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Union Board alumni connect at Biennial Reunion

More than 100 alumni gathered for the Indiana Memorial Union Board 34th Biennial Reunion last November. The weekend began on Friday, Nov. 18, with a small reception in the IMU Biddle Hotel and Conference Center for early arrivals. Satur-

day, Union Board alumni were invited to a special tailgate along with the President's Office before cheering on the Hoosiers as they battled the Boilermakers in Memorial Stadium, recently nicknamed "The Rock."

The 2005 board hosted alumni in the Union Board office for an open house prior to a reception in the University Club. Following the reception, everyone moved to the Tudor Room for dinner and a formal program, hosted by Adam Levy, 2005 vice president for membership. Special guests were recognized for their continued support of Union Board. Keith Johnson, 2005 president, officially welcomed the group with a light-hearted speech highlighting Union Board's recent programs and accomplishments.

Following dinner, Bloomington Chancellor Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis delivered the keynote, highlighting student leadership, the importance of Union Board to IU, and what makes the IU campus so special. He expressed how student groups, such as Union Board, provide an indispensable voice to

campus administration. When students become alumni, they continue to contribute, not just monetarily, but as role models to current students who carry on the legacy they leave behind. Gros Louis, a lifetime honorary member of Union Board, was also recently named University Chancellor, a title bestowed upon only one other individual, UB alumnus and former president of Indiana University Herman B Wells.

The president of the John Whittenberger Society, Lindy Moss, presented 16 Union Board Scholarships to 2005 Union Board committee members and directors. Moss also recognized Brent Pieper, '96 Union Board president, as the new president of the John Whittenberger Society. Loren Rullman, executive director of the IMU and IU Auditorium, delivered final recognitions and remarks. The evening ended with fun and dancing in the IMU Gallery.

A breakfast with past presidents, the UB alumni links, and brunch in the Tudor Room wrapped up the weekend.



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Ken Gros Louis, University Chancellor and Brent Pieper, incoming president of the John Whittenberger Advisory Board, connect at 2005 Biennial Reunion.

2005 Union Board scholarships

The following scholarships were awarded during the 2005 Biennial Reunion.

- *Union Board Alumni Scholarship*
Robert Ritchie, Tyler Krause, Elizabeth Roby, and Atticus Westerfeld
- *Milton J. Fineberg Scholarship*
Cody Bell
- *Claude Rich Open Scholarship*
Allen Andreas and Stephan Jerabek
- *Rosemary V. Tanner Scholarship*
Kathleen Gettelfinger and Lana Kleyman

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Tanner Scholarship recipients Kathleen Gettelfinger, left, and Lana Kleyman, right, with Rosemary V. Tanner

Dear Union Board Alumni,

On Jan. 20, 2006, the 97th Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors was installed and began building upon the traditions of the Indiana Memorial Union and the boards that preceded us. As you know, the Indiana Memorial Union Board is one of the most professional and important student organizations on campus, and it is proving to be a busy year. I feel privileged to update you with the highlights.

- It was a great year for the UB films committee. Sneak Previews included *Constantine*, *House of Wax*, *Corpse Bride*, *Domino*, *Shopgirl*, and *Jarhead*.

- We saw a revival in the Fireside Chat series this year. The first installment, titled "Everything you wanted to know about IU but were afraid to ask," was hosted by Chancellor Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis.

- We brought many exciting concerts this year, including Widespread Panic, comedian Stephen Lynch, comedian David Spade, The Roots, and Hanson.

- Lectures hosted a broad variety of intriguing speakers at IU: David Horowitz, Rev. Al Sharpton, Iraq constitutional adviser Noah Feldman, the producer of the Batman movies and IU alumnus Michael Uslan, Afeni Shakur and Jasmine Guy, IU football coach Terry Hooppner, Aimee Mullins, Eugenie Scott, Gen. Wesley Clark, and Victor Villaseñor.

- Our "Supreme Court Mock Appeal: *Roe v. Wade* Revisited: *Carhart v. Gonzales*" was our most successful new program. Former Union Board administrative representative Steve Sanders as well as law professors, attorneys, and judges served as a Supreme Court and advocates. The trial brought insightful and entertaining debate to the campus.

- In the spring, we were proud to have lectures from James Earl Jones and Ann Coulter and concerts from Bright Eyes, O.A.R., and Wilco.

Looking back on the past year, I feel I am one of the most fortunate students at Indiana University. With all the success the board had last year, and the potential the 2006 board has in the coming year, it is exciting to be a part of this organization.

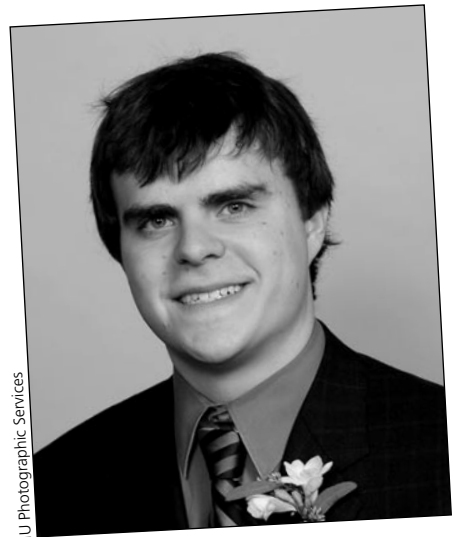
Finally, it would be impossible to reflect upon the past year without recognizing the loss of our dear friend and supporter Gene Fletchall. His impact on the board, the IMU, and Indiana University will be a lasting legacy. The board honored Mr. Fletchall by recording a Memorial Resolution in its minutes. This resolution is displayed in the Fletchall Room. Remembering Mr. Fletchall's life with his family was a humbling and important experience for former and current members of the board. The next time you visit the IMU, please visit the Fletchall Room on the eighth floor of the Student Activities Tower to view the resolution.

The board is honored and excited to continue the mission set forth for us 97 years ago, and we will do our best to honor your contributions to our great tradition.

Sincerely,



Bradley Allen
President, 2006 Indiana Memorial Union Board



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State of the Union

Dear Friends,

As I complete my second year as director of the Indiana Memorial Union, I am pleased to report on a variety of organizational accomplishments and aspirations from the past year. Because we are fortunate to have so many productive and talented students and staff, there is far more to report than can be contained in this message. Thus, I offer only a few highlights with the hope they offer a glimpse into an organization that is doing well! The IMU:

- achieved a hotel occupancy percentage that may be a record high — proof that the Biddle Hotel is appreciated for its beautiful accommodations and staff hospitality;
- assumed responsibility for the management and scheduling of Beck Chapel, another important legacy building on campus;
- achieved the highest score among peer college unions in the “building condition and cleanliness” category of a national student satisfaction survey;
- followed student recommendations to install “repeaters” to assure total building coverage for cell-phone users (a modern-day necessity!); to install wireless access in public areas for laptop computers; and to install “readers” in IMU parking lots so students can pay for parking with their campus ID cards;
- completed a six-month consulting process to understand how the IMU remains central to campus needs and more vibrant with student life (consultants: Brailsford & Dunlavey at www.facilityplanners.com and Envision Strategies at www.envstrategies.com); and
- offered an inaugural “Taste of the Union,” a building-wide “party” for all IU first-year students during Welcome Week (more than 3,000 attended!).

Finally, as you read in President Brad Allen’s letter, Union Board continues its long history of offering high-quality entertainment and thought-provoking programs to the IU community.

Even with these incredible successes, it is a challenging time: building traffic has been dropping for almost a decade as the campus develops away from the IMU and student patterns evolve; tight budgets at IU have resulted in large drops in financial support for Union Board and the IMU; and students and their interests change so rapidly we must move fast to keep up! The survey mentioned earlier also indicated IU students’ desire for the IMU to be more instrumental in “student life and leadership.”

With this knowledge, commitment to our mission to be central to campus life, and the results of the aforementioned consulting process, the IMU will be updating its five-year strategic plan to assure the IMU remains as important to the IU experience as it has for many decades.

This is an exciting time for the IMU — I invite you to stay tuned. As always, if you have questions or comments, don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Loren Rullman

Executive Director, Indiana Memorial Union



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Scholarships

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• *John Whittenberger Society Outstanding Committee Member Scholarship*

Sarah McDonough, Katherine Ntiamoah, John Szczepaniak, Cory Szybala, and Melissa Troyer

- *Edward J. Pinto Award*
Amanda Prager
- *Shaffer Award*
Karolyn Steffens



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ABOVE — With Lindy Moss, second from left, back row, are John Whittenberger Society Outstanding Committee Member Scholarship recipients, from left, back row: Melissa Troyer, Katherine Ntiamoah, and John Szczepaniak; front row: Sarah McDonough, Karolyn Steffens, and Amanda Prager.



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AT LEFT — Claude Rich Open Scholarship recipients Allen Andreas, left, and Stephan Jerabek, right, with Ken Beckley, CEO and president of the Indiana University Alumni Association

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Union Board Scholarship recipients with outgoing John Whittenberger Society Advisory Board Vice President Darin Messer, back row, right, are, from left, back row: Robert Ritchie and Cody Bell; front row: Atticus Westerfeld, Elizabeth Roby, and Tyler Krause.



2006 Union Board of Directors — Standing, from left, are: **Loren Rullman**, IMU executive director; **Scott Carrico**, comedy; **Jorelle Carson**, major events and attractions; **Tony Bruno**, *I. Life*; **Michal Jander**, colloquium; **Adam Newman**, debates and issues; **Dash Voorhees**, films; **Alfonso Lerma III**, diversity performance; and **Cory Szybala**, design. Seated, from left, are: Dean **Richard McKaig**, administrative representative; **Katie Ly**, concerts; **Sarah McDonough**, vice president for membership; **R. Bradley Allen**, president; **Meg Reynolds**, vice president for programming; **Emma Cullen**, public relations; **Tracy Johnson**, *Live from Bloomington*; **Amanda Prager**, lectures; and **Ali Diercks**, arts.

New directors of Whittenberger Society installed

The 2005 Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors passed the torch (and the gavel) to the 2006 directors at the annual installation ceremony on Jan. 20. The evening began with a reception for new and outgoing directors and special guests followed by dinner. Brent Pieper, 1996 Union Board president and John Whittenberger Society Advisory Board president, delivered a moving speech about how Union Board was an integral part of his time at IU. He went on to share how being on Union Board served him well after graduating. Following his talk, Pieper recognized and presented certificates to incoming alumni of the Whittenberger Society.

Loren Rullman, executive director of the IMU and IU Auditorium, praised the 2005 board for their accomplishments during the past year and encouraged the new board to keep the momentum going. Keith Johnson, 2005 Union Board president, gave outgoing remarks and spoke fondly of his time with

Union Board and the friends he has made. Following the oath of service, R. Bradley Allen, the incoming 2006 Union Board president, gave his first official address, expressing his excitement for the upcoming year and how honored he is to serve as president.

2006 mission statement

The 2006 Union Board of Directors is “striving to provide quality programming for the Indiana University Community, as students working for students.”

Students sharpen skills at Malkin Retreat

John Malkin, the 1983–84 Union Board director of concerts, credits his success as an effective manager and leader throughout his career to his experience with Union Board, where he learned and sharpened his leadership skills. To continue the legacy of leadership, he funds the annual leadership retreat for new UB directors.

In January, the 2006 board participated in a three-day retreat filled with team building, leadership development, and the ins and outs of Union Board. Directors shared the history of Union Board through skits based on UB scrapbooks and learned about their role and responsibilities as directors. Students found the bonding time with other directors and the exercises designed to prepare them for their positions to be beneficial. They also appreciated the simulation of “real-world” situations that taught them how to compromise and work through potential conflicts. Students were especially grateful to have time with John Malkin. The directors saw his presence at the retreat and his financial contribution as a testament to his commitment to the success of the board. The best part of the retreat? Four-square — the tradition lives on!

Union Board suffers great loss

This year Union Board suffered a great loss with the death of Eugene D. Fletchall. Fletchall, known as “Gene” to his friends, served as Union Board director from 1932 to 1934. He was the president of the first Union Board to convene in the Indiana Memorial Union. Fletchall received his law degree from the IU School of Law, where he and his wife later established the Eugene D. Fletchall Fellowship in 1969.

Fletchall remained a committed member of the IU community, even while living outside of Bloomington, and he became actively involved with the IU Alumni Association, the IU Foundation, and the Indiana Memorial Union upon retiring to Bloomington in 1972. His vision and service to the IMU and the Union Board is felt by all who stroll through the Commemorative Garden outside of the IMU, by beneficiaries of the \$10,000 in annual scholarship funds for students who volunteer with Union Board, and by art lovers who visit the IMU to admire the many works preserved by the Art Guild.

In 2003, the Union Board honored Fletchall and his family with the renaming of the Union Board room in the Student Activities Tower of the IMU. The room is now called the Fletchall Room and is complete with artifacts, articles, and keepsakes contributed by Union Board and the Fletchall family.

Shortly after Fletchall’s memorial service, Union Board hosted a reception for present and past Union Board directors, friends of Union Board, and the friends and family of Fletchall to celebrate his life and legacy. Those in attendance shared their fond memories and thoughts about Fletchall and his contributions to the board, the IMU, and the IU Bloomington campus. He was truly committed to this community, and we are all better for it.

Memorial Resolution for Eugene D. Fletchall

Let it be known that beloved mentor Eugene Dalton Fletchall died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at the age of 97. With great respect and deep sorrow, the Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors enters this Memorial Resolution into its official record.

• Whereas, Eugene D. Fletchall, as a student at Indiana University, was a member of the Board of Control of the Indiana Union from 1932 to 1934, serving as president of the 1933–34 board, during which time the Indiana Memorial Union building was built; and

• Whereas, He was a lifelong volunteer for the Indiana University Foundation, the Indiana University Alumni Association, as well as the Indiana Memorial Union and its board of directors; and

• Whereas, his propensity to serve others has been recognized with the Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the Indiana University Law School Academy of Law Alumni Fellows honor, the Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion Award, the renaming of the Union Board Room to the Eugene D. Fletchall Room, the Distinguished Fiji Award, and as a Phi Gamma Delta Diamond Owl; and

• Whereas, his commitment to the longevity and vitality of the board was instrumental in founding the Union Board Scholarship Fund, the John Whittenberger Society Endowment Fund, the IMU Art Guild, and the Past Presidents’ Endowment Fund; and

• Whereas, he carried the lessons he learned and the friends he made from his involvement with Union Board throughout his life; and

• Whereas, Eugene D. Fletchall quietly, effectively, and with unassuming dignity served his alma mater for more than seven decades;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors expresses its profound sadness at the passing of Eugene D. Fletchall. His tireless service and commitment to the Indiana Memorial Union, its board of directors, and the greater Indiana University community will be greatly missed. We pledge to continue his spirit of service and reverence for tradition as stewards of the Indiana Memorial Union.

Eugene D. Fletchall

Aug. 19, 1908–Feb. 1, 2006

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and loyal friend, Eugene Dalton Fletchall, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Bloomington.

Gene was born on Aug. 19, 1908, in Poseyville, Ind.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Dalton and Pearl (Robinson) Fletchall; his sisters, Virginia, Emily, and Ruth; and his brother, Robert. Blue, as he is known to his family, is survived by his loving wife of over 70 years, Jane Malcolm Fletchall, of Bloomington; his daughter and son-in-law, Ann Fletchall Morine and her husband, Don Morine, of Pittsburgh; his two granddaughters, Emily Morine and Andrea Morine McHugh, and her husband, Brian, all of Pittsburgh; and his great-grandchildren, Molly McHugh and Matthew McHugh, also of Pittsburgh.

A classic Hoosier through and through, Gene was a humble and gracious man of strong conviction. His service and devotion to family, friends, church, and the Indiana University community serve both as a model and inspiration to many.

During his student days at IU, he was elected president of three organizations: the Union Board, Interfraternity Council, and Phi Gamma Delta. Gene met his wife, Jane, at the university.

Upon receiving his law degree, Gene moved to Chicago, accepting a position with Swift & Co. After a series of promotions, he retired in 1972 as the executive vice president.

Throughout his career, Gene always found time to devote to his family, to community service, and to his beloved alma mater. In 1969, he and his wife, Jane, established the Eugene D. Fletchall Fellowship at the IU law school.

After retiring to Bloomington, Gene began another career as a full-time volunteer serving in the IU Foundation, the Indiana Alumni Association, and the Indiana Memorial Union.

As the development officer for the IMU, he was instrumental in founding the Union Board Scholarship Fund, the John Whittenberger Society Endowment Fund, and the IMU Art Guild. Gene also guided efforts to raise funds for the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Garden. In 2000, he and Robert Porter (UB 1933–34) established the Past Presidents' Endowment Fund for the Indiana Memorial Union and Union Board.

Gene retired from volunteer service in May 2004. In 1969, the Alumni Association awarded Gene the Distinguished Alumni Service Award. The IU law school honored him in 1996 as an Academy of Law Alumni Fellow. He received the Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion Award in 1997 from Indiana University and the Distinguished Fiji Award from his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, in



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2003. To honor his seven decades of service to Indiana University, the Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors voted to rename the Union Board Room the Eugene D. Fletchall Room.

Gene was past president of the Bloomington Hospital Advisory Board and was an original member of the board of Meadowood Retirement Community.

Gene will always be remembered for his integrity, compassion, and generous spirit. His great love of life and university was infectious. He was a member of Bloomington Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington with Rev. Dr. Joe Emerson officiating. Private entombment will follow in Valhalla Mausoleum.

Gene was not a gardener, he was a cultivator of people. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation, the First United Methodist Church, the Union Board Scholarship Fund, the IMU Board Past Presidents Fund, or to the charity of one's choice c/o Day Funeral Home, 4150 E. Third St., Bloomington, IN 47401.

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Bittersweet transitions: Alumni representation on Union Board

Union Board suffered another loss this year with the passing of Walter “Doc” Lamble on Dec. 1, 2005. Beginning in 2002, Doc served as the alumni representative on the Union Board of Directors. While a student at IU, he was a committed member of the Singing Hoosiers show choir. He continued to share his love of music in the suburbs of Chicago as a music teacher for more than 30 years. When Doc retired,

he returned to Bloomington and had the opportunity to work with four boards. His love of music, IU, and Union Board will not be forgotten. Students describe Doc as someone who truly loved and valued his time with the board and the people with whom he served. On occasion, they were able to enjoy his beautiful voice, which was especially missed during the signing of the alma mater at the 2006 installation ceremony.

ny. Despite waning health in his final years, Doc never failed to maintain his commitment to the board or to provide thoughtful insight or a listening ear to student directors.

In March, the 2006 board of directors installed Amanda Murray as the new alumni representative for the Union Board. Amanda served as advertising director in 2001 and president of Union Board in 2002. She currently works with Hirons & Co., an advertising agency in Bloomington, as an account manager. Amanda is excited to return to the board and is honored to represent IU alumni.

Message from the JWS board president

Congratulations to the 2006 Indiana Memorial Union Board of Directors! In January I had the opportunity to do something I hadn’t experienced in over a decade: return to the podium in the Federal Room of the IMU. However, this time I found myself far removed from undergraduate days, this time speaking from the perspective of an alumnus. Whether it has been 10 years or 97, Union Board maintains the same powerful presence for serving students and developing leaders. This was reinforced after meeting the extremely talented new directors. Several of them shared their passion for Union Board and tremendous ambitions for the year ahead. They will look back on 2006 some day and realize that their energy transcends from one generation to the next. That’s what connects us, and it’s one of the many special hallmarks of Union Board.

I recently heard a quote, “Luck is what’s left over after you have given 100 percent.” To many people in the IU family, the word “luck” may be associated with Chancellor Herman B Wells’s book *Being Lucky*. Through the decades, Union Board has been very lucky with great leaders like John Whittenberger, Chancellor Wells, Gene Fletchall, Sue (Holliday) Milliman, and all of our alumni. As an organization, we have given 100 percent with archived scrapbooks and life-changing testimonies as evidence.

Former directors often return from leadership positions in the public and private sectors to acknowledge the meaning-

ful experiences developed in college. We reminisce with fondness and acknowledge the gap between instruction and enlightenment. Alumna Trena Depel, Cert/BA’95 (1992–94) and a current Whittenberger Society board member, makes a meaningful observation: “Union Board was real practice at professional life. I learned lessons that I use to this day — how to influence people and decisions, how to create alliances, how to recognize and reward performance.”

Several alumni were nominated to the John Whittenberger Society Board last November and met for the first time in June. The purpose of the board is to represent the alumni and support our Union Board directors. If you have any suggestions for agenda items that you would like to see addressed, let us know. We are very much looking forward to several project ideas over the next few years. This board will work hard, and with a little “luck,” good things will happen.

Finally, I want to recognize our dear friend, the late Gene Fletchall. He and Union Board were literally born into this world at nearly the same time. While the pain of separation is a tough reality, his influence will forever resonate in the lives of all generations. He was a man of integrity, family values, commitment, wisdom, leadership, and philanthropy whose final advice to me in a conversation this past Christmas Eve was for this organization to “just keep doing what it’s doing.” And with that, we proceed.

— Brent Pieper

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Union Board welcomes Tari Wimbley as program coordinator

Tari Wimbley, program coordinator, is the newest member of the Union Board staff. Originally from San Diego, Tari is a self-proclaimed “California girl” who attended California State University Northridge, where she fell in love with student

unions. Tari recently graduated from the student affairs and higher education program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where she met her husband, Jason Wimbley. Jason and 9-year-old Quoran will be relocating to Indiana this summer.

Tari came to IU because of the rich

traditions of the Indiana Memorial Union. Her intensive involvement with the Association of College Unions International, most recently as a board

member, allowed her to visit the IMU on several occasions. She was drawn to the position with Union Board because she enjoys working directly with students. As Union Board nears its 100th anniversary,

Tari is excited to help develop more of its history through her involvement with the board. She recognizes that to be successful in her position, she has to be student-focused. She hopes to help Union Board committee directors and members gain leadership, networking, and business management skills and to challenge students to think outside of the box. She is committed to providing students with resources to succeed, teaching them about self-evaluation, and helping them stay focused on their responsibility to the student body. Most important, Tari is looking forward to being a part of the fond memories that students have long after they have left IU.



Union Board ... A family affair

John Jay, BS'41, was a freshman on IU's campus in 1938 when “Union Board was the most prestigious campus activity.” It was then that he decided to make his mark on campus as an independent (non-Greek) student. His hope was to serve as a role model to other independent students on campus by creating more opportunities for campus involvement and becoming a member of the Union Board. John felt that his involvement with Union Board as an independent student was important because the board provided activities to serve every student on campus. He served on the board during his junior year and was vice president in his senior year. Hilda, fellow IU student and John's college sweetheart, enjoyed Union Board dances. She says they “were great events, especially when your date was the BMOC [big man on campus]!” At the time, women were not able to be members of the board, so this was the only way to be part of it.

Fortunately, as times changed, John Jay's daughters were able to follow in their father's footsteps and become active members of the board. Sarah Jay Wurdlow, 1964–65, was an independent student, like her father, looking to make a difference on IU's campus; she found a way to do that through Union Board. Having one parent who was a vice president of Union Board and another who was not able to join made Sarah's invitation to the board, in the year of the first woman Union Board president, extremely special. Sarah's younger sister, M. Ellen, '67-'68, was also motivated by her father's love for Union Board. She says, “It seemed only natural to want to work toward [Union] Board membership.” She was able to continue the family tradition by becoming Union Board secretary in her senior year.

John retired from the Remington Arms Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., in 1983. In May 1988, he and his wife moved to Bowie, Md., and took up residence in Collington Life Care Community. As of mid-December, John had moved from his cottage to assisted living in Creighton Center. Health complications make it difficult for him to communicate and interact with others the way he used to, but talking books, a reader, and television earphones keep him in touch with the world.

Union Board was a family tradition for John. He and Hilda are proud of the Union Board legacy in their family and are glad they were able to be part of a 97-year tradition!



Jay family, clockwise from left: Sarah L. Wurdlow, Heather (Wurdlow) Farina, David Wurdlow, M. Ellen Jay, John Jay, center, and Hilda Jay, front

Goodbye, grads

Each year, the Union Board says goodbye to at least one graduate assistant. This year, we are saying goodbye to three. The graduate assistants serve as program advisers, providing guidance, mentorship, and constructive feedback to Union Board directors and committee members. Bridget Chase, Katie Dickman, and Ramón Hill have been a source of support for students involved with Union Board, and we wish them the best in their next steps.

Alumni Notebook

Before 1960

Joseph O. Ricke, BS'43, UB 1941–43, and Betty R. (Davis), BA'43, are “retired and in good health.” They moved to Columbus, Ind., in 1958, where Ricke started at Culligan Water Co. as part-owner and manager. He became sole owner of the company in 1967 and sold the business in 1998.

F. Wesley Bowers, BA'48, JD'51, UB 1947–48, reports that he now works as a solo lawyer. His office is at his home in Evansville, Ind.

Richard D. Barger, BS'50, UB 1949–50 (rbarger@barwol.com), is senior partner in the law firm of Barger & Wolen in Los Angeles, with branch offices in California, New York, and Arizona. A 1953 graduate of the UCLA Law School, he has had many successes since his time with Union Board, including an appointment as insurance commissioner of the state of California by then-Gov. Ronald Regan. He has also served as president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. He is a widower with four grown children, Richard D. Jr., of Pasadena, Calif.; James F. of San Marino, Calif.; John M. of New York City; and Kathryn Barger-Leibrich of San Marino, Calif.

William Edward “Bill” Chess, BS'55, UB 1953–54 (bchess@aol.com), is a retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force. He is now the owner-broker of Bill Chess Real Estate. He has been married more than 51 years. He and his wife have six children (one deceased) and nine grandchildren. He resides in Bastrop, Texas.

Richard A Lehman, BS'58, UB 1956–57 (foxx001@aol.com), is continuing to design and build hotels and is currently completing a project with Home-wood Suites, a division of Hilton Hotels. He reports that his grandchildren, Chelsy and Taylor, are accomplished athletes in Munster, Ind., where one of his new sites is located. He always likes to hear from hotel and sports fans, as well as from supporters of opera and ballet.

1960s

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed **William E. Brattain**, BS'60, MS'62, ReDir'64, ReD'67, to the Illinois Arts Council. Brattain is associate vice president emeritus for student services at Western Illinois University and a former member of the IUAA Executive Council. He and his wife, Helen (Hancock), BS'61, live in Colchester, Ill. Their address is brattain@winco.net.

Ray A. Muston, BS'61, MBA'63, PhD'70, UB 1959–61 (raymuston@mchsi.com), retired from University of Iowa in 1997 and now volunteers in humanitarian service with Rotary International. He and his wife, Linda, enjoy eight grandchildren and their many activities. Hawkeye sports gives them frequent glimpses of Hoosier memories!

Paul Beck, BA'66, UB 1965–66 (Beck.9@osu.edu), is the dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and professor in the Department of Political Science at Ohio State University. His recent honors include: the Ohio State University Distinguished Scholar Award, 2004; the Ohio State University Faculty Award for Distinguished Service, 2000; and the American Political Science Association Frank J. Goodnow Award for distinguished service to the profession, 2005.

Jerry E. Abramson, BS'68, UB 1966–68, is serving his 16th year as mayor of Louisville, Ky. His current initiatives include expanding Louisville's parks system by thousands of acres and building upon on ongoing downtown renaissance, including new housing, hotels, nightlife, and

cultural attractions, including the newly opened Muhammad Ali Center.

Linda Flowers Snow, BA'68, MBA'75, UB 1967–68 (snowlinda@bellsouth.net), has lived in South Carolina for 16 years and continues her longtime involvement with community theater, having appeared in almost 40 plays and received several acting awards. She also enjoys visiting her daughter, Anne, in New York City.

1970s

Rick Sutton, '76, UB 1974–75, is an independent real estate investor in Indianapolis. He's an elected member of the Board of Education, MSD of Washington Township; a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church; and a board member of the Interfaith Coalition on Nondiscrimination.

1980s

Connie Schopmeyer Dieken, BA'82, UB 1979–80, of Avon Lake, Ohio, is president and founder of onPoint Communication, formerly Communicate Like a Pro.

Julie B. Mittman Glazer, Cert/BA'83, UB 1981–83, recently moved to Cranford, N.J., to be closer to her job as a school reform facilitator. She has been named Main Street Schoolteacher of the Year and Orange Township (N.J.) Outstanding Educator of the Year, and she was nominated as the state candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

Howard A. Hammersley, BA'84, UB 1982–84 (Zowhammer@aol.com), is the Cadbury Schweppes director of specialty beverage sales, West region. He has been married for five-and-a-half years to his wife, Tami, and has two daughters, ages 3 and 1. He writes, “I recently purchased some carpet for my house from a colleague on the board with me, Tom Cunningham (UB 1983–84), as we both live in the Chicago area!” He is former president of the Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio, chapters of the IUAA.

Susan Paullin Nussbaum, BA'84, UB 1982–84 (kmnspn@hotmail.com), earned a master's degree in early childhood education and taught for nine years until she took time out to have children (Benjamin, 7,

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and Sonia, 5). Susan and her family live in Burlington, Vt., where her husband, Ken, is a partner in a small CPA firm and where she is starting her own business, a small creative-consulting practice for individuals and groups wanting help with their special events. She has just been appointed to the board of the John Whittenberger Society and is looking forward to again being actively involved with the Union Board family.

David A. DeCaro, BA'86, UB 1985–86 (dvdpicasso@aol.com), is working at the University of California, San Diego, as marketing director for housing and dining services. In his free time, DeCaro enjoys painting portraits and commissioned artwork on the side.

Maura Harling Steff, MS'86, UB 1984–86 (mshrocker@aol.com), writes that she is volunteering at the kids' school, at church, and in the community. She has a small side business making items from vintage fabrics, buttons, and found objects. She lives in Fayetteville, N.Y., just outside Syracuse, with husband, Greg, and two children, Zach, 13, and Hannah, 10.

Cliff Schumacker, BS'87, UB 1982 (c_schumacker@yahoo.com), is a physician assistant specializing in cardiology at Yakima Heart Center in Yakima, Wash. In 2004, his artwork was published as cover art on *Permanente Journal*, a national medical journal.

Sarah Jane Gray Hargitt, BA'88, UB 1987–88 (sarah.hargitt@chase.com), writes, "Who knew that being a mom would be this satisfying and rewarding?" After many years consumed with jobs and career, Sarah and her husband, Rusty, are the parents of Caleb, who is 2. She has worked full time for more than 10 years at JPMorgan Chase as a senior credit risk analyst in quality assurance.

Todd Schwartz, BS'88, UB 1985–88 (toddnles@optonline.net), is senior vice president for strategic development at Branded Media Corp. in New York City. He lives in New Rochelle, N.Y., with his wife, Leslie; son, Ethan, 7; and daughter, Samantha, 5.

1990s

Jordan Y. Owen, BA'90, UB 1989–90 (jordano@chartermi.net), is a production manager for Quantum Sail Design. He is a competitive sailor, teaches snowboarding at the Homestead Resort, and also plays on the Traverse City Blues Rugby Club, playing teams mostly in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.

Christian M. Carroll, BA'91, UB 1990 (christian.carroll@alumni.indiana.edu), is senior buyer of computer peripherals for Amazon.com. He and his partner, Michael, live in the house of their dreams, a 1910 Craftsman home in Seattle.

John "Matthew" Hahn, BAJ'95, UB 1992–94 (hahn@hotmail.co.uk), is living and working in London as an artistic director of a small theater company, subVERSE. He is also a drama tutor at an adult education college in west London. He writes that he is "traveling quite a bit and enjoying the relatively relaxed lifestyle of an 'ex-pat' in Europe."

Darin L. Messer, BA'95, UB 1993, won the top sales award in 2005 for the Indiana district with Reliant Pharmaceuticals and the State Champion jersey in the Indiana Mountain Bike Series in the Sport Class, 30–34 age group. He serves as the president of the Johnson County Chapter of the IU Alumni Association.

Andrew Wagner, BS'95, UB 1994 (awagner17@sbcglobal.net), lives in Aurora, Ill., and is working for Newspaper Services of America. He and his wife, Shannon, have a 2-year-old son, Aidan. Their second son, Liam, was born on April 11.

Philip Michael Wescott, BA'95, UB 1995 (michael.wescott@gmail.com), is a Web engineer at Yahoo! He and his wife, Andrea, BA'94, have a daughter, Josephine, who will turn 2 in August.

Melinda Fisher, BA'96, UB 1995 (melinda_fisher@hotmail.com), has worked for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel in Washington, D.C., since 2001, after completing a JD from American University and an LLM in tax law from Georgetown. In March, she transferred from a policy division to a litiga-

tion division of IRS Chief Counsel and is trying cases before the U.S. Tax Court.

Brian, BA'96, UB 1995, and **Kelly Foy Kijovsky**, BA'96, UB 1994–95 (kbkijov@comcast.net), welcomed their first child, Anna Louise Kijovsky, on April 13, 2005. Brian is associate asset manager at HDG-Mansur in Indianapolis. Kelly works for the honor society for nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, from home and is a full-time, stay-at-home mom to Anna.

Jeff Benish, '97, UB 1993, was the production manager of the off-Broadway production *Transatlantic Liaison* at Theatre Row's Clurman Theatre in New York City.

Elizabeth Marie Couch, BA'98, UB 1996–97 (elizabeth_m_couch@hotmail.com), is teaching writing to fifth- and sixth-graders this year, and plans to head to graduate school in the fall to pursue a master of public administration degree. She writes, "There are no new additions to my family unless, of course, you count my new guitar and snowboard!"

Lisa Kohnke, BA'98, UB 1997–98 (LKohnke@hotmail.com), worked in Washington, D.C., from 2003 to 2005 as a scheduler for Congressman Kendrick Meek. In 2004, she worked in the advance office for the Kerry–Edwards presidential campaign. Since October 2005, she has been planning events in the national events department of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. She is part of a large and very active IU alumni group in Washington, D.C., who play flag football, softball, and soccer together and gather for social events.

Kerry Brian Maller, BA'98, UB 1996–97 (k_maller@yahoo.com), is working for CBS News in Los Angeles. He recently won the Los Angeles Area Golden Mike award for best live coverage of a news event.

Justin Jon Gent, BA/BS'99, UB 1998 (jugent@alumni.indiana.edu), attended the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago after leaving IU. He is now an orthopedic surgery resident in his third year (of five) at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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2000s

Tracy A. Beckham, BA'00, UB 1998–99 (tab@herzogcrebs.com), is currently working as an associate litigation attorney with Herzog Crebs in St. Louis.

Mary Craig DeFalco, BA'00, UB 1998 (marecrai@yahoo.com), works at MTV Networks as a marketing manager focused on strategic marketing and partnerships for MTVN's 27 brands with cable operators in the Midwest. She got married in 2002 and is living in Woodridge, Ill.

Brad Loe, BA'00, UB 1999 (Brad-Loe00@yahoo.com), is a broker with Fox Residential Group in New York.

Scott Fleischer, BAJ'01, UB 2001 (fleischdawg@hotmail.com), works as a producer at XM Satellite Radio in Washington, D.C.

Jim Palmieri, BA'01, UB 1994–95 (james.palmieri@villanova.edu), has been working as a financial analyst in the marketing department at Wawa Inc., where he has been employed for about 10 years. Last summer, he completed his MBA at Villanova University.

Pamela Baldger, MS'02, UB 2000–02 program adviser (baldgerpam@yahoo.com), moved closer to her family in Cape Coral, Fla., after working at the University of San Francisco for two years. She's been in Florida just over a year and loves to windsurf or go boating on the weekends. She says, "It's a great place to visit!"

Brian Balta, BS'02, UB 2002, is a third-year graduate student at Caltech pursuing a PhD in geology.

Adam Hitchcock, BA'04, UB 2003–04 (hitchcock.adam@gmail.com), is enrolled at DePaul University College of Law.

Elizabeth "Libby" Lewis, Cert/BA'04, UB 2001–03 (libblewis@indiana.edu), is currently a second-year law student at IU Bloomington. In May, she moved to Washington, D.C., for summer internships with Baker & Daniels Consulting and Foley & Lardner LLP. After graduation, in 2007, she hopes to either work in Washington, D.C., or for a Big Ten university in administration/student affairs.

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