

The Spot - March 26

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Town Hall Meeting with Chelsea Clinton, Cesar Chavez Dinner, Spring Formal, Relay for Life, Jaguars Sports

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Transcript

[K. Christopher] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher and this is the March 26th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

The democratic side of the US presidential election is heating up, with candidates Hillary Clinton & Barack Obama both chasing the party's nomination. The Indiana primary will be held on May 6th and the close race means Indiana's vote will be important. Last Tuesday, IUPUI's Student Democrats hosted Chelsea Clinton and actor Sean Astin in a town hall meeting held in the IUPUI Campus Center. Take a look:

[Chelsea Clinton] Hello, everyone. Hi. Thank you for being here with us today. Thank you to the College Democrats for your warm welcome. I don't know if you all know this, but you can still register for close to another month here in Indiana.

Her question was "what is my mom's plan on the economy," because she knows it's taken some hard hits under this administration. We know we need to do some things immediately, and some things longer-term on the economy. Immediately, we need to deal with our housing crisis. And, my mother, more than a year ago, said that we were going to have a housing crisis in our country. And, that we were going to be driven into a housing crisis because of sub-prime mortgages, and we needed to be doing more to help people stay in their homes. And, congress wasn't really interested, and the president certainly wasn't interested.

So, her question was "what are my mom's plans to make college more affordable". It's a great question in a college setting. And, one of the things that I am really proud of my mom for that is really distinctive to her is that she doesn't only talk about college affordability and accessibility, but also graduate school affordability and accessibility. So it's not only helping college be more affordable, but graduate school more affordable.

[K. Christopher] Coming up this Sunday, the Latino Student Association is hosting their first-ever "Cesar Chavez" dinner. Here's event chairperson Amanda Bonilla with more information:

[A. Bonilla] The Cesar Chavez dinner is the first of its kind here in Indiana and on IUPUI's campus, for that matter. It is a dinner celebration to honor Cesar Chavez, who was a labor rights activist back in the 1960's and worked for the advancement of the Latino community for fair wages and unionizing of Latino migrant workers. So, we feel it is important to have a dinner in celebration of his works. The dinner is the same weekend as his birthday. There's going to be an award ceremony giving out different awards to the community, and to students, faculty and staff, for their accomplishments with the Latino community. We are also going to have a speaker. His name is Baldemar Velazquez and he is the president of FLOC, which is the Farm Labor

Organizing Committee. His life is parallel to that of Cesar Chavez. He, too, is working for the unionizing of migrant workers.

Tickets are on sale at the Campus & Community Life office. Tickets for IUPUI students, undergraduate and graduate, are free. You just need to go and show your JagTag, and you can get a free ticket. All non-IUPUI students are \$20, and faculty, staff and community tickets are \$35. All tickets are on sale now in the Campus & Community Life office.

[K. Christopher] Check out LSA's website for more information.

This Saturday, students faculty and staff are invited to the 20th annual spring formal. Tickets include a 4-course dinner and h'orderves, and you can get tickets in the SAPB office on the 3rd floor of the campus center. The dance is being held from 8pm to midnight in the Campus Center. IUPUI is hosting the American Cancer Society Relay For Life on Saturday, April 12th. If you want to be part of the fight against cancer, you can sign up for the event or make a donation. There are 27 teams from across campus in the race so far, so check out the website and join the fight.

As the end of the semester approaches, you might find yourself getting stressed out. The Human Resources department offers a stress reduction series throughout April that can help you learn to manage stress. Topics include meditation, relaxation, yoga and laughter. Events are open to anyone at IUPUI. Check out the HRA website for more info.

In Jaguars sports, the cross country and tennis teams saw action this week. The cross country teams competed in the Gerald England Track & Field Invitational at UIndy. In the 5,000 meter race, freshman Brittney McDuffee placed first. Senior Jenny Braun and sophomore Jennie Jamicich came in second and third. In the men's 5,000 meter race, senior Brad Wheeler was the top collegiate finisher.

In tennis, the women's team won their first Summit League match in a victory over Centenary last Friday. The men played Butler but fell 5 to 2.

That's the spot for this week. Check us out each Wednesday on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. See you later!