



# The IMP Student Spring 2008

## What's up? SPRING BRINGS IMP JOY



This semester IMP is planning some incredible activities. First, we will be having a classic **Bowling and Pizza Night** on March 6 at 6 p.m. If you would like to participate, please e-mail [imp@indiana.edu](mailto:imp@indiana.edu).

IMP will be hosting the annual **End of the Year Celebration** at Tutto Bène on April 24. The evening is always a wonderful time to meet fellow IMPers and faculty, say goodbye to graduating seniors, and enjoy excellent food. Watch your e-mail for details later in the semester.



The **IMP graduation ceremony** will take place on May 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the IMU Frangipani Room. Watch your e-mail for more information.

## NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

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### T-shirts are in!

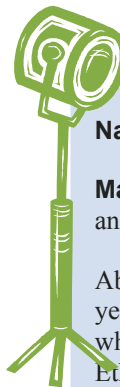
The new IMP T-shirts are here. They are FREE and will be available at all SAC events.

### Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines

Attention, seniors: final project deadlines are posted online. Good luck preparing your capstone projects!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Krissy Fries



**Name:** Abby Mack

**Major:** Ethnography and Fiction

Abby Mack is a third-year student in the IMP who is majoring in Ethnography and Fiction, which combines anthropology and creative writing. She was drawn to the IMP because of the opportunities it offered that are not always available to undergraduates in other majors. Specifically, Abby enjoys the freedom to design a major she is passionate about and the opportunities for one-on-one interaction with faculty, especially with her sponsors. She also appreciates that undergraduates can carry out serious ethnographic research and are encouraged to participate in study-abroad programs.



In fact, Abby recently returned from the Dominican Republic, where she was working on her senior project. She describes her project as “a collection of short stories, interviews, and ethnographic reports on women’s rights movements and domestic violence in the Dominican Republic, the United States, and South America.” Because she was involved in research that required her to get out in the community and be open and adventurous in her interactions with others, Abby felt that she was able to see parts of the culture that some other students in her study-abroad program missed out on. She also saw an improvement in her Spanish skills!

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# IMP Senior WINS National Award



## *From Press Release*

It was recently announced that IMP senior Claire Diedrich has won the 2008 Young Stage Manager Award from the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT). Diedrich is double majoring in stage management and theatre with an emphasis in design. She is the first person from IU to win a national USITT award.

The Young Stage Manager Award, sponsored by Clear-Com Communication Systems, carries a cash prize of \$1,000 and is given to “a young stage manager who has demonstrated excellence or outstanding potential in the area of stage management in the performing arts while pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.”

Originally from Arlington Heights, Ill., Diedrich has been pursuing stage management since middle school, when she started working behind the scenes on school plays. By high school, she had decided on stage management as a career, and selected IU as the best environment to facilitate her goals. She wasted no time, and in her sophomore year she already had moved from assisting stage managers to calling the shots on IU productions.

## IMP's New Web Site

IMP's student services assistant, Kristen Murphy, has been working diligently for several months to redesign the IMP Web site. On Feb. 1 the site was revealed with a fresh face.



Now you can access archived e-mails, necessary forms, news and events, and the e-mail addresses of your fellow IMPers and their sponsors. You can also read the profiles of several IMP students. Check it out! A+ Kristen!

## Shortz Came to Town



On Nov. 1 IMP students and faculty had the opportunity to chat with IMP alum and *New York Times* crossword editor Will Shortz, who was in town to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

### **Abby Mack, continued**

In addition to her research and travel, Abby enjoys painting, hiking, running, and reading. She has this to say about her experience in IMP: “The IMP is an amazing opportunity, and I would suggest it to anyone who wants to challenge themselves and get the most out of what IU has to offer.”

### **WANT THE SAC TO DO SOMETHING?**

**E-mail us at [imp@indiana.edu](mailto:imp@indiana.edu).**

**Check out the IMP Web site and stay on top of current events and deadlines!**

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