

The Spot - August 27

Involvement Expo, Study Abroad Fair, Jaguars Sports

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[S. Reed] Hi, I'm Stephen Reed, your guest host for the August 27th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

There are over three hundred student organizations here at IUPUI and one hundred of them are coming to you at the Fall Involvement Expo. On Wednesday, September 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. head over to Taylor Courtyard to meet students who share your interests, learn how to join a student organization or take home some free giveaways. You can find out more about the Fall Involvement Expo by visiting the Campus and Community Life Web site.

The Student Activity Programming Board will be kicking off their Movie on the Courtyard series Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. Bring a blanket and join the whole campus on the lawn of Taylor Courtyard as Robert Downey Jr. stars as Tony Stark in Iron Man.

IUPUI has received national recognition five times in the past two years for outstanding accomplishments in community service. The 2008 United Way Day of Caring is a day filled with ways for you to volunteer. We spoke with Maggie McFarlin for more information.

[M. McFarlin] IUPUI Day of Caring is a United Way event focused on the volunteer service hours committed by about 400 faculty members, staff and students from IUPUI. This year our IUPUI Day of Caring is September 26th. At 8:00 am we'll be meeting in the Campus Center and as a group we'll all be working at the White River State Park. You can register your group or as an individual online. Go to iupui.edu/outreach for more information.

[S. Reed] The Study Abroad Fair will take place Tuesday, September 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. under the big tent on Taylor Courtyard. IUPUI offers over 40 programs that send you all over the world. We spoke with Stephanie Leslie for more details.

[S. Leslie] Students have the chance to go overseas for an extended period of time and really come apart of the community. It's not like traveling as a tourist. As a tourist you go from postcard location to postcard location. But with study abroad you're able to spend a significant amount of time in one place. You get to know people. You get to really connect and get a sense of what it's like to live in the place. You go to the grocery stores, you go to the local restaurants and you get to know people in a way that's just not possible as you're kind of floating in and out as a tourist. At the study abroad fair students will have an opportunity to meet faculty directors and representatives from really over 20 study abroad programs. It's a great opportunity for students to not just talk with the study abroad advisors but to talk with the actual faculty that are leading the programs. They can get a lot of information. We'll also have return study abroad students there so they can talk with students about their experience on those individual programs. There will be a representative from the financial aid office so she can explain how financial aid can apply toward study abroad. We'll have a lot of information on scholarships. It's a really great opportunity in a short amount of time to get a really broad array of programs and really get a sense of how study abroad can work for students. To learn more about study abroad at IUPUI you can

go the IUPUI homepage and type study abroad in the search engine and our Web site will come up. From there you will be able to learn more about all of the IUPUI programs that are available.

[S. Reed] IUPUI's tobacco-free policy has been in place for just two years. Please remember smoking is ONLY permitted on city owned sidewalks and in personal vehicles. For answers to further questions about using tobacco on campus, email the IUPUI-Tobacco Free Initiative at nosmoke@iupui.edu. You can Cheer on the Jaguars in the Jungle August 30th and 31st for its third consecutive year of hosting the IUPUI Hampton Inn Invitational. Coach Steve Payne talked with us about this upcoming weekend. [S. Woodall] Coach Payne can you please tell us about the upcoming Hampton Inn Invitational and the teams that are playing?

[S. Payne] Sure. This is our third year with the Hampton Inn invitational. We're looking to have Hampton Inn sponsor that. We've got three very good teams coming in this year. University of Evansville that was in the middle of the pack last year from Missouri Valley - it's an in-state rival so it's always good competition there. University of Tulsa is coming all the way in. They've got some local girls from Indiana. They were first in the Conference USA Tournament last year, and they went to the NCAA's first round. Then we got Jacksonville State who was an Ohio Valley and tied for first in their conference last year so it's going to be a pretty competitive tournament. Teams from all over are coming in so we're really looking forward to it. Our main goal of the season is to be in the top four of the Summit League because that gives us a birth into the league tournament and then from there we just need to win two more and then make the NCAA tournament so that's our big goal overall. And of course, our other goal is to get a twenty-win season. And I think we have a team that's here to do that.

[S. Reed] Don't forget, you can get in free by showing your JagTag.

That's it for the podcast this week. Check us out next Wednesday to meet The Spot's upcoming guest host by viewing our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu.

I'm Stephen Reed and thanks for Spotting us!