Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is that time of year again — time to update you on all of the exciting news from our department over the past couple of years. Criminal Justice continues to be a popular course of study, with close to 600 declared majors and more than 60 declared minors. Those numbers rank us as the fifth largest department in the College of Arts and Sciences.

While our number of undergraduate majors is large, we strive to personalize the learning environment by encouraging students to take advantage of a multitude of exciting opportunities. For example, the Criminal Justice Student Association has brought in several speakers from a wide array of justice-related organizations to expose our students to possible career paths. The CISA also is becoming more involved in the community. This past year, it sponsored a group that participated in Homeward Bound’s walk for the homeless.

And, of course, the department continues to offer students the opportunity to complete an internship for credit, to participate in service-learning projects, and to complete summer overseas programs in either Amsterdam or India.

At the graduate level, our program continues to grow and thrive. There are now 41 graduate students in the department — three master’s and 38 doctoral students. Equally impressive is the fact that our department has now graduated nine doctorates. As someone who recalls when the faculty worked on the initial PhD proposal, I am both gratified and a little taken aback to acknowledge that this fall we welcome our 11th class of doctoral students.

With our 2007–08 graduating classes expected to total more than 200 majors, we have more and more alumni to connect with each year. And that is where you come in. The accomplishments and activities presented in these pages represent only a small fraction of what those affiliated with the department are doing. When you finish reading this newsletter, I invite you to take a moment to send us a note letting us know what you have been up to — news about career highlights, family, and general life events is always welcomed.

I do hope that the past couple of years have been both personally and professionally rewarding for you. Enjoy the news from our department, and, as always, thank you for your continued support through keeping in touch and your generous contributions.

— Marla Sandys

We are working to bridge the gap between alumni and the department. There are several opportunities for you to be involved with us, and we hope that at least one of them will be of interest to you. In addition to letting us know what is new with you, please think about the following ways to reconnect with us:

• Are you willing to be interviewed for this newsletter or our new web site, to be the subject of an alumni profile?
• Can your place of employment provide an internship opportunity for any of our students?
• Would your work experience make for an interesting presentation to the Criminal Justice Student Association?
• Would you be willing to serve as a resource for students who might be pursuing a career similar to yours?
• Does your place of employment have a job opportunity that may be applicable to our students?
• Would you like to establish a scholarship within the department for the next generation of criminal justice workers?

If any of these possibilities are of interest to you, or if you have a suggestion for another way to reconnect with the department, please send an e-mail to acgitels@indiana.edu. For scholarship contributions, please contact Judy Kelley at kelley@indiana.edu or (812) 855-9880 for assistance. We also invite you to explore our new web site at www.indiana.edu/~crimjust/. Or just say “hello” with an e-mail to crimjust@indiana.edu.
New faculty

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming a new faculty member to our department. Professor Richard Spano was a member of the criminal justice faculty at the University of Alabama before joining the department in fall 2006. Spano received his BA and MS in criminology from Florida State University before attending the State University of New York at Albany, where he earned his PhD in criminal justice.

Spano’s main areas of research interest are the developmental consequences of exposure to violence, child abuse, and neglect on adolescent development; life-course explanations of violent victimization; criminology; and field research methodology. His recent publications focus on observer bias in a large scale observational study of police, a longitudinal study of the impact of exposure to violence on violent behavior, and applying routine activities theory to explain victimization risk for both rural and urban minority youth living in extreme poverty. This past year, Spano taught Introduction to Criminal Justice, an upper-division level seminar on policing, and the graduate proseein History and Systems. Spano is a much welcomed addition to the department.

Staff

The past couple of years have brought the department changes in both staff and faculty. Nowhere have these changes been more evident than in the position of academic advisor. After 18 years of dedicated service to the department and, especially, to our majors, Nancy Laughlin retired (see story this page). As the department embarked on a search for a new academic advisor, we tried to heed her suggestion to find someone who likes working with student contact.

Andrea (Andi) Gitelson became that person in September 2006, just in time for the start of the fall semester. In addition to her primary role of advising current, transfer, and prospective students, Gitelson is the Criminal Justice Student Association advisor and the advisor for Beta Kappa, the local chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. In her non-existent spare time, we have her working on community outreach, alumni relations, career opportunities, and the graduation ceremony — not to mention this newsletter.

Gitelson brings a sense of enthusiasm, experience (she has a master’s in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice, along with an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and sociology, and prior experience in academic affairs), and creativity to the position. Most important, she possesses an important characteristic: She truly enjoys working with our students. We are confident that our students will benefit tremendously from Andi Gitelson’s many creative endeavors, as well as from her sound academic advice.

In December 2006, the department was excited to learn that it would be getting a second advisor from the College of Arts and Sciences. Very recently the department hired a new part-time advisor for this role. The department welcomed Krystie Herndon to the advising team in August. Herndon earned her master’s of library science from IU and comes to the department with 18 years of IU experience. The department is thrilled to have someone with such a variety of IU experience coming onboard.

Farewell to a long-time favorite

Everyone who met Nancy Laughlin knew immediately that her passion for her job stemmed from her concern for “her” students — and, to her, all our majors were her students. The department was saddened to learn that Nancy wanted to retire, but we thank her for her tireless efforts, over 18 years, to help everyone who crossed her path. Prior to her leaving, she sat down with chair Marla Sandys to talk about her experiences. Here are some excerpts:

Marla: What did you like most about your work with the department?

Nancy: I’ve just loved it. Dealing with students on a daily basis, helping students, is very rewarding. I also like the faculty, and I’ve made very good friends over the years. Also, my fellow advisors are a wonderful group, very dedicated to student well-being. I can’t believe that it has been 18 years.

Marla: What have you liked least?

Nancy: People Soft. [Editorial comment: IU changed to a new student information system, called People Soft, and the transition was rough for everyone.]

Marla: What made you decide to retire now?

Nancy: My brother has been nagging me: If I want to do the things I want, to play golf, to travel, well, now is the time. I’m first going to Hilton Head to play golf and then to Michigan to play golf. I then head to our place in the Bahamas for the winter. I work in an elementary school there. They didn’t have a library until two years ago. The kids are so poor. The children are so excited to have access to books, to take them home. I have good friends down there, including my brother and his wife. It is just beautiful.

Marla: What would you say are the characteristics of a good advisor?

Nancy: Likes student contact. If you get that, everything else follows.

Marla: What is your advice for our new advisor?

Nancy: One of the most helpful things can be getting together with another advisor. All of them are willing to share ideas and to make suggestions about how to do things.

Marla: Do you have any parting words?

Nancy: I just hope that students keep in touch. One of my greatest satisfactions is hearing from students after they graduate. I hope that continues.

Anyone who would like to be in touch with Nancy Laughlin can reach her through her IU e-mail address: nlaughli@indiana.edu.
2006 & 2007 student awards, scholarships

In keeping with our commitment to personalizing the experiences of our many majors, the department hosts an annual graduation ceremony. All graduates and their families are invited to a brunch on the morning of graduation when we recognize all our graduates and announce the recipients of the department’s most prestigious awards. Those awards and their recipients for 2006 and 2007 are listed here.

Selke Heart of Justice Award

The Bill Selke Heart of Justice Award is given to an undergraduate senior, in recognition of our former colleague who died in 2001. This award recognizes the recipient for outstanding effort in service and leadership within a criminal justice-related field that strives to better local, national, or international communities. In 2006, Haley Pollack was presented with this honor, and in May of 2007 Parvana Noorzad was recognized. Haley was recognized for her commitment to issues of violence against women. Parvana was honored for her involvement with a local organization that assists prisoners with their transition back into the community.

Outstanding Senior Award

Candidates for the department’s Outstanding Senior Award are those few undergraduate seniors who meet a stringent requirement of academic excellence. A select group of these students is then nominated for the award by a faculty member. The students then submit answers to questions about their contributions to the community, their involvement in campus activities, and their future plans. Finally, the recipient is selected by members of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee. In 2006, Robin Forney received this honor, and in May 2007 Meaghan Klem did.

Richard Steiner Scholarship

Meaghan Klem also was the 2006 recipient of the Richard Steiner Scholarship. Richard Steiner, who is a former criminal justice major and Little 500 Working Scholarship recipient, is the benefactor of this scholarship, which is awarded to an undergraduate major with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Robert F. Borkenstein Award

This award, endowed by former colleague Professor Emeritus Robert Borkenstein, who died in 2002, is presented each year to a student who exemplifies superior work at the graduate level. In 2006, this award was presented to Viviane Saleh-Hanna, and in 2007 to Sarah Walsh.

While most of the awards mentioned in this newsletter are departmental, one of our graduate students was the recipient of a universitywide award in 2006: Viviane Saleh-Hanna was honored as Best in Academics at the fourth annual Student Leadership Awards Program, sponsored by the Office of the Associate Vice President of Academic Support and Diversity.

Isiah Thomas Scholarship

The Isiah Thomas Scholarship, presented to an undergraduate student entering the junior year, is based on academic scholarship, career goals, and financial need. It is endowed by criminal justice alumnus Isiah Thomas. In 2006, Enedina Dorsey was awarded this scholarship, and in May of 2007 Deanna Dwenger was so honored.

Forensics Hue & Cry Award

In 2006, Krista Eckhardt was honored with the Forensics Studies Hue and Cry Award, sponsored by departmental alumni. The criteria for this award include academic merit, teaching skills, and concern for the welfare of the department and its students.

Phi Beta Kappa

Election to Phi Beta Kappa honor society is generally considered to be the highest honor an undergraduate can achieve in the liberal arts and sciences. Recipients of this prestigious recognition are 2006 inductees: Christiana Alexander, Alison Bange, Megan Hal, Elizabeth Marklein, Jowanda Peterson, Ryan Plummer; and 2007 inductees: Samantha Callis, Elizabeth Jennings, Meaghan Klem, Michelle McNew.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honor society for criminal justice students. Eligibility is based on academic success in criminal justice, as well as all other undergraduate work. IU’s chapter is Beta Kappa. The students named to this honor in 2006 are Amber Brant, Amy Butz, Robin Forney, Courtney Jones, Allison Maze, Mironda Mobley, Jaime Reust, Dana Wood; and, in 2007, Thomas Burns Jr., Jill Clark, Daniel Gibbons, Garrett Hordorp, Michael Kos, Kelly Lostroscio, Julie Robertson.

Graduate degrees conferred

Students granted their master of arts or doctoral degrees in 2006 and 2007:

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1960s

The career of Prentice N. White, BA’60, included the military, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs Agency, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. He was the agent in charge of the Indianapolis DEA office when he retired in 1986. He and his wife, Alojandrina, live in Greenwood, Ind.

Catherine E. Suthard, BA’69, is self-employed as a housekeeper. She lives in Robertsdale, Ala.

1970s

Robert L. Lewis, BA’70, JD’73, is an attorney with Robert L. Lewis & Associates in Gary, Ind. He is president of the IU Neal-Marshall Alumni Club and a member of the IUAA Executive Council. His address is rilewis2148@yahoo.com.

Jerald H. Arnold, BA’73, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the governing body for the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He is CEO of a 15-state jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masonry. A former detective with the Fort Wayne Police Department, McNaughton is president of the family business, Allrite Distributing Co.

John W. McNaughton, BA’73, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is an attorney with the Fort Wayne Police Department. McNaughton is president of the family business, Allrite Distributing Co.

1980s

G. Michael Witte, BA’79, JD’82, is a partner in the law firm of Witte & Associates in Gary, Ind. He was named a 2007 Indiana Super Lawyer by Law and Politics Media. Farmer practices in the areas of creditors’ rights, bankruptcy and workouts, commercial transactions, loan documentation, commercial loan and deposit account policies and procedures, and lender-liability defense.

John F. Kautzman, BA’80, is a retired assistant director of the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service. He lives in Bainbridge Island, Wash.

James K. Greene, BS’79, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, received the Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Award for exemplary academic achievement and leadership from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security. He graduated with a master of arts degree in security studies from the school’s master’s program in March. He has relocated to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is the defense support of civil authorities officer at the U.S. Northern Command.

John F. Kautzman, BA’81, JD’84, is an attorney at Ruckelshaus Roland Kautzman Blackwell & Hasbrook in Indianapolis. He is the American Bar Association delegate for the Indianapolis Bar Association.

Stephen C. Zollman, BA’84, writes, “Am still enjoying working as a trial attorney with the youth [the Juvenile Unit] at the San Francisco public defender’s office. If there are other IU alumni in the Bay Area who would like to get in touch and socialize on network, please give a holler.”

Thomas R. Anderson, BA’86, and Janet K. Kleopfer, BS’85, MS’90, adopted two children from Guatemala: Casey Kleopfer Anderson, 3, and Callie Maria Elizabeth Anderson, 10 months. Janet is a teacher at Madison (Ind.) Junior High.


Ned A. Putt, BA’87, of San Leandro, Calif., assisted in establishing the internal affairs unit in the Santa Clara County Probation Department — one of few such units in probation departments in the United States — and was its first supervisor. He and his wife, Elaine, have a daughter, Madison, born in June 2004. The family can be reached at nedputt@hotmail.com.

Erin Thompson-Heston, BA’87, has been a trial attorney for Powell Birchmeier & Powell in Tuckahoe, N.J., for 15 years. She has a daughter, Megan Heston, 7, and a son, Adam Heston, 3. They live in Sewell, N.J.

Thomas J. Olivieri, BA’88, directs operations at PrivateBancorp Inc. in Chicago. He remains a managing director of the PrivateBank-Chicago, where he has worked since 2003. Olivieri has a law degree from IIT Chicago Kent School of Law. He lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

“We attribute our success to the leadership skills we learned at IU from the U.S. Army,” say three IU criminal justice alumni. For the first time since graduating, the three ROTC cadets, Jeffery S. Yavors, BA’88; Tom Seifert, BA’88; and Becky Freeze, BA’88, were reunited during Operation Iraqi Freedom despite serving in different capacities. Maj. Yavors, who received a PhD last year from the University of Georgia, is the civil-military operations officer for the Multinational Corps Iraq surgeon. Lt. Col. Seifert is the deputy G-1 for MNCI. Lt. Col. Freeze is the G-3 for the 3rd Corps Support Command.

Joby D. Jerrells, BA’89, MA’94, JD’03, is an attorney for the French Lick Resort and Casino. His wife, Lisa J. Jerrells, BS’92, MD’97, has been a doctor at Landmark Family Practice in Bloomington, Ind., for six years. She ran her first mini-marathon in Indianapolis in 2006. They have two children and live in Bloomington.

Howard L. Stevenson, BA’88, JD’93, is a partner at the African American-owned Indianapolis law firm Coleman Graham & Stevenson. Stevenson has been an attorney for the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, the Indiana attorney general’s office, and the United Auto Workers Legal Services.

1990s

Mark D. Cosner, BA’90, MA’97, of Bloomington, Ind., has been appointed district firearms instructor for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. He is also president of Blue Knights IN XI, an international law enforcement motorcycle club that raises money for charities.

Tyler S. Pequignot, BA’91, is a banking center officer for Star Financial Bank in Columbus, Ind. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Warsaw, Ind.

Julie Stillabower Rosenwinkel, BA’92, JD’94, has been named a partner at the law firm of Krieg DeVault. She joined the Hammond, Ind., office as an associate in May 2002 and is a member of the firm’s health care and litigation practice groups. Rosenwinkel lives in Schererville, Ind., with her husband Edward T., Cert’94, BS’94, and their two children, Tara and Jake.

Dave Sisk, BA’92, of South Bend, Ind., is director of United Way of St. Joseph County 2-1-1, an information/referral hotline.

Carrie Stec Eilh, BA’93, is a regional vice president of Q Interactive, an online marketing services provider for publishers and advertisers in Chicago. Her husband, Craig, BS’93, is associate vice president of Kokopelli Communications Group Inc. in Chicago. The couple has two boys, Bryce, 4, and Vaugn, 2.

Scott E. Johnson, BA’93, of Indianaopolis, is a K-9 officer with the Marion County Sheriff’s Department.

Kila Ward, BA’93, Cert’04, is program (continued on page 5)
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coordinator for the PNC College Bound Program at Purdue University North Central in Westville, Ind.

Jennifer Frensemeier Benson, BA’94, has been a probation officer at the Dearborn--Ohio Circuit Court in Lawrenceburg, Ind., for almost 10 years. Prior to becoming a probation officer, she was a supervisor and intake officer at the Dearborn County Juvenile Center. She has been married to John Benson for almost seven years. He is the superintendent of golf at Hillcrest Country Club in Batesville, Ind. They have two children, Tucker, 5, and Sydney, 2. The Bensons live in Greendale.

Dennis H. Otten, BA’94, JD’98, has been named to the 2006 Indianapolis Bar Association board of managers. He is a partner at the Indianapolis office of Bose McKinney & Evans and is a member of its public finance and utility law groups. He was the recipient of the Indianapolis Bar Association 2003 Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Otten lives in Fishers, Ind.

In November, Richard W. Poynter, BA’94, was elected prosecutor for the judicial court of Jackson County, Ind. He lives in Seymour.

For the Balls, working at Boise State University (Idaho) is a family affair. Jeremy D. Ball, BA’95, JD’98, is an assistant professor of criminal justice administration. He is also a faculty-in-residence coordinator for the university’s Civic Leadership Residential College. He is the author of a chapter in the Encyclopedia of Criminology, “Criminal Law: Reform, Lessons Learned in the Last Fifty Years,” published by Routledge. Lindsay J. Trudell, BA’99, MAT’02, an I–Woman in volleyball, teaches history at St. Charles (Ill.) North High School, and is the varsity girls’ volleyball coach. In 2005, her team won the conference championship and then advanced to the Class AA State Final Four for the first time in school history. She and her fiancé, Anthony A. Legge, BS’03, live in Elgin, Ill. Her address is linn15@msn.com.

2000s

Marissa L. Bracke, BA’00, is an associate at the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg in Fort Wayne, Ind. She is a member of the firm’s litigation department.

Elizabeth Armstrong Brown, BA’00, is a legal assistant for May Oberfell Lorber, Mishawaka, Ind. Her husband, DeMarco Brown, BA’99, is a photojournalist for WSBT. Elizabeth writes, “We recently bought a house in South Bend and are remodeling it.”

Andrea Michaeloff Jafari, BA’00, and her husband, Bryan, BS’02, have a son, Cruz Syed Jafari, born July 28, 2005. Andrea is a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Bryan works in personal training part time while studying for a degree in human nutrition at the University of Bridgeport, Conn. The family lives in Suffolk, England.

Jason M. Kivett, BA’01, is a district supervisor for Marco’s Pizza in Indianapolis. An I–Man in tennis, he was a team manager.

Amanda Thornton, MA’04, was promoted to director of research and planning for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. CJI is the state administering agency for all federal criminal justice dollars that come into the state. The Research and Planning Division of the institute guides statewide justice policy and planning initiatives with research-based data and information; conducts justice research and evaluates justice programs; develops justice information systems and research databases; disseminates justice information to the
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public at large; and serves as the Indiana Statistical Analysis Center. Thornton was also named state director for the Statistical Analysis Center and serves as chair of the governor’s Meth-Free Indiana Coalition Data Collection Committee. She represents CJII on the epidemiological work group for the State Prevention Framework/State Incentive Grant, a nationwide effort to establish community-based prevention and treatment opportunities sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Lyndsey A. Husak, BA’05, of Baltimore, is a child-support enforcement caseworker.

Katelyn B. MacKellen, BS’05, married Brian Fredrick Hartz, MA’01, on Oct. 1, 2005, at the Bloomington (Ind.) Yacht Club on Lake Lemon. After a honeymoon in Cedar Key, Fla., the couple moved to Auckland, New Zealand, where Brian works as a senior writer at the magazine Boating New Zealand. In addition to pursuing a law degree at the University of Auckland, Katelyn works in the insurance division of the New Zealand Automobile Association.

Stephen M. Mochring, BA’05, is an airborne infantryman in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Polk, La. On July 30, he was married to Karmen (McCracken), BS’03, MS’05, who has worked as a high-school counselor.

Criminal Justice Alumni: What’s new with you?

The IU Alumni Association is charged with maintaining records for all IU alumni. Please print as much of the following information as you wish. Its purpose, in addition to providing us with your class note, is to keep IU’s alumni records accurate and up to date. To verify and update your information online, visit our online alumni directory at www.alumni.indiana.edu/directory.

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