MINORITY STUDENTS GIVE IUPUI HIGH MARKS

Over half of the university's minority students have "good" to "excellent" feelings toward IUPUI, according to a campus poll conducted this past school year by the Public Opinion Laboratory. Nearly 150 students took part in the survey, and more than 53 percent rated the university highly. Just under 8 percent had "excellent" overall feelings about the atmosphere and relationship among students on the campus as a whole, while 45.2 percent had "good" feelings. Only 10 percent had a "poor" evaluation or no response. The students also overwhelmingly — by 84 percent — said they would recommend IUPUI to students like themselves. When asked their feelings about the relationship between students and the faculty, the results were similar, with 12.5 percent rating the relationships as "excellent" and 50.1 percent rating them as "good."

UNIVERSITY TAKING PART IN CITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Mayor Steve Goldsmith's initial effort to rebuild Indianapolis neighborhoods is getting a boost from the university. Glenn G. Dudley, director of community relations, and sociology department chair Suzanne Steimmetz are part of the city's committee structure aimed at helping Haughville Park residents revitalize their neighborhood. Funding may come from Project Weed and Seed, the federal program designed by the Bush administration to help improve neighborhoods throughout U.S. cities. Increased police patrols, a resident screening committee to examine prospective new tenants and stepped-up security efforts such as additional street lights and neighborhood CrimeWatch programs are among the early options being considered.

DENTAL SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM

Ten Marion County high school students and a high school science teacher are getting a first hand glimpse of the world of dentistry as they take part in the School of Dentistry's fourth annual Minority High School Student Research Apprentice Program. The eight-week program is funded by the National Institutes of Health and is designed to give young men and women with an interest in science a chance to learn about dentistry first hand. The students (including eight young women and two young men) work closely with their individual dental school mentors on research projects ranging from bone implants to the effects of smokeless tobacco on gums. While the students are working with the mentors, the high school teacher is observing and gathering information he can relate to his students in the upcoming school year.

POLITICS FINDING ITS WAY INTO THE CLASSROOM

In the "Year of the Ballot," it should come as no surprise that politics is finding its way into the university's classrooms. Anyone eager and ready for more conversation on the political scene can now sign up for a new class, Y200, called "Perspectives on the 1992 Election." The class is not listed in the schedule, so call the political science department (4-7387) for more.
People in the nonprofit sector will welcome the news of a nonprofit management concentration for those earning a master of public affairs degree. The new area of study was developed in tandem by the I.U. Center on Philanthropy at IUPUI and the I.U. School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). The new program will help people who are seeking careers in such nonprofit areas as hospitals, universities, churches, museums, art and cultural agencies and advocacy organizations. The nearly one million such agencies employ 8.6 million workers in the U.S. For more about the program, call Joyce Smidley of SPEA at 4-0522.

CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON FITNESS FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The benefits of physical activity for older people is the focus of "Successful Aging Through Fitness," an Aug. 5-7 conference at University Place Conference Center. Walter M. Bortz II, author of We Live Too Short and Die Too Long, will be the keynote speaker. Continuing education credit is available for the event, which is sponsored by the Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, Medicine, Physical Education and Social Work, along with the National Institute of Fitness and Sport and the Indiana Geriatric Education Center. Those who register before July 22 will receive an early-bird discount. For more, call 4-7779.

FRANCE PREPARING TO INVADE COLUMBUS

Education and culture are just part of a two-week experience planned for 17 French business students scheduled to visit IUPUI Columbus this October. The project is aimed at demonstrating American business practices to the French students. They'll also get to sample American culture by living with host families, enjoying day-to-day living in the U.S. and experiencing culture and architecture in an American city about the size of their home town of Chartres, France. Jane Lambert, a lecturer in accounting, is the program and curriculum coordinator for the exchange.

NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

WORK-STUDY HELP—Work-study students are in the job market now and need your help. Remember you pay only 30 percent of the cost. For more information, call Jeanne Shackelford at 4-4577; if you have a request, send it to BS 2010.

RESEARCH SUBJECTS NEEDED—The Hypertension Research Center needs people with high blood pressure for a six-month study. Subjects must be diabetic, controlled without insulin. Those who complete the study will be paid. If interested, call 4-0796 and ask for drug-study information, or leave a message.

WOMEN SOUGHT FOR STUDY—Women ages 18 to 65 are being sought to take part in a vaginal yeast study for I.U. Subjects cannot be pregnant and must have symptoms of a yeast infection. Free treatment plus payment is being offered. Call the research nurse at 630-7221 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more.

TOBACCO RESEARCH—Volunteers are needed for a dental research study of smokeless tobacco users. Regular users will receive a free dental exam and be paid a fee. For more, call 4-9963.

FACULTY DISCOUNTS—Teaching at IUPUI pays, at least at the Edythean Repertory Theatre at the Christian Theological Seminary. Two adult season tickets can be purchased at a student rate of $50 each ($45 for Thursdays). The season opens August 28 and features six shows. For more, call 923-1516.
Researchers from the School of Medicine have enjoyed national recognition in two major publications this summer. The July 3 issue of Science magazine reported on the discovery of a mechanism to explain the development of postmenopausal osteoporosis, a crippling disease affecting millions of women. The July issue of the New England Journal of Medicine focused on a study that showed that young children may benefit later in life from getting more than the recommended dietary allowance of calcium at this stage of life. The Science article featured the work of researchers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and I.U. researchers at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, while the Journal article focused on the work of School of Medicine researchers.

HERRON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH READY TO KICK OFF

Celebrating a 90th birthday is worthy of special attention, and the Herron School of Art is getting it this summer and fall in ARTIMES 90. The school's own gallery and other Indianapolis cultural centers will celebrate nine decades of excellence by displaying Herron graduates' works.

Two exhibits are scheduled to start in late August to kick off the celebration, including one featuring the creations of Amanda Block at the Indianapolis Art League and the other focusing on recent alumni at the Herron Gallery. Block, an artist and educator, will be the featured artist Aug. 28-Oct. 4 at the Art League, 820 East 67th St. The alumni exhibit will run Aug. 29-Oct. 2 and include paintings, sculpture, printmaking and installation at the school's gallery, 1701 N. Pennsylvania. Built in 1902, Herron was the second building in the U.S. constructed expressly for art instruction and has continuously served the community by developing its students as professional artists, visual communicators, art educators and scholars, and by offering art exhibitions and programs.

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES CHAIR WILL HEAD U.S. MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

Mathematical sciences department chair Bart Ng has been appointed to a two-year term as vice president for programs of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). In addition to his normal campus activities in Indianapolis, Ng will oversee scientific programs, including conferences and workshops, and play a leading role in determining the scientific direction of SIAM, which is based in Philadelphia. One of the society's principal aims is to use mathematics to promote the economic competitiveness of U.S. industry and to strengthen the ties between industry and academic mathematicians.

EMPLOYERS, 1993 SENIORS TO MEET AT JOB FAIR

Graduating seniors and other students interested in opportunities in the working world will be able to meet area employers at the fourth annual Career Focus Job Fair Sept. 30 at University Place Conference Center. Current and future employment trends, the present job market and industry information will be among the topics discussed in workshops throughout the event. Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on such topics as job search, interviews, resumes, career planning and maximizing the use of a career/placement center. The event is free to IUPUI students and alumni. For more, call 4-2554.
Elsie Vartanian, the director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, will discuss "The Glass Ceiling Initiative" during the second annual Friends of Women's Studies luncheon this fall. The Oct. 23 event will be held in the Indiana Roof Ballroom and will focus on the report done by Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin. "The Glass Ceiling Initiative" looks at the restrictions women face in career advancement in the business world. In her current position, Vartanian is a leading advocate for America's 56 million working women. Anyone interested in taking part in the event or making reservations can call Women's Studies at 4-4784.

CAMPUS FEATURED ON NIKE CAMP ALL-STAR GAME ON ESPN JULY 28

National television audience will get a glimpse of the IUPUI campus July 28 when the ESPN sports cable network televises the tape-delayed All-Star finale of the 1992 NIKE All-American Academic Camp. The basketball camp, held here for the second consecutive year, drew more than 130 top U.S. and international high school basketball players, plus a plethora of well-known college coaches searching for new talent. The broadcast of the all-star game is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. July 28. The game, the three-point shootout and the slam-dunk contest packed the IUPUI Gymnasium with avid Hoosier hoop fans despite a hot summer night. The broadcast will include game action, interviews with players, coaches and camp leaders, along with plenty of footage from around the campus.

YOUNG SCHOLARS

Some of Indiana's most gifted young scholars are helping IUPUI celebrate the 10th annual "Young Scholars" program in such unique courses as "Fractured Fairy Tales," "Rain Forest," "Mathamazing Moments" and "Gilbert and Sullivan." Students in grades 3-10 are taking part in two 10-day sessions. More than 250 signed up for the program, which is sponsored by the IUPUI Honors Program. Young people can sign up for one of more than two dozen different courses which are available. Other options on the fun side of learning are archaeology and zoology, computer history and geography, beginning French and German, calligraphy, oriental art, community publishing, mystery writing and chess.

FINALLY...

...IUPUI has made a well-deserved reputation for offering some unique classes in its continuing education program. But IUPUI Columbus isn't conceding anything to the Indianapolis campus in its "Enrichment Week" offerings. Students can sign up for such unusual courses as: "Physics of Air — Jordan, That Is!"; "Donuts, Jello, and Rods"; and "Poise, Posture, and Primping." Enrichment Week runs July 27-31 and might be worth a drive south. For more, call Continuing Education at 812-372-8266.