

LAMP LINK

BOAT REGATTA

This year LAMP entered the annual Council for Advancement of Student Leadership Boat Regatta

This past September, LAMP's Student Advisory Board (SAB) decided to embark on yet another challenge that would combine recreation and collaboration; the Council for Advancement of Student Leadership's (CASL) 2008 Cardboard Boat Regatta.

The rules were simple; using *only* various pieces of cardboard and duct tape, teams were to construct a floatable structure that would compete alongside others in a 50-meter race at the IU outdoor pool. Given limited resources, the term "floatable structure" is a more appropriate term than "boat" for what many teams constructed. However, creativity is rewarded among the teams by being judged not only on time, but on their design and visual "wow" factors as well. Such motives for creativity resulted in teams building spaceships, cars, and even dinosaurs with Flintstone themes as actual entries.

Not to be excluded from either the creativity or the speed contest, the LAMP SAB's entry into the contest was competitive on both structural and creative scales. Additionally, the only other things that teams were supplemented with were their two paddles and of course, a pair of life jackets.

This year's CASL Boat Regatta was a tremendous success, drawing 500 spectators, 30 teams, and even 3 of the deans who participated in the "Dean's Challenge." While paper cutout masks of Dean McKaig's face were handed out to every single spectator, Dean Goodman of the school of HPER and Associate Dean Watt of the College of Arts and Sciences were also in attendance.

Competition, however, was slim, as Dean Watt was the only one that ended up finishing the 50-meter length. In terms of rankings of speed, IU Outdoor Adventure's previous night's construction - the "Moldy Banana" canoe - took first place while Sigma Alpha Mu placed second, followed by the Physics club, Wild Aces, and Sigma Chi, respectively.

Complete with live music on the diving platform, over



SAB president Leah Richey and SAB member Jagan Kansal captained the H.M.S Toucan LAMP boat at the annual Council for Advancement of Student Leadership's Cardboard Boat Regatta.

50 pizzas from Bucceto's and free Buffa Louie's wings, CASL's accommodations for such a large gathering were nothing short of extraordinary. However, since this was LAMP's and subsequently the SAB's first attempt at a cardboard boat, the potential for next year's competition is limitless.

Combining recreation and

teamwork, the Cardboard Boat Regatta (just like LAMP) takes advantage of constructive motivation for all around fun and philanthropic cause. If you would like more information on becoming involved with next year's planning stages for the Cardboard Boat, please contact Brandon Seamon at

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What are you Reading?

LAMP SAB creates a new book club that fosters literary conversation

If you like to read and are looking to get involved, the "SAB" has just the thing for you. LAMP Book Club is a new project being spearheaded by the SAB, and they're hoping to get many interested students involved. Currently the plan is for book club to meet every 5-

6 weeks until the end of the school year.

Book Club is a great way to get to know peers in an informal setting. Students are encouraged to read the books and come to the meetings to chat with their fellow LAMPers about them. Food will be pro-

vided at each meeting, and it should be a great time. To add a twist to the book club, at each meeting there will be someone invited from the community, faculty, or student body, who might offer a particularly interesting perspective on the book.

The SAB also stresses the impact this could have on a resume. Listing Book Club as an activity can offer you an interesting talking point in an interview, and provide an employer with insight about your knowledge and worldliness outside of the classroom. In addition, there will immediate leadership opportunities available to those that might want to join and help run LAMP Book Club.

Students who are interested should email lampbookclub@gmail.com for more information. Students may also look outside the LAMP office in Wylie for current book club information.

Below are the four books the club will be reading this year:

I Hope They Serve Beer In Hell

by Max Tucker

19 Minutes

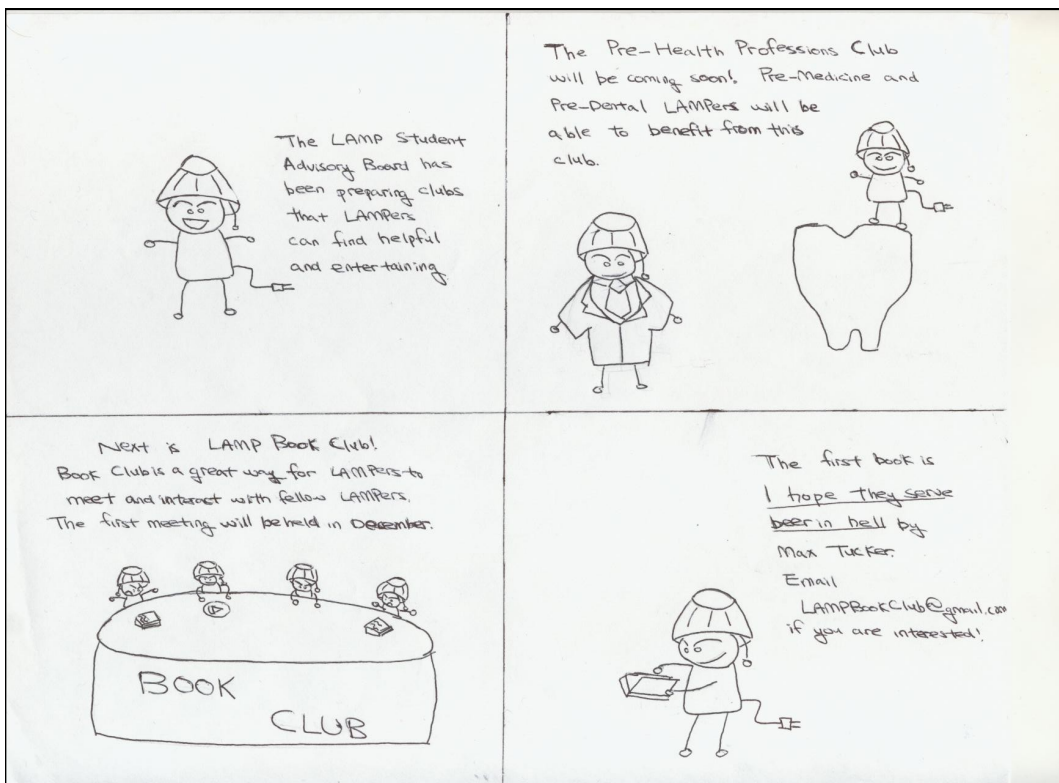
by Jody Picoult

Hot, Flat, and Crowded

by Thomas Friedman

Fight Club

by Chuck Palahniuk.



Going Green Has Never Been So Easy

Greeks Go Green is a student based organization, which was founded in the spring of 2008 by Clare Crosh and Brittany Banks. In late September, LAMP junior Nikki Ashkin was elected co-vice president of the organization.

"Greeks Go Green is founded upon the principle of

going green by reducing our carbon footprint and raising awareness within the Greek Community. We are currently completely Greek ran; however, we are not limited to only Greek members," said Ashkin. Greeks Go Green has already established recycling in over 10 Greek houses on

campus, and their goal is to obtain recycling in all of the Greek houses by the end of the semester.

Next semester, Greeks Go Green is planning an event, "Green Day", to promote recycling and environmental awareness. They intend for this event to be a collabora-

tion between different green organizations around campus. The event will include a Battle of the Bands and a variety of booths from local establishments providing both food and information to help education students. Green Day will take place on April 4th at Dunn Meadow from 1-4 p.m.

Holiday Cheer

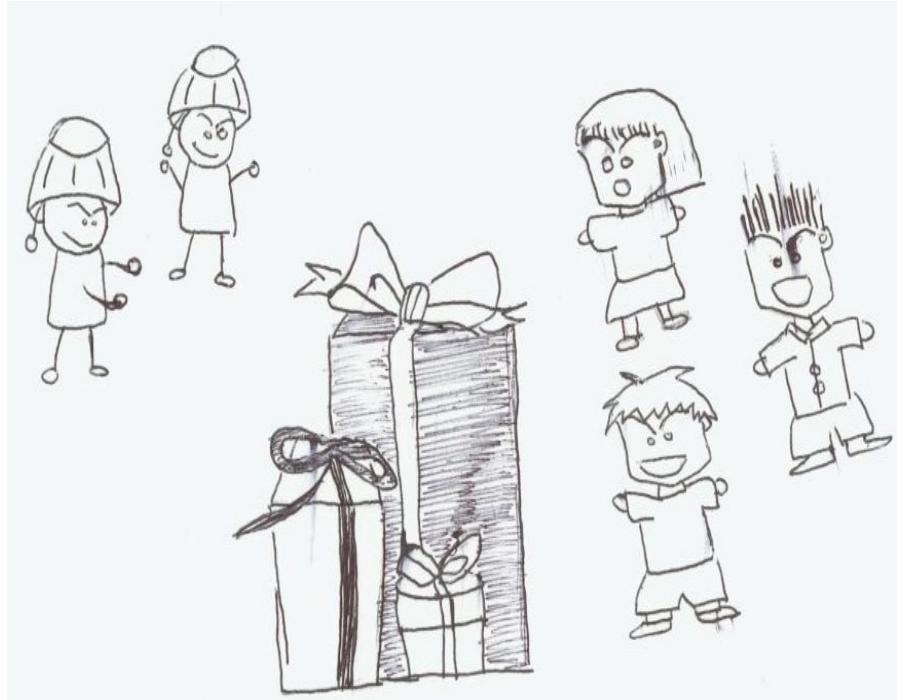
LAMP raises money to purchase holiday presents for local children

This year's beneficiary of LAMP's fall philanthropy initiative will again be Fairview Elementary School. Fairview is statistically the poorest school in Monroe County, with a vast majority of students enrolled in the free breakfast and lunch program. Our philanthropy is "adopting" 15 children and will provide them with gifts this holiday season that they would ordinarily be unable to have. Through our contact with the Fairview social worker, we have obtained a list of the ages and clothing sizes of the children. From this we can determine appropriate clothes, school supplies, and educational toys to purchase.

This year, we are turning to LAMPers, the Greek system, and local businesses to raise money for the philanthropy. We are aiming to build on the number of Greek houses that participate, and we are currently participating in outreach designed to foster

Greek participation. SAB members Mark Reid and Aubrey Dougherty recently attended the IU Greek House Director's Association meeting for October. At the meeting they outlined the tenets of the philanthropy and are currently in the process of contacting chapter presidents to invite them to miss a meal and donate the proceeds to Fairview. Thus far Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Delta Delta are confirmed, and others will be confirming their donations soon.

Additionally, we will be



seeking help from local businesses in which a portion of each meal will be donated to the philanthropy. While details are not yet finalized, keep an eye on your email account for more information.

If any LAMPer has ideas for fundraising, wants to donate money, or is interested in assisting with some of the project logistics, please contact Mark Reid at mwreid@indiana.edu.

Pizza and Politics

During the election season, the SAB sponsored Pizza and Politics as a forum for LAMPers and their friends to meet and discuss politics over pizza. Riding the wave of interest that arose last year during the Democratic primaries, this event was continued in order to offer students an opportunity to share their political views and to become more educated on some of the top political issues.

Graduate students led the discussion on foreign

policy offering some enlightening new perspectives. From discussing the economy, gay rights and abortion, Pizza and Politics encouraged students to go beyond the superficial sound bites and cults of personality so typical of American politics and learn about the actual issues facing our nation. Democrats, Republicans, and Independents joined together at Pizza and Politics and proved that one perspective is definitely never enough... nor is one pizza.

Virtù Gala Update

With nearly 35 active members and over 40 potential donors present, the second annual Virtù Project gala was held on Friday, November 14th to garner new pledges for the 2008-2009 investment period. Members of the project worked laboriously to plan every detail for the big event, and their hard work paid off as the gala brought in over \$107,000 in pledges to start the new portfolio.

Despite the overall loss in the market at the closing

of last year's investment window, the student-run portfolio finished 10% above the S&P 500, an accomplishment the students are quite proud of. Members of the Virtù Project are optimistic as they work to bring in more pledges for the 2008-2009 portfolio and continue to have the chance to learn about investing in a unique and hands-on fashion. To learn more about The Virtù Project, visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~virtu/> or email virtu@indiana.edu.

Former LAMPers share Teach for America experiences

In America today, educational inequity persists along socioeconomic and racial lines. Fourth graders growing up in low-income communities are already three grade levels behind their peers in high-income communities. About 50 percent of them won't graduate from high school by the time they're 18 years old. Those who do graduate will perform on average at an eighth-grade level. Only 1 in 10 will graduate from college.

Since 1991, over 300 students from Indiana University have joined Teach For America. Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals of all academic majors and career interests who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity.

Currently, more than 6,500 corps members are teaching in 29 regions across the country. More than 14,000 Teach For America alumni continue working from inside and outside the field of education for the fundamental changes necessary to ensure educational excellence and equity.

Teach For America aims to end educational inequity—the reality is that in our country where a child is born determines his or her educational outcomes and, in turn, life prospects. Their mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting the efforts of promising future leaders .

PROFILE: KATE FITZGERALD

2008 LAMP Grad

Teaches English in Lake Village, AR

"We're knee deep in our first class-wide novel — the first novel some of these kids will have ever truly read from cover to cover — and I am so proud of how hard my students have been working. Students who refused to read at the beginning of the year are shooting their hands up to be the first to read aloud each day. Students who once told me they were "stupid" have been furiously scribbling their questions and inferences on Post-It notes. Students who gave me a rough time in August and September are pressuring each other to be better prepared and behaved ("we can't afford to lose any class points!")."

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PROFILE: KELLY JONES

2007 LAMP Grad

Teacher English in Charlotte, NC

"My 8th graders are achieving below 6th grade level for their reading skills and their math skills are even lower. Society and Charlotte's education system does not expect my students to succeed, and already as 8th graders they do not expect to succeed. Sometimes it is hard to look at the big picture and realize the growth that you are making, but when a particular student finally gets a 100% on their quiz, or I get a report from another teacher that my student is reading much better in social studies I realize how far we have come this year."

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The next deadline: **January 7, 2009**
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