

# Residence Halls

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## Big plans to expand IUB on-campus housing

A five-year plan to upgrade housing for 2,000 students at Indiana University's Bloomington campus was presented to the IU Board of Trustees in December. IU President Michael McRobbie named improvements to Bloomington campus housing as a key initiative in his inaugural address in October 2007. The ambitious plan is the initial phase in achieving this presidential goal.

### Making it happen

The first step — a phase totaling an estimated \$113.5 million — calls for construction of a new multi-building facility with 800 beds at 10th and Union streets, the former Ashton East Complex site. This complex will deliver on-campus, apartment-style options and is slated to welcome students in fall 2010.

The plan also includes construction of state-of-the-art, suite-style housing that will replace some 2,080 beds in existing double-room facilities in the Briscoe and Forest residence centers. This second phase will progress over four years, converting Briscoe's and Forest's traditional rooms to suites one tower at a time. These housing suites would come in a variety of options ranging from two- to four-person suites with shared bathrooms. Some of these suites include living room areas as well. New beds in Ashton would compensate for lost space in Briscoe and Forest.

When the five years are complete, Bloomington's housing capacity will be sustained at 11,000 students.

### State-of-the-art options

Pat Connor, Residential Programs and Services executive director, is pleased that McRobbie and the IU trustees believe that new options in student housing are an important piece of the mission to recruit and educate top-notch students at the Bloomington campus.

Other administrators voiced support for improved student housing. Roger Thompson, vice provost for enrollment management, told trustees the new housing options are sorely needed to keep IU Bloomington at the forefront among



Upgrade proposals call for state-of-the-art renovations in the existing Briscoe Residence Center and in the Forest Residence Center, above. A new multi-building, apartment-style facility, rendered at right, will be constructed at the former Ashton East Complex site.

Rendering by RATIO Architects



competing Big Ten schools.

"Today's students have more choices for pursuing a college education than ever before," Thompson said. "One of the major factors that goes into their decision is the quality of the living experience. Today's students want to live, study, and recreate in state-of-the-art housing."

IU Bloomington hasn't upgraded or constructed new student housing since 1969, and much of IU's options remain unchanged since RHAA members spent their years in Bloomington. The vast majority of IUB dormitories consist of double rooms without private baths. The new suite-style rooms will include private baths and feature more floor space and amenities.

"Student and parent feedback indicates a strong desire for IU to combine the unique social and academic benefits of on-campus housing with more modern fa-

cilities," Neil Theobald, vice president and chief financial officer, says. "In response, President McRobbie has committed to upgrading all of the residence halls at IU Bloomington over the next 15 years."

In recent years, RPS has conducted market analysis and scenario development to improve housing on the campus. As the five-year plan moves forward, there will be ample opportunities to continue gathering input on the facilities and amenities that students see as instrumental in improving the quality of life on campus.

With goals in place, building committees must now obtain site plan approval and final project approval. Both items are on the agenda for upcoming meetings of the IU Board of Trustees. Pending board approval, construction on the Ashton Complex could begin in early fall 2008.

## RHA, NRHH to host regional conference

Imagine 500 college kids, some dressed in obnoxious costumes, some performing skits for the crowd that would be embarrassing in any other situation, all cheering until their throats are sore because they believe they are making a difference.

Amazingly, I'm not describing the 70s. This is what you will experience if you attend the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls Leadership Conference, a weekend for powerful, driven, and enthusiastic student leaders to come together and share their experiences. Fellow attendee Jen Dunning and I were immediately sucked in, and we decided we had to bring this spirit and life to the IU campus. We decided to bid for GLACURH 2008 with a theme of Tour de Leadership in honor of Indiana University's Little 500.

After making presentations and speaking with advisors, it was clear that the GLACURH bug was spreading. Our committee grew to 13 hardworking students and staff. Together, we pounded out every major detail involved with bringing 500-600 people to campus. We succeeded in writing a complete bid in three months, presented as a proud team at GLACURH 2007, and won the chance to host GLACURH 2008 at IUB.

Now comes the hard part: hosting the conference. Our committee will focus this semester on solidifying all major aspects of the conference as well as looking to the future. In fall 2008, we will recruit some 100 students to work on committees and volunteer for the weekend. Everyone on the committee is preparing for the challenges ahead, but we are all dedicated to the task and will make sure GLACURH 2008 is a true representation of the passion of IU students and staff.

## RHAA Biannual Reunion set for April

Join old friends and colleagues at the Residence Halls Alumni Association 11th biannual reunion. This reunion will highlight our thematic communities such as the Briscoe Fitness and Wellness Center, Foster Shea International, Collins Living Learning Center, and Atkins Living Learning Center.

The reunion begins Friday, April 11, with a reception at Crazy Horse Restaurant and Bar. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday events begin with a 10:30 a.m. brunch and recognition ceremony at the DeVault Alumni Center; tickets cost \$13.

Following brunch, RHAA presents

### *In memoriam:*

## Irving Katz, Forest Friend and RHAA Honorary Member

Professor Irving Katz, beloved teacher of history and Jewish studies, died Jan. 24 in New York. He was 75.

Katz was a Bloomington resident from 1968 until he returned to New York to be with his children and granddaughter. While at IU, he was a friend and major supporter of the residence halls for many years. Though he never lived in a residence hall or even visited one until his History H105 and H106 discussions were taught in the halls, he believed that living in a residence hall was an integral part of the collegiate experience.

He helped make this experience significant by becoming a charter Forest Friend (precursor to the Residential Fellows program) in the early 80s. He served on the Residential Education Advisory Board and the task force that created the Fitness and Wellness Living-Learning Center. He also was named an honorary member of the Residence Halls Alumni Association.

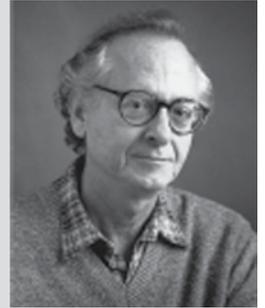
When Irving — as he encouraged his Forest Friends to call him — retired in 2002, he received the university's Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medalion in recognition of his service to the

residence halls and to all IU undergraduate students.

In 2005, the Professor Irving Katz Residence Hall Student Scholarship was established in his honor. The award provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a returning residence hall student who "exemplifies Irving's commitment to merging the academic and residential lives of undergraduate students."

Contributions to the Katz Scholarship can be made through the IU Foundation. Send your memorial gift to: IU Foundation, attn: Katz Scholarship, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN, 47402. RHAA members may find this a very fitting way to honor the professor who discussed U.S. politics, values, and name origins in the dining rooms and took so many residence hall students to their first operas.

— Nancy Lorenz, RPS Director, Academic Initiatives and Services



Rick Weidenbener, BS'83, MD'87, with the Thomas Hennessy Alumni Award for his outstanding achievement in professional endeavors and public service. Saturday's agenda also includes approval of new RHAA officers from the following slate:

- president: Jason Dudich, BS'01;
- vice president: Owen Sutkowski;
- director for communication: Jenni (Jacobs) Robbins, BA'03, MEd'05;
- executive secretary: Tom Hennessy, EdD'74; and
- board members at large: Michael Pitz, BS'77; John Santos, BS'88; Janelle (Wiggins) Tierney, BS'98; Jonathan Purvis, BA'98, MPA'07; Nancy Lorenz, BS'68, MEd'70; Sara Ivey-Lucas, BA'93, MEd'95.

We encourage you to round out the weekend with Little 500 tickets. Advance prices are \$25 for adults or \$10 for children. Single-event tickets available only on race day. Watch for registration information soon. Questions? Contact Sarah Nagy at (812) 855-1764 or snagy@indiana.edu.

— Sarah Nagy, Advisor, RHA and NRHH

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# Alumni Notebook

## 1960s

**Donald L. Harle**, BS'60, is vice president of postal affairs and the postal liaison for Diamond Marketing Solutions, based in Elmhurst, Ill. He owned and operated Mid-America Mailing for more than 30 years before merging it with Diamond in 2004. He is also vice chairman of the Postmaster General's Mailers' Technical Advisory Committee. Harle, of Munster, Ind., received the Charles S. Downs Chicago Direct Marketer of the Year Award from the Chicago Association of Direct Marketing.

**Judith L. Stahlhut**, BME'63, has retired, having worked for 30 years as a fiduciary tax consultant in Northwest Indiana. She is now in business for herself as an estate-tax consultant in St. John, Ind., where she also lives.

**Richard T. Payne**, BA'66, JD'69, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Indiana Judges Association. He is chairman of the senior judge committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana and is a consultant to the judicial technology and automation committee of the Indiana Supreme Court. Payne lives in Greenfield, Ind.

## 1970s

**Chris Le Bris**, MA'70, has been named a managing director of United States Trust Co. of New York. His wife, **Vicki (Dearholt)**, BA'75, is president of the New Canaan (Conn.) chapter of the American Association of University Women. They live in New Canaan.

**Carmen A. Jordan-Cox**, BA'71, is vice president for student affairs at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J. Previously, she was vice president of student services for Merritt College in Oakland, Calif.

**Charlie Nelms**, BS'71, EdD'77, is vice president for institutional development and

student affairs and a professor of higher education administration at IU Bloomington. In January, Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan, BA'82, JD'85, presented Nelms with the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Commission's Legacy Award. Nelms's work on campus has resulted in an increase in the number of minority students receiving scholarship funds; an increase in hiring of minority professors; the percentage of black students on campus reaching a 23-year high; and the percentage of Hispanic students reaching its highest point in history.

**Janice Slaughter Wiggins**, BA'71, MS'75, was honored by IU Bloomington's Commission on Multicultural Understanding with its 2006-07 COMU Staff Award. She is director of the Groups Student Support Services program at IU Bloomington.

In June, **Michael C. Schriefer**, BS'72, MS'77, of Santa Claus, Ind., retired from North Spencer County School Corp. after 35 years. He served 19 years as a math teacher, six years as a middle-school principal, and 10 years as assistant superintendent. He received the Indiana chapter of the National School Public Relations Association publication award for kindergarten through sixth-grade progress reports as well as the National Middle School Association Outstanding Achievement Award. Schriefer was a presenter at the International Conference on Education in Corpus Christi, Texas, and at the National Title I Conference in Long Beach, Calif.

**Richard H. Carlsen**, MS'73, is director of the common-support division of a naval station in Norfolk, Va. He is also the author of the novel *Happy Valley College*, published by AuthorHouse. Carlsen lives with his wife, Cathy, in Virginia Beach.

In March, **Helen L. Mamarchev**, MS'73, became vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She lives in Glendale, Wis.

**Dennis H. Congos**, MS'74, is an academic adviser and college learning-skills specialist at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He serves on the Houghton Mifflin textbook review board, is a monthly publisher in the *Learning Center Exchange Journal*, and serves as a nationally certified supplement-instructor trainer and consultant. Congos lives in Oviedo, Fla.

**Lewis H. Strouse**, MM'76, MS'77, has been the associate chairman of music education at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh since 1992. He received the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 1 Citation of Excellence award for teaching in higher education.

**Richard P. Phelps**, MA'77, has authored, co-authored, and edited three books recently: *The Anti-Testing Fallacies*, from American Psychological Association in 2007; *Defending Standardized Testing*, from Lawrence Erlbaum in 2005; and *Kill the Messenger: The War on Standardized Testing*, from Transaction.

**Byron K. Mason**, BA'78, is a partner at the law firm of Baker & Daniels. Mason, in Indianapolis, was appointed to co-chair a 600-member group of the American Bar Association's litigation section. He has a three-year term as co-chair of the ABA's mass-torts committee. He joined Baker & Daniels in 1988 and practices in litigation, focusing primarily on commercial, products liability, and mass-tort matters.

**Joan Miller Keller**, MS'77, EdS'04, is superintendent of North Spencer County School Corp. in Lincoln City, Ind. She lives in Shoals.

Four IU alumni work in the labor and employment depart-

ment of the law firm Bingham McHale in Indianapolis. The four are **Joseph H. Hogsett**, BA'78, JD'81, of Indianapolis; **Duane R. Denton**, JD'88, of Zionsville; **Michael W. Padgett**, JD'91, of Indianapolis; and **James P. Strenski**, JD'94, of Indianapolis.

In July 2007 the Pennock Hospital board of trustees selected **Sheryl L. Lewis-Blake**, BS'78, as chief executive officer of Pennock Health Services in Hastings, Mich. Previously, she was executive vice president and chief operating officer of Goshen (Ind.) Health System.

**Mary Kitowski Solada**, BS'78, JD'82, was reappointed chairwoman of the real-estate department at the law firm of Bingham McHale in Indianapolis. She serves as general counsel for the capital-improvement board of Marion County.

**Christi Phillips Veleta**, BS'78, of Jacksonville, Fla., is a fellow of the Air & Waste Management Association.

**Joseph Trimboli**, BS'79, MS'84, is superintendent of Lawton (Mich.) Community Schools. The Michigan Association of School Administrators recently elected him president of Region 7, an area that includes Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, and Branch counties. Trimboli lives in Granger, Ind.

## 1980s

**T. Craig Tapley**, DBA'81, is a professor and Graham-Buffett Senior Lecturer of Finance at the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business. He was named the college's teacher of the year for 2006-2007. Tapley's wife, **Patricia (Boswell)**, BA'81, is an orthodontist at Pappas & Tapley Orthodontics in Gainesville, Fla. An I-Woman who lettered in softball and

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volleyball, Patricia also serves as president of the Florida Association of Orthodontists as the first woman to do so. The Tapleys live in Gainesville.

**Gregory M. Jehlik**, BS'82, is president and chief executive officer of Wilkinson Industries Inc. in Fort Calhoun, Neb. Previously, he was CEO of CFC International, where he helped lead the sale of the company to Illinois Tool Works in September 2006. Jehlik lives in Burr Ridge, Ill., flying each week to his work in Nebraska.

**David A. Neumann**, BS'82, was elected to the Dallas City Council, representing the third district. He is president and CEO of Ivy Jane, a women's apparel manufacturer in Dallas.

**Vernon A. Wall**, MS'83, moved from Ames, Iowa, to Washington, D.C., where he continues his work as a full-time consultant, trainer, and keynote speaker on social justice and leadership issues.

**Diana L. Mercer**, BA'85, JD'88, is the founder of Peace Talks Mediation Services in Los Angeles. The company mediates personal disputes ranging from divorces and prenuptial agreements to estate planning and family business conflicts. Mercer is also the author of *Your Divorce Advisor: A Lawyer and a Psychologist Guide You Through the Legal and Emotional Landscape of Divorce*, printed by Simon & Schuster. She lives in Playa del Rey, Calif.

In January, **Stephanie Davis Gattman**, BA'89, was named assistant managing editor of news at *The Truth* in Elkhart, Ind. She was previously editorial-page editor. Gattman is a member of the newspaper's editorial board and contributes at least two editorials a week. She has worked at the newspaper since May 1989. Gattman has two sons, Steven, 11, and Alexander, 8. She lives in Goshen and can be reached at [sgattman@etruth.com](mailto:sgattman@etruth.com).

## 1990s

The Rev. **Lisa Marchal**, BA'96, recently completed a work-study leave at the University of London, studying human rights. She has begun an internship with Results, a Washington, D.C.-based non-governmental organization that works to eliminate poverty and hunger.

"I hope to partner my vocation in the church with this human-rights background to help me dig deeper into social-justice work," she writes. Marchal is a member of the IU College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Board.



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