



A letter from the president

Hello! As president of the Student Alumni Association, I want to welcome you to the *SAA Chronicle*. I will be a senior this fall, with a double major in finance and accounting. I have been involved with SAA since my freshman year at IU. My past roles with the organization include director of events, director of



Maggie Brozio

membership, and vice president of internal relations.

I am extremely excited about the upcoming year for SAA. Our Committee of the Whole (COW) is made up of a very motivated and fun group of

individuals. We will get together at our annual fall retreat to brainstorm ways to make SAA successful during the school year.

One of my goals for the year is to make the Student Alumni Association more well known on campus. We are one of the school's oldest student organizations, and I believe that our name should be recognizable to all students. With the creation of a director of public relations, I

would love for our name to become as recognizable as IUSF or SAB.

Another focal point is to increase the range of students who belong to the Student Alumni Association. The IUAA represents all walks of student life on campus, and thus the Student Alumni Association should as well.

After being involved with SAA for as long as I have been at IU, I am very excited to take on the role of president. I love all aspects of our organization: the students, the staff, the alumni, and the events that we put on for the university. I have many ideas for how we can increase our active membership this year, and I look forward to undertaking the challenge!

I will graduate in May 2004, and as of right now I plan to go into public accounting. I also plan to sit for the CPA exam soon after graduation. That doesn't seem like it will come soon enough, but I am definitely going to enjoy my senior year at IU. Please keep in touch with us; I would love to hear from SAA alumni!

— Maggie Brozio



SAA, IUAA student members unite

To help eliminate confusion and a growing recognition problem, IUAA and SAA leaders have decided to merge the two student groups into one. Beginning this June, SAA is a dues-paying student organization with a \$10 annual fee.

The benefits of membership include an SAA member discount card with savings at 18 area restaurants and retailers, an SAA T-shirt, invitations to special events, eligibility for monthly prizes, and access to the IU alumni online directory.

There are currently 90 SAA members and more than 2,300 IUAA student members. Students who are interested in volunteering at SAA events are welcome to participate without becoming dues-paying members. The format is similar to the structure of IU alumni clubs around the world.

SAA welcomes new adviser

On Jan. 21 Sondra Inman began work as the IUAA's director of student programs. "I really like working with student leaders, and I really like event planning," Inman says. At her previous position as assistant director of the College of Arts and Sciences Placement Office, she also spent much time with students.

Inman says her first task is to build relationships with student leaders to determine their goals. She says she will also work to get more students actively involved in the Student Alumni Association, and she will search for funds to resume the LeaderShape program.

She replaces Scott Siegel, BA'92, who spent nearly four-and-a-half years with the IUAA before moving in December to Milwaukee, where his wife, Sally (Ritzler) Siegel, BA'93, accepted a position with Hanson Dodge advertising agency.

Inman earned her bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Ball State University. She and her husband, Todd Inman, BS'01, have a daughter, Raegan, who turned 3 in April. The Inmans live in Bloomington.

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SAC/SAA Alumni Reunion set for Oct. 10-11!

Spend Homecoming weekend with your old friends. For complete details, link to "SAC/SAA Reunion" from the SAA home page at www.indiana.edu/~saa.

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For more information on SAA activities, please visit the Web site at www.indiana.edu/~saa.

If you would like to receive the monthly SAA e-newsletter, please send e-mail to Sondra Inman at seinman@indiana.edu. She will add you to the listserv.



From the adviser

Since joining the IUAA in January, I have had the pleasure of working with a committed and talented group of students. With many spring events already in the works, I got to see the Special Events team coordinate another successful Student-Alumni Career Day. More than 24 alumni met with 63 students during 11 career panels. Feedback from all who participated was excellent. If you are interested in being a



Sondra Inman

part of the 2004 Student-Alumni Career Day, please contact Mark Warner, SAA vice president for special events, at mwarner@indiana.edu.

A new program was brought to SAA this year: With the help of the IUAA marketing and membership staff, we hosted our first IU class ring ceremony. Each student receiving a ring was personally congratulated by IUAA Vice President John Laskowski and IUB Chancellor Sharon Stevens Brehm. This year the Member Relations area of SAA will take an even larger role in the marketing of the class ring program and planning the ceremony.

The University Relations area experienced a whirlwind spring. They collected more than 850 ballots for the Student Choice Awards. During the Spring Recognition Banquet, the winners were recognized, along with eight IUAA Scholars and five Elvis J. Stahr Distinguished Award recipients.

The spring semester ended with a bang. A strong spring storm kicked off Senior Salute, but the rain did not dampen the spirits of hundreds of students who attended. SAA volunteers quickly ushered the crowd inside, and the Dave and Rae Band barely missed a beat before beginning their performance in the Kelley Dining Room at the DeVault Alumni Center. This year's grand prizes included a lifetime membership to the IUAA and an IU clas ring. It was definitely a memorable afternoon for all who attended!

I look forward to the SAA fall 2003 activities and events and am continually impressed with the students who make up this organization. I am also impressed with the level of commitment that the IUAA has devoted to SAA and the development of our student leaders.

— Sondra Inman

SAA places third in Dance Marathon

During the 2002–03 school year, SAA placed third in money raised among student organizations for Dance Marathon, which benefits Riley Children's Hospital. In the spring, SAA was awarded first place at Spirit of Sport, raising more money for Special Olympics than any other student organization.

Additionally, SAA members volunteer weekly at the Community Kitchen and communicate monthly with pen pals at a local elementary school.



Herald-Times, Chris Howell

Brad Snyder "plunges" for Special Olympics during Spirit of Sport. SAA raised more than \$500 and sponsored four members for the Polar Bear Plunge.

We bid a fond farewell to SAA secretary

After five years of serving as departmental secretary for the Student Alumni Association, Margaret Hamilton-Williams has accepted a new position with IUAA as senior office services assistant. Margaret will be working with Eric Behrman and alumni clubs around the nation. We wish Margaret the best in her new position and are happy she will still be in the building. In December, Margaret completed her degree with a bachelor of science in general studies and concentrations in criminal justice, sociology, and SPEA. Margaret and her 6-year-old daughter, Whitney, live in Ellettsville.

Meet SAA's graduate assistant

Hi! My name is Tara Sherwin, and I am the graduate assistant for the Student Alumni Association. I am originally from beautiful Agoura Hills, Calif., a suburb just north of Los Angeles, and I received my bachelor's degree in English from Texas Christian University in May 2002. While at TCU, I worked extensively with New Student Orientation, my Greek chapter, and Student Foundation, an organization very similar to SAA.

My wonderful experiences in working with and helping students inspired me to attend graduate school, and I am now pursuing my master's degree in higher education and student affairs at IU. When I graduate next May, I hope to work in New Student Orientation at a small, private school in California.

Working with SAA has been wonderful. The students, the activities, and the interaction with IU alumni make every day a fun, new adventure, and I can't wait to see what next year will bring!



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Tara Sherwin

Committee notebook

Internal Relations

Leading the Internal Relations area for the 2003–04 year is Andrea Linton from Lebanon, Ind. Andrea is a speech and hearing sciences major and will be applying for graduate school and speech-language pathology programs in the fall. She has been involved in SAA for three years and served as director of community service for two years.

Rounding out the IR team are Holly Johnson, director of membership; Kate Eder, director of communication; Jamie Stone, director of public relations; and Amber Zehner, director of philanthropy.

This year, IR will host a number of activities aimed at bringing members in and their potential leadership skills out.

From decorating the SAA float for the Homecoming parade, to several philanthropic events and projects, including Dance Marathon, and various social events, IR's objectives are to keep members *connected, informed, and involved*.

Leadership Development

Vice President D'Andre May, along with directors Becky Junokas (fall semester), Brad Snyder (spring semester), and Jen Gurchiek have taken over this newly defined area.

"Compassion, motivation, and responsibility are undoubtedly some of the key factors that will contribute to a successful executive board member, but equally relevant is a sense of direction and purpose," D'Andre, a business major from Grand Prairie, Texas, wrote in his executive board application.

Those factors will undoubtedly be important to the Leadership Development area. Due to multiple funding issues, the LeaderShape program was cancelled for this summer. SAA supported four COW members in attending the national LeaderShape program in Allerton, Ill. Fund-raising efforts are currently under way, and the Leadership Development team will be working to identify potential partners both on campus and in the nonprofit and corporate sectors. By this December, our goal is to have secured commitments from 72 participants and to have locked up \$30,000 in funding to reinstate LeaderShape IU in 2004.

In addition to a major focus on

LeaderShape, D'Andre's team will coordinate SAA's participation in intramurals and inform the group on campus events, retreats, and other opportunities to develop leadership skills.

Member Relations

Sarah Bloemer, from North Vernon, Ind., is vice president of Member Relations. Sarah is studying business management in the Kelley School of Business. After graduation in May 2004, she plans to attend law school to pursue a career as a corporate legal adviser or to practice corporate and commercial law.

Involved in the Student Alumni Association for the past two years, Sarah held leadership roles as director of



Celebrating the sun after a stormy beginning to Senior Salute are, from left, Becky Junokas, Jen Gurchiek, and Adam Basey.

programming for Student Memberships and Biography and interview chair for the Student Choice Awards.

Also part of the Member Relations team are Rachel Tudor, director of programming, and Abby Brammer, director of fund raising.

This upcoming year will be very exciting and different due to changes within the structure of the Student Alumni Association. The Member Relations area was added to the organization to better serve the overall purpose. Plans are to continue the SAA member discount card sales at SAA-sponsored functions. This year Member Relations will be in charge of the biannual Finals Survival Kit fund-raiser and will begin taking part in the class ring sales and ceremony.

"I applied for the Executive Board position for SAA because I am highly motivated to continue the excellent impact of the program on the university," says Sarah. Her goals for the 2003–04 academic year are to increase participa-

tion in SAA events by selling more membership cards and attracting students to fun new events, to continue engaging in the activities that were successful in the past, and to significantly increase the number of class ring sales.

Special Events

The Special Events area is being led by Vice President Mark Warner, a SPEA public management and government relations major from Shelbyville, Ind. Previously, Mark had leadership roles as director of faculty relations for LeaderShape and as director of correspondence and competitions in Special Events. Working with Mark in the Special Events area are Adam Basey, Kim McClain, Adam Russ, and Michelle Warble. They plan to make Homecoming a great success.

A major focus in their goals is increasing student participation. They want to reach out to all student organizations, dorms, groups, and associations, as well as the community. They also hope to increase participation in Yell Like Hell, the Homecoming parade, and other Homecoming activities.

"I think that with my recent internship in Washington, D.C., and my previous leadership and work experiences it will help

me work together with this year's executive board to make SAA the best that it can be and for it to grow," says Mark. His goals are for SAA to increase student membership and to expand resources.

After graduation, Mark hopes to stay around the Indianapolis area. He is interested in a career in public government and management and would like to get involved with a community or economic development corporation.

University Relations

Laura Schuster is a junior from Fishers, Ind., majoring in education. Laura has been involved in SAA for two years, and last year she took on a director position before applying for the executive board. She will be the vice president of university relations for the upcoming year.

Directors for the University Relations team include Diana Crooks, director of
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events; Jason Russ, director of promotions; and Stephanie Wilson, director of hosting.


University Relations is an area that keeps busy throughout the year. In the fall, UR sponsors many hosting events. Stop by the DeVault Alumni Center before every home football game for free food during Big Red Warm-Ups! UR also hosts the 50-year I-Men reunion during Homecoming weekend. In the spring, UR and SAA will hold the annual Student Choice Awards. Students can nominate their favorite professor, and the winners are recognized at the Spring Recognition Banquet. The biggest spring event for SAA falls under UR's wing — Senior Salute, traditionally held the week before finals. It will be a busy year, but the University Relations team is ready to get started!



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