and Parker-Sawyers were further inspired to enter government after attending Girls State, a high school conference which created a mock political system for the students.

And while attending Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beach Grove, Moriarty-Adams volunteered on then Indiana Secretary of State Larry Conrad's campaign and would take other interested young women to Conrad headquarters and get familiarized with politics.

The women's movement raged on during the 60s and 70s but had not succeeded in encouraging a strong influx of women to actually become politicians. As soon she turned 18, however, Moriarty-Adams took over the leadership of her own precinct, a job she still holds, albeit in a different neighborhood, to this day.

But it wasn't until 1987 that she

campaigning for and won her seat on the City-County Council after being encouraged by county Democrats to play a more significant role in the party. She beat a two-term Republican incumbent.

"More young people should get active in government," she said. "You have to start at the bottom and work your way up. Too many people want to come in at the middle or at the top and never want to have to make stuff those envelopes, maybe walk those precincts."

"It's how I got involved and I think it's a great way to start and get known," she continued. "And get known for more than just what you say. Get known for what you do."

Classic literature from the country's patriot days sparked Shipp's interest in the political world.

"I read all the revolutionary things from Thomas Payne and Jefferson, and they always talked about liberty and freedom being these great things," he said. "And it just seemed like that wasn't the way things were. "So I wondered why I blamed the government," he continued. "I was like government is horrible — it's this evil thing."

Shipp was turned around when he took an introductory course in American politics from Professor Brian Vargas, who showed him that "the government is us," Shipp said. "The government is composed of citizens of this country, so if there is anything wrong with government, it's us. We're our own worst enemy basically."

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Moriarty-Adams

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## Jaguars drop pair of games

By Ed Holdaway  
SPORTS EDITOR

When the women's soccer team squared off against Central and Western Michigan Universities last weekend, they were in search of a cure to an ongoing problem.

They have yet to put together a complete game where they haven't had a defensive letdown.

### IUPUI vs. Western Michigan

Coming off their first win of the season, the team looked to tally number two with their Sept. 17 match versus Western Michigan.

However, the problem that has plagued the Jaguars all season once again reappeared. The Jaguars came out flat in the first half, yielding two goals to WMU on route to their 2-1 loss.

"It's been a problem all year," said IUPUI head coach Jean Delaski. "We've lost every game in the first half."

WMU got its first goal in the 19th minute when Katie Markey scored from 20 yards out off a free kick.

It appeared as though sophomore goalkeeper Nikki Hackett would make the save, but the ball squibbed just out of her grasp and WMU had the early advantage.

Just over eight minutes later, WMU struck again. This time, Kathryn Link notched her first goal of the season by nailing a beautiful header from teammate Amber Scyphers.

IUPUI was unable to get on the board in the first half, and was limited to just five shots.

The Jaguars got the offense rolling early in the second half when last season's top scorer, sophomore Karrie Reising, connected for her first goal of the season. Reising collected a loose ball in front of the goal following a corner kick and set the score at 2-1.

But the WMU defense held tough throughout. IUPUI was limited to just six shots in the second half with only two of those on goal.

But for the fifth time this season, the Jaguars trailed at halftime, ultimately leading to five Jaguar defeats. "I think we played the second half with a sense of urgency," Delaski said. "We've changed our warmup, but we're still looking for the cure."

### IUPUI vs. Central Michigan

When the IUPUI women's soccer team faced Central Michigan Sept. 19, they did something they hadn't done all season — carry a lead into halftime.

Unfortunately for the Jaguars, they



six for the match.

But IUPUI came out sluggishly in the second half, an unusual trait for the team to display.

"We lost our intensity in the second half," said Delaski.

CMU tied the score in the 71st minute when Jennifer Williamson headed in a goal off a crossing pass from Erica Peterson.

Nine minutes later, Peterson got in on the goal scoring by heading in Andrea Galindo's corner kick. "After that goal and we completely lost composure and confidence," Delaski said.

It looked like IUPUI would get a goal when Reising weaved her way down the right side of the field into the box, but the CMU defense collapsed on her and she was unable to get a shot.

With the loss, IUPUI dropped to 1-7 on the season.

After playing a pair of matches on the University of Texas-El Paso campus, IUPUI will return home to face Valparaiso in a Mid-Continent Conference matchup Oct. 9.

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Sophomore Cheralina Fish (top) and freshman Kara Knopfer (above), battled for the Jaguars in their losses last week to Central and Western Michigan.

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ALL HOME GAMES APPEAR IN BOLD

### Men's Soccer | Results

Sept. 19  
Wright State 2 • IUPUI 1

### Men's Soccer | Upcoming Schedule

Sept. 29  
IUPUI vs. Bradley...7:00 p.m.

### Women's Soccer | Results

Sept. 17  
W. Michigan 2 • IUPUI 1  
Sept. 19  
C. Michigan 2 • IUPUI 1

### Women's Soccer | Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 1  
IUPUI vs. Oregon State @ UTEP...Noon  
Oct. 3  
IUPUI vs. Idaho State @ UTEP...10:30 a.m.

### Volleyball | Results

S. Mississippi Tournament  
Sept. 17  
Arkansas State 3 • IUPUI 2 (15-6, 15-3, 8-15, 10-15, 18-16)  
S. Mississippi 3 • IUPUI 2 (14-16, 15-9, 15-17, 15-4, 15-12)  
Sept. 18  
IUPUI 3 • Troy State 2 (10-15, 15-8, 15-9, 14-16, 15-6)  
IUPUI 3 • Southern 0 (15-6, 15-9, 15-6)

### Volleyball | Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 2  
IUPUI @ Valparaiso...7:00 p.m.

### Cross Country | Results

Sept. 17  
IUPUI @ Big State/Little State...Women 17th  
Men 16th

### Cross Country | Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 2  
IUPUI @ Loyola Invitational...9:00 a.m. (m)  
10:00 a.m. (w)

### Women's Tennis | Results

Sept. 17  
Bradley 5 • IUPUI 4  
Sept. 18  
Austin Peay 7 • IUPUI 2

### Softball | Results

Sept. 17  
N. Iowa 4 • IUPUI 0  
Sept. 18  
IUPUI 8 • St. Francis 4  
IUPUI 3 • Ball State 0  
Sept. 19  
IUPUI 2 • Wisconsin Parkside 1  
IUPUI 1 • KANKAKEE C.C. 0

### Softball | Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 2-3  
Jaguars Invitational  
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Oct. 3  
IUPUI vs. Evansville...10:00 a.m.  
IUPUI vs. Indiana...2:30 p.m.  
IUPUI vs. Butler...4:45 p.m.

## Player of the Week



Hamilton

Michelle Hamilton, a sophomore from New Albany, Ind., tallied 61 kills and 20 digs in the volleyball team's four matches in the Southern Mississippi Tournament. Hamilton recorded a career-high 23 kills in the volleyball team's victory over Troy State.

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A Mariachi band, along with other musical groups, performed at Fiesta '99.

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## Fiesta attracts thousands

■ Downtown gathering celebrates Hispanic culture, serves to inform populace.

By ERICK McDONALD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 19th annual Hispanic Fiesta '99, downtown Sept. 18, brought thousands of people together to celebrate Hispanic heritage.

Fiesta '99 brought locals closer to the sights, smells, dances, music and tastes of various Hispanic cultures.

The main stage offered performances from different Hispanic backgrounds dressed in colorful traditional outfits dancing to Mexican,

Mariachi, Spanish and Caribbean music. North Street filled with people dancing to the fiesta's rhythm.

Food booths on both sides of the stage enticed people waiting in line with the aroma of ethnic foods. Restaurants served hungry patrons everything from mouth-watering pork burritos and sizzling kebabs to spicy tomas ahogadas.

The American Legion Mall and Veterans Memorial Plaza was lined with 110 booths displaying arts and crafts, as well as information from local government agencies, corporations, religious groups and universities about Hispanic culture and population services.

"Today's activities help to preserve

and promote the Hispanic culture," said Rosario Ramirez, coordinator and former president of the nonprofit organizer, Fiesta Indianapolis, Inc. "This year we have received more representation from the community and more volunteers have come out to help, which has led to a bigger turnout than we expected."

Acting as public relation liaisons for the Spanish-speaking community, the organization is mission is to promote business and social interactions between Hispanics and the rest of the Indiana community.

Ramirez expressed that in order to strengthen and unify the Hispanic community, the group must work with other organizations to make the Hispanic community more proactive in the interests of the city.

Sponsors provided information to those curious or in need of answers in an effort to further educate the public about Hispanic issues.

They also asked for anyone with free time to sign up as a volunteer to increase the diversity of their volunteers and programs.

"We have come to this event in order to attract the Hispanic community's interest in improving the health of babies," said Brenda Graves, program coordinator for the March of Dimes. "The turnout has been very good today — so far 30 people have signed up to be volunteers."

Hoosier Healthwise, a health insurance program for children ages 19 and under, provided enrollment information for its program.

Dara Rousebush, a representative for the Covering Kids program, a subsidiary of Hoosier Healthwise, pointed out that the program, sponsored by Wishard Hispanic Health Project, is there to help thousands of children who still without health insurance.

Representatives from IUPUI's Spanish department shared a table with the Hispanic Center, promoting awareness of upcoming conferences, Hispanic art exhibits hosted by the Indiana State Museum and the need for more Spanish teachers.

"We must make the people who know Spanish but don't know what to do (with their skills) aware that we need them to teach," said Erica Ardemagni, associate professor of Spanish. "Many possibilities exist for financial aid and scholarships for their post-secondary education."

Hispanic Outreach Ministries was among the religious groups providing support for the mostly-Hispanic crowd attending the day-long festival.

"For a long time, the Spanish community has been a subculture, and today it is becoming more mainstream," said Pastor Jerry Sizelore. "We need people to accommodate the growing number of Hispanics."

Fiesta '99 not only served to capture the sights and sounds of various Hispanic cultures, but also to energize the spirits and minds of all who attended.

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## Flying solo

■ Clinton frees nationalists despite much opposition.

- Pop quiz.  
President Clinton believes he's smarter than:  
a) The Federal Bureau of Investigations  
b) The Bureau of Prisons  
c) The United States Attorneys in Illinois and Connecticut  
d) 406 members of Congress  
e) all of the above

If you answered "e", you're correct.

Late last month the President went against the recommendations of several federal agencies and offered to reduce the sentences of 16 members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

The FALN, as its known by its initials in Spanish, is a militant Puerto Rican independence group responsible for more than 100 bombings and several deaths in the US during the 1970s and 80s.

Even though the 16 were convicted of lesser crimes, the reduction of their sentences has caused a firestorm of controversy. And rightly so.

Throughout most of this administration there have been monumental efforts to squash terrorist threats against the US. Millions have been spent to fight terrorists on foreign soil. The President sent 70 cruise missiles into Afghanistan trying to stop Osama bin Laden after the US embassy bombings in Africa not long ago. Now he lets 11 people who were part of terrorist assaults on US soil walk free with no explanation.

The President has severely weakened his stance on terrorism and once again proven he has no regard for the opinions of the majority of Americans.

With so much opposition, the US House of Representatives-led inquiries were a given, but now the lame-duck President has refused to release documents that might shine some light on how he came to the decision he did.

Citing executive privilege for the fourth time in his reign, Clinton said the decision fell under the authority given to him by Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution and, therefore, he was not entitled to give a reason for what he did.

Covering and shading the truth is what this administration does best. Wouldn't it be refreshing if the man we trusted to protect us would give us just one straight answer? Whether he believes it or not Americans can handle the truth. It's time he set his arrogance aside and understand that his opinion is not the only one that counts in this republic.

The President is a smart, manipulative man. But the FBI, the Bureau of Prisons, the US Attorneys and the Congress stand a much better chance of making the right decision in situations like this.

— Doug Jagers

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## Gun buy backs ineffective, costly waste of time

■ Gun control does not keep guns out of criminals' hands.

Recently there has been a lot of enthusiasm for gun buyback programs in our nation's cities where citizens exchange their firearms (no questions asked in places where they are illegal to own) for a reasonable price to the government.

Now the Clinton administration has proposed spending \$15 million on a similar federal level program. Nightly newscasters blithely report such local programs as "efforts to keep our streets safer" without even attempting to consider the implications. It is this sort of superficial and naive thinking that has spawned gun buyback programs.

Rather than simply look at the program and think "guns kill people... people being dead is bad... let's take away guns and have fewer people dead," let's look deeper and actually consider the costs of handgun control.

First of all, the main reason people buy handguns is for protection, especially women. Each year guns commit 650,000 violent crimes, yet the fact that they prevent many more is almost always overlooked. It is for this reason that gun control advocates can tout that grossly misleading statistic that guns are more likely to kill a family member than a criminal.

If your life is threatened or you live in a high crime area, you possess a constitutional right to carry and own a firearm for protection. Unfortunately, in the inner cities where violent crime rates are higher, gun control tends to be more extensive.

What does gun control mean to criminals? In any analysis of the benefits and costs of committing a crime, lawbreakers have almost unanimously admitted that the potential threat of retaliation enters into their calculation.

Gun control, which effectively takes guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens, lowers the perceived cost to criminals of committing crime in that area and thus encourages criminal activity.

To prevent this from happening, 60 organizations representing students and colleges and universities created the Student Aid Alliance earlier this year. The SAA is a coalition that pushes for government support of financial aid.

According to the SAA, the 1997 Budget Act, which was approved while the nation was facing budget deficits rather than a surplus, decided to cut social programs, extremely reducing the amount of appropriated financial aid government dollars.

Currently there have been no attempts to remove the budget caps that are risking financial aid cuts. There has been talk of using the surplus for other things, such as lessening the national debt or providing tax cuts, but nothing that would cancel the education cuts.

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Also according to the SAA, nearly 75 percent of all the aid for college students comes from the federal government, 80 percent of that in the form of

state that has passed a right to carry a concealed weapon, crime rates have fallen.

In their groundbreaking studies, University of Chicago economists John Lott and David B. Mustard estimated the annual gain from allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons at \$6.214 billion.

After state "right to carry" laws went into effect, each county saw their murder rates fall by 8.5 percent, rapes by 5 percent, and aggravated assaults by 7 percent on average. States with right to carry laws also have 24 percent lower violent crime rates, 19 percent lower homicide rates, 39 percent lower robbery rates and 19 percent lower aggravated assault rates on average.

Let's consider some gun control legislation that works. Some counties in the Midwest require every head of household to legally own and know how to operate a firearm.

Most of these counties don't have any violent crime period and break-ins are negligible. Sometimes people need to take matters into their own hands. In fact, criminals are three times as likely to be deterred by armed victims who resist them than by police.

Here's something to consider: Of the people you know who use drugs, what percentage of them know how to get them? Now consider the people who don't use drugs, what percent know how to get them? Now apply this same reasoning to criminals and crime.

In fact, five out of six guns used in violent crimes were not bought legally, and an equally high percentage of criminals claim to know how to obtain illegal guns when they need them.

It is foolish to believe that our nation's 20,000 some odd gun control measures have successfully kept firearms out of the hands of criminals.

The solution to curtailing violent crimes is to increase the price of committing them, namely by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and even more importantly by enforcing harsher jail terms for criminal offenders and felons who possess guns illegally.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

BILL BUTTERFIELD  
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of the majority of Americans.

## Cuts may hurt students

■ Federal government may cut up to \$16 billion in financial aid dollars.

Students, your financial aid dollars are in serious jeopardy. It is expected the federal government will cut up to \$16 billion from student aid programs.

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Also according to the SAA, nearly 75 percent of all the aid for college students comes from the federal government, 80 percent of that in the form of

loans. Abandoning \$16 billion in education money is basically abandoning the future. Without offering the means to educate those who need it financially, we are in theory denying people a chance at a successful life.

This doesn't affect all students. Some people don't rely on government financial aid to get through school. But that doesn't mean everyone shouldn't be concerned or at least try to prevent it.

Think about the people who need this money to afford education. Is it fair that they can't go to school because the government decided they wanted to save a little money?

Eighty-six percent of the school's financial aid dollars comes from federal sources, so if the cuts do go through, it's going to seriously hurt those dependent on aid at IUPUI.

But there is a way to stop it. And that's where you, the student, comes in. You have the right to tell Congress to support higher education funding.

The Alliance offers a website with more information detailing the proposed cuts, as well as access to get in touch with senators and members of Congress at <http://www.studentaidalliance.com>. They also have hotline at (800) 574-4AID.

In an recent e-mail to the student body, financial aid representatives stressed how important it is not to depend on someone else to make the call. As students, this is something for which we are responsible.

### COMMENTARY

BOBBY BELL  
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

## Campus street isn't the Speedway

■ Michigan Street is an accident zone waiting to happen.

The Michigan Street dragstrip between Blackford and University Boulevard needs a new safety plan for pedestrians and automobile drivers who travel this stretch daily, as I do, to reach IUPUI and the Medical Center.

I fear two scenarios concerning this road:

- that, as a pedestrian, I will be killed or maimed and
- that as a driver, I will kill or maim a pedestrian.

While I relish the adrenaline rush that jets me each time I near Cavanaugh Hall, whether by foot or by engine, I grow weary of the daily game of dodgeball among frantic drivers and hapless walkers alike.

Mind you, I'm not blaming either the pedestrians or the walkers for the predicament.

My frustration is the same, whether I'm dodging cars or pedestrians. However, blame is pointless and non-productive when I'm teetering on the edge of the curb with an armload of books or slamming on my brakes to avoid a slow walker.

So, there's the problem. Being an English major, I have no engineering expertise. One thing I am sure of at the very least, some strategically placed flashing lights, warning sign, neon safety markers, for example, need to be installed to warn everyone of an impending hazard.

In fact, Wishard Outpatient Center at University and Wishard boulevards has an excellent example of pedestrian-friendly crosswalks on the street between the medical buildings and the parking garage.

The stop signs, markers and bricked walkways, along with an enforced low speed limit all contribute to a safe stretch of highway.

This is not a new situation but a recurring one in the 10-plus years I have worked and studied here at IUPUI. I believe I speak for many citizens when I urge IUPUI and the City of Indianapolis to cooperatively address this safety concern as soon as possible to prevent a tragedy.

— Vicki DuBois,  
senior majoring in English

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**OCTOBER 7**

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