

The Spot- April 1, 2009

Hill and the Spurs vs Pacers, Top 100, Anatomy of Prejudice, Asian Heritage Month

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[S. Woodall] Hi. I'm Shawna Woodall, your host for the April 1st edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

Former Jaguar star, George Hill, returns to Indy Friday, April 3 in a game against the Indiana Pacers. Last year, the San Antonio Spurs picked Hill in the first round of the NBA draft. Hill was the 2008 Summit League Player of the Year, and in the 40 games he played at the Jungle, the Jags rose to a 35-5 record.

IUPUI's 10th annual Top 100 Outstanding Students recognition dinner will be celebrated in conjunction with IUPUI's 40th Anniversary. This event was developed to bring recognition to the top 100 junior and senior students who demonstrate exemplary scholastic, collegiate, co-curricular and civic achievement. The dinner takes place Friday, April 3rd, at 7pm in the Marriott.

Jane Elliott's harsh truths and gut-wrenching honesty opened the eyes and ears of nearly 500 people last Wednesday night during her presentation entitled "Anatomy of Prejudice." Her lecture was a journey through the everyday prejudices that are based upon arbitrary factors. We had a chat with Elliott just before her lecture.

[J. Elliott] I'm an educator in diversity. I teach people why they ought to stop judging people and treating people negatively over the basis of physical characteristics over which they have absolutely no control. I started doing it full time the day after Martin Luther King Jr. was killed.

I did an exercise in discrimination based on eye color. I separated my third graders in all-white, all-Christian Iowa into people who had the right color and eyes and people who had the wrong color eyes, and I was the only one who made that decision. I would have sworn that my kids wouldn't act like that. I had a room full of racists, all of a sudden, based on eye color. I learned more than I wanted to know. I separate adult groups by the color of their eyes, and I make the people who are not brown eyed wear an ugly green collar. We put them in a room where there is no coffee, and there are no amenities, and they aren't allowed to smoke. We take the brown-eyed people into a room in which there are coffee and cookies and doughnuts and all kinds of good stuff and signs on the wall that say: "Blue-eyed people and dogs keep out," "If I have only one life to live, let me live it as a brown," "It's true browns have more fun."

I set the brown-eyed people down, and I tell them what we're going to do. I ask for their cooperation. Invariably, a brown-eyed woman says, "I can't do that. I'm too nice." And I say, "Fine. Then I'll turn your eyes blue, and you can go in with the blue eyes. Now what do you want to do?" And she goes, "[hand gestures]... Well, I'll try."

And at that minute she has flushed her principles right down the stool. What she has said is: I'll agree and help you do it to somebody else, if you agree not to do it to me. And that's what makes racism in this country work.

[S. Woodall] The Eleanor Prest Reese and Robert B. Berkshire Galleries in Eskenazi Hall present "One Year, One Year Later." This exhibit portrays astounding color shifts and the passage of time through decaying flower petals. The exhibit is open until Saturday, April 25. Visit herron.iupui.edu/galleries for hours of operation and more information.

IUPUI celebrates Asian Heritage Month during April. Events like the Cultural Leadership Luncheon and the Monk's Cultural Pageant Program are designed to educate and to have fun. We spoke with an Asian Heritage Month representative for more details.

[S. Chang] April is our Asian Heritage Month. Wednesday, April 1st is our kickoff. The Asian-American History Kickoff is Thursday at 11am and ends at 1pm. It will be held in Campus Center Room 148.

Another event is the free Henna Art event. Henna is kind of like a tattoo, but it's not permanent. Henna Art will be on April 2 and April 13th. IUPUI's Got Talent. It's like a talent show. It will be on April 17th. One big event is Asian Fashion Show tradition with modern. It will be held on April 24th and co-hosted with ISA, ASU, PSA and CCL. The Asian Students United will be responsible for the modern fashion.

[S. Woodall] A complete list of events can be found at life.iupui.edu.

A Brave New World Symposium confronts the challenges of the 21st Century. The Kelley School of Business, Heifer International, and Delta Sigma Pi bring you speakers who will demonstrate how attitude, business collaboration, and academia development can be used to face issues like energy efficiency and world hunger. The symposium is Tuesday, April 4th from 6:30pm – 9pm in Campus Center Rooms 450 B & C. You can order tickets at abnw.org.

Glamour Redefined! The 3rd Annual Miss Red and Black Pageant offers over \$2000 in scholarships and prizes. Watch the ladies compete in Hollywood-glitz style on Friday, April 10th in Madame Walker Theatre. Last year's winner has more details.

[M. Majero] Basically an opportunity for young women to get involved on campus and also compete for one of three scholarships. The first year was actually Miss Purple and Gold because it was in conjunction with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Last year was the first Miss Red and Black, which is the Black Student Union colors. This year is the 2nd Miss Red and Black Pageant. It's just basically a fun opportunity for girls to get involved and compete for a scholarship. Anyone can apply. Anybody is eligible to apply. Any woman who's on campus, who's interested, is eligible to apply. This year we have 10 participants. We have 10 female contestants who are involved in the pageant. The Madame Walker Theatre on Friday, April 10th. The doors open at 5pm.

A DJ, prizes, pizza and a Hawaiian Luau. This is one dodgeball tournament you don't want to miss. Proceeds will benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the IUPUI Honors Club. You and your team can register at <http://honors.usg.iupui.edu> .

That's it for The Spot this week! Check us out next Wednesday for the latest campus news and student activities at <http://jagtv.iupui.edu> .

I'm Shawna Woodall, and thanks for Spotting us!