Making it official

SAA/SAC alumni group presented for status as IUAA ‘affiliate’ group

Greetings SAA/SAC alumni! We hope you are happy to see the return of the SAA Chronicle.

After many years of discussion, our SAA/SAC affiliate group to the IU Alumni Association will be presented for acceptance at the annual Executive Council meeting this June in Bloomington.

What will be the goals of our alumni group? Here are a few areas that have been identified:

- support current programs as alumni representatives;
- share memories and excitement for Indiana University and SAA/SAC programs;
- provide guidance and support for current student leaders;
- establish a scholarship for current student leaders;
- and host a reunion/event surrounding Homecoming to welcome back SAA/SAC alumni.

We will be setting up a conference call for those interested in hearing more about our constitution, name (We don’t want to be the Student Alumni Association Alumni Association!), and opportunities for programs with each other and current students.

If you are interested in more information or in serving as a board member, please e-mail Trish Surfas at psurfus@indiana.edu.

Homecoming, Facebook, and more!

The Student Alumni Association has had an outstanding year of new and innovative programs that are building on the rich traditions that each of you experienced while you were on campus.

We’re already preparing for Homecoming 2009 and hope to unveil the theme to you via e-mail later this spring. Please take a moment to update your alumni record online or the mail-in form on the back of this newsletter so that you can receive our communications.

In addition to Homecoming, we hope you will consider joining us at Hoosier Village before every home football game! The pre-game tailgate destination, located behind the DeVault Alumni Center, includes live music, cornhole, hot food, and cold beverages from a local favorite, Upland Brewing Company.

Visit the SAA page online to find out more about current programs and our alumni group at www.indiana.edu/~saa. You’ll also find a link there to our SAA Alumni Facebook Group, started by Sean Cork, BS’07. Look for

New MemberCorps builds SAA community

In fall 2007, SAA launched a new membership and leadership program called MemberCorps.

SAA alumni Claudia Rhye, BA’08, and Kristen King, BS’08; Advisor Conor McIntyre; and many others worked diligently to craft a program that would create opportunities for new members to SAA.

The program is offered in conjunction with the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER). Students can choose to earn academic credit for their participation. As part of the program, students learn more about SAA, the IU Alumni Association, spirits and traditions of IU, and leadership skills while becoming involved with existing programs. The program strives to build leadership and teamwork skills while creating a community. MemberCorps was recognized as an Outstanding Internal Program at the CASE District V Conference in Spring 2008.

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— JOSEPH BLANCHARD, FALL 2008 MEMBERCORPS

“MemberCorps is a fun way for SAA to be together and further the development of teamwork and friendship,” said Joseph Blanchard, an SAA MemberCorps graduate from fall 2008. “The best part is the retreat where you find yourself a part of a family that works together to succeed in many unique ways.
From the current SAA president

MemberCorps, homecoming reach new heights

Dear Alumni Friends,

I hope this issue finds you happily and successfully fulfilling your post-graduate dreams!

Back on campus, SAA continues to reach out to the student body with top-notch programs, both new and old. The same values that once drove your leadership within the organization continue to be the foundation of our efforts today, but we’ve initiated several exciting events and programs that take SAA to new levels.

In fall 2007 we rolled out the introduction of a brand new membership program, MemberCorps, which is part of a class offered in conjunction with the IU School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. The goal of the program is to involve students in campus traditions, build leadership and teamwork skills, and create a community of friends and spirit.

Students attend a weekend-long retreat where they complete ropes courses and trust-building activities. Already we have seen the fruits of this program, and we are incredibly proud of our graduates! They have been some of our most dedicated and inspiring members, ready to take on leadership roles and immerse themselves in campus traditions.

Another growing program is one that you all know very well — homecoming! This amazing tradition has grown into a weeklong series of events that engages all Hoosiers, past and present, and brings with it a strong emphasis on giving back to the community.

From the spectacle that is the Nearly Naked Mile to professors and alumni competing head-to-head in the Cornhole Tournament, Homecoming provides students with some of their most memorable college experiences. I hope that if you are able, you’ll return to Bloomington to experience it firsthand this year.

In addition, we are continuously looking for new ways to fulfill our mission as we add more activities to our plate. One example is Dinner with 12 Hoosiers, an alumni-focused initiative in its second year. The dinner provides students with the opportunity to have meals with alumni and professors at their homes. As you know, alumni just love sharing stories from their glory days on campus, and our students can’t get enough! The dinners foster those feelings of Hoosier hospitality and pride, and we hope to see them evolve into an SAA fixture.

Moving forward, we will work to improve on all existing programs, as well as begin new initiatives that bring the whole IU community together. In my short, three-plus years here, SAA has grown and challenged itself to be a part of every student’s college experience, and I believe we are well on our way to doing that. With the incredible support from the IUAA and our amazing staff, there is no limit to what this organization can do.

As I am just two months from making the transition from student to alumna, I am so sad that I won’t be around to see what else SAA can accomplish. However, if there is one thing I have learned from my involvement with SAA and IUAA, it is that graduation is just another step in a lifelong journey of IU. While my days as a student are coming to an end, I take comfort in knowing that I will be a Hoosier forever. I hope all of you have found a way to keep Indiana in your lives. Any time you are on campus, come visit us to see what SAA is up to! We’d love to hear from our past leaders. Go Hoosiers!

Lindsey Livingston
“The Village Experience”

IU students hope to make a difference during May trip to Thailand

“Ka-ru-na” and “kob-khun.” We’ve always been taught to say our “please” and “thank you,” but we’ve never had to learn them in a different language. These words may not be phrases we recognize, but “ka-ru-na” and “kob-khun,” or “please” and “thank you” in Thai, will be crucial phrases for our upcoming Student Alumni Association trip to Thailand.

The idea of an international service trip was introduced to members of SAA by Conor McIntyre, director of student programs for the IU Alumni Association. Conor has been on similar trips with other college students. A committee quickly formed and we discussed destinations including Guatemala, Belize, Ethiopia, and India. Eventually we decided on Thailand. One of the reasons was that we have a large international chapter of IU alumni in Thailand that we can connect with during the trip.

Our trip is scheduled for May 10-24. We plan to have nine students take part in this inaugural trip. While in Thailand, we will travel to a handful of different islands and cities, including Koh Kred and Bangkok. Chapter Presidents should have received the letter and donation form in the mail recently. Please contact your director if you have questions or would like more information.

This trip is not just about seeing a different country. We are partnering with The Village Experience, an Indianapolis nonprofit group founded by two IU alumnae. While in Thailand, we will participate in ecotourism activities and volunteer our time and efforts to benefit the less fortunate. The Village Experience’s goal is for us to “make lasting relationships which will keep (us) connected to (Thailand) for years to come.”

We will be representing Indiana University and the IU Alumni Association while working in orphanages, volunteering at AIDS clinics, helping at a battered-women’s shelter, joining in with mangrove planting, and engaging ourselves in a culture and environment very different from the one we have become accustomed to in the United States.

Funding for this trip is our biggest obstacle. We will be presenting a proposal to the Indiana University Aid Board, which provides support to student organizations by obtaining funds to help enhance their programming. In addition, we will have special fundraising events at local restaurants, campus date auctions, and seek scholarships through the Hutton Honors College at IU Bloomington. We are also considering a letter campaign to friends and family.

By going on this trip, we will not only be enriching ourselves as individuals, but we will be helping both IU and Thailand. We will also be aiding IU President Michael A. McRobbie’s goal of having 60 percent of the IU student population experience international travel and educational opportunities before graduation. Most importantly, we will be making a positive impact in the world! — Beth Kennedy

For more information about how you can support this program, visit www.indiana.edu/~saa.

Save the date!

Retirement Celebration for Dean Dick McKaig

Friday, July 17
Reception and dinner at the Tudor Room
Indiana Memorial Union
Questions? (812) 855-7250
Sponsored by the IU Alumni Association
the IU Greek community, and encouraged chapters to get involved in a new competition in which Greek houses work together to obtain points throughout the week. The team garnering the most points was honored as “Homecoming Greek Champion.” Winners were celebrated on the football field for their achievement.

To generate support, the GSPC planned four meetings in September and October for chapter representatives that ultimately acted as liaisons between their respective chapters and the SAA/Greek Strategic Planning Committee members. These meetings ranged in size from 40 to 60 Greek students, many of which did not previously hold a formal leadership position in their chapter.

Homecoming success!
Ultimately, the GSPC helped to generate some of the largest attendance for Homecoming events that SAA and IUAA had ever seen.

“Starting from scratch, I thought we did a great job in getting the Greek community involved,” Max Schreiber, GSPC steering committee member, said. “It can only get better from here on out. I thought the Nearly Naked Mile was an awesome event that needs to be repeated. All of the guys in my house loved it!”

Students were given opportunities that connected them to exemplary service and leadership opportunities. “I didn’t know if the houses were going to respond to the events and what we had come up with,” Flauter said. During the week, I was continually impressed with the amount of members from the Greek community who came out to support their campus. It means a lot when a new committee or organization can gain support and succeed on its first try.” — Kim Kushner, SAA Graduate Assistant

(Captions clockwise from top left)
1) Nearly Naked Mile participants sing the fight song after completing their run through campus and donating at least one clothing item to charity; 2) SAA students pose with Olympic gold-medalist and 2008 Homecoming Grand Marshall, David Neville, a former Hoosier sprinter, at the DeVault Alumni Center tent. Though rain hampered the parade, spirits weren’t dampened; 3) 2008 homecoming activities included a cornhole tournament; and 4) throughout the week, IU students, alumni, and local friends participated in a blood drive.

2008 Homecoming winners

Overall
Homecoming Grand Champion Award: IU Student Foundation
President’s Award: Residence Hall Association/National Residence Hall Honorary
Greek
1.) Sigma Phi Epsilon/Kappa Delta
2.) Alpha Omicron Pi/ Phi Kappa Sigma
3.) Kappa Alpha Theta/Kappa Sigma
2008–09 SAA highlights

(Captions clockwise from top left)

(1) LeaderShape: Plans are underway for the 2009 campus-based session of LeaderShape I.U. This six-day program is offered to student leaders from all campuses and was brought to I.U in 1998 by SAA alumni Anna Helmering Hart, BS’00, Stephanie Teachout, BA’01, and former advisor Scott Siegel, BA’92. LeaderShape I.U is provided at no cost to students through generous donations and fundraising efforts.

(2) Call-out: SAA Director Brian “Coach Cean” Smith greeted members before the fall call-out meeting and fellow director Zach Burrell offered free hugs while dressed as our Homecoming opponent for a skit later in the meeting.

(3) Cardboard Boat Regatta: New SAA members participate in the Council for Advancing Student Leadership Cardboard Boat Regatta, an annual tradition.

(4) Conor McIntyre, director of student programs, joined the SAA family in spring 2007 with more than 12 years of leadership development experience. He has worked tirelessly to implement new programs and collaborate with groups across campus.

(5) Senior Salute 2008: SAA leaders pose with I.U Provost Karen Hanson at the Senior Salute party, held each year on the DeVault Alumni Center lawn. This year’s event is April 30.

(6) Scholarships: SAA Director Katie Gravatt, Vice President of Member Relations Nick Baker and now-alumna Claudia Rhye BA’08, were 2008 Claude Rich scholarship winners. (Not pictured is winner Andrea Staks)

(7) ASAP 2009: SAA leaders and members attended the CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Programs District V Conference at the University of Cincinnati. Our students presented on “Phun Philanthropies” and attended sessions about campus programs from around the Midwest. I.U SAA plans to host the 2010 conference.
1970s

John A. Rose, BA’78, was promoted to general manager of the Enterprise Resource Planning project for U.S. Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh. He is responsible for global project management and coordinates ERP project implementation. Rose began his career with U.S. Steel in 1979 as a process-control engineer.

Martha “Martl” Middleton Kopacz, BS’79, MBA’82, co-leads the recovery and reorganization services practice at Grant Thornton International in Boston.

1980s

Donald J. Vogel, BS’81, JD’85, is president-elect of the Transportation Lawyers Association. He is an attorney at Scopelitis Garvin Light & Hanson at the law firm’s Chicago office.

Greg Reifel, BA’82, is the managing partner at Tom Dick & Harry Advertising in Chicago. He is married to Laurie L. (Boomer), BS’82. Their oldest daughter, Hannah, is a student at IU Bloomington.

In June 2007, Nancy Rose Mitchell, BA’84, became chairwoman of the law firm Greenberg Traurig’s business reorganization and bankruptcy practice in New York City. Prior to joining in the firm in 2001, she served as executive director for CIBC World Markets Corp.

Deborah Milas Ungar, BA’89, lives in Zionsville, Ind., with her husband, Kenneth, BA’85, president of U/S Sports Advisors, a sports-business consultancy in Carmel, Ind.

1990s

Stefanie Davis Niles, MS’96, is vice president for admission at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. She has been at the university since 1997, working as assistant, associate, senior associate, and director of admission.

Robert C. Scharlau, BS’97, is vice president of retail banking at Busey Bank. He and his wife, Kathy (Riley), BS’97, have two children, Ryan, 4, and Kyle, born Aug. 31, 2006. They live in Fort Myers, Fla.

Jodi Troendle Silcox, BS’98, is an attorney at Cline Farrell Christie Lee & Caress in Indianapolis. She focuses her practice on medical-negligence cases. Her husband, Jeffery, BA’98, is a sergeant with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. They have two children, Sydney, 4, and Aubrey Caroline, born on Oct. 31.

Abigail M. Hunt Ghering, BA’99, MS’02, is the assistant dean and associate director of the Academic Support & Enrichment Center at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. She is the former Student Alumni Association graduate assistant for the IU Alumni Association in Bloomington, Ind. Her husband, Robert F., DDS’02, is the chief dentist at the East Central Dental Clinic of Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers Inc. The couple had a son, Adam Hunt, on May 10. The Gherings live in Gahanna, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

2000s

Erin Carpenter Weier, BS’00, is a nutrition support dietitian with Apria Healthcare, a home medical company in Lenexa, Kan. She lives in Shawnee, Kan., with her husband, Greg, BS’00. “[I am] enjoying Kansas City Alumni Chapter events,” she writes. “[I] recently welcomed [my] second child — Amelia is 3, and Graham was born in October [2007].”

“I became a business manager at Sherwin Williams within one year of graduation from IUB, due to my excellent education at the Kelley School of Business,” writes Sarah E. Bloemer Day, BS’04. “My district manager considers me to be on an unusually fast track.” Day works in Madison, Ind., and lives in North Vernon.

Jason D. Russ, BS’06, is pursuing a medical degree at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis. He lives in Leo, Ind.
Alumna spotlight

Lori D. Pearson, MA’00
Holland-Parlette Assoc.

1. What was your major and year of graduation?
SPEA – Non Profit Management, 2000

2. What was your position and what years were you involved in the Student Alumni Association?
1997-2000. I can’t officially recall the names (getting too old, I guess) but I know that I was VP of Special Events and University Relations and held director positions before that!

3. Why did you join the Student Alumni Association? As an alumna, do you see benefits from your participation?
I joined to meet people and a more diverse crowd! Of course, the experiences I had with SAA helped shaped who I am today, from never meeting a stranger to helping me decide my career path.

4. What is your favorite memory from IU?
My favorite memory of IU is Commencement. I was lucky enough to be part of the platform party for my December graduation, and I remember looking out at a sea of black robes and various colored tassels.

5. What do you miss most from IU?
How pretty campus is!

6. Do you have any advice for current and future Student Alumni members?
Be adventurous and take advantage of all IU and her campus have to offer!

TOP 5 Ways Your Membership Makes IU Stronger

- **Creates a global alumni network**
  More than 100 chapters worldwide offer alumni opportunities to network with fellow alumni and serve Indiana University.

- **Keeps alumni informed about IU**
  Membership supports the *Indiana Alumni Magazine*; the IUAA e-newsletter and Web site; and school, campus, and chapter communications.

- **Provides scholarships for students**
  The IU Alumni Association has awarded more than $3 million in scholarships to students on all IU campuses.

- **Connects alumni through programs and services**
  IUAA’s continuing education and travel programs, online alumni directory, career services, and events connect alumni and friends to IU and each other.

- **Supports international outreach**
  The IUAA assists the university in furthering the international scope of IU and works with IU to assist students with opportunities to travel and study abroad.

*Membership Matters. Join or renew today at alumni.indiana.edu.*
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