It’s a Family Thing
The multi-generational Dwyer story

Leaving a Legacy
Honoring a life-long commitment

Celebration Continues
DVD and reception close year-long festivities
Growing up in Kokomo, the six children of Bill and Sarah “Sally” Dwyer loved playing school, and squabbled over who’d sit at a salvaged desk the family owned. Bill purchased six discarded desks from a local school that was updating its equipment. “He put them in the basement and said, ‘Go, play school,’ ” Mrs. Dwyer said.
Siblings Judy, Sue, Jack, Mary Pat, Sarah, and Ruth all occupied desks in IU Kokomo classrooms in the 1960–70s and eventually earned a total of 11 degrees from Indiana University. Five of the six became classroom teachers; Sarah is an occupational therapist. Four of their spouses and four Dwyer grandchildren also are IU Kokomo alumni. (See “Dwyer Data,” pages 10–11.)

Raised in the Great Depression, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer both regretted not having the opportunity to earn college degrees. Mrs. Dwyer wanted to be an art or kindergarten teacher and “would have been fantastic,” said oldest child Judy Dwyer Schulte. “Mom was determined that all six of us would go to college. She didn’t always have enough money to pay our tuition, but she helped us find part-time jobs, encouraged us to apply for financial aid, and taught us to never give up a worthy goal.”

The Dwyers’ first five children—including twins Jack and Sue—were born within a six-year period. (A neighbor joked that he knew it was time to leave for work in the morning if the Dwyers’ clothesline was already filled with freshly washed diapers.) Being so close in age, two or even three of the Dwyer kids would always be in college simultaneously. The family managed on Bill’s income from Kolux, a neon sign company, and later Continental Steel.

The family’s situation changed in May 1967. Just before Judy graduated from IU Bloomington, Bill died of cancer at age 50. Knowing the family’s commitment to education, Bill’s childhood friends in the Worland and Hough families established educational funds with the IU Foundation for the remaining Dwyer children. Continental Steel and the Kokomo Eagles Lodge also helped. “All of the children had scholarships, and they earned them by maintaining a B average,” Mrs. Dwyer said.

But it was his mother’s “strong heart,” Jack Dwyer said, that made the crucial difference for her children’s education. Mrs. Dwyer re-entered the work field after 20 years as a stay-at-home mom, and became, Jack said, part of IU Kokomo’s “invaluable stakeholder group . . . the many parents who have embraced IU Kokomo by sending their children to college close to home and supporting them with an in-home dorm room, transportation to class, meals, spending money, laundry services, funds for tuition and books, a place for study, love, and pride.”

Not limiting her support to her family, Mrs. Dwyer was an active community volunteer with her children’s schools, the art center, and scouting programs. Alumna Cheryl Currens, who lived with the Dwyers her first year at IU Kokomo, remembered there always being guests at the dinner table. Sarah Dwyer said her mother consistently stressed that life should be lived “providing for those less blessed than ourselves, knowing that all people are created equal, and respecting our elders.”

In her late 80s, Mrs. Dwyer still loves painting and writing. In 2004, she acted in TV commercials for Majors Mobility, a wheelchair company. One features Mrs. Dwyer calling, “C’mon, kids, let’s roll!” as she leads two companions in wheelchairs down the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track. She did the commercials to demonstrate that physical limits don’t have to limit the spirit.

**Dwyer Data continued on page 10**
All the world—and all of IU Kokomo—seemed a stage February 27–March 4, with the visit of the professional Shakespearean troupe, Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS). The five actors presented classroom workshops, plus two performances of *The Merchant of Venice* in Havens Auditorium. More than 800 high school students from throughout the region enjoyed a Friday morning show, and an equally large audience came to a public performance Saturday night, which was tied to a reception for alumni from the School of Arts and Sciences.

The Student Shakespeare Team (right) guided the visiting actors during their campus stay and will host a Renaissance Faire at IU Kokomo on April 22. They include, left to right, front row, Kyle Degler, Chad Andrews, Terri Bourus, and Cheryl Currens; second row, Amber Taylor, Cara Higler, Amanda Beaver, Nichole Peña, Karen Smith, Cherri Alexander, and Melissa Heffernan; back row, Justin Ashcraft, Kate Washburn, Jason Chaplin, Candace Jones, Chris Clemens, Scott Blackwell, and Deborah Bricker. Washburn coordinated the team. Alexander (Washburn’s mother) created the red hats, modeled after a cap worn by Al Pacino in the recent movie of *The Merchant of Venice*.
The five members of Actors From The London Stage (above) convincingly portrayed 17 different characters in *The Merchant of Venice*. At upper left, the troupe’s Christopher Staines leads an education class through improvisational acting techniques applicable to classroom teaching. At lower left, Louise Yates, standing, talks to an ethics class about the shifting moral values of *Merchant* characters.

**School of Arts and Sciences Alumni Reception**

Tina Mahern, B.A. ’91, poses with her former instructor Colin Black at the March 4 SOAS alumni reception. Mahern served as designated hostess, welcoming fellow graduates. At right, Brad Mitchell, B.A. ’05, chats with guest Pat Williams. See additional photo, page 20.
The career advancements and successes Dawn Peters Hiles, B.S. '02, Business, has achieved over the past four years started with the education and experience she gained at IU Kokomo and her involvement in Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE).

A global non-profit organization active in more than 40 countries, SIFE challenges student teams on university campuses to develop outreach projects that create economic opportunities for others. In competitions, real-life business leaders judge the teams’ outreach results. As part of IU Kokomo’s 2001 and 2002 SIFE teams, Dawn received regional and national awards. “Dawn Peters was one of our ‘go-getters,’” recalled Kathy Parkison, who advises the campus SIFE team along with Joan Hoch.

Dawn’s winning ways caught the attention of several prospective employers, including SIFE World Headquarters in Missouri. After graduation, Dawn accepted a position at SIFE HQ, training SIFE teams at universities in the western half of the United States. She was later promoted to manage a team of U.S. SIFE directors while developing the training program for SIFE country managers around the world. “I traveled to Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, and London to implement training programs and had the privilege of training SIFE country managers from China, Japan, Thailand, India, and Korea,” she said.

At SIFE headquarters, she met corporate fundraiser John Hiles. As a student at Drury University in Springfield, Mo., John was a member of the first World Champion SIFE team. They were married in November 2004.

In February 2006, Dawn started her transition into a new career as director of Drury University’s Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program. The program currently serves about 150 students, including Dawn who will complete her M.B.A. this December. Meanwhile, she will collaborate with the program’s interim director and develop a marketing plan for the graduate degree.

“It’s a new challenge, one I’m excited about,” she said. “My new position requires a different set of skills and a more focused approach to marketing [her concentration at IU Kokomo] than what has been required of me in the past four years. I feel this career move will make me a better rounded professional with a more diverse skill set.”

Dawn is proud of the teamwork, communication, and leadership abilities she gained as a student in SIFE. “SIFE is great preparation for the real world. I have had many conversations with SIFE donor company representatives, CEOs, and human resources managers who feel SIFE graduates bring the type of experience and entrepreneurial attitude they are looking for in prospective hires,” she said.

She credits IU Kokomo’s School of Business faculty with teaching her many important lessons. “Dianne Roden taught me the magic of compound interest, Steve Cox taught me that accounting was not as bad as I imagined, David Rink always gave me a good laugh, and Kathy Parkison gave me more projects to complete than I thought humanly possible.”

But, her greatest mentor was Professor Emeritus of Management Richard Vaden. “He taught me to dream big and never settle for anything less than the best,” she said. “Anyone can be good at something. Dr. Vaden taught me that, while it is rarely easy or popular to do, I should always strive for greatness.”

Dawn Peters Hiles at Drury University, Springfield, Mo.
Connecting Alumni. Serving IU.

This issue of Messenger features a story on the Dwyer family, a wonderful example of an Indiana University Kokomo legacy. As her son Jack noted, Mrs. Sarah Dwyer (who never had the opportunity to pursue higher education herself) exemplified her deep commitment and trust in IU Kokomo’s mission by sending six children to our campus in pursuit of Indiana University degrees. Some of them, in turn, sent their children to our campus. Mrs. Dwyer is looking forward to the day when her great-grandchildren will join the Indiana University Kokomo family.

As the campus celebrates its 60th Anniversary, more of our alumni are letting us know about their own legacy stories. What better way to show IU pride than to encourage a family member to attend and earn a degree from Indiana University Kokomo, your alma mater.

But is having a family member attend our campus the only way to create an IU legacy of your own? According to the American Heritage dictionary, a legacy is defined as something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor. If we accept this definition, we can all create our own IU legacy stories.

Each of us, as IU alumni, has something to offer or “hand down” to current students who are journeying down the same path toward an IU degree as we did. Consider becoming a mentor to a student or to a young alumnus/a who is just starting a career.

The Indiana University Alumni Association has recently unveiled IUAlumniCareers.com. IUAA members may visit the site and sign up to be a mentor to a student. You might be in the position to offer a student an internship or a job shadowing opportunity. You might agree to be a guest speaker in a class related to your profession, or offer to conduct mock employment interviews with students getting ready to graduate.

Some of you might wish to establish a scholarship to assist with the financial commitment that students must make to pursue a degree. You can also encourage a friend or family member to attend IU Kokomo. The possibilities for creating your very own Indiana University legacy are endless.

What a great way to show your IU pride. Hail to Old IU! ✪

Cathy Hightower, B.A. ’89, M.S. ’00
President’s Message

Show your support—become involved with IU Kokomo

Are you a proud alumnus of Indiana University Kokomo? I certainly am. I take much pride in the excellent education that I received at IU Kokomo, and I am always willing to share a good story about the campus. As I think back to my days as a student, I fondly remember being pleasantly greeted by everyone. I valued my time in class and with my professors. They were fountains overflowing with knowledge. I enjoyed time spent working with student government, Honors Society, Pi Lambda Theta, and other organizations. The support network of people that I encountered shaped who I am today. That is why I am so very proud to return to IU Kokomo and show my pride. I want to assist with students’ successes just as various faculty, staff, and alumni helped me.

I currently serve on a campus task force aimed at building ties between current students and the IU Alumni Association. The task force wants those of us who are proud to be part of the IU family to share that sense of connection and the achievement of graduation with today’s students. There are many ways to show IU pride that take very little effort; some require a genuine commitment. Here are a few ideas: talk to local students about the advantages of attending IU Kokomo, donate to your favorite scholarship or begin one of your own, buy an IU license plate, display your diploma at work, proudly wear your IU colors, attend or sponsor a campus event, volunteer to help with alumni events, become a mentor to a current IU Kokomo student, or join a campus advisory board. (Hey, what about the IU Kokomo Alumni Association board?) I am not asking you to overextend yourself. I just want to remind you that IU is a part of you, and you should be a part of IU.

Elizabeth M. Douglass, B.S. ’95
IU Kokomo Alumni Association President

IU Kokomo 2006 Commencement Calendar

Indiana University Kokomo will conduct its 37th Commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 9. Degree recipient candidates completing degree requirements in May, June and August 2006 will be honored, along with December 2005 graduates.

The Commencement ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the east side of the Kelley Student Center. If the ceremony is moved inside due to inclement weather, there will be two ceremonies, both held in Havens Auditorium. The first indoor ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m.; the second at 1:30 p.m. For more details, visit “Countdown to Commencement” at www.iuk.edu/alumni or call (765) 455-9411. Here are details to remember for Commencement and activities leading up to that big day.

**April 26 & 27**
Cap and Gown delivery
9 a.m.–6 p.m.

**April 29**
Cream & Crimson Dinner
6 p.m. Kelley Student Center. Join fellow alumni and friends as we celebrate and honor the 2006 IU Kokomo Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award winner, James Alender. Reservations required; please contact the IU Kokomo Office of Alumni Relations at (765) 455-9411 or e-mail alumni@iuk.edu.

**May 4**
Nurses’ Recognition Ceremonies
5:30 p.m. for associate degree candidates and 7:30 p.m. for bachelor’s degree candidates. Both ceremonies in Havens Auditorium.

**May 5**
Commencement Rehearsal
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

**May 6**
Dr. Herbert J. Miller International & Minority Students Congratulatory Celebration
5–7 p.m. Kelley Student Center, Room 130.

**May 8**
Honors Day
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

**May 9**
Continuing Studies Graduate Breakfast
8 a.m. Kelley Student Center, Room 130. Join fellow School of Continuing Studies graduates and alumni to celebrate Commencement. RSVP to (765) 455-9411 by May 1.

**May 9**
Commencement Day
Assemblage of Degree Candidates
9 a.m. Library.

**Senior Salute!**
6:30 p.m. Main Building Courtyard.

**May 6**
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Honors Day
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

If Commencement ceremonies are held INSIDE, there will be two separate ceremonies.
Multigenerational success stories

One of the best parts about celebrating our 60th anniversary has been digging up all sorts of interesting things about our past. Among our more than 8,000 alumni “out there” are many stories of hard work, determination, perseverance, and success. Examples include the stories of the Dwyer family, our cover feature for this issue, and the Lindgren family, described on pages 12–13. Here we have true IU Kokomo success stories of long-term family relationships with our campus that have enriched multiple lives. Alumni family stories are among my favorites, probably because I am myself part of an alumni family. My mom, my two cousins on her side of the family, and I all received degrees from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. For each of us, our GW degrees have been an important part of the success we’ve achieved.

Although IU Kokomo is 60 years old, it is relatively young as an institution that grants bachelor’s degrees. Until 2000, we offered relatively few such degree programs for an institution of our size, so there was not much choice for students who wanted to stay in the region and pursue a four-year degree. Since 2000, we have been adding new bachelor’s degree options—including our newly approved B.S. in Early Childhood Education—and have at least four more on the drawing board for the next two to three years.

When we accelerate the number and kinds of such degrees, I predict that we will have an increasing number of “alumni family” stories to tell as we offer more “close to home” choices for the sons and daughters of our alumni. Moreover, as we work hard to increase donor support for scholarships, we hope to be able to support more second, third, and fourth generation students in the future.

In the meantime, please join me in celebrating the success of not only of the Dwyers and the Lindgrens but of all of our alumni and especially our alumni families.

Ruth J. Person
Chancellor, IU Kokomo

P.S. Can anyone beat the Dwyers’ track record for the number of family members participating in education at our campus—13, so far? If you can, let us know. We’re always looking for great success stories.

First MSN graduates conferred

IU Kokomo anticipates the participation of its first Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) candidates at May’s Commencement. Three students completed program work in 2005—Angela Heckman in August, and B.S.N. alumnae Candy Graber (’72) and Sheree Schroeder (’01) in December. All three are Kokomo residents.

Twelve more students should finish in May or August 2006. Of the original 27 nurses who initially applied to the program in fall 200, 20 students enrolled and have continued with courses through the present, said M.S.N. coordinator and Associate Professor of Nursing Nancy Schlapman, R.N., Ph.D.

The graduates will have learned the advanced practices, theory, and skills of Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialists. Many are employed by an area health care facility that paid for part or all of their M.S.N. education, in order to prepare the graduates for expanded job responsibilities.

Thanks to earning her M.S.N., Graber started a new job in December 2005 as a clinical nurse specialist in Oncology Services at Greater Lafayette (Ind.) Health Services, Inc. “I was a certified oncology nurse prior to the M.S.N. degree,” Graber said. “With a master’s degree, I have expanded my nursing role, and am able to function at an Advanced Practice Nurse level.”
**JUDY DWYER SCHULTE**  
B.S. ’67, Education; M.A.T. ’69, English  
Russiaville, Ind.


**Campus memories:** In 1965, I helped pack up and move the Seiberling Mansion library to the “new” facility on Washington Street. My sister Susan and I worked in the library that summer, putting it together. The librarian left shortly after the move and for a span of time before Dick Ardrey came . . . I was the oldest employee in the library!  

**IU Kokomo mentors:** Dr. Victor Bogle, Dr. James Hurt, and Dr. David Orr. Dr. Hurt especially was influential in my English teaching career. I loved his teaching style.  

**How are you like your Mom?** Mom is a life-long learner. I believe all of us have that same spirit. Husband Dennis Schulte. Daughter Marilyn Schulte attended IU Kokomo 1997; teaches in Indianapolis. Son Daniel Schulte, B.S. ’03, Environmental Management, attended IU Kokomo 2002–03; graduate student at Tufts University.

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**SUE DWYER MORTON**  
B.S. ’70, Education  
Cottonwood, Minn.

Freelance journalist, professional storyteller, sales clerk.  

Sue and her husband, Stephen Morton, B.S. ’69, Business, attended IU Kokomo 1965–68. Steve is a cost accountant for US Energy, Inc.  

**Campus memories:** I recall a group of students and professors going to lunch one day at a rather fancy restaurant. We sat for a half hour before a waitress . . . told us she would not serve us as long as Dr. Herbert Miller, the only person of color in the restaurant, was with us. It was restaurant policy. We all got up and returned to campus for a lively discussion. Dr. Miller, of course, was gracious and kind to the waitress, thanking her for her honesty. There were two African American janitors at IU Kokomo—husband and wife; her name was Margaret. They loved and respected the students, and were so proud to be university employees. After the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, Margaret and I sat and cried together in the lounge.  

**IU Kokomo mentors:** Lance Jeffers, my English Literature professor, taught me much about critical thinking and racism . . . and influenced me to change my major from mathematics to English. My math professor also influenced me when he told me I had no right to be in advanced calculus with men.  

**How are you like your Mom?** Shared interests in poetry, storytelling, and sewing. Mom taught me to sew when I was 6. I make rag dolls and soft sculpted critters for my own business, called Rags. Children Anna Kamrath, William Morton, and Emily Morton.

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**J. HUGH “JACK” DWYER**  
B.S. ’69 and M.S. ’75, Education; Ed.D. ’85, School Administration  
Warren, Penn.

Assistant Superintendent, Warren County School District. Attended IU Kokomo 1965–67, and took graduate courses through 1975. Met wife Josephine “Jo” Miller Dwyer, B.S. ’70 and M.S. ’72, Education, on campus. They both taught in Kokomo schools for several decades; Hugh was an adjunct lecturer in education and history at IU Kokomo 1976–87.  

**Campus memories:** I was elected to the IU Kokomo Student Council (now Senate) where I was Vice President and Student Leader of the Year. I worked part time in the bookstore and the language lab and was in the cast of the IU Kokomo production *The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch.*  

**IU Kokomo mentors:** Jim Hurt in writing and Ralph Gray in U.S. history were outstanding teachers. Political Science Professor B. R. Davidson challenged his students to question and analyze with his weekly “Thought Questions.” I had three graduate political science classes with Dr. Allen Maxwell—scholarly, experienced in government (CIA), and an engaging teacher. I modeled my classroom methods after Dr. Maxwell’s.  

**How are you like your Mom?** I have her interest and concerns about world events. She keeps a world atlas near her chair so that she can identify the hot spots in the news. Inevitably, when I telephone her, she will turn the conversation to the news.
Mary Pat Dwyer Burrous
B.S. ’71 and M.S. ’89, Education
Walton, Ind.

Her husband Sam Burrous, B.S. ’70 and M.S. ’73, attended IU Kokomo 1967–69. He has taught fifth grade at Elwood Haynes School, Kokomo, for 36 years.

Campus memories: I enjoyed all four years at IU Kokomo as a part of the Carriage House Theater group, appearing in Little Foxes, Twelfth Night, and other productions. I am very proud of my “Best Actress” award for my role of Martha in Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? The biggest blessing I found at IU Kokomo was my husband of 35 years. We met in the library and have been sharing books and love ever since.

IU Kokomo mentors: Professor of speech and theater Robert Hennon took a nervous student terrified to stand before audiences and brought out a self-confident actress. My educational career is still greatly influenced by Dr. Lian-Whang Chiu, Dr. Harold Brinegar, and Dr. Nedra Kinerk, who taught me about compassion and high standards.

Son Nathan S. Burrous, B.S. ’01, Education, teaches at Bon Air School, Kokomo. His wife Kara Gaylor Burrous, B.S. ’00, Education, teaches at Carroll Elementary, Flora. A son Justin was a member of the Indiana National Guard when he died in 1992. Scholarships honoring his memory were awarded for several years to IU students from Cass County.

Sarah I. Dwyer
B.S. ’73, Occupational Therapy
Kempton, Ind.

Campus memories: I hung out in the Commons and played euchre between classes. After introductory courses at Kokomo, I attended IU Bloomington to complete science courses necessary for admission to the School of Allied Health Sciences Occupational Therapy (OT) program, at IU Medical Center. Being accepted to the OT program is an accomplishment I am quite proud of. I participated on the IU Bloomington Women’s Swimming Team under coach Terri Tarbell. There were no scholarships or privileges for women athletes in 1971. I was “lettered” in 1994 for my participation in IU Women’s Athletics and have a letter jacket that fits me today.

IU Kokomo mentors: Dr. Reja-e Busilah showed that education is available to all. Professor Xenia Cord introduced me to folklore, which opened an interest in barns, graves, and other things of old that continues today.

How are you like your Mom? I’ll take a ride or a walk to look for nature’s beauty any time I get the opportunity. I am a strong, independent woman with an excellent work ethic and know to complete my list of Saturday chores before I get my allowance. These things come from my mother.

Life partner Rita Hedges.

Ruth Dwyer
B.S. ’78 and M.S. ’83, Music/Secondary Education
Indianapolis, Ind.
Director of Education/Associate Director of the Indianapolis Children’s Choir. A published composer, choral arranger, and editor, Ruth teaches music methods at Butler University. Taught music in Indiana public schools for 19 years.

Campus memories: I only had one class at IU Kokomo, a freshman English class in 1974. What was more important to my growing up was the vital part that IU Kokomo played in creating an inviting atmosphere for the arts. When Mom had very little money for nonessentials, she and I attended the travelogue events at Havens Auditorium. We enjoyed the speakers . . . anticipating the day when we would explore all the national parks.

My high school choir was afforded the opportunity to sing in Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana at IU Kokomo, accompanied by the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra. It taught me that even the most difficult music was within my reach. I first experienced live musical theater at IU Kokomo—1776 and The Music Man. My own adult experience on the Havens Auditorium stage was as one of the Three Little Maids in The Mikado.

How are you like your Mom? Like mom, I’m fiercely independent, artistically inclined, like to have a good time, and am extremely loyal to friends and family.

Husband Dean Spenner, B.S. ’78, Business, works for FedEx.
For six years, former Delco Electronics engineer–turned–math tutor Donald Lindgren helped IU Kokomo students grasp mathematical concepts. He would take them through lessons step by step, echoing the progress of his own college education.

His family has continued Mr. Lindgren’s work, by establishing the Donald J. Lindgren memorial Scholarship. It provides annual awards to students studying math at IU Kokomo. Education major Shannon Blaisdell is the first recipient.

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Mrs. Lindgren said. This fit with one of her husband’s “great gifts,” she added. “He set goals and understood the steps needed to get there.”

Taking small steps over many years was how Donald Lindgren earned two degrees while working full time and supporting his family. Mr. Lindgren started taking a couple courses a semester at IU Kokomo, shortly after moving here to work at Delco in 1960. The engineering degree he wanted wasn’t available in local evening classes, so he chose math instead, Mrs. Lindgren said. “He loved math because it is so precise.” Finishing course work through Butler University in 1976, Mr. Lindgren earned a bachelor’s degree in math, with a physics minor. Six year later, he completed a master’s degree in industrial operations through the Purdue University program at IU Kokomo.

“He was the most intelligent person I knew, but also very unassuming and funny,” Mrs. Lindgren said.

After Donald Lindgren retired from Delco in the mid-1990s, he became a math tutor for IU Kokomo’s Learning Enhancement Center (LEC). (Now in its second decade, the LEC provides tutoring in math, language, and computer skills.) While he took tutoring work “very seriously,” Mrs. Lindgren said, he also enjoyed “being with young people, and those he worked with— Karla Stouse, Mike Staublin, Susan Wilson, Russ Phillips, Maria Rudy.”

Mrs. Lindgren believes that, because her husband was “late in recognizing his own potential” to succeed at higher education, he wanted to encourage others to learn and grow. “He was an awfully good listener. He
Future math teacher appreciates Lindgren award

Receiving the first Donald J. Lindgren Memorial Scholarship has been “an unexpected blessing” for Shannon Blaisdell of Kokomo. She is working toward a B.S. in Education, and plans to teach junior high or high school mathematics.

This semester, she is student teaching at Kokomo’s Taylor Middle School, leaving no time for outside work that can help pay her education expenses.

“I have three children. As you can imagine, money has been tight when I am not working,” she said. “This scholarship has allowed me to worry less about money and focus all my attention on the (Taylor) students.”

Equally important, Blaisdell said, the scholarship “reaffirms that what I am doing is important. Someone has taken notice . . . and is proud of my accomplishments. I want to thank the Lindgren family. Many donors don’t realize what their generosity means to a student.”

Blaisdell was a student tutor in math for IU Kokomo’s Learning Enhancement Center, where Donald Lindgren also tutored. “Tutoring can be a challenge, but I like coming at one concept from different ways and trying to make it meaningful to a student,” she said. She recalled a breakthrough moment explaining linear equations to another student. “When the ‘light bulb’ finally came on, a look of happiness came over his face. I thought, ‘This is why I want to teach.’ ”

Blaisdell would like to fund a scholarship at IU Kokomo someday. “I have experienced firsthand the difference a scholarship can make in a student’s life,” she said. “It is a blessing financially, as well as a confidence booster.”

A deep love of learning drove Donald Lindgren, according to his wife. “Everything he did was a challenge. He was interested in literature and history.

“He encouraged our children and me to do whatever we wanted to do,” she added.

Mrs. Lindgren holds a degree in medieval English from St. Elizabeth College in New Jersey. She has taught, and worked for the religious education office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. Later, she directed marketing and public relations at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Kokomo.

These days, she’s back in education, tutoring second and third graders in spelling and reading at Kokomo’s Columbian Elementary. Her daughter Ann Lindgren Catt, B.S. ’90, Education, teaches fourth grade at Columbian.

Son Don Lindgren has a B.A. in Liberal Studies (‘83) from IU Kokomo, and an M.S. in social work (‘85) from IUPUI. He is manager of geriatric mental health services at Wishard Memorial Hospital. Oldest son Jim Lindgren is vice president of MicroMetl, an Indianapolis manufacturer. With an IU law degree (‘89), daughter Bridget Lindgren Rogers worked in law and fundraising before retiring to homeschool her daughters.

It was young Don who first suggested the scholarship as a memorial to his father. “We’re really glad we did it,” Mrs. Lindgren said, adding that the family looks forward to meeting scholarship recipients.

The fully endowed Donald J. Lindgren Memorial Scholarship will generate annual awards of up to $1,000 per student. Selection is based on applicants’ academic achievements and financial need. For more information, contact the Office of External Relations, (765) 455-9485.

Student teacher Shannon Blaisdell, right, speaks to her class at Taylor Middle School.
James Alender honored for distinguished service

CEO and President of Howard Regional Health System James P. Alender of Kokomo will receive the 2006 Distinguished Service Award Saturday, April 29, during the IU Kokomo Alumni Association's Cream and Crimson Dinner. Chair of the Chancellor’s Advisory Board since 1999, Alender has "been a key player in the recent success this campus has attained in many areas," said Chancellor Ruth Person. "I value Jim Alender’s support and leadership, and look forward to working with him on initiatives in the future."

Alender was active in the campus campaign to build a new library in the 1990s, and has taught as an adjunct faculty member in business. Along with Chuck Bucheri and Tonya Goodier, Alender co-chaired the 2003–2004 Kresge Science Initiative, which raised more than one half million dollars for a science equipment endowment. Bucheri said Alender’s involvement convinced him to join the effort. "A capital campaign without bricks and mortar is one of the most difficult to accomplish," Bucheri said. The Kresge Initiative "was difficult, but Jim and the IU Kokomo staff would not give up, and the challenge was met.

“Jim is a tireless leader who gives to many causes in both name and financial resources,” Bucheri added. “He has provided collaborative participation with Chancellor Ruth Person on many issues and expanded Howard Regional’s partnering with IU Kokomo.”

Alender holds a bachelor’s degree in industrial management from Purdue University, and a graduate degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Commercial Finance–Banking. From 1986–1995, he worked as a senior bank executive, first for Ameritrust Bank in Indianapolis, and then for Key Bank in Kokomo.

In 1995, he became vice president for strategic planning with Kokomo’s Howard Community Hospital, which was later renamed Howard Regional Health System (HRHS). Two years later, Alender became the hospital’s president and CEO. In 2003, American College of Health Care Executives presented Alender its Northern Indiana Regents award and Hospital Administrator of Year award.

Accepting a job that would keep him and his family in Kokomo was one reason Alender switched from banking to health care, according to Ted Brown, chief operating officer for HRHS. “Jim has led the Howard Regional Health System team of dedicated employees and physicians to record high levels of quality health services and financial performance. Revenues have more than doubled in the past five years, and the added health services available at Howard have made it almost a one-stop shopping experience.”

A strong proponent of education for youth and adults, Alender has long endorsed the hospital’s programs of tuition reimbursement for employees, Brown said, including full funding of the Indiana University Kokomo Master of Science in Nursing program for several HRHS nurses.

Alender is a member of Kokomo Rotary Club, the American Cancer Society, and The Community Foundation of Howard County. He has served as chairman of the Kokomo YWCA Board of Trustees, and as a member of the boards of Kokomo Country Club, United Way of Howard County, The Community Foundation of Howard County, and the Howard Community Hospital Foundation.

James Alender

Photo provided

Cream & Crimson Dinner
April 29, 6 p.m.
Kelley Student Center
Join fellow alumni and friends to honor the 2006 IU Kokomo Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award winner James Alender. Reservations required; contact the IU Kokomo Office of Alumni Relations
Annette M. Russell’s deep commitment to the Logansport/Cass County community and to Indiana University Kokomo will be honored May 9, when the IU Kokomo Alumni Association presents her its 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award during Commencement. President and CEO of Security Federal Savings Bank (SFSB) in Logansport, Russell earned her B.S. in Business at IU Kokomo in 1994. She gained national recognition as valedictorian of her graduate school of banking class.

"Annette is a highly visible role model, exemplifying the levels you can reach with an IU degree," said Deanna Crispen, B.A. ’98, who nominated Russell. "She is the only female bank president in Cass County. She is highly respected by her peers, employees, and customers."

A former member of the Chancellor’s Advisory Board, Russell helped guide IU Kokomo’s Kresge Science Initiative campaign in Cass County, raising funds for a science equipment endowment. She is active in local IUAA chapter activities, plus such civic organizations as Rotary, United Way, and Workforce Development Strategies, Inc.

Russell chairs a board focused on local economic development for the Logansport/Cass County Economic Development Foundation (LCCEDF). She “has already put together lofty, but attainable goals for the foundation,” said LCCEDF President Nolan “Skip” Kuker Jr. “Annette has decided that the future of our community is so very important that she has taken a year-long sabbatical from other community boards so she could put all her efforts here. She is a widely admired individual, and I can see why she would get this award.”

Security Federal Savings Bank hired Russell as a staff accountant in 1991 and promoted her to controller that same year. She later advanced to senior vice president/chief financial officer, and assumed the president’s office in 2003 upon the death of her mentor Richard Cassidy Jr.

Brian Shockney, B.S. ’91, president and CEO of Logansport’s Memorial Hospital, served on Security Federal’s board of directors at that time. “I was able to witness the internal resolve and strength of Annette as she led the organization through this difficult time and ensured the continued success of the bank,” Shockney said. Slow to take sole credit for her successes and quick to recognize her employees' contributions, Russell “is respected by all who work and serve with her,” he added. “She recognizes the importance of balance in life and ensuring health for her body, mind, and spirit.”

Maureen Prentice, current senior vice president of SFSB, praised Russell’s diligent work, not only to provide financial services that meet community needs, but also “to create a community full of endless opportunities.” Leading by example, Russell has inspired bank employees to be involved in several civic activities, Prentice said, such as the annual “Light Up Logansport” parade, financial literacy classes offered in both English and Spanish, and service through local not-for-profit organizations.

Shockney said he respected Russell’s resolve “to stick by her community when so many other opportunities across the nation are available to her. This in itself defines her love for community and the people that share her success.”
Three veteran IU Kokomo faculty members will retire in May: Associate Professor of Education Loren Henry, Ph.D. (’71, IUB); Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Nancy G. Henry, M.A.T. (’66, IUB); and Assistant Professor of Nursing Kathy Morrical, Ed.D. (B.S.N. ’64, IUB).

Husband and wife, the Henrys taught in Indiana, New York, and Alabama before coming to IU Kokomo in 1986. As the sole faculty member focused on mathematics education, Loren Henry developed programs for teaching math at the elementary level and in grades 5–12. Chair of the Division of Education from 2001–2005, he recently contributed to a grant proposal for an early childhood education center based on campus. Lilly Endowment Inc. approved $1.5 million for the center.

Charlotte Miller, advisor to the Education Curriculum Lab, said students consistently report, “that the instruction and skills learned during Dr. Henry’s mathematics methods course have been important to their success.” Professor of Science Education Julie Saam, Ph.D., chairs the committee for the Division of Education and the School of Arts and Sciences. “Through Loren’s vision and the committee’s hard work, members have aligned our courses with Indiana Teacher Education Standards, improving curriculum, programs, and advising,” Saam said.

Nancy Henry has taught required undergraduate courses in algebra, trigonometry, finite mathematics, calculus, and statistics. Not a “by rote” teacher, Nancy said she stresses understanding and applications of mathematics. “Students never say I’m an easy teacher, but they say I’m fair.”

Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Marie Kunkle said math department faculty can thank Nancy Henry for introducing the TI-83 calculator as an integral part of the curriculum. “She trained us on the use of it and was always available to help.”

Faculty advisor to the Student Government Association since 1991, Nancy has devoted “countless hours” to student meetings, retreats, and events, said Sarah Hawkins, director of Student Development and Campus Life. “Nancy provides history and continuity to the organization. She is organized, dependable, and always demonstrates ethical decision making for our students.”

Students in a medical/surgical, or “med/surg,” clinical course gave Kathy Morrical a shirt imprinted with “She teaches at the cellular level.” The phrase refers to Morrical’s teaching emphasis on how symptoms of injury and illness can reveal underlying problems in a patient’s internal systems. “Students have to be able to interpret these things,” Morrical said. She also focuses on a nurse’s responsibility to help patients make lifestyle choices that support health. “Nurses are in the best position to help patients make that mindset change.”

“Kathy strives for students to understand more than memorize,” said nursing faculty colleague Linda Wallace, Ed.D. “She spends hours reviewing tests with students so they understand better why their answer was right or wrong. I told her she can’t leave IU Kokomo until she downloads her brain into mine.”

“Dr. Morrical has been a linchpin in the adult nursing component of the curriculum,” said Dean of the School of Nursing Penny Cass, Ph.D. “She will be missed.”

Logansport Memorial Hospital Chief Executive Nurse Jeannette Huntoon, B.S.N. ’92, said the hospital has greatly benefited from Morrical’s work as a staff nurse and more recently with numerous clinical courses set there. “Kathy is so professional, so open, so evidently engaged with growing nurses to meet the hospital’s and the community’s needs,” Huntoon said. “With her commitment to providing excellent care, she is a great mentor to students.”

Since 1990, Morrical has been an American Lung Association volunteer instructor on tuberculosis, offering annual training on the infectious disease that is required for hospital nurses. She’s also worked in several public flu shot clinics, guiding junior and senior nursing students in administering up to 2,600 injections.
Economic Development grant

IU Kokomo faculty and administrators helped develop a successful grant proposal, that will bring up to $15 million to north central Indiana to help increase regional cooperation on economic and workforce development. The U.S. Department of Labor awarded the grant to a consortium of area business, government, and educational concerns. With its $700,000 portion of the grant, IU Kokomo will develop curricula that support regional entrepreneurship and help more college graduates remain in Indiana following graduation.

Leadership potential

Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Susan Sciame-Giesecke, Ph.D., has been selected for the 2006 IU Leadership Development Program (IU LeaD). Through December, 30 faculty participants representing all IU campuses will attend leadership seminars in Bloomington. Proposed by IU President Adam Herbert, IU LeaD provides a formal system for identifying potential university leaders.

SBC Fellows

Assistant Professor of English Scott Jones, Ph.D., and Lecturer in Psychology Robert Wildblood, Ph.D., are among 11 IU faculty members selected as 2006 SBC Fellows. They will receive up to $15,000 to develop teaching and learning technologies. Jones will refine a Webtext he created for a fall 2005 course. A Webtext is like an online “textbook,” customized to a course’s assignments and employing hyperlinks to related content on the World Wide Web. Wildblood will assess the academic progress of Bachelor of General Studies students using an electronic portfolio of assignments, documents, and multimedia projects.

Japanese studies

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) awarded a $5,500 Sasakawa Fellowship to Associate Professor of English Nadene Keene. The fellowship will support her participation in the National Faculty Development Institute on “Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum” to be held at San Diego State University in June.

Hybrids examined

Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Sharon Calhoon, Ph.D., and Director of Continuing Studies Fred Hakes discussed development of the campus’ ACCELerated Evening College in the hybrid format at two spring conferences. They addressed the Purdue University Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference at Lafayette in March and the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., in April.

Third McGowan Award

For the third time, the McGowan Charitable Foundation has approved a full-tuition scholarship for a student of the IU Kokomo School of Business. Dean Niranjan Pati, Ph.D., said business faculty will select one Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) candidate to receive the $16,191 award for the 2006-07 academic year. “The McGowan Foundation has been very generous to award the School of Business a total of $42,389 in the last three award cycles,” Pati said.

Computing director named

Carl Pennington has been named IU Kokomo’s Director of Computing Services. With a master’s degree in applied statistics from Purdue University, Pennington has more than 30 years of information technology experience, largely in the health care field.
Chancellor on AASCU board

In January, the American Association of State College and Universities elected Chancellor Ruth J. Person to a three-year term on its board of directors. In April, Chancellor Person received the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Michigan (U-M) School of Information. She holds a master’s degree in library science and a doctorate in management, library, and information science from U-M.

Kokomo planning appointment

Assistant Director of Community Outreach Candy Norman was appointed to the City of Kokomo Plan Commission. Norman is part of an IU Kokomo faculty and staff task force working with the Kokomo Downtown Association on downtown revitalization plans.

Spring enrollment

Indiana University Kokomo enrolled a total 2,751 students in 26,695 credit hours of courses in spring 2006 semester. The student headcount included 1,400 full-time students.

Paddlers and pooch

Professor of Finance Dianne Roden, Ph.D., and her husband, Allan, signed copies of their book Mississippi Howl in February at the IU Kokomo Bookstore. The book was based on journals they kept during a three-month canoe trip down the Mississippi River in 2004, with their pet Annie Dog. The book is available for $19.99.

Chili cooks ‘Red Hot’

IU Kokomo’s entry in the Red Hot & Wild Kokomo Chili Cook-off won trophies as the best chili in the corporate division and a third place overall People’s Choice Award. Cooks for the February event included Arts and Sciences Dean Sue Sciame-Giesecke, Art Gallery Director Gregory Steel, Havens Auditorium Technician Jeff Gegner, and Chancellor Ruth Person. IU Kokomo was the “Red Hot” sponsor for the cook-off, a nod to IU’s designation by Newsweek magazine as the country’s “Hottest Big State School.”

From left, chili cooks Sue Sciame-Giesecke, Gregory Steel, Jeff Gegner, and Chancellor Ruth Person

Here’s a variation of Jeff Gegner’s original chili recipe, minus his “secret ingredient,” which he said, “will remain secret.”

‘IU Kokomo Red Hot’ Chili
Makes 6 quarts
1.5 lbs. of sirloin, cubed, fat trimmed
1 large yellow onion, diced
1 lb. mixed chile peppers (Weight is before cleaning; no jalapenos.)*
Chili powder to taste
15 oz. can hot chili beans*
15 oz. can mild chili beans*
15 oz. can diced tomatoes
1 qt. tomato juice
1 t. TABASCO® pepper sauce

Brown sirloin in a little oil. When it’s half cooked, add onions and chile peppers. Sprinkle liberally with chili powder. Simmer until most of the liquid is gone. In a large pot or crockpot, warm beans, tomatoes, and tomato juice. Add cooked-down meat mixture to the pot. Add TABASCO®. Simmer at least one hour. Add more chili powder and TABASCO® as desired.

*Mix hot and mild chile peppers and/or beans as you want for desired heat.
For the second consecutive year, the IU Kokomo Alumni Association (IUKAA) has presented its scholarship to history and political science major Joseph Abney of Kokomo.

He also won the IUAA Scholar Award, which is given to children of IUAA members. Joe’s mother, Debbie Carithers, B.A. ’01, social and behavioral science, is a social worker. His father is Frank Abney.

Now in his senior year, Joe Abney wants to become a university professor of history. Already a seasoned European traveler, Abney said his top choices for graduate school would include Great Britain’s Cambridge University and the University of London, and, in the United States, the University of Maryland.

“I could not have a college career without scholarship help,” Abney said. Receiving the IUKAA Scholarship and other assistance makes it possible for him to cover college costs without having to work full time, he noted. “If I had to work, it would not be possible to me to have the grade point average I do (3.9 out of 4.0 in fall 2005).” His academic success was recognized this fall, when he was inducted into the IU Kokomo chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Alpha Chi nominees must rank in the top 10 percent of their class academically.

Vice president of IU Kokomo’s History/Political Science Club, Abney recruited Hari Jones to come to campus in February for a club event. Curator of the African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and Museum in Washington, D.C., Jones spoke on Civil War soldiers and spies of African descent.

Abney has also been active this year in the campus’ Student Shakespeare Team, Gay/straight Alliance, and Multicultural Student Organization. He volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Greenpeace.

“A student such as Joe Abney understands that his education is not just for himself,” said Alumni Relations Director Cathy Hightower. “He is using what he’s learned at IU Kokomo and the connections he’s made here to become engaged in his community and his world. IUKAA is happy to help support Joe’s efforts.”

Joe Abney, left, works with Lecturer in Fine Arts Gregory Steel and Assistant Professor of English Terri Bourus, Ph.D., to construct a scale model of Shakespeare’s Globe Theater. The model was displayed during a week-long visit from Actors From The London Stage this spring.

Abney stands guard over Visiting Lecturer in Communication Arts Chris Clemens, center, and Terri Bourus, who landed in the Student Shakespeare Team “jail” in February. Team members raised funds for the upcoming April 22 Renaissance Faire by accepting “bail” for the “inmate” faculty members.
Albert L. Moore, B.A. ’78, joined the Indianapolis office of RBC Dain Rauscher as First Vice President—Financial Consultant. RBC Dain Rauscher is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Canada, and is the nation’s eighth largest full-service investment firm. Moore and his family live in Greensburg.

Georgia S. Pearcy, A.S.N. ’81, was appointed assistant professor for the Metropolitan State University School of Nursing. She is teaching theory and clinical nursing courses, advising students, participating in scholarship and research, and maintaining a clinical practice.

James A. Yeakel, B.A. ’95, is a Senior Marketplace Mortgage Loan Originator for Fifth Third Bank in West Lafayette.

Sonia Gupta, M.B.A. ’97, is working for IBM in New Jersey as the Global Knowledge Management Lead.

Diana L. Klotz, B.S. ’97, relocated to Dearborn, Mich., where she is a dealer financial analyst for the Ford Motor Credit Company.

Campus past and future

Marcella Pettigrew, B.S. ’98, brought her fourth grade class from Kokomo’s Sycamore Elementary to campus for a celebration of African American heritage on February 3. University student volunteers led the youngsters on a campus scavenger hunt, including viewing of the “Black Experience at Indiana University” photo display in Alumni Hall. Coordinator of Campus Climate Catherine Barnes talked with the youths about college expenses and meeting academic requirements. Years ago, Barnes oversaw Pettigrew’s work as a student tutor for Sycamore. Today, Pettigrew employs student tutors from IU Kokomo in her own classroom. “It’s great to see that circle coming around,” said Barnes.

SOAS honors Hainlen

Randy Hainlen, B.A. ’78, J.D. ’81, accepted the 2006 Outstanding School of Arts and Sciences (SOAS) Alumnus Award from Dean Susan Sciame-Giesecke, Ph.D., during the school’s alumni reception March 4. An IU Kokomo student in the 1970s, Hainlen “has served IU Kokomo and the SOAS very well for several years,” the dean said. “Randy has been a regular, enthusiastic participant in alumni gatherings and meetings over the years, . . . and exemplifies all that we would want to acknowledge with this award.” The Kokomo attorney and former city judge has taught Freshman Seminar and Introduction to American Politics at IU Kokomo as an adjunct lecturer, as well as various courses for the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. More photos from the SOAS alumni reception appear on page 5.

Howell recieves President’s Award

Jody D. Howell, B.S. ’03, of Kokomo has received the IU Alumni Association President’s Award, the association’s highest honor for alumni volunteers. An active member of the IU Kokomo Alumni Association Board since 2003, Howell has worked on Commencement, the Old Ben 5K Run/Walk, Student Alumni Association Finals Week Survival Kits, IU v. Purdue TV Basketball Party, Cream and Crimson Dinner, and the Relay for Life team. Serving on the local Kiwanis International board of directors, Howell coordinates the club’s Salvation Army Kettle Collection. She has organized clean-up activities along Wildcat Creek, collected supplies for Clinic of Hope, organized a Special Olympics Bowling team, and delivered food and holiday gifts for Kokomo Rescue Mission. She is also active in the Breakaway Bicycling Club and Order of the Eastern Star. ❖
What's Happening

See calendars for IU Kokomo’s 2006 Commencement activities (page 8) and exhibitions at the IU Kokomo Art Gallery (page 27). Visitors without campus parking passes should follow the signs for special event parking for these activities.

April 19
University Ring Presentation
5 p.m. Kelley Student Center, Room 130. RSVP to (765) 455-9411.

April 20
Last Lecture, “Nature: Then and Now”
6 p.m. IU Kokomo Art Gallery. Professor of Botany Gary E. Dolph, Ph.D., will reflect on ecological deterioration of the planet and the coming post-petroleum age. This is the final faculty Last Lecture presented as part of IU Kokomo’s 60th Anniversary celebration.

April 22
IU Kokomo Renaissance Faire
10 a.m.–6 p.m. Elizabethan food, entertainment, and games presented by the Student Shakespeare Team on the IU Kokomo Earth Stage and surrounding grounds. Visit www.iuk.edu/shakespeare for details.

April 25
Angel Walk/Take Back the Night
5:30–10 p.m. One-mile fundraising walk adjacent to campus to benefit domestic violence programs of Family Service Association of Howard County, Inc. An awareness and advocacy fair for issues surrounding family violence will be held concurrently in the Kelley Student Center. To participate or sponsor a walking team, call (765) 455-9491. Sponsored as part of the American Democracy Project.

April 27
SPEA Public Service Award Lunch
11 a.m.–1 p.m. Kelley Student Center, Room 130. The School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) Advisory Board will honor four individuals for their service to north central Indiana communities. Lunch is $30 per person; $15 for a student, with proceeds benefiting SPEA scholarships. RSVP to jwebb@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9417.

April 28
IU Singers Concert
7 p.m. Kresge Auditorium. Free admission.

May 3
Band Concert
6 p.m. Earth Stage. IU Kokomo Howard County Community Band concert and ice cream social. Free admission.

May 10
Summer I classes begin

June 8
Board of Trustees Reception
5:30 p.m. Kelley Student Center, Room 130. Alumni are invited to meet the members of the IU Board of Trustees and celebrate the closing of IU Kokomo’s 60th Anniversary celebration. RSVP by June 2 to the Office of Alumni Relations, (765) 455-9411 or alumni@iuk.edu.

June 23–25
Stratford Theatre Festival Tour
Travel with IUKAA to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, for three classic plays, sightseeing, and fun.

June 26
Summer II classes begin

July 16
IU Day at Indiana Black Expo
RCA Dome, Indianapolis. Numerous activities planned.

August 10
IU Day at Indiana State Fair
Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. Numerous activities planned.

August 21
Fall semester classes begin

New Service for IU Kokomo Alumni
IUAlumniCareers.com

The IU Alumni Association’s new online career services center, IUAlumniCareers.com, is open! This Web site provides online career and mentoring services for alumni from all IU campuses.

Register at IUAlumniCareers.com to search for jobs, post your resume for review by employers, or search for an alumni mentor for career advice.

IU Kokomo alumni are invited to register as mentors to give career advice to their fellow alumni.

Employers are invited to register to post job openings, at no charge.

For information, contact the IUAA Membership Department at iuamemb@indiana.edu or (800) 824-3044.
IU Kokomo history comes alive in new DVD

By Navi Van Womer

A vivid snapshot of IU Kokomo’s history for the period 1996–2006 will be released soon on DVD in conjunction with the campus’ 60th Anniversary celebration. Project participants gained “an absolute appreciation for this campus—for its size, the close bonds of faculty and students, and the opportunity to be a part of this institution,” said Lecturer in Folklore Susanne Ridlen, Ph.D.

Ridlen’s Folklore and Oral History class partnered with technology to create the new DVD. Excerpts from videotaped interviews with faculty, staff, alumni, and community leaders provide a diverse perspective.

An earlier Ridlen Folklore class conducted the interviews that were included in Coming of Age, a book highlighting IU Kokomo’s first 50 years. The DVD will bring the previous history up to date. “Going to DVD shows IU Kokomo’s movement into contemporary technology,” Ridlen said.

Ridlen credits Visiting Lecturer in Communication Arts Chris Clemens for his work on the project. As a newcomer to IU Kokomo last semester, Clemens videotaped the interviews and increased his appreciation for the university in the process. He said, “I learned about the cohesiveness IU Kokomo provides for our students and the community.” Clemens was impressed with the different perspectives that the 13 student interviewers brought to the project and by the diversity represented in the responses of the participants.

The 37 interviewees include faculty members Sharon Calhoon, Stuart Green, and Robert Roales; student Presidential Scholar Sunny Jewell; staff members Sarah Hawkins and Catherine Barnes; alumnus Logansport Hospital CEO Brian Shockney; and Kokomo Mayor Matt McKillip.

Two common themes surfaced during the interviews, according to Clemens. IU Kokomo enrollment is moving from primarily an adult population to a more traditional-aged student. Interviewees also shared an appreciation for the addition of Virgil and Elizabeth Hunt Hall.

Student interviewer Chris Crosier agreed. He said his work on the project taught him that IU Kokomo “is part of something large, but it still provides its students with the feeling of a small university.” John Delaney, IU Kokomo’s financial aid/veterans benefits representative, solidified this sentiment when Crosier interviewed him. Delaney told Crosier that, rather than thinking of the regional campuses as separate entities, he sees the system as “one Indiana University.”

Ridlen said that the stories told about IU Kokomo reveal the values participants see in the campus, each other, and the students. More importantly, their contributions project a vision of the university’s future.

The DVD will debut during the IU Board of Trustees June 8–9 visit to the Kokomo campus marking the close of the 60th Anniversary year. Copies of the DVD will be sold with the 50th Anniversary book, Coming of Age, through the IU Kokomo Bookstore. To purchase the DVD only, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, alumni@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9413. Full transcripts and the original videotapes of the interviews will be archived in the IU Kokomo Library.

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Bill Hunt—son of Indiana University Kokomo’s first director, Virgil Hunt—provides an interview for the 60th Anniversary DVD produced as a supplement to the campus’ 50th Anniversary book, Coming of Age.
Trustees reception to close 60th Anniversary year

Alumni and campus friends are invited to a reception with the Indiana University Board of Trustees on Thursday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., marking the final celebration of IU Kokomo’s 60th Anniversary. The Trustees will hold business meetings on the Kokomo campus June 8 and 9. Their gathering is hosted by the IU Kokomo Alumni Association, the IU Alumni Association, and the 60th Anniversary campus committee. Persons interested in attending the reception are asked to RSVP to alumni@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9411.

“We were so pleased when IU President Adam Herbert, IU Alumni Association President and CEO Ken Beckley, and numerous alumni could be with us last August, when we kicked off our 60th Anniversary observance with a tremendous all-campus barbecue,” said Chancellor Ruth Person. “It means a lot that the President and Trustees will be in Kokomo when we close this significant year, and start building toward IU Kokomo’s next decade of service to north central Indiana.”

Person thanked members of the 60th Anniversary committee and co-sponsoring campus organizations for honoring IU Kokomo’s history through special displays and events.

The anniversary series of “Last Lectures” by present and former faculty proved so popular that the series’ location had to be changed twice to accommodate the growing audiences. Originally planned at the Kelley House, the lecture finally found sufficient space in the IU Kokomo Art Gallery.

Professor of Botany Gary E. Dolph, Ph.D., will deliver the final Last Lecture there on Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. Titled “Nature—Then and Now,” Dolph’s talk voices his concerns for Earth’s ecological problems. He will cite his early recollections of the Civil War site Fort William Henry in New York and his predictions of life in the coming post-petroleum age. Admission is free and open to the public.

Previous Last Lecture speakers have included Professor Emeritus of Political Science Allen Maxwell, Ph.D.; Lecturer in English Karla Farmer Stouse; Professor of Finance Dianne Roden, Ph.D.; Professor Emeritus of International Business Herbert C. Miller, Ph.D., L.H.D.; and Associate Professor of Nursing Linda Wallace, R.N., Ed.D.

Persons without campus parking passes should follow the signs for special event parking for the lecture and reception.
**IU Victory**
The wings were hot, and so were the Hoosiers on January 21, when the IU Kokomo Alumni Association and guests watched the IU v. Purdue basketball game broadcast at Buffalo Wild Wings in Kokomo. IU won 62-49. Former IU basketball star Kyle Hornsby, below left, signed autographs and talked with fans. At lower right, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters watch decked out in cream and crimson. At upper right, IU Kokomo Student Ambassador Diana Mishler of Kokomo signs in guests.

**HHE Day**
State Representative John Smith of Kokomo, front left, meets with IU Kokomo students, faculty, and staff members at the annual Hoosiers for Higher Education Statehouse Visit on February 21.
Alumni Promote Wellness

Alumni Anna Owens, above, and Kim Ennis, right, both commended the “impressive turnout” of health care vendors and students exploring their services during a February 28 Wellness Fair on campus. Owens, who will re-enter communications studies this fall, is the medical marketing representative for Positive Results Therapies of Kokomo. A 1986 business graduate, Ennis is executive director of the Howard County Medical Society, Inc. She shared information on the society’s Project Access, which assists individuals without health insurance. The Multicultural Student Organization sponsored the fair.

Old Ben 5K Run/Walk

Some of the 197 participants run the Old Ben 5 kilometer course through Kokomo’s Highland Park on March 25. The IU Kokomo Alumni Association coordinated the race, which generates scholarship funding. At left, Student Ambassador Kari Lewis of Kokomo tears off the bottom portion of Erik Pattison’s ID tag, for use in verifying the runner’s time. A biology major from Kokomo, Pattison placed second overall among male runners.
Georgia is truly an ancient civilized land. I saw Christian churches from the fourth century, even older pagan worship sites, and roads built by the Romans and Greeks. In ancient mythology, Jason and the Argonauts sailed here, seeking the Golden Fleece.

In Soviet times, Georgia was the Soviet Riviera—the happening vacation spot on the Black Sea coast, with good weather, wine and brandy, and a high standard of living. When the Soviet Union fell apart in the 1990s, this area fell harder and faster than other regions. Elected president in 2004, U.S.-educated lawyer Mikhael Saakashvili fired the corrupt old guard and set out quickly to transform his country, reforming everything—schools, legal system, legislature, and banks. Changes still happen daily.

The country’s energy situation is dire. Last fall, we were without power for at least part of each day. Some days, there was no water. Eventually it comes back on; you just cope meanwhile. Parts of Georgia do not have power at all.

All education is undergoing massive change, particularly higher education. I’m not previously possible to buy undergraduate and graduate degrees—$10,000 for a B.S. with all A’s. College tuition was free for all, so you see 22-year-olds there with questionable “Ph.D.s.”

In summer 2005, the Education Ministry added a corruption-free entrance exam for universities. Many students did not score well enough to get their tuition paid, and won’t enter college in the fall. Universities are pledging to eliminate the sale of degrees. Faculty will now have to actually teach. They cannot supplement their incomes with bribes for exam answers or grades. The universities I taught for hoped I could lead by example and explain how these corrupt practices are not part of the American university experience.

I brought back increased awareness of how lucky my students and I are to have adequate resources for teaching. I hope I did my part to represent the United States well while showing the Georgians our good qualities. I was able to interact with K–12 teachers, visit their classrooms, and learn from them how much we share in common.

I also worked to design the economic education standards and the high school economics course for the entire country. A benefit of Georgia’s highly centralized education system is that when the Ministry says jump, K–12 schools start jumping. Rather than work with each school and school board, I could propose standards and curricula one time, and the changes will be done nationwide.

Americans could learn lessons from Georgians on valuing family and friends instead of money and material things. I enjoyed the people immensely and miss them. But I am enjoying the hot showers, ice, and other “necessities” back home. ❋
April 2–May 7

Elemental Truths: Works on Paper by Hui-Chu Ying

The fine art prints of Taiwanese artist Hui-Chu Ying combine several techniques: screenprinting, woodcut monotype, relief printing, and paint and pencil on paper. Her solo exhibition at IU Kokomo will present pieces from three series of work. Inspired by the I-Ching, the Chinese Book of Changes, the six panels in Elements of Energy represent metal, water, sun, wood, fire and earth. Elements of Healing recalls how Ying and her sisters came together to nurture their elderly father through illness. Her Spanish Series: Corrida/Bullfight salutes the rituals, music, and artists of Spain.

May 14–June 18

11th Annual High School Exhibition

Seniors from Taylor, Western, Northwestern, Eastern, Kokomo, and other high schools in IU Kokomo’s 11-county service region submit their best works for this annual show.

August 20–September 13

Juried Comic Book Exhibition/Cartoon Cel Collection

A national juried show of original cartoon art will share gallery space with cartoon cels collected by Lecturer in English Karla Farmer Stouse and her husband, Jeff Stouse. Originally made from celluloid—hence the name—cels are sheets of thin clear plastic on which characters are drawn for film animation. Stacking cels of several characters in front of opaque backgrounds proved quicker than the earlier process of drawing a sequence of scenes frame-by-frame.

The Stouses’ “very eclectic collection” includes original cels, which are used in the production of a cartoon, and limited edition cels, which are created from a cartoon scene for collectors. They also have animation drawings (sketches that are eventually transferred into cels), model sheets (a series of poses drawn as standards for animating a particular character), and comic book cover proofs.

“Jeff’s preference is for the characters of his youth . . . Jonny Quest, Spiderman, and Wile E. Coyote,” Karla said. Her favorite is a drawing of one of Donald Duck’s nephews playing a sousaphone. “It just plain makes me smile because it’s so silly, so authentic, so well done. It isn’t Monet, but that doesn’t matter to me.”

Admission to all IU Kokomo Art Gallery exhibitions and events is free. Located across from the IU Kokomo Library, the gallery is open Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Wednesdays, until 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon–4 p.m.

Call (765) 455-9523 or visit www.iuk.edu/gallery. Funding for these exhibitions comes in part from the Kokomo Community Arts Commission, the Tippecanoe Arts Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Indiana Arts Commission/Indiana Endowment for the Arts.
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