

Neal-Marshall

Alumni Club Newsletter



Marcellus Neal,
BA 1895

Frances Marshall,
BA 1919



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New DVDs chronicle Neal-Marshall Alumni Club

“It was sparked by an e-mail from Viola Taliaferro,” says Clarence W. Boone Jr. of *Standing on Our Shoulders, The Neal-Marshall Alumni Club: History & Heritage*, a DVD program recently produced by ISS Media Production. Taliaferro, retired Monroe County judge and club member, had written Boone to ask what documentation existed on the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club, founded in 1980 to meet the needs of Indiana University African-American alumni and to increase their participation in local and national IU alumni groups.

Discovering that only meager records tracked the club’s origins, Boone decided to do something to “recognize these outstanding trailblazers who made it a lot easier for the students who followed.”

“If you don’t record history, it can disappear,” he says.

Boone, director of Diversity Programs for the IU Alumni Association, arranged for the

10 founding members of the alumni club to gather over a reunion weekend in the spring of 2005, then set about having the group’s interactions videotaped. He approached Ralph Zuzolo, director of Media Production.

Tim Miller produced and directed the DVD for Media Production. “He did just a phenomenal job,” Boone says.

Standing on Our Shoulders consists of two DVDs. The first is a panel discussion among the founders introduced by Vice President for Institutional Development Charlie Nelms and moderated by Alumni Association President Ken Beckley. The panel was filmed by Radio-Television Services and the footage handed off to Media

Production for inclusion in the program.

The second DVD is an interactive, menu-driven series of interviews with the founders, organized by questions that each founder answers in turn, including:

- In general, what was life like for the black student at IU in your day?
- Do you have a favorite memory of your time at IU?

• What advice could you give to a student today on the challenges of college life?

• Why should a black student come to IU today?

As they answer these and other questions, the 10 founders, whose years at IU Bloomington range from the 1940s to the 1970s, relate their overall memories, the challenges they faced, and the impact of Herman B Wells on the black student experience.

“He was the right person at the right time at IU,” Boone says of Wells, who worked to end segregation on and off campus. Founders recount

the days of segregated cafeterias and the integration of restaurants and stores in Bloomington. They also detail the frustration of being treated differently in classrooms than their white classmates.

The DVD features an introduction that looks at the history of the club’s founding in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Named for the first male and female African-American IU graduates, Marcellus Neal (1895) and Frances Marshall (1919), the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club addresses the needs of African-American students, faculty, and staff and promotes the awareness of the history, traditions, and legacy of African Americans at IU.

The interactive DVD is introduced and narrated by undergraduate journalism major

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Courtesy of ISS Department

The Media Production crew taping narration for the DVD *Standing on Our Shoulders*, are, from left, DVD host Sherhara Williams, sound engineer Keith Danielson, camera operator Alan Mauro, and director/producer Tim Miller.

Membership in your Alumni Association *does* matter

Yes, Virginia, membership does matter. I invoke that famous and familiar line from the 1897 editorial page of the *New York Sun* to stress a major point. Unlike Virginia O'Hanlon's query about Santa Claus, who turned out to be fictitious, the need for your membership — and active participation — in the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club is a reality. Herman B Wells, long revered as one of Indiana University's great architects of change, once said, "Alumni are the great, unexplored resource of American higher education in general and in state universities especially." As the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club recognizes its 25-year milestone, Herman B Wells was never more right: Alumni membership does, indeed, matter.

Through the collective wisdom of our 10 founders — Mildred Morgan Ball, BS'60; Janet Cheatham Bell, BS'64; Rebecca Taylor Bingham, BS'50, MLS'69; Irene Eskridge Bohannon, BS'65; Clarence W. Boone Sr., AB'53, MD'56; Helen Baker-Bundles, AB'61, MS'75; S. Henry Bundles Jr., AM'48; Elizabeth A. Bridgwaters, '68; Marie Love Johnson, BS'51; and George Taliaferro, BS'51 — the original mission of the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club has not expanded much over our first quarter century. As outlined in 1981, the basic tenets remain:

- To advance the interests and promote the welfare of Indiana University;
- To develop a black agenda for addressing the pressing needs of black students, alumni, faculty, and staff of IU;
- To promote awareness of the black legacy, traditions, and history of Indiana University; and
- To provide a means for the association of IU alumni and friends.

At a time when the true worth of an



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Clarence Boone Jr.

education, especially in African-American households, is "priceless," what can and must we do to ensure that we are assisting the next generation of aspiring college students? One response is offered by our sixth national president, Phil Fowler Jr., EdD'81, who had these inspiring words for the class of 1991:

"As graduates of Indiana University, one of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in the United States, you are a rare and respected group. Welcome to the distinguished ranks of alumni. I want to compliment you on your academic achievement, persistence, and endurance in the battle to succeed. We need your excitement, innovative ideas, and youth to assist the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club in carrying out our goals. In the midst of rewarding opportunities, we all have obliga-

tions to give something back to our families, communities, and university of choice. The Neal–Marshall Alumni Club is an excellent resource for mentoring and networking. Our membership includes a number of outstanding African-American professionals nationwide. Most will share their professional experiences and provide tips on how to make a smooth transition from being a student to becoming a professional. While attending this predominantly white university, you have learned or been taught many functional skills and life-coping strategies. Those same skills and strategies are transferable to your new environment, the world of work. Finally, free your shoulders so that you can help us carry the load of moving the Neal–Marshall dreams forward."

Because of input and lobbying by alumni like you over the past 25 years, we have much to be grateful for and proud of. For example, Neal–Marshall members have demanded that blacks play a prominent role in determining the future of IU, with these results:

- Adam W. Herbert is IU's 17th president;
- Cora Breckenridge was IU's first elected African-American trustee;
- Clarence W. Boone, M.D., is IU's first appointed African-American trustee;
- Charlie Nelms, currently vice president for institutional development and student affairs, was the first African-American chancellor on the Richmond (IU East) campus;
- Hilda Richards was the first African-American chancellor on the Gary (IU Northwest) campus;
- F.C. Richardson was first African-American chancellor on the New Albany (IU Southeast) campus;
- Mike Davis was the first African-American head coach for IU men's basketball; and
- Felicia Leggett-Jack is the first African-American head coach for IU women's basketball.

There are many other examples of how Neal–Marshall alumni have used their collective voice at IU — construction of the Neal–Marshall Black Culture Center; more than 20 conferrals to African-American alumni for the IU Alumni Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Service Award; and election of three African-American alumni (Edward G. High, BA'40, MA'41, PhD'50; Clarence W. Boone Sr., AB'53, MD'56; and Alma C. Powell, BS'70, MS'72) as chairs for the IUAA.

So, you see, it's a good thing we didn't wait for a fictitious Santa Claus to bring us what we wanted for our alma mater. We got real, and we really got what we wanted. Join us in developing a "black agenda" for the future of Indiana University. Yes, indeed, membership matters!

— Clarence Boone Jr.



Landon Turner

Courtesy of Anthony Scott

IU Day at Indiana Black Expo a success

On Sunday, July 16, the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club and the Indiana Black Expo teamed with other Indiana University campuses to host an IU black alumni reception, on IBE's "Indiana University Day," at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. At the reception, minority scholars from all of the IU campuses were welcomed and had the opportunity to mix and mingle with African-American alumni.

The reception was well attended, with approximately 125 alumni and many incoming IU minority scholars. The keynote speaker was Landon Turner. Turner was a member of the 1981 IU men's NCAA Championship basketball team. He promoted his new book, *Landon Turner's Tales from the 1980–1981 Hoosiers*, during the reception.

Sports report: The (basketball) ball has been passed ...

Women's coach

Felisha Legette-Jack, who has served on two USA Basketball gold medal-winning coaching staffs and owns 15 years of Division I college coaching experience, including assistant stops at Michigan State University, Syracuse University, and Boston College, and, most recently, the last four years as the head coach at Hofstra University, has been named the eighth head women's basketball coach at Indiana University. IU Athletics Director Rick Greenspan announced on April 19. Legette-Jack arrives in Bloomington after directing Hofstra to a 19–12 overall record and 12–6 Colonial Athletic Association mark in 2005–06, culminating in a Women's National Invitation Tournament appearance.

Legette-Jack guided Hofstra to one of its best seasons in school history in 2005–06. The Pride's 19 victories are the second-best in school history, and the 12 league triumphs tied a school record. In addition to the team success, Hofstra ranked among the CAA's top three in scoring offense (second, 69.5 ppg), field goal percentage defense (.379), rebounding offense (second, 43.0), rebounding margin (third, +3.9), assists per game (second, 16.0), steals (second, 11.03), offensive rebounds (second, 16.73), defensive rebounding (second, 26.27), and three-point field goals per game (third, 5.37).

In her first three years at Hofstra, Legette-Jack guided the Pride to the CAA tournament quarterfinals each year, and she earned 2003–04 CAA Coach of the Year after Hofstra went 14–14 overall and 11–7 in the league. The 11 league victories marked the most for Hofstra in 10 years. Hofstra's 27 victories from 2003 to 2005 were the most in consecutive years since Hofstra won 39 games from 1982 to 1984.

Legette-Jack's 2003–04 season was memorable in more ways than one. In the summer of 2003, Legette-Jack assisted Ohio State coach Jim Foster with the gold medal-winning USA Basketball FIBA World Championship for Young Women Team in Sibenik, Croatia. That club featured the eventual top two picks of the 2006 NBA Draft — LSU's Seimone Augustus (Minnesota Lynx) and Rutgers' Cappie Pondexter (Phoenix Mercury).

Legette-Jack arrived at Hofstra after two years as an assistant to Joanne P. McCallie at Michigan State. Legette-Jack served as the Spartans' recruiting coordinator, supervised the team's academic progress and preseason and postseason conditioning programs and helped sign the nation's 14th-best recruiting class in 2001–02. Legette-Jack helped orchestrate one of the nation's top turnarounds from 2000–01 to 2001–02. In 2000–01, MSU was 10–18 overall, but the Spartans responded by posting a 19–13 record in 2001–02, capped by a WNIT semifinal appearance. The 19 wins in-



Courtesy of IU Athletics

Felisha Legette-Jack

cluded three triumphs over nationally ranked opponents. She recruited the nucleus of the Spartans' 2005 national finalist club.

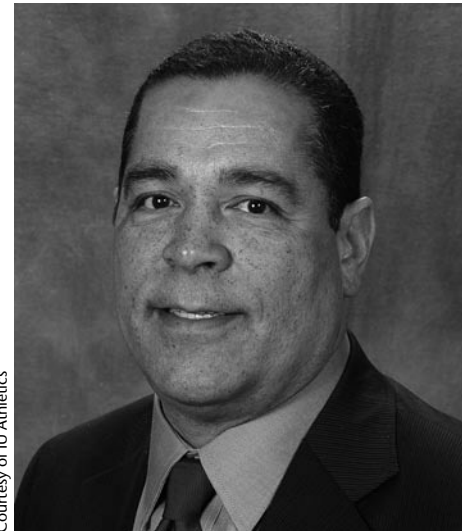
Legette-Jack worked an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at her alma mater, Syracuse, from 1993 to 2000. In addition to handling to team travel, tape exchange, and overseeing the conditioning program, Legette-Jack recruited two Gatorade Players of the Year to the Orangewomen. Syracuse also boasted a 100 percent graduation rate during her tenure.

A 1989 Syracuse graduate with a double major in child and family studies and psychology, Legette-Jack scored 1,526 points and grabbed 927 rebounds. Legette-Jack is the second-leading scorer and all-time leading rebounder in Syracuse history. She won 1985 Big East Rookie of the Year honors and earned all-league laurels three times in her career. An inductee into the Greater Syracuse Hall of Fame, the Syracuse Urban League Hall of Fame, and the Syracuse University Orange Plus Hall of Fame, Legette-Jack was one of 15 players named to the Big East Conference Silver Anniversary Team in 2004.

Legette-Jack and her husband, David, have a 6-year-old son, David Maceo.

Men's coach

Kelvin Sampson, a two-time national coach of the year who led Oklahoma to 11 NCAA Tournament appearances (including three Sweet 16, two Elite Eight, and one Final Four finish), 10 20-plus win seasons, three Big 12 Tournament titles, and a share of the 2004–05 regular season league crown in his 12-year Sooner tenure, has been named the 26th head basketball coach in Indiana University history. IU President Adam W. Herbert and IU Athletics Director Rick Greenspan announced on March 29. Sampson replaces Mike Davis, who stepped down at the end of the 2005–06 season after leading the Hoosiers to the NCAA Tournament.



Courtesy of IU Athletics

Kelvin Sampson

President Herbert feels that Sampson is an ideal choice to take over one of the nation's most storied college basketball programs.

"Our new coach is the right man to maintain and build upon IU's long and storied traditions. IU basketball is an elite program that plays by the rules and graduates its student athletes," Herbert said. "There is no question that wins and losses are very important to members of the Hoosier family. Equally important to us are high academic expectations and the core character values of the university. I am convinced that our new coach understands fully and is determined to meet Indiana University's high overall expectations."

Prior to his stay at Oklahoma, Sampson spent seven years (1987–94) as the head coach and two years as the assistant coach (1985–87) at Washington State and four years (1981–85) as the head coach at Montana Tech. In addition, Sampson has been heavily involved with USA Basketball and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and he has also played a prominent role in community service in Norman, Okla. Sampson's well-rounded personality will be valuable to Indiana athletics.

Condensed from Indiana University Athletics Department Web site.



Outgoing chair reflects on insider's experience at IUAA

My reign as chair of the Indiana University Alumni Association has come to an end. The word "reign" is used because that has truly been the case. The family of IU graduates and supporters spans the globe, and as chair, I have met many old friends and made many new friends. Embedded in the mission of the IUAA is the goal to serve as the primary source of contact and information about the university. My heightened participation in alumni events began as a member and then chair of the School of Education Alumni Association, on to being appointed to the Executive Council, and then to the Board of Managers.

Most interesting of the reign has been the opportunity to serve as chair of the Board of Managers. Whether it's a discussion about membership perks, review of budgeting matters, or decisions about the merchandising program, the Board of Managers is involved in many important aspects of the day-to-day operations of the IUAA. Serving in this role also provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication and value of the excellent IUAA staff who provide detailed reports of the operation of the association.

Serving on committees has also been an active part of this administrative year. The Strategic Directions Task Force planning initiative was certainly the most engaging and the one function that will have the greatest impact on the future of IUAA. Hundreds of volunteers were active in this detailed review of the structure and services provided by IUAA. In this capacity, I served as co-chair, along with John Hobson, of the programs and services component. It was here that the association determined the program focus on recent graduates under the theme "Helping you succeed."

Emotions as chair have been highest when having an opportunity to participate as a platform guest at graduations. If nothing else grabs your heart, the procession into the arena following our visionary leader, President Herbert, will certainly do it! Viewing all of those ecstatic graduates and proud family members experience this high point in their lives is an experience never to be forgotten. There is a strong battle between what is seen the most on the faces of graduates and parents, tears or laughter. Not to be left out, has been the fun Bill (my husband) and I have

had attending athletic events, watching a game from the rafters of the alumni booth, flying in one of the university's planes, and "hobnobbing" with President Herbert, other university leaders, and passionate university volunteers.

I have always been a strong supporter of my university. I can remember what President Herbert said in one of his presentations to the Neal-Marshall Alumni Association. Taken from his message was that we must not focus on what the university was like during our time, but on what we want our university to be in the future. Many members of the Alumni Association who are my age and older remember social issues that impacted our student era. What a powerful message and call to action for all of us! I would like to continue to work with Neal-Marshall to recruit, mentor, and retain a higher percentage of African-American students. This calls for diversity of involvement in the future selections of key administrative appointments of IU.

It's hard to believe that this experience has made me even "crazier" for IU. The greatest task on hand is for me to figure out what's next.

— Alma Powell

Neal-Marshall members appointed to IU presidential search committee

Indiana University trustees began the search for IU's 18th president, saying they are confident the search will attract strong candidates but unsure if it will take one year or two.

Clarence W. Boone Sr., a trustee and Neal-Marshall Alumni Club co-founder, and **Jerrol Miles**, president-elect for the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club, were appointed to a 12-member search committee that is expected to move into high gear this fall.

"We know that Indiana University will attract the best candidates, and we're looking forward to meeting several of them," said Sue Talbot, a trustee from Bloomington and the chairwoman of the search committee.

IU President Adam Herbert has two more years left on a five-year contract. He announced in January that he wouldn't serve past June 2008 and urged trustees to start the search for his successor this year. He said he will step down early from the presidency if the trustees hire a new president before his term ends.

The search committee will include three trustees, one IU regional-campus chancellor, a student, and several alumni and civic leaders. Trustees said it will employ an executive search firm, conduct town-hall meetings with campus and alumni groups.

Herbert said his effectiveness as president won't be diminished by uncertainty about how long he will be on the job. "The board made very clear they do not want me to look or act like a lame duck," he said. "We're going to continue to strengthen the university. It is with

that mandate that I'm going full-speed ahead."

Trustees' president Steve Ferguson said the search could cost about \$200,000. As the search gets under way, Ferguson said, trustees will map where they want IU to be 10 years in the future, so the next president will clearly understand the board's expectations. He said a lack of such clarity when Herbert was hired may have contributed to problems the IU president faced last year, when frustrated Bloomington faculty

called for a midterm review of his performance.

Ferguson said trustees told Herbert to take care of a list of problems, including an athletics budget deficit, strained relations with state government, and a confusing IU administrative structure. "We didn't provide the structure and support as a board that I think we should have," Ferguson said.

Excerpts retrieved from a June 28, 2006, article in the Bloomington, Ind., Herald-Times.

New DVDs

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Sherhara Williams, whom Miller first met when on an assignment for Media Production's classroom videotaping service. "She had presence," Miller says of Williams, who was running class presentations for the instructor of her speech communications class. When the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club project came up, Miller immediately thought of her.

Standing on Our Shoulders was premiered at an October 2005 club reunion, where Miller presented the program. "The opportunity for higher education must be for everyone," he told the crowd. "The founders of the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club knew that. That is what they fought for." The screened excerpt was well received, which was gratifying for Miller, who felt the responsibility to the founders "to tell their story as accurately and truthfully as possible."

The program has been shown on the other IU campuses, and Boone hopes it can help other institutions with the establishment of similar alumni clubs based on race or ethnicity. *Standing on Our Shoulders* will be offered for sale to club members, which will help recoup production costs.

Boone intends to carry out a new project, this time looking at the present impact of the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club, which counts 2,500 active members.

Mildred Morgan Ball (1960) captures the experience of many of her peers, when she relates in *Standing on Our Shoulders*, "I spent four of the best years of my life in Bloomington, Ind., and four of the most frustrating years of my life in Bloomington. But I feel that the preparation that I received here at IU was, of course, instrumental in helping me to be successful in life."

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Southern Indiana (Kentuckiana) Chapter hosts scholarship fundraiser

On Aug. 12, the Neal–Marshall Kentuckiana Chapter hosted “Another Evening to Remember” scholarship fundraiser. Only in its second year, this annual stellar event hosted well over 200 patrons. The guests dined on sumptuous cuisine while enjoying the electrifying sounds of the Jamey Aebersold Quartet.



Kentuckiana Chapter student scholarship recipients were **Jaren Kinnaird** (IU Bloomington) and **Carla DeLong** (IU Southeast). In addition, Josh Leavell (IU Southeast) was a recipient of the Cynthia McPheeters minority student

Kevin Lindsey



The Jamey Aebersold Quartet

scholarship. **Cynthia McPheeters** was the first African American to graduate from the IU Southeast campus. All net proceeds from the

evening’s event are used to fund scholarships to be presented to eligible students by the Neal–Marshall Kentuckiana Chapter.

Northwest Chapter hosts 10th annual graduate reception

The Indiana University Neal–Marshall Alumni of Northwest Indiana hosted the 10th annual Graduate Reception at the IU Northwest Library Conference Center on April 20. The reception is held annually in honor of December and May graduates of IU Northwest.

Along with honoring the graduates, the club also honors those who have made strong contributions to the community through their support of and involvement in education in northwest Indiana. Barbara Cope, executive director of the Gary Education Foundation and former vice chancellor at IUN, received the Legacy of Leadership Award. Keith Rogers, who works in business development at Majestic Star Casinos and is president of the IUN Alumni Association, won the Emerging Leadership Award. Ruth Needleman, professor of labor studies at IUN, was presented with the Outstanding Faculty Award.

“We have received great support for this event from IU alumni in northwest Indiana in the past,” said Karen Williams, president of the Northwest Indiana Neal–Marshall Club. “This year was no exception. This event is important so that all of our alumni connect and we demonstrate to new alumni that we are still involved.”

Williams said that the reception is also a time to thank those who continue to promote education and set an example for young people in northwest Indiana. “While honorees are not required to be IU graduates, this year’s honorees have worked in or have graduated from the IU system,” said Williams. “That made this 10th year very special.”

Williams, an IU Bloomington graduate, said it is also important to show future IU students that IU embraces all students and supports diversity. “Our alumni come from all campuses of IU to take part in this event.”

Attending the 10th annual graduate reception are, from left, state Sen. Earline Rogers; Keith Rogers (Emerging Leader Award); Ruth Needle, of manual-labor studies (Outstanding Faculty Award); Barbara Cope (Legacy of Leadership); attorney Robert L. Lewis, national president of NMAC; Karen Williams, president of the NMAC Northwest Indiana Chapter; and Clarence Boone Jr., IUAA director of diversity programs.

Courtesy of Don Young



Courtesy of Don Young



William A. Shields accepts the special 10th Year Recognition Award on behalf of his mother, Mozella Shields-Stone, from Karen Williams, president of the NMAC Northwest Indiana Chapter.

IU students learn about past and present traditions, cultures

COLL X112 Traditions and Cultures of Indiana University (HIST H263 Indiana University, Past and Present) provides an introduction to the history, traditions, and culture of Indiana University. The format combines lectures, discussions, and field experiences, and stresses active learning in its approach. It draws on a variety of source materials, including published works, archival documents, film, video, oral history, and visits to various campus facilities. In addition, the campus itself is analyzed as a physical object and cultural artifact.

The entire range of university activities is covered, including academic programs (e.g., arts, humanities, social and natural sciences), student life (e.g., athletics, Little 500, residential living), administration (e.g., presidential leadership, organizational structure, financing, and governance), and external relations (on local, state, national, and international levels).

Students are encouraged to use their existing knowledge and personal experiences of IU as a foundation for further disciplined and critical investigations with the tools of historical, social, and cultural analysis.

Overview: Have you ever wondered how Indiana University came to be the place we know today? How it happened to develop a world-class music school? A championship basketball team? An outstanding reputation

in scientific research? This course explores many facets of our university, including its architecture and landscape, the origins and growth of its teaching and research programs, and the diversity of its academic community. We will learn about some of the people and events that have shaped the university since its founding in 1820. In the process of learning about the history and culture of IU, you may learn something about yourself as a part of this great institution.

This course explores the making of Indiana University, past and present, as a microcosm of the development of the modern American university. It views the university as the embodiment of changing ideas about higher education and its function in society. The people, programs, and events that have shaped the history of the institution are part of a dynamic cultural system, with characteristic values and behaviors that mark it as a unique academic community.

The course will approach the university as a cultural artifact, as something produced by a human community and thus amenable to interpretation. Or to borrow another metaphor, we will consider IU as “text” and will attempt to “read” its meaning. The overarching goal is to provoke students into framing questions about their social and intellectual environment, to equip them with some analytical tools for

investigating those questions, and to provide a forum for the discussion of their findings.

By the end of the course, students should have increased their knowledge of the people and forces that have shaped the distinctive history of IU, deepened their understanding of IU as a microcosm of American higher education, and — we hope — enriched their ability to put their own experiences at IU in a more meaningful context. I can imagine that the Neal–Marshall DVD would be a valuable source for my future course development on the history of IU.

— Jim Capshew

NMAC awards scholarships, fellowships

To date, approximately 29 scholarships totaling more than \$12,196 have been awarded to aspiring students. Since our last newsletter publication, the following individuals received a Neal–Marshall Alumni Club Scholarship valued at \$500 each:

- **Maya Nkouka**, Columbus, Ind.
- **Jason Gearries**, Indianapolis
- **James Stroup**, Bloomington, Ind.
- **Courtney Williams**, Gary, Ind.
- **Terrence Ellison**, Gary, Ind.
- **Jason Johnson**, Indianapolis

Neal–Marshall Alumni Club Scholarships are merit-based and are awarded to undergraduates who are enrolled at any Indiana University campus or who will be enrolled during the next academic semester.

To be eligible, applicants must possess at least a 2.5 (C+) grade point average as a high school or college student. Applicants must be currently enrolled or have been accepted to Indiana University for the next academic semester. Applicants must/will be a full-time student (12 credit hours). Along with an official letter of application, applicants must submit three letters of

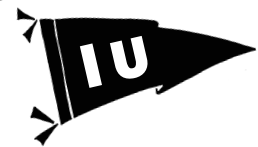
recommendations and an official college or high school transcript.

To learn more about the scholarship application process and submission deadlines, access and print off a scholarship form at www.indiana.edu/~nealmar or e-mail inquiries to nmac@indiana.edu. Donations to insure future scholarship awards can be made to the Neal–Marshall Alumni Club, attention: Scholarship Committee, Indiana University Alumni Association, Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408-1521.

Additionally, \$4,000 fellowships (named in honor of Marcellus Neal and Frances Marshall) are awarded to outstanding incoming African American, Latino, Asian or Native American students. All qualifying applicants in poetry and fiction are eligible for this fellowship. 2005–06 recipients of these graduate fellowships from the IU Department of Creative Writing on the Bloomington campus are:

- **Jackon Brown**, Bloomington, Ind.
- **Steven Dolence**, Bloomington, Ind.
- **Abdel Shakur**, Bloomington, Ind.

Join us today!



There's a Neal–Marshall Alumni Club for you. Just get in touch with the IU Alumni Association or an officer of one the chapters below. You can ask for more information about a chapter or join one easily. Or find out how to start a chapter in your area. *We'd love to welcome you!*

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Alumni Notebook

Before 1960

C. Thelma Whitlock Hampton, BS'39, MS'62, of Louisville, Ky., reports that her story as an African American undergraduate in the IU School of Music is told in the book *Whitlock's Compositions*, written by Charlene Hampton Holloway. Holloway is Hampton's daughter.

William J. Malone, BS'50, MS'54, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters on Jan. 16, 2005, from Martin University in Indianapolis.

Wendell L. Parker, BS'51, was named the poet laureate of the Indiana General Assembly in 1985 and served one year. Also a songwriter, Parker attributes the genesis of his songwriting to his days at IU Bloomington, where he met **Marvin Chandler**, BS'57, who helped him make his first tape, lead sheets, and demonstration records.

An I-Man football, **Will Rawl**, BA'52, writes, "At age 78, I keep busy with my computer. I use the following

Internet languages: HTML, JavaScript, and Java." Rawl and his wife, Mary, live in Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

Maxine Smith Reed, BS'59, MS'64, is a retired teacher, who lives in East Chicago, Ind. She writes that her daughter, **Sabrina Maxine Reed**, graduated on May 7, 2005, from IU's School of Optometry and has a degree in chemistry from Purdue University.

1960s

I-Man in track **Theodore A. Jackson**, BS'63, MS'67, and **Carolyn F. Young Jackson**, BS'64, MS'70, retired from education after 37 and 38 years of teaching, respectively. They write that they are enjoying life in Powder Springs, Ga. The Jacksons have two daughters, four grandchildren.

Lurlean Spencer Lockhart, MS'66, writes, "I have two wonderful grandchildren: J.R., who is 6; and Jaylen, who is two and a half! J.R. did a commercial for Bay Furniture." Lockhart lives in Chicago.

The theater collection of **Winona L. Fletcher**, PhD'68, is on display at the Center of Excellence for the Study of Kentucky African Americans at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. A nationally recognized theater educator, she is a fellow of the American Theatre, a former consultant for the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and a researcher of the Negro Wing of the Federal Theatre Project. Fletcher started her teaching career at Kentucky State College, where she taught English, speech, and theater and directed the Kentucky Players. In 1978 she moved to IU, where she was a professor of theater, drama, and African American studies. She also served a three-year term as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences until her retirement in 1994.

In July, **Moses W. Gray**, BS'69, was inducted into the Cambria County Sports Hall of Fame in Johnstown, Pa. An I-Man in football, Gray lettered at defensive tackle in three seasons at IU. In 1961 and 1962, he played in the

NFL with the New York Titans, now known as the New York Jets. After football, Gray had a 30-year career with General Motors Corp. He led a \$2.5 million fundraising drive to build IU's Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center during the 1990s. He and his wife, Ann M. (Powell), '64, have been married 44 years, live in Indianapolis, and have two grown children.

1970s

Robert L. Lewis, BA'70, JD'73, is an attorney with Robert L. Lewis & Associates in Gary, Ind. He is president of the IU Neal-Marshall Alumni Club and a member of the IUAA Executive Council. His address is rllewis2148@yahoo.com.

On Feb. 1, the Georgia Women's Intersport Network presented **Jeanne D. Mannings**, MS'70, with its Pioneer Award, given to a member who has demonstrated for more than 20 years leadership qualities at the local,

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Thanks go to former IU trustee Cora Breckenridge

Greetings. It is with profound regret that I pass along to everybody that Cora Breckenridge did not retain her seat on the Indiana University Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, she lost in the alumni election.

In the midst of Neal-Marshall's and my personal disappointment, I praise and commend Cora for the legacy of her tenure. Through hard work and a tenacity that only Cora could muster, she became the very first African American to serve on Indiana University's distinguished board.

Others tried, but Cora succeeded; and when she got there, her voice was loudly heard and represented generations of a segment of Indiana University that had remained silent for far too long. She excelled, and on behalf of Neal-Marshall, I want to thank her immensely for her dedicated years of service and her commitment to excellence. The legacy of her achievements will only be measured by the passage of time.

— Robert L. Lewis, Esq.
National President
Neal-Marshall Alumni Club

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July 6, 2006

Dear Trustee Breckenridge:

The Indiana University Bloomington Black Faculty and Staff Caucus wants to offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your tireless support of Indiana University these past nine years. We also want to officially recognize that as Indiana University's first African-American trustee, your place in the history of this university is secured.

The Black Faculty and Staff Caucus wants to thank you for your dedication to improving Indiana University and championing the causes that are so important for us. Your presence on the Board of Trustees truly made a difference. It is our genuine desire that we will be able to solicit your advice in the future.

Once again, thank you for the support these past nine years.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Brown & David F. Hummons
Co-Chairs, Indiana University Bloomington
Black Faculty and Staff Caucus

Courtesy of Indiana University



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regional, and national levels in the promotion of women and girls in sports. Mannings teaches physical education at Adamsville Elementary School in Atlanta.

William G. Mays, BA'70, MBA'73, DSc'00, launched Mays Chemical Co. Inc., in March 1980. The company is a distributor of chemicals and raw materials to customers in the automotive, cosmetic, electronics, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, paint, and pulp and paper industries. Twenty-six years into business, Mays is achieving revenues of more than \$165 million. His customers range over 14 countries within the Americas, Europe, and Asia. His facilities have grown in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Georgia, and Puerto Rico, with contact warehouses throughout the United States. Mays Chemical has become nationally known as one of the top 25 African American-owned companies. Mays is featured as a "profile of success" in the Indiana Venture Center eNews on March 1.

On Feb. 16, the Indiana House and Senate approved a concurrent resolution honoring **Charles H. Greenwood**, EdD'72, for his four years of leadership as commander of the Indiana wing of the U.S. Air Force's Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. He is the associate dean and an associate professor of the School of Extended Education at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He is president of the IU Singing Hoosiers Alumni Council. Elected president by a unanimous vote in 2005, the term ends in 2010.

Adam M. Robinson Jr., BA'72, MD'76, is the commander of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He is also chief of the Navy Medical Corps at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C. Robinson has a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery. He is a member of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons and the National Business School Scholastic Society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

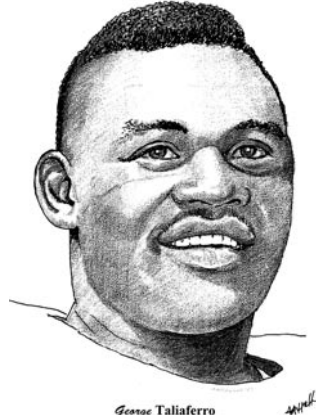
Jerald H. Arnold, BA'74, is president of J & S Construction Co., in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and is currently building energy-efficient homes made of insulated concrete forms.

Roosevelt Haywood III, BS'74, received a President's Award from the IU Alumni Association in December. The award is the highest honor that the IUAA bestows on alumni volunteers. He is president and CEO of Haywood and Fleming Associates in Gary, Ind. Haywood was featured as the cover story in the April issue of *Rough Notes Magazine*, an insurance

George Taliaferro receives award for service to IU

As a living legend, George Taliaferro has exhibited throughout his life the courage and determination that made him an All-American both on and off the gridiron.

Captain of the football, basketball, and track teams at Gary Roosevelt High School, he



enrolled at Indiana University in 1945. As the team's leading rusher, he helped the Hoosiers to their only outright Big Ten championship and only unbeaten season. He was Indiana's Most Valuable Player in 1948 and was also named First-Team All-American. He was elected a member of the National College Football Foundation's Hall of Fame. The first African-American player to be drafted by a National Football League club in 1949, he chose to join the Los Angeles Dons and later played for the New York Yanks, the Dallas Texans, and the Baltimore Colts. When his football career ended, he devoted himself to social-work positions in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

After earning a master's degree at Howard University,

he taught at the University of Maryland and was dean of students at Morgan State University. He spent two decades as special assistant to the university president, the IUPUI chancellor, and the dean of the School of Social Work.

Then and now, he has fought to overcome discrimination against minorities. He worked unrelentingly to help create and strengthen the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club.

For his stalwart advocacy of a level playing field, on the evening of June 17, 2006, the Indiana University Alumni Association commemorated the life and work of George Taliaferro by bestowing upon him the association's most prestigious honor, Distinguished Alumnus.

industry publication, where his firm was selected as the marketing agency of the month. Haywood chaired the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club's Reunion XVII committee and serves on the club's executive council. He is active in the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the IUAA and is president of Leadership Northwest Indiana. He and his wife, **Michelle Y. Skinner-Haywood**, MSW'01, live in Gary.

James Torrance Baker, MM'75, joined the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine as director of major gifts at the office of development and alumni relations. He had worked at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, since 1981, most recently as director of special gifts in the development office.

Iris A. Cooper, BA'75, MBA'77, is founder and owner of Glory Foods Inc., and owner of Pyramid Development Solutions. She also hosts a radio show, *Just Ask Iris*.

Calvin L. Jones, BA'76, is vice president for Federal & Commercial Contracts in Inglewood, Calif.

Rev. **Jennifer W. Jones Tinsley**, BA'76, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Logansport, Ind., received her master of divinity degree on May 9, 2006, from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Garry W. Bridgeman, BS'77, has been named to the board of trustees for the University of Georgia. He is a first vice president for investments and a private wealth adviser for Mer-

rill Lynch in Atlanta.

Linda Groomes Cooper, MBA'77, president of the human resources consulting firm LGC Enterprises in Phoenix, has been elected to the Valley of the Sun YMCA corporate board. She is a member of the Black Board of Directors Project.

Gregory Kellam Scott, JD'77, is head of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, having been named to the position by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Previously, Scott served as a justice on the Colorado Supreme Court from 1993-2000. He has been a visiting professor of law at IUPUI and a law professor at the University of Denver. Scott lives in Anderson, Ind.

Rochelle Hill Tinsley, BS'77, MS'80, retired from the IU Kelley School of Business after 19 years. She managed the Minorities in Business Program.

D. Daniel Hogan III, BS'78, MS'84, is the principal of Maple Crest Middle School in Kokomo, Ind. He received his PhD in education administration from Purdue University in August 2005. He has served as a board member on the Neal-Marshall Alumni Board and as a member-at-large on the IUAA Executive Council.

Sylvia M. Kennedy Monagan, BA'78, published *Write the Vision, Make It Plain*, in September 2005. It is a journal about becoming debt-free. The Web site for the journal is www.gig-writethevision.com. Monagan lives in Munster, Ind., and can be reached at smonagan@gig-writethevision.com.

Director of IU's African American Choral Ensemble **Jim E. Mumford**, MME'78, PhD'84, retired after 23 years of service to the university. All told, he taught for 52 years. He has received a Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching award; and the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award from the city of Bloomington, Ind. Mumford created and taught the Groups Theatre Project and was an associate professor of African American studies. Mumford plans to stay in Bloomington and work on his writing projects — an opera and several books.

1980s

Charles F. Huddleston III, MBA'81, accepted a quality engineering position with Raytheon in Indianapolis.

Arlene Coleman, MS'82, earned a PhD in education administration from Indiana State University in May 2005. She lives in Indianapolis.

Linda G. Corrin, MBA'82, is a counselor of pre-college programs at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, University Heights in Newark. She writes, "After 15 years in broadcasting (mostly part time) and after 20 years of teaching college, I now enjoy teaching, tutoring, and mentoring high school students as they make their transition into college." Corrin lives in East Orange.

Terry A. Helton, BA'82, writes, "Last spring, I decided to risk every-

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Gary native Currie publishes book on his dating philosophy

The No. 1 nonphysical characteristic that enhances your sex appeal with a woman is a fearless sense of self-confidence and self-assurance, as well as straightforward honesty. So states Alan Roger Currie in his recently released paperback book, *Mode One: Let the Women Know What You're REALLY Thinking*.

Currie said, "This was a book I initially did not want published. In the mid- to late '80s I had developed a reputation for being extremely candid and straightforward with women in regards to my dating desires, interests, and intentions. This ultimately led to a 'pamphlet of principles' that I shared with close friends."

The pamphlet later became known as "Four Modes of Verbal Communication."

In the fall of 2001, the e-book version of *Mode One* became available. It was so well received that Currie decided to publish this book.

Currie was born and reared in Gary, Ind., attending Chase Elementary School, Kennedy-King Middle School, and Wirt High School. He was writing comic books by age 6. There weren't many black comic book characters then, so he created "Tony Tack," his own black superhero. He sold his hand-written comics to classmates for 5 to 15 cents. He loved to write and used it as an escape from the challenges of real life.

His mother was creative and his father, Clarence R. Currie, was a writer and was a Gary School Board member from 1977 to 1985.

Currie graduated from Indi-

ana University with a BA in economics and a minor in theatre and drama. Between 1987 and 1991, he did a series of local, regional, and national television commercials. He performed as a stand-up comedian between August 1989 and December 1990 and was the grand prize winner for the 1989 Chicago Miller Lite Beer Stand-Up Comedy Search Contest.

In 1994 Currie moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting, screen writing, and filmmaking. He was accepted into the selective page program for NBC and later worked for 20th Century Fox Film Studios in guest relations and special events. He wrote the book after witnessing too many men manipulate women and women manipulate men.

"In the long run, all of the game-playing and manipula-

tive tactics just leaves both sexes bitter," he said. "The main emphasis of my book is 1) teaching men to overcome their fear of rejection and criticism, so that they can start approaching more women who they may be interested in; 2) discouraging men from 'playing games' with women, and just be more upfront and straightforwardly honest; and 3) teach men how to learn to identify when women are interested but 'pretending' not to be and/or when women are NOT interested but might be behaving as if they are in order to manipulate them."

Mode One is sold on Booklocker.com, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com.

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thing and accepted a job in Montana. ... The state renewed my certification as a CNA. Hopefully I will become a paralegal student (distance learning) at the University of North Dakota next year."

Deborah E. Jackson, BS'84, was ordained into the ministry in October 2004. She is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Needham, Ma., the first African American and first woman to be called as pastor of this historic 150-year-old church.

Gary E. Thomas, BA'84, has joined the Atlanta law firm of Powell Goldstein as a partner.

Linda Louise Johnson Thomas, AGS'84, is the Section 8 family self sufficiency coordinator of the South Bend (Ind.) Housing Authority. She writes, "I am very involved in my church, volunteer at Heroes Camp, have four grandchildren, and am traveling to Europe this summer [2005]."

Avance Byrd, BME'85, is principal of Wainwright Elementary School in Tacoma, Wash. His school was one of six schools in Washington and one of 250 schools in the nation to earn the federal 2004 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award. Wainwright Elementary earned the award for revamping its literacy program.

Michael Barlow, BFA'85, exhibited his artwork in the show Travel Documents at the Koehnline Museum of

Art in Des Plaines, Ill. During the summer of 2006, he taught a master studio class for drawing and painting at Columbia College Chicago's Advanced Placement Summer Institute for the Arts. Barlow also taught professional development workshops for art educators for the National Arts Education Association in Chicago, as well as promotional courses for the Chicago Public Schools. Barlow and his wife, Gwendolyn May-Barlow, live in Chicago.

Soprano **Angela M. Brown**, '86, will sing the role of Bess in Opera Pacific's concert version of *Porgy and Bess* on Oct. 4 and 5 at the Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa, Calif. The IU African American Arts Institute awarded her the inaugural Herman C. Hudson Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions made in the arts by former members of the institute. In May 2005, she originated the role of Cilla in the world premiere of the slavery opera *Margaret Garner* for the Michigan Opera Theatre. In 2004, Brown, made her Carnegie Hall and Metropolitan Opera debuts, the latter in the title role in *Aida*. A native of Indianapolis, Brown lives in New York City.

Karen Elaine Ervin, BS'86, is the proprietor of KEEnote Speaking Inc., which specializes in providing clients with workshops in leadership and communication. She is a member of the National Speakers Association and was voted 2005 Member of the Year. A

former professor, Ervin taught public speaking and business communication. She lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Richard L. Rowley, BS'86, JD'90, joined Sommer Barnard Attorneys, as of counsel. He is a member of the business law practice group at the firm's downtown Indianapolis office.

The January 2006 edition of *Florida Trend* magazine included an article on **Kim Jones**, MBA'89, of Jupiter, Fla. Jones shared insights on successful selling and marketing she has learned as a sales trainer and consultant with ProActive Training Consulting in West Palm Beach. Her address is kimjones@alumni.indiana.edu.

Howard L. Stevenson, BA'89, JD'93, is a founding partner at the African American-owned Indianapolis law firm of Coleman Graham & Stevenson. His law firm concentrates in the areas of business and corporate law. Stevenson was previously an attorney for the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, the Indiana attorney general's office, and the United Auto Workers Legal Services. He lives in Fishers with his wife **Christa R. Baker Stevenson**, BS'93, and three sons.

1990s

In 2005, **Donovan C. James**, BS'90, joined St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center as a vascular surgeon and is the only fellowship-trained vascular

surgeon in Pueblo, Colo. He treats a variety of vascular conditions, including varicose veins and aneurysms. He oversees the management of vascular disease and assists with reducing risk factors to reduce a patient's chance of developing vascular disease.

Darrell Morris, '90, is an accountant at Darrell Morris Accounting & Tax Service. He lives and works in Minden, La. He is a former GOP chair of Webster Parish and has served on several boards in northwest Louisiana.

Rita C. Organ, '91, is the executive director of the Indiana Museum of African American History.

Ellen R. Zerlaynah Boulter, AA'92, BA'93, MS'01, is the media center manager for the Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center at the Indianapolis International Airport. She is a member of the National Notary Association, as a notary public for the state of Indiana and as a notary signing agent available to all states worldwide. She and her husband, Eric, live in Indianapolis.

Maurice A. Cogdell Jr., BA'92, is the founder of Cogco/Marketing. He serves as a medical services broker. He also has a medical sales position with Stericycle Inc. He lives in Lisle, Ill.

Allison E. Joseph, MFA'92, is an associate professor in the English department of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where she was awarded the Judge William Holmes Cook Endowed Professor-

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ship. Joseph was also named the 2005 Faculty Woman of Distinction by the University Women's Professional Advancement organization at the university. She is editor and poetry editor of the *Crab Orchard Review*. She and her husband, Jon C. Tribble, MFA'91, MA'92, live in Carbondale.

Thea E. Kelly, Cert'92, MPA'95, JD'98, is senior attorney for operations at Dow Chemical. She recently won *More* magazine's modeling contest and now has a modeling contract with the Wilhelmina agency.

Darrell Farlough, MBA'93, is the author of *Sugar to Ivy: A Young Man's Toils from the Rural South to the Ivy League*, published by iUniverse Inc. on April 21, 2005. The memoir features

the story of Farlough's struggles and successes from childhood to his graduation from IU. When he's not writing, Farlough is a project manager at Ford Motor Co., in Livonia, Mich. He can be reached at dfarlough@yahoo.com.

Kathy Hicks-Brooks, AA'93, BGS'94, Cert'95, is a national board-certified teacher in the Gary (Ind.) Community Schools.

In 2005, **Joyce Rogers**, JD'96, was named the CEO of the Indiana Black Expo, after a nationwide search. She has served as the organization's chief operating officer and interim president. Rogers is president of Pa & Ma's Bar-B-Que Sauces Inc.

In January, **Robin C. Shackelford**, BS'93, MPA'99, ran her first half-marathon in Orlando, Fla., for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She writes, "I placed about 10,000 out of 16,000, so

I did beat 6,000 participants — yeah! I hope to participate in the Indianapolis Mini next summer with a much faster time." She lives in Indianapolis, where she is an economic affairs manager for the Indiana Health Care Association.

Kila Ward, BA'93, Cert'04, is program coordinator for the PNC College Bound Program at Purdue University North Central in Westville, Ind.

Soprano **Janet M. Williams**, MM'95, received the IU African American Arts Institute's Herman C. Hudson Alumni Award, given annually for outstanding contributions made in the arts by former members of the institute. Williams was a vocal coach for both the African American Choral Ensemble and the IU Soul Revue from 1984–87. She was also a vocal instructor at the School of Music during that time. Williams has won critical acclaim for performances at the Berlin

Staatsoper, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Paris Opera, among many others. Her operatic and concert repertoire spans genres of musical styles from baroque to contemporary. Williams is the author of the e-book *Nail Your Next Audition, the Ultimate 30-Day Guide for Singers*.

Joyce E. Dixon-Fyle, MA'96, MLS/PhD'99, is the coordinator of collection development at Roy O. West Library at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. She is also an associate professor. She has published *Female Writers' Struggle for Rights and Education for Women in France (1848–1871)*. The volume is part of the Currents in Comparative Romance Languages and Literatures series from Peter Lang Publishing.

Heather L. Rodman Karazim, BS'97, writes, "I was married to An- (continued on page 11)

Walk with us down Memory Lane

Indiana gained, Pitt missed out

As a standout lineman on the East Conemaugh football team, Moses Gray set his sights on playing at nearby University of Pittsburgh. But when the Panthers didn't call on the massive Iron Horses tackle, Gray found his way to Indiana University, a twist of fate that turned out to be one of the most important developments in his life.

"Conemaugh was just up the street from Pitt, so to speak," said Gray, 69, who was inducted into the Cambria County Sports Hall of Fame during a banquet at the Pasquerilla Conference Center on July 22. "Pitt was winning at the time. I wanted to go to Pitt. When I didn't get accepted by Pitt and I was asked by Indiana University to visit, I was happy to have a chance to play in the Big Ten."

Gray lettered at defensive tackle in three seasons with the Hoosiers from 1958 to 1960. At 6-foot-2, 260 pounds, the big lineman was difficult to miss on the playing field, whether at defensive tackle or on special teams as a place kicker.

The Hoosiers were 5–3–1 his sophomore season and 4–4–1 during his junior year, which included wins over Nebraska and Michigan and a scoreless deadlock against Ohio State.

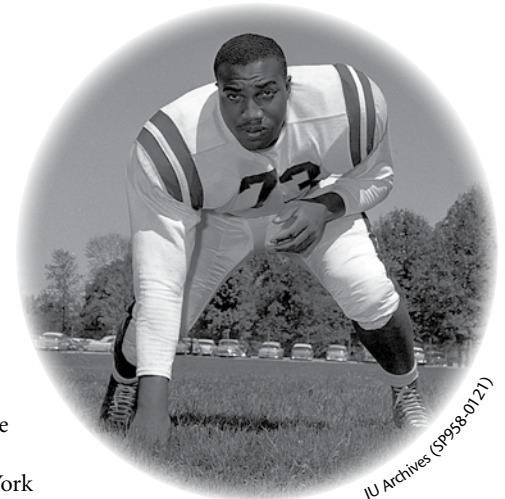
"The most memorable one was when we tied Ohio State 0–0 my junior year," Gray said. "If we won that game we would

have gone to the Rose Bowl. We really did score in that game. Photos showed that our halfback went off my tackle on the right side and we were both in the end zone. The official held up his fingers like it was a little bit short. We turned it over to Ohio State."

Both the National Football League and the upstart American Football League took notice. The NFL's New York Giants and the AFL's New York Titans each selected Gray in their respective drafts.

Gray spent two seasons with the New York Titans (now known as the New York Jets) after graduating from IU with a degree in physical education in 1961. *Sports Illustrated* once named Gray and teammate Proverb Jacobs two of the best tackles in the AFL. The players were dubbed "the biblical twins" because of their names. "I enjoyed New York. It was a great experience," Gray said.

After football, Gray had a 30-year career with General Motors Corp. He advanced through the ranks to various management positions, including manager of manufacturing services speedway plants from 1983 to 1990 and general superintendent of manufacturing speedway plants in charge of 1,400 employees. Using the principles he learned in Conemaugh



Moses Gray, circa 1958

and on the football field, Gray authored a mission statement founded on customer satisfaction and the belief that a full day's pay was only warranted for a full day's work. He retired from GM in 1992.

Gray led a \$2.5 million fundraising drive to build the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center on IU's Bloomington, Ind., campus during the 1990s. In January 2002, the center was dedicated in honor of the first male and female African-American graduates of Indiana University.

Gray and his wife, Ann, have been married 44 years and reside in Indianapolis. They have two adult children, Tamara Ann Brown and William B. Gray.

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drew James Karazim on Nov. 6, 2004 in Indianapolis. Although my husband is a Yale graduate, he has become a big fan of IU basketball! We both are still district sales managers at Eli Lilly and Co., and live in Chicago."

DeMarco Brown, BA'99 is a photojournalist for WSBT in South Bend, Ind. His wife, Elizabeth J. (Armstrong), BA'00, is a legal assistant for May Oberfell Lorber, Mishawaka. She writes, "We recently bought a house in South Bend and are remodeling it."

Bryann H. Gibson, '99, is an employment specialist at Workforce Development Services Inc., in Gary, Ind. He reports that he is working on completing his bachelor's degree at IU Northwest. Gibson is a co-chair of the Gary NAACP's political action committee. His daughter, Madison Louise Gibson, was born on Sept. 20, 2005. The Gibsons live in Merrillville.

Angela J. Green, MSW'99, is deputy director of practice support for the Indiana Department of Child Services. She is responsible for support in the areas of policy, technology, and quality assurance. Previously, she was vice president of the Children's Bureau of Indianapolis. Green lives in Indianapolis.

Carl Pope, MFA'99, is a photographer based in Indianapolis.

Kanneese B. Woods, BS'99, MIS'01, is the Web services librarian and an assistant professor at the University of Memphis in Tennessee. She coordinates the design and development of the library's Web presence and designs and conducts Web usability tests to enhance user interaction with the library's Web site.

2000s

Steven L. Burks, Cert/BS'00, is principal tenor and saxophonist with the Potter's House Music and Fine Arts Department in Dallas.

Vanessa M. Cochran, BGS'00, writes that she and her husband, **Eric**, BS'93, have both furthered their educations by earning master's degrees in business management and administration. She adds that they met through the Groups Program and calls her time with the program "the best years of my life."

In October, **David E. Johnson**, BAJ'00, was promoted to director of membership and outreach for the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in Washington, D.C. He can be reached at dejohnson@nljga.org.

Corey L. Harton, BA'00, writes, "I serve as a police officer with the Indianapolis Police Department. I teach a program called GREAT (Gang

Resistance Education and Training) to third through sixth graders in the Indianapolis Public Schools system."

Natalie E. Palmer, BS'00, is the manager of special events and promotions for the Indianapolis Colts. She joined the Colts in 2002 as a ticket sales and marketing assistant. Prior to that, she was a manager at Finish Line.

Jamika R. Jones, BGS'01, writes, "I have a wonderful career, bought a beautiful home, and am the proud mother of a son, Jadon Michael."

Sherron R. Moore, BA'01, MIS'02, is an implementation manager at Clarian Health Partners, Indianapolis.

Paul E. Norris Jr., BGS'01, is chief of police at IUPUI. He says he is very happy to be back in Indianapolis after serving as the police chief for the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. Before that, Norris worked in the police departments at IUPUI and IU Bloomington and was chief of police at IUB. He lives in Carmel and can be reached at penorris@iupui.edu.

"I'm having a blast reconnecting with friends and family." After four years of marketing and selling cars and trucks, **Rachel M. Sims**, Cert/MBA'01, returned to Indiana to become a real-estate professional. She works with Re/Max Preferred in Fishers and can be reached at rachelims@remax.net.

Chasity Q. Thompson Adewopo, JD'02, and Ayoade Adewopo, JD'02, married on Aug. 21, 2004, in Montgomery, Ala. He became a solicitor in England and Wales on Nov. 1, 2004.

Tiffany R. Benjamin-Dwenger, BAJ'02, graduated from Harvard Law School in June 2005. Since September 2005, she has worked as an associate at the law firm of King & Spalding at its Washington, D.C. office. She works on the law firm's special matters and government investigations team. She and William J. Dwenger, Cert/BGS'02, were married on Aug. 13, 2005, at Beck Chapel on IU's campus.

Ronald C. Glass, MLS'02, is the head of reference at the Greenacres Branch of the Palm Beach County Library System in Lake Worth, Fla.

Cathesia Billingsley Thompson, AGS'02, has a son, Marquis Lael Thompson, born Nov. 29, 2004. "He keeps us tired, but he's doing wonderful," Thompson says. She lives in Indianapolis.

Patricia M. Tucker, MIS/MLS'02, of Casa Grande, Ariz., is a librarian at the Casa Grande Public Library.

Jelani H. Ellington, MBA'03, completed his master of science degree in management and engineering in June 2005 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He works for OnStar Corp., a General Motors subsidiary, in the business department as a strategy manager. He works in Detroit and

IUAA election results

The following people have been elected to one-year terms as officers on the IUAA Board of Managers, joining Stanley Fox as chairman, **Alma Powell** as immediate past chairwoman, and Ken Beckley as president and CEO.

- Mary Ellen Bishop, of Indianapolis, chairwoman-elect
- Steve Moberly, of Bloomington, Ind., vice chairman
- Brian Williams, of Evansville, Ind., secretary
- Ingrid Toschlog, of Indianapolis, treasurer

Among 10 people recently elected to a three-year term as at-large members of the IUAA Executive Council, two individuals (in bold) are members of the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club:

- Paul Barada, of Rushville, Ind.
- Kathy Bernson, of Jeffersonville, Ind.
- Durleen Braasch, of South Bend, Ind.
- Randy L. Brown, of Fort Wayne, Ind.
- **Chuck Hughes**, of Gary, Ind.
- Gretchen Mueller, of Friday Harbor, Wash.
- **Matthew Murphy III**, of Indianapolis
- Danny Simonsohn, of Miami Beach, Fla.
- Sharon Singleton, of Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Patricia Williams, of Bloomington, Ind.



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lives in West Bloomfield.

Ntianu N. Sababu, BS'03, teaches in Indianapolis Public Schools.

Jacqueline V. Brown, JD'04, passed the Ohio bar examination in July 2004. She was sworn in as an attorney in November 2004. Brown is now an associate at Faruki Ireland & Cox, where she specializes in business and commercial law. She lives and works in Dayton, Ohio.

"I am currently starting a business, helping people get out of debt and become financially independent," writes **April N. Freeman**, BS'04. She lives in Indianapolis.

Naomi R. Onomakpome, BS'04, of Griffith, Ind., is a research coordinator for Northwestern University. As part of the Colorectal Cancer Questionnaire Intervention project, she works with patients at the Veterans Administration facility in Crown Point, Ind., to increase patient awareness and increase colorectal cancer screening within the Veterans Administration. She is pursuing an MBA at IU Northwest. Her address is nreestoonomakpome@yahoo.com.

Carl Palmer III, MS'04, of Crystal Springs, Miss., is the head coach for

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