

The Spot - April 14

NCAA Diving Champ Chen Ni, IUPUI Top 100, International Festival, Jags in the Streets

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[M. Mosbey] Hi, I'm Mitch Mosbey, your host for the April 14th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

Winning the women's platform at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, sophomore, Chen Ni, became the first IUPUI athlete to win an NCAA championship in IUPUI athletics history. We spoke with diver Chen Ni about her accomplishment.

[C. Ni] At the beginning when I start my diving experience, my coach telling me you can be a good platform diver, I kind of, all the confidence because I'm not pretty sure. Can I do that, cause that too high? I see now, I'm afraid about heights.

In thinking about my dives, I go through my correction again, and I see the audience, kind of, not platform at all, as like a stage. Actually, for platform, especially for women platform, I always believe everyone, all divers who made top eight on finals, they all have a chance to win, but the point is if you do your good dive, like do your best, then you can win, so the point is that psychology, for my personal thinking, I think like psychology more than your technique at that time.

[M. Mosbey] The IUPUI Alumni Council and the Student Organization for Alumni Relations recognized the school's top 100 juniors and seniors during the 11th annual IUPUI Top 100 Outstanding Students Recognition Dinner on Friday, April 9th. The top 10 students were announced at the dinner. This year's most outstanding male student is Brent Worth and the most outstanding female student is Brittnee Dumas.

Expand your cultural knowledge, and visit IUPUI's 6th annual International Festival. This year's festival will take place on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held outdoors at the Wood Memorial Plaza behind the University Library. Visit international.iupui.edu/festival for more information.

Before graduation, it all starts with a vision and a goal, and after graduation, IUPUI alumni are fulfilling their dreams. The Spot went out into the community to find out where they are now. The Spot spoke with Chauncey Frend to see what he has accomplished post-graduation.

[C. Frend] As an undergrad, I studied media arts and science, and when I started out, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I actually transferred as a junior from undergrad in another program into media arts and science just because it was such a cool looking program from some of the stuff that was being created.

As I went through it, I started to realize that there's some real potential here for anything, and I like the idea of immersive environments, and I thought that was interesting to add additional experiences onto

video because I already played with video quite a bit, so that's what I wanted to do was just enhance my video storytelling I guess.

Currently, I work in the pervasive technology institutes advanced visualization lab, which was previously known as UITS. We, in the advanced visualization lab, are focusing on anything to do with visualization, whether it be really low level computing, taking data and turning it into a visualization up to doing stereoscopic video, where you're taking an event or creative activity or even sports and filming it in 3-D for the purposes of review later.

So, my advice for an undergrad is, you know, this is the time to build on your passion. This is the time to find your passion. This is the time to find yourself really, so you find out what you like and define that.

What excites you to the point where you're like almost physically affected by it? It's a good uneasy, and that's what my advice is, is to really find that passion because that's pretty much the key to get out of any stagnant environment that you have mentally.

[M. Mosbey] IUPUI is teaming up with three other universities to plant trees and build a bird sanctuary with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful at Spades Park. The service event takes place on Saturday, April 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign up with Jags in the Streets by contacting Suzanne Graham at sezeller@iupui.edu.

April is Asian Heritage Month, and on Monday, April 19th from 6 to 9 p.m. you can check out the 3rd annual Asian Heritage Month Spring Fashion Show in the Campus Center, room 450. You also won't want to miss the Asian Student Union Social: Concert in the Terrace on Friday, April 23rd from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Campus Center, room 450C.

The 2010 IUPUI Regatta is fast approaching, and the IUPUI Alumni Relations is again holding a Regatta poster contest. The submission deadline is Monday, April 19th at 5 p.m. For specific contest information and news on the upcoming IUPUI Regatta, visit alumni.iupui.edu/regatta.

That's it for The Spot this week. Be sure to tune in on April 28th for the latest campus news and student activities at jagtv.iupui.edu.

I'm Mitch Mosbey, and thanks for Spotting us!