

# Residence Halls

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## Mark Kruzan named Hennessy Award winner

The Thomas J. Hennessy Award is presented every two years to an IU alumnus in recognition of outstanding achievement in professional endeavors or public service, or in recognition of ongoing support for the objectives of the Residence Halls Alumni Association. Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan has been named the 10th Hennessy award winner and will be honored at the biennial reunion on April 22, 2006.

Kruzan came from Munster, Ind., to Indiana University in 1978. At Munster High School, he served as student editor of the high school newspaper, an experience that served him well as he became very involved with student government in Teter Residence Hall.

Kruzan then became interested in the Indiana University Student Association. His first position with IUSA was as a Teter IUSA senator. In his junior year, he was elected as IUSA president. Seventy-five bills were acted upon during his term of office. Some of the accomplishments during his term of office include the following: Women's Wheels was formed; the dean of students created the Student Advocates Office; bright pathways across the campus were created; a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., was funded for student representatives; and a review of the relationship

between WQAX and IUSA was conducted.

Kruzan graduated with majors in journalism and political science in 1982. He then entered the IU School of Law in the fall of 1982 and received his JD in 1985.

In 1986, Kruzan was elected as state representative for Bloomington. Until 1992, he was the youngest member of the legislature. In 1994, he was appointed to be the house minority whip. In 1996, he was elected by his colleagues to be the majority leader of the Indiana House of Representatives. He held this post until 2002, when he decided not to run for re-election.

Since 1990, Kruzan has been an adjunct professor at the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs, where he teaches Indiana Politics and Policy. Many of his former students, Republican and Democrat alike, hold posts in state and federal government, are lobbyists or legislators, or are involved in other public service roles.

A short time after Kruzan decided not to run for re-election as a state representative, he notified the citizens of Bloomington of his intention to run for mayor. He was elected in 2003.

The following excerpt from "Welcome to City Hall," written by Mayor Kruzan, will inform you of his intentions for the city of Bloomington:

*To make Bloomington an even better place*



Mark Kruzan

*to live, I have established three main goals:*

- Promoting economic vitality
- Improving the human condition
- Preserving community character

*Every action we make and initiative we pursue should further these goals. And while we are working hard to achieve these goals, it is you, our citizens, who make Bloomington a terrific place to live. Our 80 police officers, 99*

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### Message from the president

## A banner year for RHA

The past academic year has been a very exciting time for the Residence Hall Association. We continue to be an organization where students' voices are turned into action while also generating a sense of community in the Residence Halls. This year has seen many accomplishments that have united the residential communities of Indiana University.

RHA started off the academic year strong by winning Homecoming (with NRHH) and the cardboard boat regatta. As the year continued, the residential communities united to take part in two longstanding campus traditions, IU Sing and Little 500. The enthusiasm and dedication with which these residence halls took part in IU Sing and Little 500 greatly complemented the results earned. Collins took first place, and Forest took third at IU Sing. Wright Dodds took first place in the men's race, and Teter took first place in the women's race of the Little 500.

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## Join us for RHA's biennial reunion

April 21–22, 2006

### Tentative schedule of events

Friday, April 21

- 4 p.m. Women's Little 500
- Join us after the race for a reception at Armstrong Stadium

Saturday, April 22

- 11 a.m. Brunch at the DeVault Alumni Center
- 2 p.m. Men's Little 500

*Registration materials will be mailed to you in January.*

# Big changes happening at RHA Student Services

**R**HA Student Services is undergoing a major transformation after 34 years. As of the summer of 2005, the student-run, not-for-profit company is no longer renting items such as refrigerators, microwaves, lofts, and safes to students in the residence halls. During the last four academic years, RHASS's rental sales have decreased from 1,500 units to barely 500 units, while expenses such as vehicle maintenance, storage, and hourly employment have either stayed the same or increased. After careful consideration, the RHASS staff decided it was time to consider new ventures and leave the rental business.

At the annual (and last) banquet, Dr. Tom was honored for his years of service to the organization. RHASS is remaining in business. We will still bring great services to the students of the residence halls and will still offer valuable business experience to its employees. RHASS hopes to become a liaison for outside

vendors to offer valuable services to the students of the residences halls, while no longer doing the labor-intensive work.

All monies made throughout the year will go to expand and create new scholarships to benefit residence hall students. Services RHASS would like to bring to the university include a laundry and dry-cleaning service, storage options, and online shopping for room amenities.

Through all these changes, the relationship between RHASS and RHA

has grown strong. In the future, the two organizations will work closely together, and RHA has even included the RHASS director as a full member of its executive board. This relationship will allow employees of RHASS to gain valuable student government experience and will give RHA members a better understanding of the role RHASS plays in the residence halls.

— Meredith Canada  
RHASS director

## ***Teter Halls to be featured dorm at Reunion Weekend***

The 10th RHAA Biennial Reunion Weekend, April 21–22, 2006, will be very special. Teter Residence Halls will be the featured dorm during the reunion weekend. The representation of the Teter Halls has been greatly enhanced by the victory of the Teter women's bike team in the 2005 Little 500 bike race. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

## **Hennessy award**

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*firefighters, free recycling services and more than 1,000 recreational opportunities are all a result of you expressing your community priorities.*

*Achieving a better Bloomington is a team effort. Contacting me with any questions or concerns is the only way to keep our city thriving. So please feel free to let me know about anything I can do to help you enjoy our city to the fullest.*

*My goal as your Mayor is to make government work for you.*

Plan to attend the 10th biennial RHAA reunion April 21–22 in Bloomington so that you can meet Mark Kruzan.

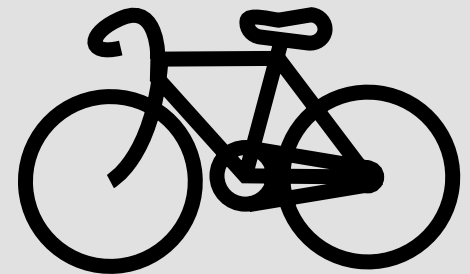
## **2005 Little 500 races: 'Dorm Storm'**

**T**he Bloomington Herald-Times used the two words above — “dorm storm” — because the Residence Halls won both the men's and women's races.

Dodd's (Wright Quad) won the men's race, and Teter won the women's race.

The Dodd's House riders were Christopher Chartier, a psychology major from Hamilton, Ohio; Daniel Houchens, a finance major from Zionsville, Ind.; Craig Luekens, a philosophy studies/philosophy major from Indianapolis; and Kevin Moore, a finance and accounting major from St. Louis.

The Teter riders were Kathryn Douglas, a vocal performance major from East Orange, Utah; Mia Dragon, a business major from Fort Wayne, Ind.; Jessica Lindemann, a business major from Indianapolis; and Sara Rieke, a business major from Zionsville, Ind.



## **From the president**

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The events of the past year have illustrated the ways in which students come together in the spirit of community. Moreover, these events have put RHA into the public eye campus wide. Getting first or last, the residence hall teams who participated in IU Sing and Little 500 found new friends, created community, and displayed leadership and pride in their residence hall.

For the first time, RHA sent delegations to both the regional and national residence hall leaders conferences (GLACURH and NACURH) and hosted the state conference (IRHOC). RHA congratulates all participants in these events for their hard work and continuing enthusiasm.

Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the Residence Halls Association has operated under the same general structure. In recognizing that students' needs and interests are changing, RHA is reviewing its current structure and looking to make adjustments and changes to better meet the needs of our constituents.

From the ground up, we are assessing residence student government at IU.

At the heart of this process are, as always, the students. We want to make sure students have the best possible experience in the residence halls, while also continuing the strong tradition of sharing the student voice at IU. This process will be an exciting and arduous one, filled with many challenges. We welcome any input you may want to offer us. Ideas, comments, experiences — anything you think may be helpful — can be e-mailed to rha@indiana.edu.

In a short time, student leaders will be traveling back to campus, and we will begin the training process. Gandhi wrote, “You must be the change you wish to see.” The coming year will see innovations created and driven by students who model this ideal. The training process embodies the beginning of this new journey. I cannot express how excited I am to be a part of a wonderful team of student leaders and staff members who will, together with students, continue the legacy of RHA.

— Owen Sutkowski  
RHA president 2005–06

# Alumni Notebook

## Before 1960

**Joyce F. Lakey**, BA'52, wrote *Beware the Child* (AuthorHouse, 2004), a profile of male, adolescent sex offenders and her experiences treating them. She worked for 15 years as a therapist for adolescent sex offenders, and her articles have appeared in professional journals and the popular press. She lives in Terre Haute, Ind.

**Barbara (Fisher) Pratt**, MA'59, celebrated her 90th birthday on June 21, 2004, surrounded by family and friends. She grew up in Providence, R.I., lived much of her life in Bloomington, Ind., and now lives in Longboat Key, Fla., and Nobleboro, Maine.

## 1960s

**William L. Sharp**, BA'64, MS'67, of Fishers, Ind., was named Outstanding Researcher for 2005 by Teachers College at Ball State University. He has had three books and nine articles published in the last two years. A professor of educational leadership, he serves as the director of the doctoral program, executive director of the Indiana Public School Study Council, and superintendent of University Schools. He is a former superintendent at Westfield, Ind., and in Illinois.

**Vivian (Jurca) Williams**, BA'64, traveled from Round Rock, Texas, to Carmel, Ind., for the 87th birthday of her lifelong friend, Frieda A. (Renfro) Ellingwood, BS'45, MS'49, EdD'95, on May 25, 2004. The two celebrated with a nostalgic visit to the Bloomington campus and a driving trip through scenic Southern Indiana.

**J. Eric Smithburn**, BS'66, MA'70, JD'73, wrote *The Illustrated American Tourist Guide to English English, Second Edition* (AuthorHouse, 2005), which contains nearly 3,500 definitions and translations to aid Americans visiting England. He is a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame and lives in South Bend, Ind.

## 1970s

For **William B. Smith Jr.**, BA'73, MS'77, and his relatives, attending IU is a family tradition. Members of three generations of his family graduated from IU: his father, William B. Smith, MD'36; his mother, Mary Ruth (Sargent) Smith, BS'45; his aunt, Eura A. Sargent, BA'31; and his daughter, Michelle K. Smith, BS'05. He is director of university housing at the University of Arkansas and lives in Fayetteville, Ark.

**Douglas E. Black**, BA'74, was promoted to vice president of operations for Shepard Search Inc. and is responsible for all executive recruiting for the company's manufacturing clients. The Cartersville, Ga., resident can be reached at dougbq@bellsouth.net.

**Mark J. Roberts**, BA'74, JD'77, was named to the management committee of Indianapolis-based law firm Locke Reynolds. He is chair of the firm's Family Law Group.

**Carol Imler Jackson**, BA'75, of Fort Wayne, Ind., sings in the Fort Wayne Bach Collegium Choir. She founded a German conversation group that meets twice a month, and she has visited friends in Switzerland several times. She can be reached at carolimja@yahoo.com.

**Milos Puaca**, BA'75, of Valparaiso, Ind., is a management strategist and management consultant with MP Consulting. His address is mikepuaca@yahoo.com.

In May, **Michael M. Sample**, BA'77, of Indianapolis, was appointed IU's vice president for university relations. He has served as executive director of Hoosier Voices for I-69, served on Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels's transition team, and was appointed by the governor to chair a seven-member committee that will nominate candidates for chair of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

**Brian P. Williams**, BA'78, JD'81, a partner with the law firm of Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn, was elected secretary of the IU Alumni Association's Executive Council in June. He is the president of the Evansville (Ind.) Bar Association and serves on the alumni board of the IU School of Law—Bloomington. The Evansville resident can be reached at bpwill@k2d2.com.

This summer, **Debra A. (Potts) Berner**, BS'79, finished her first year as a principal at William Tyler Page Elementary School in Silver Spring, Md., part of the Montgomery County Public Schools. "It was a great year!" she writes. She lives in Rockville, Md., and can be reached at iudab@verizon.net.

## 1980s

**Patricia Elizondo**, BS'82, was named to *Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology* magazine's list of the 50 most important Hispanics in technology and business for 2005. She is senior vice president of major accounts operations for Xerox North American Solutions Group and is

on the board of directors of the Center for Women in Technology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She lives with her husband, John P. Kitowski, BS'81, and son in Columbia, Md.

In 2004, **David A. Neumann**, BS'82, of Dallas, was elected to the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is president and chair of the board of the Stemmons Corridor Business Association and is an appointee to the City of Dallas Board of Adjustment. His address is dave.neumann@flmalik.com.

After a 16-year career as a principal with American Management Systems in Denver, **Katherine A. (Moyer) Gensits**, BA'83, moved to New Tripoli, Pa., with her husband, Steve, BA'83, and three children. She works parttime as a programmer for Vitra Inc. in Allentown, Pa. Her address is gensits@yahoo.com.

**Denise Simmons Graves**, MS'83, is an associate professor at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. She was selected as the 2004–05 Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Maryland Association for Higher Education. The award is based on exemplary counseling, advising, and mentoring efforts to support the educational needs of students. She lives in Baltimore and can be reached at denise.graves@montgomerycollege.edu.

**Matthew S. Pierce**, BA'84, JD'87, of Bloomington, Ind., was re-elected to the Indiana House of Representatives for District 61. It is his second term. An adjunct professor of telecommunications at IU, he teaches courses in industry and management.

**Karen E. Timberlake**, BA'89, and her husband, Eric Alvin, welcomed a new baby to their family on Dec. 14, 2004. Annelise Bennett Alvin joined big brother James, who turned 4 on Aug. 4, 2005. The family lives in Madison, Wis. Timberlake is director of the Office of State Employment Relations, the Wisconsin state government's central human-resources agency.

## 1990s

**Christina Jakuc O'Dell**, BA'90, and her husband, Dee, live in Charlotte, N.C., with their three young daughters: Alexanne, Clayton, and Whitney. Her address is christinaodell@carolina.rr.com.

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