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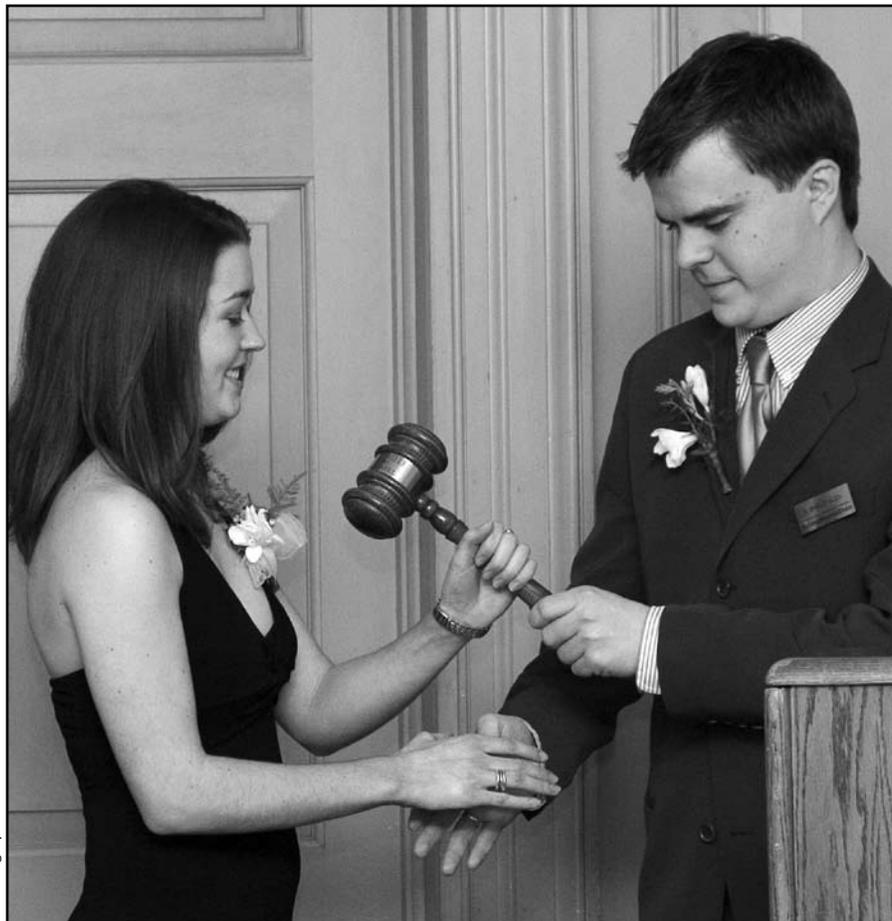
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## 2007 Union Board of Directors looks to the future

"I as a member of the Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors, do pledge to maintain and promote the interests of Indiana University and its students; to constantly strive for greater unity and cooperation among all students through excellent programming; and to retain the Union's position as a respected contributor to the establishment and maintenance of high educational, social, and cultural standards for the university."

This traditional pledge of commitment, taken by each incoming Union Board director, unites the generations of students that have served the Union and the university during their time on the board. On Jan. 19, the 2007 Union Board of Directors began their year long term. The 2006 Union Board of Directors, IMU staff, and honored guests joined the celebration as the new board accepted the challenge of building on the traditions and legacies of UB.

Among the evening's highlights were remarks by keynote speaker Winston Shindell, former executive director of the Union. He shared some of the lessons he learned during his tenure at the Union and spoke to the im-



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2006 Indiana Memorial Union Board President Bradley Allen passes the George E. Gill memorial gavel to incoming President Sarah McDonough.

portance of honesty and being an advocate for students and the Union. He asked that the 2007 board take interest and action in the operations of the university.

Bradley Allen, 2006 president, talked about the challenges and successes of the past year. As he recapped the achievements of the 2006 board, he also thanked IMU staff for their constant support of the students. On behalf of the board, he wished

Union Executive Director **Loren Rullman**, MS'89, the best as he begins his new job at the University of Michigan. Allen then presented the George E. Gill ceremonial gavel to 2007 President Sarah McDonough.

McDonough then introduced and installed the 2007 Union Board of Directors. The 2007 installation was an exciting evening of celebration and new beginnings.

— Emma Cullen

### Save the date

Join us for our  
35th Biennial Reunion,  
Nov. 16–18.  
We look forward  
to seeing you.

## Dear Union Board Alumni,

On Jan. 19, the 98th Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors was installed and began working on continuing the tradition of the IMU. The board remains one of the most professional and prestigious organizations on campus.

This year's board has a mix of old and new faces. Six of the directors served on the 2006 board. The remaining 10 directors have cultivated their leadership skills by working with other student organizations, residence hall associations, and the Greek Life Department, and they bring a myriad of perspectives to the board. Proud of the history that has been left for us, we, however, understand Union Board constantly evolves and rediscovers its legacy for future IU students.

Some programming highlights since the last newsletter include:

- a lecture by former Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak;
- concerts by Ben Folds and Wilco;
- after several decades, a return to the tradition of Miss Indiana University — 2006 Miss IU Betsy Uschkrat won the Miss Indiana title and competed in the Miss America Pageant;
- a gay-marriage debate between Glenn Stanton and John Corvino;
- a poetry reading and spoken-word performance by Saul Williams;
- the IU College Comedy Festival, a weekend of comedy shows by both local and regional acts;
- and a screening for the PRIDE Film Festival.

IU has always been a place where students can develop as leaders and future professionals. UB and the IMU have always appreciated the significant commitment the university has made to us. IU Bloomington Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs **Richard McKaig's** (EdD'82) endless support for student leaders and student initiatives is invaluable. We are fortunate to have administrators like him who continue the legacy of enabling student leadership. With the climate of the university continually evolving and changing, just as the students do, the 2007 board faces many challenges in this term.

Over the past 10 years, the IMU has felt the impact of university financial adjustments. These changes have been manageable because of outstanding strategic planning and execution by all IMU staff. Unfortunately, the IMU has reached its threshold: The annual, incremental declining support from the university is no longer sustainable. UB and the IMU are grateful for the guidance of administrators, like Dean McKaig, who have provided valuable insight and support during the university's current re-evaluation of funding priorities.

The board is ready to continue the mission John Whittenberger left us so many years ago. We look forward to connecting with our alumni association as much as possible throughout the year. It's your continued support that helps us continue the tradition of the IMU.

The 2007 board is honored to continue the traditions of this 98-year organization. We also recognize the support of our loyal alumni, and we thank you.

Sincerely,



Sarah McDonough  
President, 2007 Indiana Memorial Union Board



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## State of the Union

This past December, **Loren Rullman**, MS'89, announced that he would be leaving Indiana University. He has accepted the position of associate vice president of student affairs at the University of Michigan. Rullman demonstrated his affection for the Indiana Memorial Union throughout his two and a half years as the executive director of the Union, working tirelessly right up to his last day and bringing closure to several important projects he spearheaded during his time at the IMU. I hope you will join me in wishing Rullman the best at the University of Michigan.

In April, a national search began to recruit a new executive director. I have been asked to serve as the interim executive director, with the goal of having a new director on board by August.

The IMU family has been busy this past year, and I am pleased to update you on some of the accomplishments and challenges that we face.

- We invested \$400,000 into renovations to the Whittenberger Auditorium by replacing the seating, carpet, sound system, and projection screens, and improving the acoustical quality of the auditorium.
- We received a gift designated to update the movie projector and add an LCD projector that will enhance the Union Board's films program.
- We invested \$250,000 into opening a Starbucks Coffee in the IMU Gallery space on the first floor near Alumni Hall in November. We hope to add some outdoor seating this spring to further enhance this part of the building.
- Due to the Starbucks renovation, IU Outdoor Adventures moved from the first floor to a new home on the mezzanine level near the Back Alley and Commons, giving IUOA more visibility.
- Our long-term relationship with University Information Technology Services, providing computer support in the IMU, ended this year. With tight budgets throughout the university, UITS consolidated this service into one location within the Herman B Wells Library. The IMU will be challenged to replace the income from UITS's lost rent.
- In January, we completed the IMU strategic plan for 2007 to 2012, identifying eight major goals and objectives to guide our efforts for the next five years.
- UB passed a motion to support our request for a modest student fee to help offset some of the direct costs in supporting student life at the IMU, such as student-organization office space. The request went before IU's Committee for Fee Review in February.

Like other campuses across the country, IU is experiencing decreasing support from the state level, coupled with increasing demands on higher education. With the increase in pressure, campuses are looking for ways to fund their academic missions while keeping tuition increases at acceptable levels. With our continued facility needs and in keeping the Union relevant to student life on campus, our biggest challenge is securing financial stability as funds are redirected to the academic mission. One of our strategic priorities is to "decrease over-reliance upon hospitality revenues," which are subject to the economy as well as outside competition. Over the past three years, we have seen increased occupancy in the hotel, offsetting reduced campus support of the IMU and reduction in rent incomes. However, during the current year, with increased competition in the local hotel market and with the opening of three new hotels in Bloomington, we are experiencing a reduction in hotel occupancy and its associated income, which emphasizes our need for a stable financial base. We will continue to work with the campus administration and the students to secure a stable financial base in order to carry on the rich traditions of the IMU.

We look forward to seeing you this fall at the Biennial Reunion during IU-Purdue football weekend, Nov. 16-18. You will be receiving registration information later in the year.



Thom Simmons  
Interim Executive Director of the Indiana Memorial Union

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# 2006 Union Board Scholarships

- *Claude Rich Open Scholarship*: Meg Reynolds and Cory Szybala
- *Milton "Jobb" Fineberg Scholarship*: Scott Carrico
- *Rosemary V. Tanner Scholarship*: Emma Cullen and Sarah McDonough
- *Union Board Alumni Scholarship*: Brad Allen and Amanda Prager
- *Edward J. Pinto Committee Member Scholarship*: Kelli Zimmerman
- *Robert H. Shaffer Senior Service Award*: Blaire Berman
- *John Whittenberger Society Outstanding Committee Member Scholarship*: Andy Goheen, Clayton Johnson, Jessica McCreight, Hana Ros, Adam Soiref, Melissa Troyer, and Danielle Trynoski



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*Rosemary V. Tanner Scholarship recipients Sarah McDonough, left, and Emma Cullen, right, with the award's namesake*



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*ABOVE — Claude Rich Open Scholarship recipients Meg Reynolds, left, and Cory Szybala, right, with John Hobson, COO and senior vice president of the IUAA*

*AT RIGHT — Union Board Alumni Scholarship recipients Amanda Prager, left, and Brad Allen, right, connect with John Whittenberger Society President Brent Pieper*



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## 2006 Union Board — an unforgettable year

The 2006 Union Board brought extraordinary programs to campus. In addition to those covered in President Sarah McDonough's letter on page 2, highlights also included:

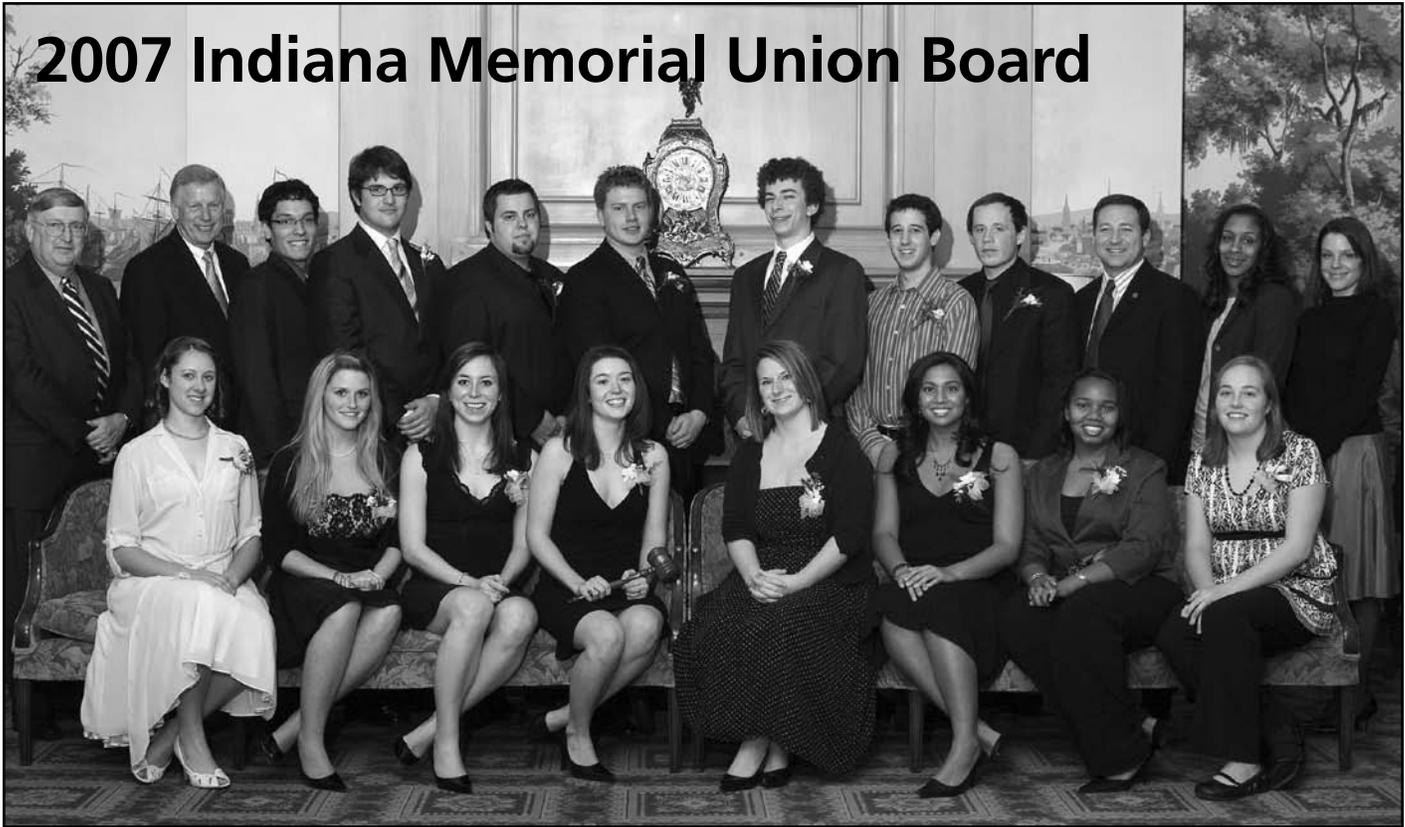
- a lecture by Middle East scholar Reza Aslan;
- live music in the Union with programs, such as Lunchbreaks and NOISE;
- 21st annual Live from Bloomington project;
- an unprecedented number of sneak previews;
- second annual IU College Comedy Festival;
- a midnight breakfast during finals week;
- the fall musical *Once on This Island*;
- 10th anniversary of our creative arts publication, *Canvas*; and
- the "Art of Kissing."



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*The 2006 Union Board directors met with former Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak at the reception before his lecture. He served as prime minister from 1999 to 2001 and spoke on modern day's fight against terrorism, as well as his involvement in the Camp David 2000 Summit.*

# 2007 Indiana Memorial Union Board



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**2007 Indiana Memorial Union Board** — Seated, from left, are: **Dani Trynoski**, comedy; **Lauren Douglass**, spirits and traditions; **Rachael Tunick**, performing arts; **Sarah McDonough**, president; **Amanda Prager**, vice president for membership; **Hana Ros**, lectures; **Kelli Zimmerman**, diversity performance; and **Allison Conway**, public relations. Standing, from left: Dean **Richard McKaig**, administrative representative; **Thom Simmons**, IMU interim executive director; **Alfonso Lerma**, Canvas; **Michal Jander**, design; **Franc Perrelle**, seminars and events; **Dashiell Voorhees**, films; **Aaron Mervis**, videography; **Adam Sorief**, concerts; **Andy Goheen**, Live from Bloomington; **Corbin Smyth**, IMU assistant director of activities and events; **Tari Wimbley**, program coordinator; and **Becky Porter**, program coordinator. Not pictured: **Scott Carrico**, vice president for programming; and **Amanda Murray**, alumni representative.

## 2007 Mission Statement

*Striving to provide quality programming for the Indiana University community, as students working for students.*

## Union Board welcomes new graduate-student advisers

Sarah Douglas and Dustin Peterson are the newest additions to the Union Board staff.

Douglas, of Nashville, Tenn., received a BA in psychology from the University of Tennessee. She minored in business.

Douglas was a part of her campus programming board while at the University of Tennessee, where she helped plan homecoming and other large events each year. She was also chair of the Ambassador Scholars, which give campus tours; a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority; an orientation leader; a member of the Mortar Board Na-

tional College Senior Honors Society; and a participant in dance marathon.

As a graduate adviser, she advises the public relations and the spirits and traditions committees, and she has a practicum of 10 hours a week at IUB's Office of Orientation Programs. Douglas says she is "really enjoying the relationships that I am building with the students throughout my time at IU."

Peterson, of Dallas, received a BS in communications from Brigham Young University in Idaho.

After graduation, Peterson worked in pub-

lic relations for the corporate world, but he found that it did not really suit him and that working with students was his real passion. After spending two years in business, he decided to return to school to pursue a master's degree and a doctoral degree in higher education and student affairs.

Currently in his first year of master's degree study, Peterson is enjoying his time with Union Board while advising the Canvas and comedy committees. Peterson has settled in Bloomington with his wife, Samye, and their daughter.

## Union Board Alumni,

One of the gratifying rewards of serving on the John Whittenberger Society Board is watching student leaders grow through their Union Board experiences. Scholarship administration has been an important agenda item for the JWS board, and thanks to the investment of financial gifts by you, nine UB committee members and seven directors received scholarships totaling \$20,750. This scholarship amount includes two **Claude Rich**, BA'29, scholarships from the Indiana University Alumni Association. Thank you IUAA. The applications and interviews reflected tremendous commitment to student programming success. Thank you to all of our donors who give so generously to UB scholarships each year. Your gifts truly make an impact.

The second agenda item for the JWS board is to prepare for the 2007 Biennial Reunion and 2009 Centennial Reunion. Although it is a few years out, plans are already under way for a grand celebration of the 100th birthday.

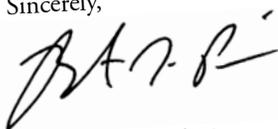
It will be a time for reflection and renewal for the Indiana Memorial Union. Attentive due-diligence for maximizing financial resources has led to a decline in support from the IU general budget during the past 10 years. The IMU has been able to absorb the changes without compromising quality, but now it needs appropriations to drift the other direction. I am confident a request will be given thorough consideration for one of the country's most revered college unions — and arguably a cornerstone of IU. As the IMU board approaches this significant centennial anniversary, the timing is right to ratify its mission for the 21st century.

Another goal the JWS board has for 2007 is to expand our "alumni link" at the UB Web site ([www.imu.indiana.edu/things\\_to\\_do/union\\_board/whittenberger.shtml](http://www.imu.indiana.edu/things_to_do/union_board/whittenberger.shtml)). If you would be interested in assisting with a coordination plan for collecting photos, alumni updates, announcements, and anything else that might be enjoyable for our alumni, please contact the UB office at (812) 855-4682.

Finally, a search for the next executive director of the IMU and IU Auditorium will continue in the next several months. The JWS will have representation on the committee. Thank you to **Loren Rullman**, MS'89, for his leadership and direction.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November at the next Biennial Reunion.

Sincerely,



Brent Pieper, BA'97  
President  
John Whittenberger Society



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# Alumni Notebook

**C. Edward Hixon**, BS'38, UB 1937, is retired and living in Indianapolis. He worked for Eli Lilly and Co. for 38 years, retiring in 1978 as director of personnel for sales and marketing at the company's U.S. operation. Hixon spent 20 years with Lilly International. For seven years, he lived abroad as general manager of Lilly Columbia, then of Lilly Mexico.

Professor Emeritus **Herb F. Reinhard Jr.**, EdD'65, was the graduation speaker at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. He recently moved from Tallahassee, Fla., to Alpharetta, Ga.

Rev. **David S. Handley**, BA'70, UB 1968–69, has ministered for 25 years at First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Ill.

**Margo H. Doyne Goodin**, BA'72, UB 1972, is now Margo Saunders, following her marriage in Canberra, Australia. Her husband is George Saunders.

**John R. Talley**, BA'82, JD'85, UB 1981–82, is president of ProLiance Energy in Indianapolis. From 1983 to 1985, Talley was the governor-appointed student member of the IU Board of Trustees. Talley and his wife, Lesa (McDaniel), BSN'81, JD'85, live in Franklin, Ind.

In August 2006, **Trena L. Depel**,

Cert/BA'95, UB 1993–94, planned to start the Sloan master's program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business in California. She has served as director of regulatory and clinical affairs for Sanarus Medical in Pleasanton, Calif., and she lives in San Francisco.

**Lakshmi D. Hasanadka**, BS'97, JD'03, UB 1996, assistant corporation counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, City of Indianapolis, was featured in *Indiana Lawyer* newspaper's new special section, "Leadership in Law," honoring lawyers who have made meaningful contributions to the profession.

**Shane L. Windmeyer**, MS'97, received the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award and the *Perspectives* Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors. Windmeyer founded and serves as coordinator of the Lambda 10 Project National Clearinghouse for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Fraternity & Sorority Issues. He is considered at the forefront of GLBT issues in higher education. He co-authored an article, "The Emergence of GLBT Issues in Fraternity and Sorority Life," that was published in the fall 2005 issue of *Perspectives*.

**Shaun R. Harper**, MS'00, PhD'03, is an assistant professor and research associate at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University. In 2005, he received an Emerging Scholar

Award from the American College Personnel Association.

**Justin M. Guild**, BS'03, UB 2000, is pursuing a master's degree in public relations from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and plans to finish this August.

**Ryan T. O'Connell**, BA'04, UB 2003, writes, "I am finishing my graduate work in student affairs at Florida State University and am excited about my first job search."

## Correction

It was mistakenly reported that **Richards D. Barger**, BS'50, UB 1949–50, attended UCLA Law School. He attended the University of Southern California School of Law. We apologize for the error.

## *In memoriam*

**Roy L. Lovell Jr.**

**May 23, 1943–Oct. 22, 2006**

The Indiana Memorial Union and Union Board said goodbye to a longtime friend when **Roy L. Lovell Jr.**, '67, died. He retired from the IMU as assistant director for administrative services in June 2006, after serving the Union for 30 years, and he is greatly missed. He is remembered by UB as a quiet and strong supporter of students. His time at the Union will not be forgotten.

## *Alumna spotlight*

### From Union Board to Broadway: Karen Walsh, BM/BS'97

With a past role in the production *Suddenly Last Summer* with Blythe Danner; a great experience in a version of *King Lear*; and now, with an appearance on Broadway in the well-received return of *Prelude to a Kiss*, with the likes of John Mahoney, Alan Tudyk, and Annie Parisse — Union Board alumna **Karen Walsh**, BM/BS'97, is a name to watch on the Broadway stage.

As a theater major at Indiana University, Walsh wanted all the theatrical experiences and opportunities that she

could. A friend brought her to UB, and she joined the performing arts committee. She not only enjoyed working on the committee, but she came to understand the full breadth of UB.

Walsh's time on the performing arts committee made her eager to be a director on the board, and she served as the 1995 director. Her experiences on the board provided her with important perspective on the "other side" of theater and also allowed her to branch out from the theater department and meet people she would

not have met otherwise. During her term, Walsh brought programs like the mystery dinner-theater, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and a touring children's theater.

After leaving Indiana, she took a detour on her way to New York with stops in San Francisco and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — but she always knew that she would end up in New York City. Though performing keeps her schedule full, she hopes to make it to a biennial reunion soon. In the meantime, you can see her on the Broadway stage.

Union Board and Union Board Film Series would like to thank **Christopher Klapheke**, BS'79, UB 1978-79, his wife, **Kathryn (Hood)**, MBA'02, Brown-Forman Corp., and friends of the Indiana Memorial Union – Union Board for their generous pledges to donate a 35mm projector system.

The current projector is more than 25 years old and, after serving the board's longest-running program for many years, is in need of retiring. The gift means a great deal to the students of UB.



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