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IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association formed

In April 2006, a small group of IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni (formerly known as the IMU Outfitters) met in Bloomington to form an interim board of directors for the IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association. The formal goal of the association is to maintain a connection with IUOA alumni and to support current students through sponsorship of projects and programs that promote and support the activities of IUOA and Indiana University.

David Calvin, MS'95; Rob Holman, BA'97; Tom Mathews, BS'96; Rick Mathys, BS'96; Karen Hesselman, BS'01; Cathy Taylor, MA'96; and Whitney York, BS'99, met throughout the week-end to create a formal constitution and bylaws and to become acquainted with IU Alumni Association programs and representatives.

A main function of the association is to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to create an endowed scholarship to be awarded each year to an IU Bloomington student. The annual award will be given to honor the spirit of the IUOA program and to promote the ideals of community service and



Katie Vernon climbs a Red River gorge.

volunteerism that past and present members of IUOA possess. The IUOAA board will grant the scholarship each year, and the recipient will be invited to sit on the board as the student representative.

Rob Holman, BA'97, interim president, comments, "When Cal, Tom

Mathews, and I were reunited at Ryan Bullerdick's [BS'96] untimely funeral last year, we were inspired to find a way to keep in touch with our friends we met through the IMU Outfitters [now IUOA]. We all seemed far too young to be dependent upon a funeral of a good friend to get together. Through this organization, we hope other alumni will again become involved in the IUOA and that current students will remain involved."

Karen Hesselman, BA'01, interim Outreach Committee chair, adds, "I imagine that most people have lost touch with friends, co-workers, and trip leaders through the years. This association is a great way to rekindle those memories and to reconnect to our IU roots and the outdoors." She continues, "If the meeting in April is any indication of things to come, it was a great time catching up with Cal and spending time with the other interim board members — most of whom I had never met before. It didn't matter, though. We all had similar stories to tell and the same laughs to share. I hope other IUOA alumni will be a part of this association and will support this venture."

First Annual IUOA Alumni Reunion

Stay tuned for updates and photos from the first Annual IUOAA Alumni Reunion Weekend during Homecoming, Oct. 26–28, 2006.



From Cal's tent

Outdoor Adventures moves to new home

Greetings one and all! It has been some time since we have had a newsletter, so here is an update on the IU Outdoor Adventures Program. We hope to have an IUOA alumni Web site where you can read regular updates in the near future, so stay tuned.

It has been a wonderful and trying summer here at IU Bloomington. The IMU is undergoing some significant renovations, and IU Outdoor Adventures has been a primary part of the plans. The Activities Desk has been closed down and removed to make way for a Starbucks. A

staff member salvaged part of the actual ACD counter top, so if you are interested in having a piece of IU history in your possession, I will be happy to send you a chunk. We were temporarily moved to the IMUG (gallery space near the old activities desk) and enjoyed our spacious summer location. Our new home is now located in the space that was formerly the University Information Technology Services offices across from the bowling and billiards area. The newly renovated facilities are a great area and a pleasant change.

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Student profile

Meet Kim Collins

Family: Mom (Betty), Dad (Tom), Stepmom (Sylvia), two sisters (Lisa and Carly), all in Chicago area and Miller, Ind.

- **Residence:** Off-campus apartment
- **Started with IUOA:** April 2005
- **Degree of interest:** Outdoor recreation (leadership and motivation)
- **GPA:** (are you serious?) 3.78
- **Hobbies:** Music, painting, drawing, cooking, traveling
- **Other campus activities:** Women's Rugby supporter/Old Girl
- **Favorite outdoor food:** Rice and beans with cholula
- **Favorite outdoor activities:** Kayaking and snowboarding
- **Most memorable outdoor experience:** During a NOLS semester, my group woke up at 4 a.m. to beat an oncoming storm in the Prince William Sound, Alaska. It had rained the past four days, so we were surprised to see the clouds break and the pink sunrise, coupled with a clear view of Denali and a humpback whale that had



jumped out of the water nearby. Those moments don't come along often.

- **Most embarrassing moment:** During a caving trip this year, I was down-climbing out of a hole and thought I was on flat ground, only to slip and fall on my back in front the entire corporate group. Good times remembered for weeks as I hobbled around.
- **The perfect S'more:** Two golden brown marshmallows, two sections of Hershey's chocolate, cinnamon graham cracker half on either side as a sandwich.
- **Favorite quote:** "A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."
— *Oliver Holmes*

From Cal's tent

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We added 11 more alumni this year as a result of graduation this past May and August. We now have more than 200 past trip leaders and activities desk staff and more than 160 IU graduates of our program. That's right, about 40 non-graduates, but half of the 40 are community members who graduated from other institutions of higher learning. So, in fact, we have a graduation rate of about 90 percent.

Thanks to the efforts of Kim Collins, our customer outdoor experiences program has taken off with more than 500 participants this summer and included many corporate groups (which are billed at higher rates to underwrite the student programs). Kim has some wonderful programming experience from Bradford Woods and a work ethic that only allows for success. As a result of her work and the efforts of Kyle Lanoue (outdoor educational programs for Indiana high schools), we are hoping to add a third full-time professional position within a couple years.

I hope to see you at this fall's Homecoming Weekend and reminisce about the old days and catch up on present-day life. Until then, walk softly and enjoy the great outdoors!

— *The outdoor fungi, Cal (David Calvin)*

Join the IUOA Alumni Association today

Your membership in the IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association is free, although we do encourage you to become a dues-paying member of the IU Alumni Association. Your IUAA membership supports activities of the IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association and includes membership in your local alumni chapter and your school alumni association.

The IUAA is your lifetime connection to IU. The IUAA is committed to providing alumni with high-quality programs, services, and communications, which are supported by our dues-paying members. Your membership matters. Your dues

support Indiana University through programs that provide scholarships for students, Commencement ceremonies, student recruitment efforts, and student leadership programs.

Join or renew your membership today and enjoy the benefits of being a member of one of the largest alumni associations in the country. Membership is open to all alumni and friends of IU. To receive newsletters and information about the IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association, please specify that you would like to be affiliated with the IUOAA. To join the IUAA, visit www.alumni.indiana.edu/membership or call (800) 824-3044.



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Alumni notebook

Please keep in touch with other IUOA alumni! Let us know what you've been up to since graduation. E-mail your news to iuoaalumni-l@indiana.edu or to Karen Hesselman, karenh@snwp.com.

Beth Behler, BAJ'99, recently relocated to Portland, Ore., from Los Angeles, where she worked in the independent film industry. She loves her new city and is actively exploring all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer. She is considering getting involved once again in the independent film industry or getting back to her roots in journalism while pursuing her

In memoriam

IUOA mourns loss of fellow alumni

Nathan King

On April 9, 2006, Nathan King, BA'97, died at the age of 31. King was an IMU Outfitters equipment manager for two years and good friend of the program. While at IU, King, a business major, was a member of the Army ROTC and rode in the 1997 Little 500 bike race. After graduation from IU, King was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army; he served one tour of duty in Bosnia and two tours of duty in Iraq. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Medal for his service in the armed forces. King was also an avid snow skier and cyclist. He was preparing to move to Minnesota in late April 2006, when he was tragically killed in an airborne training accident at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Ryan P. Bullerdick

Ryan Bullerdick, BA'96, was a dedicated trip coordinator and equipment manager of the IMU Outfitters from 1992 to 1996. He was an instrumental part of developing the IMU Outfitters trip and course curriculum in the '90s and was a trusted co-worker and friend to all who knew him. After graduating from IU, Bullerdick relocated to Petoskey, Mich., where he founded, owned, and operated a successful construction business. Bullerdick died July 11, 2004.

love for photography. In the meantime, she is hiking, camping, rafting, and snowboarding. Some of her fondest IU memories are times spent with the IMU Outfitter's gang.

Karen Hesselman, BS'01, works for a wilderness therapy program based out of Duchesne, Utah. She works with kids 13-17 years of age, taking them out into the wilderness to focus on their past behaviors and find new, appropriate ways to handle life. She has been promoted from field instructor to field director and recruiter for the company. Prior to her current work, Hesselman had adventures in Alaska as a raft guide on the Nenana River.

Tom Mathews, BA'96, spent a year in northeast Georgia at a Wilderness Therapeutic Camp before packing his bags for Colorado in late '97. A year in the foothills whet his appetite for some rockier terrain, so he packed up again for Winter Park, where he started a small service business catering to local resorts. In 2001, he decided that it was time to come back home



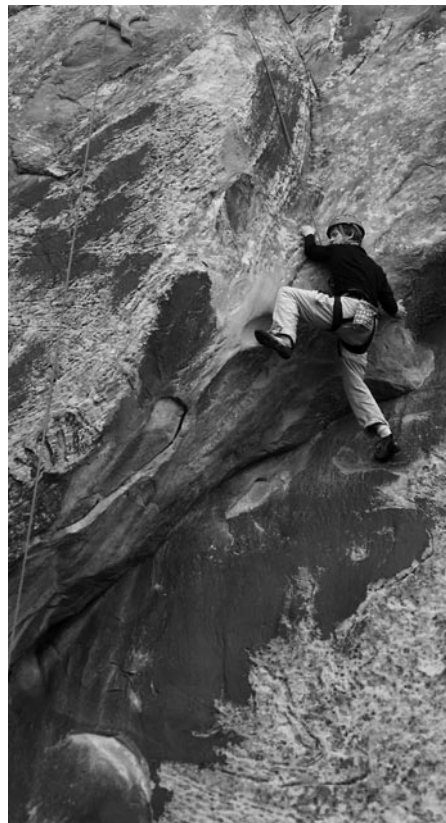
to the family in Indianapolis. He works for a popcorn company that sends him all over the world, which helps battle the blues of the Midwestern plains.

Rick Matthys, BS '96, is the director of fitness and recreation at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Ind. Matthys and his wife are avid outdoor enthusiasts and have a goal of hiking in all the national parks in the United States. They have hiked in 80 percent of them so far. He also is the proud new father of Hayden Michael Matthys, who was born on Aug. 11. Father and son share the same birthday.

IUOA funds memorial scholarship at IUB

The IU Outdoor Adventures Memorial Scholarship will reward a full-time IU Bloomington junior who is involved in IUOA and has exhibited a commitment to volunteerism, friendship, and the IUOA. Each annual recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000 over the next two years.

Visit <http://iuf.indiana.edu>. Specify that your donation is for "IU Outdoor Adventures Alumni Association," account 37IUAA053.



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