The Spot - December 9

New Parking Garage, IUPUI Speech Night, Textbook Buyback, Jaguars Athletics

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[M. Mosbey] Hi, I'm Mitch Mosbey, your host for the December 9th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

Dr. Ian McIntosh, Director of International Partnerships at IUPUI and faculty member in the Department of Anthropology, was named a 2010 Rotary World Peace Fellow. Dr. McIntosh has been dedicated to advancing cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. As a part of this distinguished award, he will spend three months next summer at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand at the Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Next year, Alternative Spring Breaks will be offering five different trips around the country. Applications for the trips are due Friday, December 11th by 5pm in the Campus Center, suite 370. The Spot spoke with student Whitney Kelly for more information.

[W. Kelly] We have five different trips going this year. They are all dealing with different social issues. One is to Waveland, Mississippi, and it's going to be dealing with low income housing. One's to New Orleans, Louisiana, and it's going to be dealing with relief work. There is one to Cumberland Trail, Tennessee, dealing with the environment and trail building. There's also one to Washington, D.C., dealing with hunger and homelessness, and then, the last one is to Eustis, Florida, going to Camp Boggy Creek, working with terminally ill children.

I've been on a few alternative spring breaks, and each time, I've maintained new friendships, and I still talked to most of the people that I've gone on breaks with, and I also have learned more about social issues throughout the United States, and then, it makes you think about what kinds of things happen here in Indianapolis.

Each trip takes ten students plus a faculty member, and the person who's planned the trip, so a total of twelve go on each trip.

It's all first come first serve basis, so if there's enough spots for those students on that trip, then they can be put together, but it just depends on the space available.

Students will be notified the week of December 15th on whether or not they've gotten the trip that they've chosen or another trip that they've checked depending on their preference, and we will have pre-trip meetings in January and February.

[M. Mosbey] The IUPUI Forensics Speech and Debate Team had a successful tournament last weekend at Ohio State University, bringing home 6 awards. Sam Gerhardt won 1st place novice impromptu. Mitchell West won 2nd place novice impromptu and 5th place novice extemp. Rashid Owoyele won 4th

place novice impromptu. Matt Woods won 5th place in poetry, and Katie Scott and Matt Woods won top novice duo.

This week, construction began for a new parking garage, which will provide thirteen hundred additional parking spaces for the IUPUI campus. In the process, five hundred and fifty current spaces will be lost. This leaves students wondering where they will park for the spring semester. Indiana Avenue permits are still available at no cost, but only for a limited time. Construction is expected to be completed prior to the start of the fall 2010 semester.

The Communication Studies Department once again hosted the IUPUI Speech Night Competition on Monday, December 7th at 7:30pm. This is the 78th semester for this event. News Reporter Capri Copp has the details.

[C. Copp] I'm here at the 75th IUPUI Speech Night Competition, where over one thousand students and faculty gathered to see who will be the next Speech Night Champion.

Fifty-four students were chosen to represent each Comm-R 110 course in semi-finals on Monday, November 30th, and groups of student judges selected seven finalists.

Behind me, the judges are tallying up their votes for tonight's winner.

I'm here with the IUPUI Speech Night Champion for fall 2009, Jessica McQueen.

How do you feel right now?

[J. McQueen] I'm elated. I'm proud to support my class. We've all become so close. I am so glad to represent Mrs. Craig and my classmates, and I'm just ecstatic.

[C. Copp] Reporting from the Campus Center, I'm Capri Copp; Jagtv News.

[M. Mosbey] The Barnes and Nobles Textbook Buyback began December 7th and will continue until December 20th. The Buyback window is located in the lower level of the Campus Center. For this year's Buyback schedule and to find out if your book is being bought back for next semester, visit iupui.bncollege.com.

IUPUI's Stroll Off for fraternities and sororities was Wednesday, December 2nd. Take a look at some of the competition.

The sorority winner was Delta Sigma Theta, and the fraternity winner after a tie breaker with Kappa Alpha Psi was Phi Beta Sigma.

After defeating South Dakota State 79 to 57, the men's basketball team will take on IU South Bend this Saturday, December 12th at 2pm in the Jungle. Good Luck, and go Jags! You can track their progress at iupuijags.com.

That's it for The Spot this week, and we're done for the semester. Be sure to tune in spring 2010 for the new host additions at jagtv.iupui.edu.

I'm Mitch Mosbey, and thanks for Spotting us!