

The Spot - November 7

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#1 Best Local University award by Nuvo, Campus Crosswalks, Tip-Off Luncheon

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[K. Christopher] Hi. This is November 7th edition of IUPUI's The Spot. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher.

November is Native American Heritage month, and there are lots of cultural events happening on campus and around Indianapolis. You can experience everything from educational conferences and story telling to bead working and quill demonstrations. Be sure to check out events.iupui.edu for dates and times of the events.

You've probably noticed new crosswalks being placed around campus across the busy New York Street. The walks are a unique feature that distinguish IUPUI as well as provide safety and campus spirit. The Spot was on the scene when the crosswalks were being installed, and we spoke with Suzanne Vick about the project.

[S. Vick] We're here where they're installing the new campus crosswalks. We really wanted to do this project to help people identify when they're on campus. Sometimes it's hard to separate downtown from IUPUI and, much like the campus street pole banners, these will help people realize that they're on our campus. They're also really great for safety. We have a lot of pedestrians on campus and also a lot of traffic. So, anything we can do to help identify crosswalks better really helps. We chose this product because it lasts so long. It lasts, pretty much, the life of the street. Since New York Street was just recently repaved, we decided to start with that as the first phase of the crosswalks. So, we'll continue with other phases in the future. We also chose this because this particular company and material is also the one they're using for the cultural trail which will be coming through our campus in 2009. So, this is very complimenting of their design and their materials as well.

[K. Christopher] IUPUI recently was awarded the #1 Best Local University award by Nuvo newspaper. The Spot spoke with students about why they believe IUPUI deserved the award.

[J. Deon] I think IUPUI would win such an award because it's a commuter campus and everybody here works together to make this campus really great with academics, group organizations, involvement.

[T. McGowan] The campus. I think it's a nice campus, it's small. I recently transferred here last year from IU and I just think overall the campus is a lot nicer. It's a lot smaller, it's easier to get around, and people seem to be nicer here.

[R. Lowe] I think the location downtown. It's one of the largest cities in the state so I think that a lot of people flock to the city. A lot of the smaller cities around really don't have big options like IUPUI. So, I think that's why it's become pretty popular this year.

[R. Pawulich] Well, this is the certificate for our 2007 Best of Indy Reader's Choice Award for Best Local College or University and I'm presenting it to you on behalf of Nuvo for IUPUI. Every year, we do the Best of Indy awards. What we do is we run ads for a month in our paper featuring print ballots. People can write-in their winners. In previous years, we've also done online voting, which is getting more popular each year.

[J. Kernick] From Nuvo's perspective, what do you think this says about IUPUI by being voted "The Best"?

[R. Pawulich] All joking aside, I think what Nuvo readers are really picking up on is that IUPUI presents a wide array of cultural opportunities to our city, and those opportunities are appreciated.

[K. Christopher] The annual basketball Tip-off luncheon took place last Thursday and celebrated the beginning of the basketball season for the men and women. Coaches Ron Hunter and Shann Hart talked about their teams, their strengths and weaknesses, and their predictions for the season. The Spot spoke with Senior Drew Connor after the event about the team's preparation.

[K. Christopher] Drew, tell me how the preseason is going so far.

[D. Conner] Practices are going very well, very long, actually, but going very well. We're picked to win the league by pretty much every magazine in the country so if we don't, it'll be a big disappointment. The NCAA tournament is what I'm looking forward to most. You get to play on TV, obviously, and the big dance is what all teams look forward to at the start of every year.

[K. Christopher] What do you think you're looking forward to most this season?

[C. Spriggs] I am looking forward to watching our newcomers play, having them experience playing in a different setting. Obviously, when you leave from high school, the demands, the arena, the atmosphere is just really different. So I'm really excited to see our newcomers play, and, then, mixing it with the returners. So I'm really excited to see us in action, really. In order for a program to be successful, you have to have good recruits that come in each year. So I think we've done a good job to get all-conference honorees. Every last one of them is an all-conference or all-state honoree. It's going to be exciting, it's going to be intense. We're going to push that ball. There's going to be a lot of "oooohs" and "aaahhs". We're going to surprise a lot of people. I'm looking forward to conference play. That's kind of when it really matters, when you start playing in the conference.

[K. Christopher] Both teams have played in exhibition games, however the official start of the season is the 9th against Michigan State for the women, and the 10th against Marquette for the men.

That's The Spot for this week. Check out the new episode starting each Wednesday on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. See you later!