

# Neal-Marshall

# Alumni Club Newsletter



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## Letter from the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club president

## Make a new year's resolution to attend IU events

**G**reetings! Year one of my presidency has passed very quickly. The National Neal-Marshall Executive Board wishes you a wonderful, productive, and prosperous 2003! We look forward to seeing you on the IUB campus for at least one of our major events this year.

The first exciting event for which we need your presence is Little 500. The executive board will meet on the same day as the men's Little 500 race, Saturday, April 26. Team Major Taylor (see page 4) is planning to participate again. In case you haven't heard, they placed ninth in a total of 33 teams last year — an impressive beginning! We need a large, vocal, cheering section at this race. Our second event is Reunion XVI on Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 10-12). If you are unable to attend in the spring, please plan to come in the fall. You already know that both seasons are beautiful in southern Indiana. Please mark your calendar now and join us.

The executive board met in June and again in October. We are continuing to work on our strategic goals that were established last year. Great news — we are striving to mail our club newsletter biannually to *all* Neal-Marshall alumni. However, it is vital that you join the IU Alumni Association so that we may increase the number of *active* Neal-Marshall members. We will continue to make you aware of events that will draw members back to campus so that you may interact with students and see old friends. Perhaps you will accept an invitation to network with our students on campus during a career day or participate by serving as a host in the IU booth during the July Indiana Black Expo in Indianapolis. I did, and it is a great way to stay in contact with the alumni as well as meet current students. An ideal way to take an active role in the greater IU community is to read about and vote in the upcoming trustee's



election. Your voice should always be heard for such monumental considerations as who will be the new IU president. By the way, a university-wide search committee was formed for the selection of President Myles Brand's successor (see page 2).

The executive board also has concentrated on publicizing our Neal-Marshall Scholarship for undergraduates. There has been a huge increase in applications this fall. *Please* continue your support of our scholarship fund. If you have an opportunity to see our future Neal-Marshall alumni on any of our eight campuses, you will know that your support is crucial for their academic success.

I am very pleased that there is ongoing Neal-Marshall activity in Michiana, Chicago, and Northwest Indiana. We were delighted to have their representation, as well as from Kokomo, in our October meeting. I also had the pleasure of meeting with Ken Beckley, the

new IUAA president, in August. He has expressed interest in meeting with us and helping us reach our goals. We met in Richmond, Ind., and planned a reception on Jan. 16, a joint venture of the IUAA, the Office of Student Development and Diversity, and the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club. The reception occurred while the "Black Experience at Indiana University: Realizing the Dream, 1816-2002" was at the IU East campus. For those who may want to organize a local chapter of Neal-Marshall in your community, this type of event may be an excellent kickoff. If you are interested in exploring this, please contact our national director Clarence Boone at (800) 824-3044 or nmac@indiana.edu to work out possible touring logistics. (See page 3 for the current tour schedule.)

The success of the IU basketball team under the leadership of coach Mike Davis is just one more great reason for you to be a part of the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club. Go IU! Go Neal-Marshall!

— Eileen Baker

## IU president moves to NCAA role

**T**he IU board of trustees quickly developed transition plans and initiated a search to find a successor for IU President Myles Brand following the announcement Oct. 10 that Brand had accepted the position of president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Frederick F. Eichhorn Jr., president of the IU trustees, said he was very disappointed about Brand's departure. "He will be sorely missed. But I know he will bring a high level of leadership and experience to the NCAA," Eichhorn said. "He'll do a terrific job for the NCAA." Brand began

his new job with the NCAA on Jan. 1.

Brand said the decision was a difficult one for him and his wife, Peg, to make. "It's an opportunity for me to play a national leadership role on issues central to higher education, and I look forward to that," Brand said. "I leave IU with deep regrets. The university is well-positioned for the future. IU will always have a special place in my heart."

Brand presided over a period of remarkable growth at IU, including record student enrollments and national leader-

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# IU trustees choose Bepko as interim president

Gerald L. Bepko, who has been chancellor of IUPUI since 1986, was selected unanimously by the IU board of trustees in November to serve as the university's interim president.

The trustees hope to select a permanent successor to Myles Brand by July 1. During a meeting at IPFW, the trustees approved the appointment of a 17-member committee to conduct the presidential search. Bepko will serve until the new president takes office.

"Jerry has served IU with unswerving commitment and unshakeable integrity," said Frederick F. Eichhorn Jr., board president. "He is not only an outstanding academic and an experienced administrator. He is familiar with the strategic initiatives that are of crucial importance to IU."

Bepko said he was very flattered and honored to be asked to assume the interim presidency, and he talked of the great affection he and his wife, Jean, have for IU. He praised the accomplishments of Brand and said he plans to continue the momentum of current initiatives during his tenure.

"We have a lot of things that we need to work on during this interim period," Bepko said, pointing in particular to initiatives to focus on research and civic engagement, to build on IU's leadership in life sciences and information technology, and to continue the long-standing commitment to student learning and access.

"I am pleased that Jerry is willing to take on this new responsibility," Brand said. "He has been an outstanding leader at IUPUI. In his role as IU's vice president for long-range planning, he has developed a real understanding of the issues facing the entire university. He is an excellent choice."

During Bepko's tenure at IUPUI, enrollment has increased by nearly 25 percent and external support for faculty research activities has grown from \$38 million in 1986 to more than \$200 million in 2002.

He also has led a successful fund-raising effort, the Campaign for IUPUI, that is nearing its \$700 million goal well before its scheduled conclusion in June 2004. IUPUI is IU's second-largest campus, with more than 29,000 students enrolled in more than 180 programs of undergraduate and graduate study.

Earlier this year, Bepko announced he would be stepping down as IUPUI chancellor at the end of the 2002-03 academic year. A search is under way to find his successor.

## Brand says move was a difficult decision

*The following is an excerpt from IU President Myles Brand's final President's Update. His final day as IU president was Dec. 31, 2002.*



Myles Brand

On Oct. 10, I announced that I would be leaving Indiana University at the end of this calendar year to become president of the NCAA. It is a tremendous opportunity to play a leadership role in an area that is important to me — the future of student athletes and college athletics. But as excited as I am about beginning this new chapter in my life, making the move was a most difficult decision.

When I first considered joining Indiana University more than eight years ago, I was struck by IU's outstanding academic reputation and the vital role the university played, through its eight different campuses, in the life of its state. I was also impressed, on a more personal level, with the helpful and caring spirit of the people I met. As it turns out, IU has been everything I thought it would be and more. For Peg and me, IU has been the high point of our professional lives.

### **New challenges**

The opportunities facing higher education are tremendous. Never has a college degree been more important in the workplace. Never has university research been more instrumental in the development of a vibrant and diverse economy. And never has the need for building bridges between higher education, business, and government been greater. Excellent, accessible education; cutting-edge research; active engagement in the life of the state, the nation, and the world — all those are hallmarks of Indiana University. Its future will be determined by how well it maximizes its opportunities.

### **New leadership**

When it comes to the process of selecting a successor, an outgoing university president should remain well in the background. I am certain that the members of the search committee have, or will soon develop, a clear idea of exactly what they will be looking for in a new leader. I will be most pleased to provide any counsel that the new IU president might request when he or she takes office.

### **New beginnings**

While it is up to others to judge the progress of the university during my tenure here, I leave with great pride in the university's accomplishments and with great hope for its future. Peg and I would like to thank everyone who so warmly welcomed us to Indiana and so generously shared their dreams for, and their love of, this outstanding university. They all helped make this as fulfilling an experience for us personally as it has been professionally.

A former chancellor of the Bloomington campus, Byrum E. Carter, once noted that "a university does not exist in a moment of time; it exists over time." Living in Bryan House, walking across campus past the park bench where the sculpture of Herman B Wells sits, and going up the steps to my office in Bryan Hall, I am constantly reminded of the great heritage of IU.

I have been proud to share this moment in time of a great university. In my eight-and-a-half years at IU, I have been especially impressed by the dedication of the members of the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club. It's been a pleasure to work with you to ensure that IU serves the broadest range of learners possible and that our graduates leave the university with a better appreciation of the diverse world in which we live.

I am excited to see what the university will accomplish next. Thank you for permitting me to serve as a steward of this extraordinary institution of higher education.

## NCAA role

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ship in information technology and the life sciences, while maintaining the university's traditional strengths in the arts and humanities. IU was named by *Time* magazine as College of the Year among research universities in September 2001, based on the quality of its programs to help incoming students adjust to college life. Under Brand's leadership, IU received its largest single private gift in its history, a \$105 million grant from the Lilly Endowment to fund the Indiana Genomics Initiative. Last year, IU was the leading public university in private-sector support, and the university attracted more than \$300 million in federal grants and contracts.



# The Black Experience at IU: Realizing the Dream, 1816–2002

"The Black Experience exhibit provided our campus a unique opportunity to celebrate the history of African-Americans at Indiana University. The exhibit allowed us to reach out to our alumni of color in a new way, while also educating our student and university community on the important contributions of these former students and university officials."

— *David Cobb,*  
*director of alumni affairs, IU Southeast*

"Indiana University serves as a window of opportunity to provide higher educational opportunities to those interested in pursuing their dream. We were very pleased to showcase one aspect of the history of Indiana University."

— *Bette G. Davenport,*  
*director of alumni relations, IU East*

IU Campus	Tour dates	Location
<b>IU Southeast</b> 4201 Grant Line Road New Albany (812) 941-2000	<b>Nov. 4–22, 2002</b> Opening reception Nov. 6	Paul Ogle Center Lobby
<b>IU East</b> 2325 Chester Blvd. Richmond (765) 973-8200	<b>Jan. 16–Feb. 5, 2003</b> Opening reception Jan. 16	Whitewater Hall Lobby
<b>IU Northwest</b> 3400 Broadway Gary (219) 980-6500	<b>Feb. 10–March 14</b>	Savannah Hall's Contemporary Gallery
<b>IUPFW</b> 2101 Coliseum Blvd. Fort Wayne (219) 481-6100	<b>March 18–April 11</b> Opening reception March 20 6:30–8 p.m.	Walb Student Union ( <i>One week designated for the Fort Wayne African-American Museum</i> )
<b>IUSB</b> 1700 Mishawaka Ave. South Bend (574) 237-4872	<b>April 15–May 2</b>	Administration Building Lobby
<b>IU Kokomo</b> 2300 S. Washington St. Kokomo (765) 453-2000	<b>May 5–26</b> <b>Feb. 2–13, 2004</b>	Alumni Hall
<b>IUPUI</b> 755 W. Michigan St. Indianapolis (317) 278-2322	<b>Jan. 5–28, 2004</b> Reception pending	IUPUI University Library

## NMAC scholarship award recipients

Spring 2003

Travis Hankins  
Dalpne C. Johnson

Fall 2002

Richard Burden  
April Freeman  
Erland Porter



## Neal-Marshall Scholarship Fund

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to the  
**IU Foundation** and earmarked for the **Neal-Marshall Scholarship Fund**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree(s)/Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to IU Alumni Association, DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St.,  
Bloomington, IN 47408-1521. *Thank you!*



## Efforts in motion to increase student recruitment, diversity

Greetings! My name is Lori Patton. I serve as the director of multicultural outreach in the IU Office of Admissions. I began my position in January 2001 and since have been working diligently to recruit quality students of color to IU.

As you know, IU is devoted to increasing the diversity on campus, and, as a result, several efforts are in place to reach this goal. Keeping in mind that recruitment is a team effort that calls for participation from various departments, we are in the process of creating a comprehensive minority recruitment plan. It

will outline recruitment efforts and detail how various campus constituents will work together to realize the objectives of the plan. In addition, we are working to increase the number of campus visit opportunities for minority students. These programs will allow students to spend the night on campus with current students, attend campus events (i.e., lectures, performances, sporting events), observe an actual class lecture, and more. Additionally, we plan to extend recruitment to students by increasing minority high school visits and partnering with civic organizations

that offer a youth outreach component. There are also plans to increase electronic and media communication to minority audiences. We want students to know that IU is interested in them and wants to provide them with a supportive, quality education.

In terms of accomplishments thus far, IU has played an instrumental role in a number of programs:

- In March 2002, the Office of Admissions sponsored an on-campus visit day for the Indianapolis Urban League's local chapter of the National Achievers Society. This program consists of development and activities for outstanding African-American students. They have the opportunity to qualify for \$10,000 scholarships that can be used at any university, both in and out of state.

- In July, IU participated in the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration. The booth consisted of giveaways, an interactive computer game to increase students' knowledge of the university and attending college, profile displays of successful alumni, and a host of information about IU.

- In August, the admissions office teamed up with alumni affairs to host the inaugural 21st-Century Scholars Day. Twenty-first-Century Scholars throughout the state of Indiana visited the Bloomington campus and participated in a luncheon, tours, and academic sessions and interacted with current students.

- In October, our office hosted the Multicultural Open House. This program is the largest on-campus visit day for minority students; more than 200 students and family members participated. Students were warmly welcomed by Charlie Nelms, vice president of student development and diversity; Gerardo Gonzalez, dean of the School of Education; and William Lewis, director of diversity initiatives for the Kelley School of Business. The remainder of the day consisted of lunch with jazz by student performers, academic sessions, tours, a student panel, a step show, visits to various cultural centers, and various other activities.

- In the fall, I targeted recruitment of minority students in California and Atlanta. The trips consisted of school visits, college fairs, and alumni training sessions. The goal is to bring more exposure of IU to students in surrounding states. Next semester will include visits to St. Louis; Louisville, Ky.; Cincinnati; and northwest Indiana.

In terms of the continued increase of recruitment efforts, I would like to invite you to participate in the Alumni Student Recruitment Program. You may have recently

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### Team Major Taylor to ride in Little 500



The "against-all-odds" success story of Team Major Taylor continues! This fall, three new riders have joined the team and desire to fulfill a primary goal of the Major Taylor Foundation Inc. academic and cycling success! Please visit our Web site at [www.teammajortaylor.com](http://www.teammajortaylor.com) for updated information.

In fall 2001, six young black men, later joined by a Hispanic rider, came to IU with the goal of obtaining an IU degree and qualifying for the 2002 Little 500. After just missing capturing the pole position at the race qualifications, the team qualified an amazing third place out of 42 teams. Amidst some controversy centered upon the amateur status of one of the more gifted members of this aspiring team; despite all the routine challenges that occur when preparing for a race of this magnitude; and in spite of holding fourth place through most of the race; the team (comprised entirely of freshmen) finished ninth out of a field of 33. They did exceptionally well: It was the first trophy ever won by a minority team in the history of the Little 500!

This year's team holds greater promise. They are on campus and training every day. But they need our support. Many teams that participate are members of an organization (i.e., fraternities, housing units) that provides financial support. We want our team to compete on an equal playing field. Contributions to the Major Taylor Foundation Inc. will ensure that we can fund the scholarship program that supports Team Major Taylor, academically and athletically. Thank you in advance for believing in us. We look forward to celebrating with you on April 26 at 2 p.m.! Expect victory!

— Courtney L. Bishop, president

— George Taliaferro, treasurer  
Major Taylor Foundation Inc.

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# IUAA welcomes creation of new affiliate group

The year 2002 has been an exciting one for the African-American Arts Institute at IU and our three ensembles, the African-American Dance Company, African-American Choral Ensemble, and IU Soul Revue. In January, we completed our move to the new Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, and we are now enjoying the wonderful facilities, performance spaces, and technical capabilities this building has to offer. This year's performances were extremely well-received, including a capacity crowd at the 30th anniversary reunion of the IU Soul Revue, which attracted more than 200 alumni from across the country, and the annual fall Potpourri of the Arts concert on Nov. 1.

We are now entering into the realization of a new project at the institute. The 30th anniversary of the Soul Revue concludes a series of reunions that included the African-American Choral Ensemble's 25th reunion (2001) and the African-American Dance Company's 25th reunion (2000). Expansion of activities and feedback from alumni have catalyzed the development of the African-American Arts Institute Alumni Association.

This alumni association will help promote each of our ensemble's activities on a larger scale and will provide the means by which alumni can stay connected to the friends and classmates made while performing with the ensembles. As an affiliate group of the IU Alumni Association, our new organization will consist of four groups made up of alumni from the various ensembles, plus a group incorporating staff and friends of the institute.

— *Martha Dutra*

## African-American Arts Institute Alumni Association

The AAAI Alumni Association will

- support the mission, goals, and objectives of the AAAI and assist in the development of its vision;
- sponsor programs and events to promote fellowship, education, and artistic enrichment among AAAI alumni, students, faculty, and staff throughout the country;
- stimulate continued interest in the AAAI among its alumni and friends;
- provide volunteer, moral, and financial support to the activities of the AAAI;
- provide marketing and fund-raising contacts to the AAAI;
- send representatives to all important AAAI functions; and
- support IU and the IUAA.

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the AAAIAA or learning more about its activities, send e-mail to [aaai@indiana.edu](mailto:aaai@indiana.edu), or contact us by phone at (812) 855-9501.*



## AAAI's 'Potpourri' a rousing success

The night started out with a taste of soul and R&B. Then I was treated to a great interpretive dance performance in the African tradition. To top everything off, I was then taken to church, as I heard some great choral and southern gospel music. I got to hear all of this in two-and-a-half hours, as the African-American Arts Institute put on their annual Potpourri of the Arts, Friday night (Nov. 1) at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre.

The evening got off to a great start, as the IU Soul Revue took the stage to thundering applause. This crowd was pumping from the very start, and once the group began performing, there was no going back. The Soul Revue played classic R&B and soul songs from the '70s through today. The band's rhythm section of bass, keyboards, and percussion was backed by a very talented horn section, and the vocalists who fronted the Soul Revue were sublime.

After a short intermission, we got to watch the African-American Dance Company perform interpretive dances that were really moving. The group of performers caught our eyes from the start and didn't let go. I am not a very emotional person, but the desperation of the vocalist, combined with the emotional performance by the dancers, almost moved me to tears.

The African-American Choral Ensemble then took the stage, in order to "take us to church," as director James Mumford put it. There's no denying that he was right, not after hearing all this great music. The songs performed alternated between straight choral arrangements and reworked small group renditions of more well-known contemporary pieces. The full 80-member ensemble knocked the audience for a loop while performing "Rockin' Jerusalem," while the small group God's Progress stole the show with the performance of "He Reigns," as performed in the past by Kirk Franklin.

— *excerpts from a review by Jonathan Sanders, Indiana Daily Student*

## From admissions

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received a letter from Nelms that included campus updates and a note encouraging you to participate in this program by contacting me. I extend this invitation once more with the hope that you will consider being an alumni student recruiter — more than 70 alumni throughout the country have responded thus far! This is not a huge time commitment, but it certainly can be beneficial for increasing the number of minority students. Some responsibilities include representing IU at college fairs and area visits, serving as a student resource, and referring students to the Office of Admissions. For

more information about the program, visit the alumni student recruitment Web site at [www.indiana.edu/~iualumsr/](http://www.indiana.edu/~iualumsr/). It is a great resource, filled with a wealth of information about the program. I look forward to working with each of you. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [lpatt@indiana.edu](mailto:lpatt@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-1678.

I consider it an honor to work for IU and to have an opportunity to be instrumental in realizing one of the university's long-term goals of increasing campus diversity through minority student outreach. I hope to work with you in the near future and I welcome any ideas, suggestions, or comments about outreach programs.

— *Lori Patton*

## Before 1960

**Wilfred E. Rawl**, BA'52, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., is 75 years old and is retired.

**David N. Baker Jr.**, BM'54, MM'55, IU School of Music professor and chair of the jazz studies department, received the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal on April 26 in recognition of his 15 years of service to the Smithsonian Institution. This award honors those persons who have contributed to the advancement of the Smithsonian's fields of interest. Baker, who is the artistic and musical director of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, was honored for his work in jazz performance and scholarship.

**Rufus W. McKinney**, JD'56, was inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows at the IU School of Law. He is an independent energy and public policy consultant and lives in Bethesda, Md.

## 1960s

**Amos B. Hubbard**, MS'60, and his wife, **Irene W. Hubbard**, MS'61, live in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Amos is retired as dean of students at Stillman College and Irene is retired as a librarian for the Tuscaloosa City Schools.

**Linneaus C. Dorman**, PhD'61, and his wife, Phae Dorman, received Saginaw Valley State University's Distinguished Service Medallion for service to the university and community. They live in Midland, Mich.

**Anne Gayles-Felton**, EdD'61, was invited to join President Bush and his wife for a private dinner at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., on July 19, 2002. She is a professor of secondary education at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla.

**Wright L. Lassiter**, MBA'62, was chosen by President Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the 26-member National Advisory Council of the National Endowment of the Humanities. He is president of El

## Shipp named to Hall of Fame

**Melvin D. Shipp**, BS'70, OD'72, was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame for his advancements to the profession of optometry. He is an associate professor in the optometry school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was elected treasurer of the American Public Health Association.



Educated as an optometrist, Shipp pursued his graduate interests through a master's degree in public health from Harvard University and a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan. He has become a leading teacher and advocate for vision concerns in both the optometry and public health communities. Examples of his service include participation as a consultant/contributor to the 1999–2003 National Eye Institute NIH Strategic Five-Year Plan; as a member of the National Advisory Eye Council; and his service on the National Research Council/Transportation Research Board Committee on Safe Mobility of Older Persons.

He has chaired the American Academy's Section on Public Health and Environmental Vision and the American Optometric Association's Committee on Environmental/Occupational Vision. Shipp has served as an educator, researcher, and administrator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (former positions include director of the Optometric Technical Program, assistant dean for clinical services, and director of clinics). In 1989, he became the first — and presently, the only — optometrist to be selected for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship by the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Centro College and lives in Dallas, Texas.

**Janet Cheatham Bell**, BS'64, a self-employed writer and publishing consultant, has completed six books of quotations by people of African descent. Her latest book, *Till Victory is Won: Famous Black Quotations from the NAACP*, was published this year. More than 200 quotations from NAACP members, officers, and award recipients are featured in the book. Bell lives in San Francisco.

**Lurlean S. Lockhart**, MS'66, writes, "I retired about four years ago. I'm a grandmother now. My grandson is 3 years old. His name is Jerod Robin Lockhart. I would like to hear via e-mail from some of the people who went to IU between the summers and years of 1963–66." Lockhart lives in Chicago, and her e-mail address is jrl371@aol.com.

## 1970s

**William G. Mays**, BA'70, MBA'73, ScD'00, received a Spirit of the Prairie Award from Conner Prairie. The award recognizes leaders with Indiana backgrounds who have forged new frontiers in their fields. He is president of Mays Chemical Co. Inc., one of the 20 largest chemical distribution companies in North America. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Vernon Payne**, BS'71, MS'72, was appointed associate vice president for student affairs at Western Michigan University. He lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Sandra M. Thompkins**, BA'71, is executive director of salaried personnel for Delphi Corp. in Troy, Mich. She lives in Oakland, Mich.

**Paula Grandison**, BS'72, MS'96, was promoted to principal of Woodland Elementary School

in Elkhart, Ind. She lives in Granger, Ind.

**Evangelene Jordan Williams**, MS'73, received the Bronze Medallion and Silver Bowl in poetry. She lives in Louisville, Ky., and is a member of the National League of American Pen Women.

**Geta LeSeur**, MAT'75, PhD'82, spent 2000–01 as a Fulbright Scholar in Spain at the University of Seville. Her second book, *Not All Okies Are White*, was selected as one of the best books about the Southwest for 2000. LeSeur is an associate professor of English and women's studies at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

**Gregory K. Scott**, JD'77, of Denver, joined GenCorp as senior vice president of law and general counsel. He is a former Colorado Supreme Court justice and will relocate to Sacramento, Calif.

**Doris J. Sims**, BS'79, CPbMgt'94, MPA'98, of Bloomington, is the new director of the Region 10 field office for the Indiana Department of Commerce.

## 1980s

**Joby Wright**, BS'80, MS'90, works for the IU School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and lives in Bloomington.

**Arthur R. Boozer**, BA'82, owns a home accessories design store in New York called Apartment 48. His designs have been featured in *Elle Décor* and *House Beautiful*.

**Nina Harding**, MPA'82, JD'82, received an Outstanding Attorney Award from the King County Bar Association and an Outstanding Service Award from the Loren Miller Bar Association. She lives in Seattle.

**Walladene F. Anderson**, AGS'83, BGS'87, is the co-owner of Anderson Welding & Repair in Gary, Ind. She lives in Merrillville, Ind.

**Tawana L. Keels**, BS'82, has been a school board member with Princeton City Schools near Cincinnati for seven years. She is also a member of the Ohio School Board Association board of

trustees and executive committee.

**Linda Reed, PhD'86**, lectured for the U.S. State Department in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan in honor of Black History Month and Women's History Month. She lives in Humble, Texas.

**Susan E. Bell, BS'87**, is a staff pharmacist at Walgreens in Chicago. She received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Butler University in 1989.

**Leland Dean Brown, BA'87**, is a certified Toyota sales professional for Butler Toyota and lives in Noblesville, Ind.

## 1990s

**O. Gilbert Brown, EdD'92**, was named associate dean of students at IU. He was formerly assistant dean of the University Division.

**Wyndell L. Langston, BS'93**, formed FAYCAB Sports Apparel, a men's and women's athletic apparel company designed by athletes for athletes. The clothing is sold on the Internet and at select retail shops in Indianapolis.

**Arthur W. Polela Jr., BA'93**, works for Shops at Sunset in Miami. He and his wife, De Anna J. Polela, BA'92, recently celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Deven Jeannette. They live in Miami.

**Rita J. Wise, CB St'93, BGS'95**, is president of Wise Publishing and lives in Indianapolis.

**Bernard Whittington, BS'94**, is a professional football player for the Cincinnati Bengals. He began

his NFL career with the Indianapolis Colts as a free agent and still owns a home in Indianapolis. During football season, he lives in an apartment in Cincinnati.

**Dawnangelina M. Claghorn, BA'95**, is working toward a master's degree in elementary education. She lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband, James B. Claghorn, BGS'96, and their two daughters.

**Shawn Harper, BA'96**, owns a security company and is a motivational speaker in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Philana, have a son, Orion.

**Cajardo R. Lindsey, JD'96**, is an associate for Baldwin & Brown in Denver. He lives in Northglenn, Colo.

**Phillip C. Boyd, BGS'97**, joined the law firm Husch & Eppenger as an associate in the firm's litigation practice group. He lives in St. Louis.

**Veronica W. Brame, JD'97**, of Chandler, Ariz., works in the juvenile division of the Maricopa County attorney's office, where she is a deputy county attorney.

**David E. Corbitt, JD'97**, has a four-year seat on the school board for the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township, one of the fastest-growing school systems in the Indianapolis area. He is an attorney with Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis.

**Detra L. Perry, AGS'97, BGS'99**, is founder and principal consultant of Indianapolis-based

## Save the date!



The Neal-Marshall Reunion XVI will be held during **Homecoming Weekend 2003, Oct. 10-12 (Friday-Sunday)** in Bloomington. A large number of activities are being planned in conjunction with a host of university sponsors and groups. More details and registration information will be mailed and posted on our Web site in April ([www.indiana.edu/~nealmar](http://www.indiana.edu/~nealmar)).

## New fellowships offered

In cooperation with Dean Charles Ridley of RUGS, the Creative Writing Program in the Department of English is pleased to announce that at least three partial fellowships, the Marcellus Neal-Frances Marshall Graduate Fellowships in Creative Writing, will be offered for the first time in 2003. These \$4,000 fellowships will enable entering students of color to reduce their first-year teaching assignment by one course and continue to receive the full first-year associate instructor stipend and related benefits.

In accordance with this fellowship partnership, the Creative Writing Program and the English department are beginning a national fund-raising effort to secure funds for these lines. Currently, creative writing is among the more diverse units at IUB, with students of color making up between one-quarter to one-third of its graduate student body — ranking it among the top two most diverse programs in the country. More information about these fellowships can be found online at [www.indiana.edu/~mfawrite/fellows.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~mfawrite/fellows.html).

— *Professor Tony Ardizzone*  
*Director, Creative Writing Program*

Reputation Matters Inc., a public relations and marketing communications firm.

**Heather L. Rodman, BS'97**, writes, "I was recently promoted to district sales manager with Eli

Lilly & Co. and have relocated back to Chicago."

**Tiombe A. Burton, MS'99**, is a prenatal care coordinator at Wishard Health Services in Indianapolis.

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**Karima Bryant, MBA'00**, is in management consulting services with PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York. She lives in Edison, N.J., and has been married for two years.

**Tamia N. Collins, BAJ'01**, is in her second year of law school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

**Tracy L. Harper, BA'01**, serves as an educational adviser for the National League for Cuban-Americans Trio Program. She lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Kareem A. Howell, JD'01**, joined the law firm Baker & Daniels as an associate practicing with the intellectual property group. He is located at the 96th Street office in Indianapolis.



Volunteers from IU Northwest who attended the president's reception at the IUAA Executive Council meeting are, from left, front row, seated: Jennifer McIntosh-Elkins and Bernadette Zioli (2000 President's Award honoree); back row: Bob Farag, Betty Bridgwaters, Faye Tippy, Mozella Shields-Stone, William A. Shields (President's Award honoree), Vera Shipp, and Tracie M. Johnson (IUN alumni director).



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