

## **The Spot - January 23**

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Crisis in Kenya, Greek Life, Barnes & Noble Book Signing, Barefoot for a Cause

### **Duration**

4:05

### **Transcript**

[ K. CHRISTOPHER] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher and this is the January 23rd edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

You've probably heard about the strong connections between IUPUI and Moi University in Kenya. IUPUI master's student Loice Sirawa is from Kenya and returned home during winter break for her wedding. The Spot spoke with Loice about the unexpected political crisis she experienced:

[ SIRAWA ] on the 27th of December, there was a general election. Kenya is about 40 tribes, and most of the tribes voted for the opposition leader, while the major tribe in Kenya, most of them voted for the former president. It seems everyone expected the opposition leader to win. And so, on the 27th, after the elections, people were waiting for the results and they waited on announcing the results, and everything seemed ok for about two days. On the 29th, everyone waited for the results to be announced. People became anxious about it, and all of the sudden, people were throwing fits. They thought there was something wrong, and, for sure, there's something wrong. Because, after a day, the expectation was turned to something else. The former president was induced as the president, and that was a disappointment to most Kenyans. Well, today as I'm talking, just yesterday I spoke with my family, and they say things might get better, but things are not quite good.

Kenya has been very friendly to Americans. I know in my city in Eldoret, they are very concerned about them, their friends there, and how they are feeling right now. I just say it is my prayer that they are safe and those who are coming back, I hope things will be better so they can go back there. We enjoy the people who come from here and stay with people there. They are doing a great job and it's been such a great blessing to the people in Kenya and the cities down there.

[ K. CHRISTOPHER] You can watch more of Loice's interview at [youtube.com/iupui](http://youtube.com/iupui).

The IUPUI Greek Life Task Force has been working to form a cohesive Greek system on campus, and they need your feedback! Please visit the Greek Life website and answer a short survey about your hopes and expectations for a greek system on campus. Your feedback will help shape the future of this aspect of campus life.

The Barnes and Noble bookstore in the Campus Center is having its first book signing on January 30th. Author Kevin Surface, an IUPUI School of Liberal Arts alum, has recently published his new book, *The Cuban Connection*, will be signing books from 2-5pm. *The Cuban Connection* presents a fictional account of the historic events surrounding Cuban dictator Fidel Castro's rise to power and the various factions who join together in a bold, daring plot to end his life. Be sure to check it out!

IUPUI men's basketball coach Ron Hunter is in the national news for his work to raise awareness for impoverished children around the world. His cause is a nonprofit called Samaritan's Feet, which provides shoes for children who don't have shoes. . Coach Hunter will coach the Jag's game against Oakland on January 24th barefoot. Students are encouraged to attend barefoot as well. To contribute to the cause, visit Samaritan Feet's website.

The men's basketball team had two heartbreaking road losses over the weekend. The Jags fell in Tulsa to Oral Roberts 64 to 63, then lost to Centenary 64-58th. The Jags are now 5-2 in the conference.

That's the Spot for this week. Check us out each Wednesday on our podcast at [jagtv.iupui.edu](http://jagtv.iupui.edu). See you later!