

The Spot - February 13

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Interim Director Announced for the IUPUI Multicultural Center, Lecture Series, Y'ALL Service Trip, Student Voices, Jaguars Sports

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[K. Christopher] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher and this is the February 13th edition of IUPUI's The Spot. The new Interim Director of the IUPUI Multicultural Center has been announced by Chancellor Charles Bantz. Kim Stewart-Brinston will take the position. The Spot spoke with her about the center's future.

[Kim Stewart-Brinston] Students have a voice in how the multicultural center, at this point, and hopefully that will progress so the new Vice Chancellor will have a concerted effort to make sure student voice is included. But, I think right now, what I want is their input. A lot of conversation has happened on campus about where do some of our student organizations belong. And, while we definitely know that they belong within Campus & Community Life and the structure that are put in place in the Campus Center. But they are also looking for some additional space, to have a home in the Multicultural Center. So, definitely the Black Student Union, Latino Student Association, Native American Student Association, the GLBT group, all of them will have space here in the Multicultural Center. In addition to that, our faculty and staff council affinity groups will have space in the Multicultural Center, and a support person.

I think one of the things that the students definitely raised is wanting a space specific to their identity, or a space where they do not feel like they have to define themselves. That I can just be who I am and I don't have to explain certain things. I think that's one of the things that the Multicultural Center will provide, is that space and place to be who you are, outside of the larger environment. But, at the same time, I think it provides the larger community a chance to get a view into the lives our underrepresented student populations, to become a part of the campus, as far as how do we embrace others who are different from us, how do we move forward in our understanding of different cultures.

[K. Christopher] A new lecture series kicks off this week in the Marching Towards Justice Exhibit in the Campus Center. The series will provide a historical prospective on race, constitutional law, and the fight for civil rights. The series will run through the 29th; you can visit the exhibit in Room 240. See the website for a schedule of events. On Tuesday, February 26th, at 5:30 pm, the touring arm of The American Shakespeare Center will perform the courtroom scene from "A Merchant of Venice" in the Wynne Courtroom in Inlow Hall. Following the performance will be a discussion featuring professors and activists who will react to the scene and take questions from the audience. Students, faculty, and staff can attend the performance for free with their JagTag. For more information, see the website.

Are you interested in a service trip to New Orleans? The Youth Advocating Leadership & Learning, also known as Y'ALL, is organizing the trip so IUPUI students to participate in the ongoing recovery efforts from Katrina. The trip is scheduled for the first week of Summer

Vacation May 4-9. If you are interested in participating, attend a call out meeting on the 18th at 12pm or 6pm in the Campus Center Room 307.

The Student Activities Programming Board provides entertaining, educational, and social campus-wide programs throughout the year. Their upcoming event will take place on 21st at 7pm and is entitled "What are you?" The presenter, Kip Fulbeck, is an award winning comedian. The event is free to the public. For more information, see the website. The hoop-la around the race for the next President of the United States is getting more intense! We know you have your opinions about what's going on and the future of our country. That's why in the Student Voices segment this week we asked you: If you could pick one thing you would want the new President to change for the country's future, what would it be and why? Check out your responses!

[Shifa Saltagi] I would like to ask the next president of the United States to improve relations with other countries, how to stop the violence that's really prevalent in the world. Also about the economic situation that's currently developing here in the United States. The stock market could crash, and a lot of people are worried.

I would probably ask him to look more domestically at the United States. I would ask him how he's going to change domestic problems. We're so concerned with our foreign policy and what's going on around the world that sometimes we forget to look at the United States, back home in Indiana.

[Cody Williams] I'd ask the president to include more insight to Americans on military decisions that they make, things that we do overseas. I think it would be helpful to Americans and society to know what decisions are being implemented regarding our military, and the decisions that we make so that we'll be more in tune, there won't be as much confusion in our society.

[Chris Linday] I would tell the next president of the United States to change what they're going to do with the Medicare problem, because that's a problem for people our age. Eventually, Medicare benefits, Medicaid, Social Security, all that is going to run out by the time people our age hit retirement age. So, I'd just like to know what they're going to do about it now, instead of just pushing it back til it eventually becomes a serious problem for people of our generation.

[K. Christopher] In Sports, the men's basketball team continues to win! This past Saturday they beat North Dakota State 69-67 for a 14-0 run. This weekend they will take on Oral Roberts who is #1 in the Summit League. IUPUI is currently #2. The 16th will be a double header for the men's and women's games. During the women's game, the first 100 students to arrive will receive free pizza and a pink T-shirt to help raise awareness for breast cancer. Come cheer on the Jags in the Jungle this Saturday night!

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