Senior Sentinel

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Newsletter of the IUPUI Senior Academy

What is the Future Footprint of IUPUI?

We're old. We're patched up. We've served well. Like many seniors, we're almost empty shells of what we once were. What now will become of us? Academy members will know Sept. 11.

See/Hear New Campus Growth Plan on Sept. 11

For years, we've wondered what is to become of the Westside of the campus. The underutilized Union Building, the boarded up Board of Health and LaRue Carter Hospital buildings. The proposed new Wishard Hospital and use of the old Wishard campus by IUPUI.

Now we can know as a new campus master plan including the Westside will be revealed as the first Academy program year begins on Friday, Sept. 11. A campus bus tour and long range campus plan will be given by **Roger Schmenner,** the Chancellor's chief of staff. Free parking will be available in the Vermont Street Garage with tickets validated on the bus.

You must RSVP by Sept. 2 to Mary Grove, 291-8759, to be included.

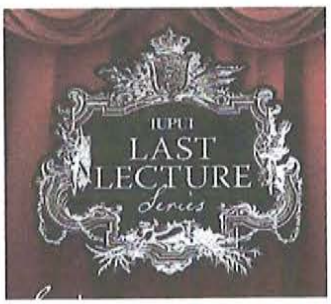
The tour will begin at 10 am at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Campus Center. Buses, each with a tour guide, will take members around to see older and newer buildings. At 11 am, Schrmenner will give a QA in room 268 of the Campus Center. At Noon, members can eat in one of the lunch spots in the Campus Center.

Talk About Medical Changes

A second September program will be Tuesday Sept. 29 at 10:15 am in the Glendale Library. Dr. David Orentlicher will talk about the health care reform bill in Congress. Orentlicher is a lawyer and a medical doctor and member of the Indiana General Assembly.

Last Lecture Series Set

The major event for the Academy in 2008-09 was the inauguration of the Last Lecture program. It success has been adopted as a continuing portion of the Chancellor's Convocation program and has been set for April 16, 2010. **Golam Mannan** heads the committee to prepare the event.



Recession Easing?

Academy Funds Begin Showing Rebound

After a year in which funds held for the Senior Academy, mostly for our scholarships, lost more than $32,000 in market value, July figures show a gain of $452.11 in investment income.

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Faculty Club a Plus for Academy Members

One advantage of membership in the Senior Academy is to be a member of the Faculty Club, located in the University Place Center, at a reduced rate of $40 a year.

The Faculty Club, is open to not just current faculty but to all Academy members. It has a strong schedule of presentations. You can see the full list of presentations for the year by going to the Club website: http://facultyclub.iupui.edu.

Electronic Sentinel

Would you be interested in receiving The Senior Sentinel electronically as a PDF version via email? You also can download and print your own version from the Academy website. There is the obvious saving of postage and paper for the Senior Academy organization, but additional advantages include expanded pages, more use of color and quicker delivery time.

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Academy Funds...

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According to Treasurer **Shirley Newhouse**, the fiscal year-end totals for our funds were: Senior Academy Fund, $5,727.80; Returning Student Scholarships, $35,568.61; IPS Student Scholarships, $31,689.84; Academic Scholarships, $34,917.75.

Funds are held and invested by the IU Foundation. The Academy awards $2,000 annually in each of the scholarship funds and they are now endowed but must reach $40,000 in each fund in order to pay 5% of the pricipal in awards and keep the principal intact.

The scholarship funds are named for **Arthur Mirsky** who has headed the committee for several years and has been a major donor.

To celebrate IUPUI's 40th Anniversary a FREE campus walking tour will be held Sept. 19. A tour guide will take you to special locations on campus and give the historical information of the past, relevant information of the present and the plans for the future. Surrounding community venues have cooperated to celebrate growth in the past 40 years.

A shuttle bus will from IUPUI's Campus Center to any or all of the following locations: Eiteljorg Museum, Madame Walker Theatre, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, Wishard Nursing Museum, National Museum of Art and Sport at University Place, Herron School of Art and Design, IPS Crispus Attucks Museum, and White River State Park.. The campus walking tour is free, as are some venues; others will charge a entrance fee or special activity fee from $1-$45.

For more information and event updates due to weather check out A Tour of the Times homepage at http://forty.iupui.edu/tour.html. Register for tour through Community Learning Network. Contact: Mackenzie Valandingham, mvalandi@iupui.edu

Social Activities Calendar

A tentative program for this semester, formed by the Social Committee led by **Jean Gnat**, includes the followinng:

October - Sampler Furniture and Metamora. Details coming soon.

November – Indianapolis Art Museum. "Sacred Spain; Art and Belief in the Spanish World"

December 9- Academy Holiday dinner at Hollyhock Hill, a usually sold out event.

February - Lunch at Charbonos. A planned program will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Senior Academy.

March 17th - Ensemble Music Society

April or May - Overnight in a State Park

Details on each program will be mailed in the regular activities calendar published each month and mailed to members.

Bookmark and visit the Academy website regularly at: www.iupui.edu/~sacademy/index.htm

The Survey Says:

What Do You Want from the Senior Academy?

Always looking for better ways to serve members, the Academy surveyed membership in the spring and found that two topics were of most interest: Planned group outings and financial-related presentations. Next were presentations on expertise, avocations and hobbies. About a third of the Academy membership responded to the survey led by **Richard Patterson**.

There were a number of suggestions for future programs and 15 members offered to make presentations. A gratifying number of members expressed interest in serving on committees, and some want to mentor students.

Scheduled presentations are held on Tuesday mornings in the Glendale Branch Public Library at 10 am unless otherwise stated. There is plenty of free parking.

Other topics of interest mentioned (respondents could choose several topics) included: Planned group outings, 129; Financial related presentations, 125; Presentations on expertise, avocations, hobbies, 110; Health-related issues, 105; Meals at restaurants, 91; Outdoor/sports activities, 88; Pitch-in picnics, 60 and Catered picnics 55; Visiting housebound members, 49 and Pitch-in meals in homes, 44.

Members who wish to make other suggestions can do so at any time by contacting the Program or Social Committee chairs, listed in this Sentinel.

Other stories in the Web edition of the Sentinel

- Former Treasurer **Vic Childres**, President of the IndianaWorld Affaurs Council, on an official trip to Oman...
- Full accounts of our three scholarship winners for this year: **Daniel Thacker, David Lane, Lesvia Santos...**
- President **Harriet Wilkins** first message to the Academy...
- Full schedule of Faculty Club calendar...

Scholarship Winner Grateful

By Linda Hudson

Recipient of a 2008 Senior Academy Scholarship

Once my youngest of four children entered high school, I decided to return to IUPUI to finish my college degree. A counselor informed me of available resources and suggested I apply for the Senior Academy Returning Student Scholarship. Receiving this financial gift was the encouragement I needed to reach this goal.

In 1978, I stopped my studies at IUPUI to raise my family. During that time I volunteered in various capacities in my Irvington community, especially at the Benton House. This beautiful Victorian home was built in 1873 and housed the President of Butler University, Allen Benton, when the school was located in Irvington on the city's east side. As House Manager, I am responsible for showing the house to prospective renters, the scheduling of events as well as planning and overseeing these functions.

The House is available for community functions and can be rented as a private venue for weddings, parties, showers, dinners and meetings. Other responsibilities include overseeing the caretaker and maintenance of the home.

Becoming a college graduate has helped me in many ways, both personally and in my capacity as house manager of the Benton House. My updated computer skills have helped me to set up a database of members, renters, as well as fundraising records and maintaining our web site, www.thebentonhouse.org. Since graduation, I accepted a position with Indianapolis Public Schools at the Center for Inquiry as a Special Education and Inclusion Assistant. I am grateful to the Senior Academy for the scholarship and what it has done for me.

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New Academy Committees

With much of the work of the Senior Academy performed by its committees, Pres. **Harriet Wilkins** proposed two new committees at the August Board Meeting.

A new budget committee, to study and advise on budget matters, was appointed with Treasurer **Shirley Newhouse, Leon Rand, Walt Linne, and Giles Hoyt** as members. Also a task force to advise on tutoring and mentoring was proposed.

It was also proposed that committees keep files on their work as guidance for committees in subsequent years.

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