A letter from the president

I am honored to represent the Student Alumni Association as this upcoming year’s president. A native of Dallas, I came to Indiana University to study business management and computer information systems. Over the past three years, I have developed a keen affection for SAA, our purpose, and our pivotal role in student involvement. Nothing could please me more than to serve as a liaison, representative, and key supporter of SAA as we storm through another eventful year and redefine the standards of excellence for student involvement.

During 2004–05, SAA will be making major strides to increase active involvement, enhance campus awareness, and solidify collaborative unions with various other student organizations. Many have noted SAA’s significant level of involvement as extensive and praiseworthy. In order to continuously maintain this impressive presence and further expand, it is important to solidify a committed, active member base. Through our recruiting efforts, we will not only invite more elaborate events and activities, but will also work to find and retain individuals with great leadership potential who hold values of excellence, consistent with those of SAA.

Upon completion of my undergraduate degree in May 2005, I will continue my education by pursuing a master of science in information systems degree, before entering the corporate world. I truly believe the experiences afforded me thus far through the Student Alumni Association have given me a significant leadership advantage, and I look forward to applying these skills and enhancing them even further with another spectacular year of extensive opportunities.

— D’Andre May

Meet SAA’s new graduate assistant

Hello, SAA/SAC Alumni! I am the new graduate assistant for the Student Alumni Association. Originally from Shelbyville, Ind., I have made the beautiful IUB campus home for the past four years, and I received a public management degree from SPEA this past May.

While a freshman at IU, I became involved with SAA as a member. I then progressed to a director for two years and then vice president of special events. This fall, I begin work on my master’s in public affairs with a focus on economic development. The SAA assistantship will allow me to help foster and create some of the strong friendships and long-lasting memories that I had while being involved with SAA as an undergraduate.

The students, alumni, staff, and events that take place have given me a greater appreciation for this university. I look forward to instilling the same pride I have for my alma mater in the current leaders in SAA. I can’t wait for all the activities and fun that our new leaders will bring to the table during the next school year.

— Mark Warner

LeaderShape 2005 is coming

Returning to campus after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus, LeaderShape is the premier leadership training program in the nation. A grant from Procter & Gamble and support from the IUB Chancellor’s Office, along with the continued sponsorship of IUAA, will allow the program to return to Bradford Woods in January 2005. In addition to fund raising, SAA schedules the program and recruits student participants.

Mark Warner, right, enjoys the 2003 Homecoming halftime presentation with IUAA President and CEO Ken Beckley, left, and IUAA Executive Council Chair Tom Rush.
Committee notebook

Serving the IU Alumni Association: Hosting

From Big Red Warm-ups to the President’s Box to Alumni Receptions, SAA hosted almost 20 different events. Two hours prior to every home football game, SAA opens the doors of the DeVault Alumni Center and welcomes students, alumni, and friends for free food and refreshments. Special guests from the Ohio State SAA joined us prior to the OSU football game, and the student leaders from each group had a chance to share information.

In April, SAA planned the Spring Recognition Banquet honoring outstanding faculty selected in the Student Choice Awards, top students chosen for the Elvis J. Stahr Senior Recognition Award, and winners of the IUAA scholarship program funded by royalties from IU license plates.

Serving our community: Philanthropies

This year, SAA was named the number one fundraiser by an independent student organization for Dance Marathon. SAA also won the Hoosier Hero trophy for top fundraiser for Bowl for Kids’ Sake and received the Civic Leadership Development Award for Trash Day. In a challenge with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Richard McKaig, SAA raised more than $500 for Special Olympics, and, as agreed upon, the dean dove into the icy depths during the Spirit of Sport’s Polar Bear Plunge. In total, our members participated in 15 different philanthropic events that also included the first-ever IU Relay for Life and two blood drives.

Dean McKaig "takes the plunge" for Special Olympics.

Serving IU: Campuswide events

Plans are well under way for Homecoming 2004 — The Legend of Old IU. Celebrate with us on Friday, Oct. 29, for the annual Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. Then on Saturday join IU students, alumni, and friends at Memorial Stadium for the game against the Minnesota Golden Gophers. For a complete list of the Homecoming weekend festivities, visit the IU Alumni Association Web site at www.alumni.indiana.edu.

SAA members dance enthusiastically with Dave & Rae during the May 2004 Senior Salute.

In addition to Homecoming, SAA sponsors several other campuswide events, including Student Alumni Career Day, two Etiquette Series, the Class Ring Ceremony, Student Choice Awards, and Senior Salute. More than 850 nominations were collected for the Student Choice Awards, and nearly 1,200 students attended Senior Salute.
Let’s play
Afraid of the old adage “all work and no play,” members headed out for fun on several occasions. They bonded during a ride on the Beast at Kings Island and the Haunted Hay Ride at Conner Prairie and competed while roller skating, bowling, and playing Lazer Lite tag. SAA fielded six different intramural teams and made it to the finals in co-ed soccer.

Finding the funds
More than half of the SAA annual budget is covered through our fund-raising efforts. Our largest fund-raiser, Finals Survival Kits, generated more than $10,000 this past year. SAA assists in promoting the official IU class ring and receives a royalty for each ring sold. For more information on the ring program, visit the Balfour Web site at www.balfour.com/college/rings.aspx. The remainder of the budget is funded through the IUAA.

Initiating change and improving collaborations
Under the leadership of our past president, Maggie Brozio, SAA increased partnerships with student organizations across campus. With the assistance Clarence Boone Jr., IUAA’s director of diversity programs, SAA hosted a fall luncheon for student organization presidents. Facilitated by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Richard McKaig, the luncheon provided a forum to share ideas and discuss opportunities to better collaborate. To date, SAA has partnered with the Black Student Union, Indian Student Association, Japanese Student Association, and Union Board. As a result of her efforts, Maggie was asked to participate in the Chancellor’s One of Diversity committee.

Adviser’s notebook
Programs growing across IU campuses
IUAA student programs began on the Bloomington campus in 1976 with the formation of the Student Alumni Council. In 1996, IUAA founded the Student Organization for Alumni Relations at IUPUI. Now, in 2004, there is an IUAA-sponsored student program on each of IU’s eight campuses and at IUPU–Columbus. Each of these programs shares in the mission to raise awareness of IUAA and connect students to their university. Student leaders participate in activities, gain friendships, and develop skills.

The 2003–04 Committee of the Whole was an exceptional mix of student leaders who possessed great chemistry and worked hard to achieve their goals. It was a pleasure being a part of their group.

As the beginning of the 2004–05 academic year approaches, I eagerly await the next great group of COWsters. I hope each of you fondly remembers your time in SAA/SAC as The Chronicle takes you back and brings a smile to your face.

— Sondra Inman

SAA welcomes new staff secretary
Erin Bottorff joined the SAA staff in October 2003, the week of Homecoming. What better way to join the fun than to come on board during the busiest week of the year?

Bottorff attended IU from 1994 to 1998 and is currently working toward her bachelor of general studies degree. She was active as a student through Alpha Xi Delta and the Student Athletic Board.

Prior to joining SAA, Bottorff worked as an event planner with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and the Indianapolis Museum of Art Columbus Gallery. “I wanted to expand my event-planning and fund-raising experience in a larger setting,” she says. “I like working with students because of their energy and their ideas.”

Bottorff is from Richmond, Ind., and lives in Brown County.
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