

Whittenberger Society

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Julie Rowlas named honorary life member

The 2002 Union Board of Directors named former senior program coordinator Julie Rowlas the 18th honorary life member of the IMU. The announcement was made at the 2003 Installation Banquet on Jan. 24.

Rowlas graduated from IU with a bachelor of arts in English in 1991 and a master of science in college student personnel in 1993.

During her tenure with Union Board, Rowlas advised every committee, supervised graduate assistants, and collaborated with the Whittenberger Society Advisory Board in the area of development. Union Board directors and IMU staff remember Rowlas as a dedicated and trusted friend, mentor, and consummate professional who always put students first.

"Julie was an outstanding student advocate and took the development of students seriously," IMU executive



2002 President Amanda Murray, left, presented the 18th life membership to Julie Rowlas at the 2003 banquet.

director Winston Shindell said. "Because of all of the areas in which she worked and her constant push for

improvement in herself and others, she fully deserves the honor."

After joining the activities and events department in 1994, Rowlas became an ambassador of the IMU and Union Board to the university and college union communities. She served on numerous IU committees and on the Region 9 steering committee for the Association of College Unions International. Rowlas also served as the advisory board chair of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Beta chapter, for five years.

Rowlas left the IMU in the summer of 2001 to accept the position of executive director of development and operations for the IU Foundation's IUPUI office; however, she continues to provide solicited feedback, assistance, and advice to directors and staff despite her absence. Be sure to congratulate Julie Rowlas on her honorary life membership at the biennial reunion in November.

John Malkin attends retreat

When the 2003 board of directors arrived at Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Ind., to attend the John K. Malkin Leadership Retreat, an unfamiliar face was present amongst their advising staff. The face belonged to John Malkin (UB 1983-84).

Malkin endowed the annual retreat in 2000. "John wanted his support to be used in a way that would enhance the

training and preparation students receive to become a Union Board director," IMU executive director Winston Shindell said.

The John K. Malkin Leadership Retreat is vital to the success of Union Board. It serves as a time for new directors to become acclimated to history, policies, and procedures, and to
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Mark your calendars!

Join us for our
33rd Biennial Reunion

Nov. 21-23, 2003

We look forward to your visit to
Bloomington!



New IMU board of directors installed at banquet

The 2003 board of directors' term commenced with the annual Installation Banquet on Jan. 24. The 2002 board of directors, Indiana Memorial Union staff, and honored guests joined the 2003 board for the celebration in the Federal Room.

Keynote speaker Bruce Jacobs, vice chancellor for auxiliary services and programs, stressed the importance of Union Board to IU and encouraged the 2003 board to be good stewards of UB and the IMU.

IMU executive director Winston Shindell and IMU development coordinator Gene Fletchall were next at the podium, where they presented the Union Board Alumni, Milton J. Fineberg, Rosemary V. Tanner, and Claude Rich Open scholarships to deserving members of the 2002 board of directors.

The 2002 board received further recognition for their year of tremendous accomplishments from 2002 President Amanda Murray.

Murray then awarded to Julie Rowlas, former senior program coordinator, the 18th honorary life membership to the IMU. After receiving a standing ovation, Rowlas took a few moments to accept her honor.

2003 President Andrew Goldberg was then called upon to take the Oath of Service and receive the Gill Gavel from Murray.

Goldberg then offered the oath to the 2003 board.

The evening was emotional and exciting for all in attendance.



2003 President Andrew Goldberg receives the Gill Gavel from 2002 President Amanda Murray and takes the Oath of Service on Jan. 24.

Letter from the President

Dear Union Board Alumni:

Greetings from the 2003 board! I am proud to inform you that Union Board continues to be regarded as one of the most prestigious and respected organizations on campus. Highlights from the past year are indicative of our ongoing commitment to the IU campus community:

- The Comedy Committee continues to enjoy extraordinary success. This past year the Comedy Committee was responsible for bringing to campus big-name talent such as Jimmy Fallon, Jim Breuer, George Carlin, and Dustin Diamond, also known as "Screech" from television's "Saved by the Bell."
- The UB Concerts Committee has kept busy with a full lineup of major events. This year, the campus community enjoyed performances by Jewel, Guster, John Mellencamp, and Counting Crows.
- The UB Lectures Committee has maintained a full schedule over the past year as well. As a result of their efforts, IU students were able to attend presentations by Gloria Steinem, Spike Lee, Jane Elliott, Howard Zinn, and Nikki Giovanni.

I am proud to say that these highlights don't even scratch the surface! The 2003 board is honored to uphold the traditions of this 94-year-old institution. We also recognize the support of our loyal alumni, and we thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Goldberg
President

2003 Indiana Memorial Union Board



Lost SOUL statue found, will return to IMU garden

The evening of April 1, 2002, was a tumultuous time in Bloomington, Ind. Excitement turned to destruction after the Hoosiers fell (64-52) to Maryland in the championship game of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The effects of the vandalism perpetrated by disappointed fans were felt from Kirkwood Avenue to the IMU's backyard. SOUL, a bronze statue that served as a centerpiece of the enclosed garden behind the IMU, disappeared after IU's Final Four run. IU Police Department officials suspected a group of students stole the 200-pound statue as a "souvenir" of the night.

William Snapp, a sculptor from Fayette, Ind., donated SOUL to Indiana University in 1989.

SOUL, which stands for Search Of Universal Life, depicts a man reaching



The SOUL statue will be returned to its base in the IMU garden after a few minor repairs.

toward the sky, standing on top of the world with one foot on the United States and one foot on Russia. An inscription on one side of the sculpture's base explains the artist's vision: "This figure stands on earth in hope that the USA and USSR will

jointly endeavor to establish a worldwide ban against nuclear warfare in order to preserve the planet for future generations."

The IMU planned to recast the statue, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, as part of the garden renovation project.

Fortunately, a group of IU students discovered the statue in the woods of Cascades Park on Bloomington's north side. When the students' landlord identified SOUL as missing from the IMU, the students reported their finding to IUPD. SOUL was returned to the IMU on Feb. 14, 2003.

Winston Shindell, executive director, IMU/IU Auditorium, sent Tudor Room gift certificates and a letter of gratitude to the students who found SOUL.

The IMU leadership is pleased that the SOUL statue will continue to serve as a focal point of the garden for years to come.

IMU garden project features new landscaping

The IMU has gone through several changes over the past few years to enhance the aesthetics of the building and meet the needs of the IU community. One of the largest endeavors has been the renovation of the enclosed garden, located on the southeast side of the building.

Dubbed "the garden project," the renovation of the English-style garden to a more practical space began in November 2002. The new design moved the landscaping to the perimeter, allowing for a stone-covered space to be installed in the center of the garden.

"The new garden will be able to accommodate approximately 125 people," said IMU associate director Thom Simmons. "It will be perfect for outdoor receptions or lunches."

The renovated garden also serves as

a place to remember Liz Shindell, the late wife of IMU executive director Winston Shindell. Liz, who had a passion for gardening, died in 2001. Contributions were made in memory of

Liz for the garden project, and plants from the Shindells' personal garden were incorporated into the renovated garden. The garden project was completed in June.



Renovations on the IMU walled garden were completed in June.

A message from Vice Chancellor Bruce Jacobs

"Our film series looks as good as the IMU's," was a statement a student made to me over 25 years ago while I was working in student activities at a school in New York. I knew the student's comment was a compliment, but I did not have a full grasp of the



Bruce Jacobs

context. Soon after hearing the student's observation, I made my first visit to IU to attend a summer meeting of the Association of College Unions International. My wife and I stayed in the IMU hotel, dined in the Tudor and Federal Rooms, watched a lightning storm from the Solarium, and played games in the Back Alley. While I did not see a movie during my stay, I left knowing the student who had compared our program to the IMU had compared us to the gold standard of excellence in the college union field. At various stopping

points before arriving at IU in 1988, I had opportunities to visit many college unions and participate in their activities. Each time the gold standard that is the IMU was reinforced.

The opportunity to work directly with the IMU and its wonderful staff came to me a little over three years ago. The chancellor decided to combine Residential Programs and Services (Halls of Residence and Residence Life) — of which I was associate vice chancellor — with the IMU and a group of other auxiliary services. I was asked to spearhead this new organization, called Auxiliary Services and Programs (ASAP).

ASAP has evolved using a model very important to me and familiar to members of the IMU and Whittenberger Society. Each phase of its evolution has involved an active student staff partnership. Developing and agreeing upon a set of values and principles to guide the decision-making process was the first outcome of the student staff teams when they were

formed three years ago. The goal of ASAP is to connect its programs and services to the academic mission of IU.

It is important to ASAP that all members of its staff view themselves as educators who know that every interaction with another person is a chance to learn and a chance to teach. Our employees strive to serve as educators while providing first-rate programs and services to the IU campus.

Another stated goal in our strategic plan is to set a standard of excellence for auxiliary services across all IU campuses and the nation. I believe the gold standard of the IMU has been achieved in our other departments.

Since 1909 the IMU has been central to the welcoming atmosphere of Indiana University. For the past 21 years, Winston Shindell has been the person who has provided guidance and vision to the students and staff of the IMU. As many of you know, Winston will retire in the summer of 2004. The search process to fill the executive director position will begin in the fall semester of 2003. Advice and input will be sought from many people who are involved with the IMU. In addition, because the IMU is closely linked to the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), members of that organization will also be asked to inform the decision-making process. It is the goal of the search process to hire a new executive director by the middle of the spring semester of 2004.

I feel extremely privileged to be working with the Indiana Memorial Union and its fine staff. The IMU is a key component of ASAP. I would like to thank you, the members of the Whittenberger Society, for your support, which has enabled our staff to continue to educate and serve the students of IU.

Union Board welcomes new staff

Union Board directors and committee members are enjoying some new faces around the office. One of these faces belongs to Nicole Harris, UB's new senior program coordinator. Harris came from Eastern Michigan University to join the UB advising staff in the summer of 2002. She holds a bachelor of arts in English from Loyola University in Chicago and a master of science in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Harris admits that although she is proud to be part of "the legendary reputation of the IMU," her new position has posed some challenges.

"I am challenged by being new and advising someone when you don't know all of the answers yourself," she said. "There is a big learning curve."

Joining Harris as a newcomer are graduate assistants Susan Ashe, Sidney Bosley, and Sara Lane, who are graduates of Rhodes College, Indiana University, and Elmhurst College, respectively.

The IMU and Union Board welcome these additions to the advising staff.



Nicole Harris



Union Board Awards



The Whittenberger Society presents scholarships annually to Union Board directors and committee members who have excelled in both academic achievements and service to the board. The 2002 scholarships were presented at a committee member recognition evening and the 2003 Installation Banquet.

Union Board Alumni Scholarships

Three \$2,500 scholarships, made possible by contributions to the Union Board and Whittenberger Society endowment funds, from Union Board alumni and friends.

- J. Brian Balta, Live from Bloomington
- Megan Dalke, Advertising Committee
- Kevin Mogyoros, vice president for programming

Milton J. Fineberg Scholarship

One \$2,500 scholarship provided annually by the Milton J. Fineberg (UB 1935–36) Endowment.

- Amanda Murray, president

Rosemary V. Tanner Scholarships

Two \$2,500 scholarships presented annually to outstanding female directors. These scholarships are made possible by the Rosemary V. Tanner (UB 1955–1956) Endowment.

- Kelli Kleindorfer, Comedy Committee
- Mzilikazi Koné, Lectures Committee

Claude Rich Open Scholarship

One of five \$2,000 scholarships given to student leaders, from funds raised by the Claude Rich Open Golf Tournament held each February.

- Wm. Scott Dittmer, Marketing Committee



Recipients of the Union Board Alumni, Milton J. Fineberg, Rosemary V. Tanner and Claude Rich Open scholarships are, seated, from left: Megan Dalke, Kelli Kleindorfer, Mzilikazi Koné, and Amanda Murray; standing: IMU executive director Winston Shindell, Scott Dittmer, Kevin Mogyoros, and IMU development coordinator Gene Fletchall.

Shaffer Award

One \$500 scholarship presented to the outstanding senior committee member of the Union Board. This scholarship was established in 1958 in honor of Robert Shaffer, dean of students from 1955 to 1968.

- Ashley Sperzel, Marketing Committee

Edward J. Pinto Scholarship

One \$500 scholarship established by Edward J. Pinto (UB 1973–1974), presented to an outstanding committee member.

- Katherine Beyer, Debates and Issues Committee

Union Board Outstanding Committee Member Scholarships

Five \$500 scholarships made possible by an endowment established by Union Board alumni.

- Catherine Beechler, Films Committee
- Thomas Conor Larkin, Major Attractions Committee
- Jacob Rohn, Concerts Committee
- Lindsay Serrano, Lectures Committee
- Jessi Williams, Live from Bloomington

A record number of you responded to the annual giving campaign that helps to support these scholarships. Thank you for your generosity.

Retreat

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build relationships with each other.

At the 2003 retreat Malkin spent time with the new board, shared experiences, participated in activities, facilitated a session, and even spent the night at Waycross with the students and UB staff. Everyone in attendance at the retreat enjoyed Malkin's presence.

"John jumped right into the weekend with us," said Lydia Roll, 2003 lectures director. "He told us many funny stories about his time as a director. It was so much fun having him there."

It is safe to say that Malkin will be more than welcome at any future retreat he can attend.

A banner year: 2002 Union Board

The efforts of the 2002 Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors resulted in an extraordinary year of events. Here are a few of the highlights:

- fall musical *Chess*
- concerts by John Mellencamp and Counting Crows
- comedians Jimmy Fallon and Jim Breuer
- Spike Lee lecture
- forum on the death penalty
- weekend trip to Atlanta
- "Titanium Chef" competition
- sneak preview of *Red Dragon*
- poets Beau Sia and Mums
- 17th anniversary of the Live from Bloomington project
- appointment of an honorary life membership to Julie Rowlas

Mission Statement

We, the 2003 Indiana Memorial Union Board, will embrace the Indiana University community by:

- Providing educational, stimulating and entertaining programming that has a lasting positive impact on the IU community;
- Developing committee members to create the next generation of leaders;
- Actively recruiting diverse individuals and ideas, as well as seeking input from other IU organizations to help create diverse programs and opportunities for the IU campus; and
- Striving to maintain and enhance the traditions and heritage of the Indiana Memorial Union and Union Board.



Members of the 2002 IMU Board of Directors are, from left, seated: **Jessi Riley**, Films; **Kat Klick**, Performing Arts; **Mzilikazi Koné**, Lectures; **Nina Onesti**, vice president for membership; **Amanda Murray**, president; **Kevin Mogyoros**, vice president for programming; **Kelli Kleindorfer**, Comedy; and **Dr. Mellonee Burnim**, faculty representative. Standing: **Jessica Williams-Gibson**, Fine Arts; **Keegan Proudfoot**, Campus Community; **Winston Shindell**, IMU executive director; **Matt Ranochak**, Debates and Issues; **Megan Dalke**, Advertising; **Carlo Rouse**, Destinations; **Scott Dittmer**, Marketing; **Drew Goldberg**, Major Attractions; **Jennifer Parks**, office services coordinator; and **Corbin Smyth**, adviser. Not pictured: **J. Brian Balta**, Live from Bloomington; **Adam Blake**, Concerts; Dean **Richard McKaig**, administrative representative; **Lisa Browar**, alumni representative (spring); and **Walter Lamble**, alumni representative (fall).

Welcome, 2003 IMU Board of Directors



Members of the 2003 IMU Board of Directors are, from left, seated: **Cory Buckner**, Road Trips; **Libby Lewis**, Debates and Issues; **Jessi Williams**, Live from Bloomington; **Mzilikazi Koné**, vice president for membership; **Andrew Goldberg**, president; **Dietrich Willke**, vice president for programming; **Mellonee Burnim**, faculty representative; and **Corbin Smyth**, adviser. Standing: **Adam Hitchcock**, Comedy; **Lydia Roll**, Lectures; **Amy Wanninger**, Student Voice; **Seth Zimmerman**, Major Attractions; **Jake Rohn**, Concerts; **Winston Shindell**, IMU executive director; **Ryan O'Connell**, Films; **Ronnie Houchin**, Fine and Performing Arts; **Jeremy Morris**, Bridging the Gap; **Claire Tramm**, Marketing; and **Scott Wilson**, Advertising. Not pictured: Dean **Richard McKaig**, administrative representative; and **Walter Lamble**, alumni representative.



Union Board Alumni Notebook



Before 1960

Louis A. Grieger Jr., BA'38, writes, "I'm 86 and still active in business and Kiwanis." He lives in Phoenix.

Edward L. Hutton, BS'40, MS'41, LLD'92, received the Herman B Wells Visionary Award on Oct. 25, 2002, on the IU Bloomington campus. He is chair of Chemed Corp. and of Omnicare Inc. He lives in Cincinnati.

Emil C. Beck, BS'42, lives with his wife, Betty, in a retirement community and summers at their home in the Great Northwoods of Pittsburg, N.H. He writes, "Indiana University draws me to come back to Indiana to visit not only memories of my family, but also of IU and its vibrant life."

Alan T. Nolan, BA'44, LLD'93, was recognized by the Indiana Historical Society as a "Living Legend" in July. He was elected both vice president of the NAACP's Indianapolis branch and a member of its Legal Redress Committee, serving as a volunteer attorney in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*. He lives in Indianapolis.

Harriet J. Inskip, BA'48, MA'55, organized "Tapestry, a Day for Women" with her daughter, Julia A. Inskip, BA'72, MSW'74. The annual daylong event, held on the IPFW campus, is for women to realize renewal, self growth, motivation, inspiration, and education. Inskip and her daughter both live in Fort Wayne, Ind.

1960s

Richard E. Woosnam, BS'64, JD'67, MBA'68, president of Invest Group

Inc., was elected to the IU Foundation board of directors. He lives in Philadelphia.

1970s

Lisa M. Browar, BA'73, MLS'78, is the university librarian at New School University in New York City. She is the former director of the Lilly Library and librarian for English and American literature.

Seth C. Levin, MS'75, of New York, married Amy Feinstein in May 2001.

J. Timothy Ewing, BM'78, recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as an actor in New York City. He spent the past year on tour with the Broadway production *Mamma Mia*.

1980s

Howard A. Hammersley, BS'84, of Glenview, Ill., is director of national accounts for Motts Inc. He and his wife, Tami, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lauren Olivia, in July 2002.

Cary A. Depel, BS'85, JD'89, an I-Man in wrestling, is general counsel and a main board director with Gerrard, the United Kingdom's largest private client stockbroker, fund manager, and private bank. He lives in London.

Maura S. Stefl, MS'86, writes, "After being gone more than 15 years from IU, my summer travels included a trip back with my husband, Greg; son, Zachary; and daughter, Hannah. We stayed at the IMU Hotel, where I had lived for a semester during my internship with Don Luse." She lives in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Carol L. Rayos, C BS'88, BA'90, married Miguel Angel Rayos on June 26, 2002. She is a master teacher in the Los Angeles area.

1990s

Jennifer A. Schatz, BA'91, MLS'94, is a reference and instruction librarian at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

Erin Confer-Staggers, MS'96, of Greencastle, Ind., is the assistant director of alumni relations at DePauw University.

Melanie Vuynovich, BAJ'96, moved to Australia to work and travel. She plans to travel and work around the world for one to two years.

2000s

Jim Palmieri, BA'01, is a marketing and IT analyst with Wawa Food Markets and is an MBA student at Villanova University. He lives in West Chester, Pa.

Correction:

Kenneth Myers (1948–49) was inadvertently omitted from the Indiana Memorial Union 90th anniversary commemorative book published in 1999. We apologize to Mr. Myers for this oversight.

Contact Jennifer Parks (jparks@indiana.edu), in the IMU Activities and Events Department, with any additional corrections.



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