

Senior Sentinel

News of the IUPUI
Senior Academy
May 2005

Scholarship Report: Two Offered, Changes Proposed

Senior Academy-financed scholarships have been offered to two outstanding students for the 2005 academic year.

Art Mirsky, chair of the scholarships committee, told the board that the committee is also recommending that the Academy increase the \$2,000 scholarships

to \$3,500 or more, up to \$4,000. He said the committee also requests that a mentorship program for scholarship recipients be revived. Each winner would be paired with an Academy member from the same discipline who would make informal connections and provide support for the student.

The incoming freshman award was offered to a Broad Ripple High School student who was fifth in her class of 250 and wants to major in Spanish and pre-Med so she can practice in a medical field in Latin America. The alternate award was to an Arlington High School senior who wants to take mechanical engineering and go into army engineering.

The returning student award was offered to a widowed single mother of four daughters who works full-time and has taken 15 credit hours as a tourism, event planning major. She has maintained a 3.73 GPA.

Academy treasurer **Vic Childers** reported that the scholarship fund for new students stands at \$12,163 and the fund for returning students has \$6,698.56. A third general scholarship fund has \$24,303.48 on hand.

New Building is Almost Informagical

It began with a retro-technology show—an old-time 3-D presentation but with new twists, and ended with a tour of the building that is one of the world's centers of the newest technologies.

Some 20 Senior Academy members were hosted by **Dr. Darrell Bailey** to show off the newly opened Informatics and Communication Complex at IUPUI. The \$43-million structure, with more than \$1.2 million in wiring alone, also houses the first new IU school in 30 years. The School of Informatics thus replaces the School of Public and Environmental Affairs as newest school. It has about 1000 students.

Bailey was especially proud of the 200-seat auditorium (which he said almost was not included) with its 7.1 surround-sound and acoustical qualities that are so fine that no microphones are needed. He demonstrated the qualities on a \$100,000 concert grand Steinway where those in the back row could enjoy the sound as well as those up close.

The building also houses the schools of Journalism

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Watch Your Mail for Academy Annual Meeting Notice

A mailing will go out soon announcing the date of the Senior Academy's annual meeting. It will be a reception held at **Chancellor Bantz**' home.

The program will include remarks by President **Ursula Roberts** and committee chairs tracing the Senior Academy Year, some remarks from the Chancellor, and announcement of the new board members elected.

Next Sentinel in August; See the Academy Website To Keep You Current

This is the last issue of the Sentinel until August so you may wish to dial up the Academy website to continue your contact with the Senior Academy, says **Carl Rothe**, communications committee chair.

Judy Silence is webmaster and is dedicated to making it a prime resource. Officers, history, membership benefits are available. Visit www.iupui.edu/~sacademy/index.htm

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Academy 'Tourists' View Informatics Building

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and Music. Bailey was especially fond of comparing his old facilities in the Mary Cable Building with the astounding changes he helped design and now has inherited.

The Academy tour took a look at the high security Data Center, a nerve-center for IU's computer system where climate control and other systems allow it to function for four days in case of outside power disruptions. Even with its capacity, it can be expanded as Internet and computer use continues to burgeon.

Central to the building are the new programs it has spawned. Bioinformatics and Health Informatics are examples, and others that deal with the core of diseases, and transfer of signals from biological to chemical functions. With the new programs have come a host of new faculty members who have credentials from academic and commercial centers making IUPUI now much more competitive with better-known institutions.

Just as informatics is a new term created for this new discipline, another is the Pervasive Technology Laboratory which investigates much of the informatics branches all around us all the time and that underlies its name.

This was a tour that the scores of Academy members who missed it would find further justifiable pride in the advances being made at IUPUI.

End -of-Academy-Year Calendar of Events

May 11: Tour of Crown Hill Cemetery and lunch nearby at Riviera Club

May 12: Last Board Meeting of the Year, 10 am, IUPUI Glendale Center

May 17: Financing Large Purchases, **Jordan Liebman**, 10 am, IUPUI Glendale Center

TBA: Watch your mail for notice of Annual Meeting in June

"Beg, Borrow, Steal or Withdraw," How to Finance Large Purchases

Should you draw down your retirement accumulation to pay for that new car or is it better to borrow? Let's crunch the numbers together at another Senior Academy program.

Presenter is **Jordan Leibman**, formerly of the Kelley School of Business. The date is Tuesday, May 17 at 10 a.m at the IUPUI Glendale Center.

IUPUI Spring Walking Tour

Human Resources Administration, and the IUPUI Office of Campus Visitation, offers campus tours for staff members. These walking tours allow you a close up view of the campus. Tours are led by trained student ambassadors and will last approximately one hour. Wear comfortable walking shoes and meet at University College First Floor Information Desk about 5 minutes before the tour starts. Tours are on, rain or shine, so prepare for the weather!

The next Spring tour date and time is Tuesday, May 17 @ 11 am

If you are not available to attend, you can contact the IUPUI Office of Campus Visitation (274-8482 or visit@iupui.edu) and arrange to attend one of their regularly scheduled tours (usually for prospective students).

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Mission of the Senior Academy

The Academy is an independent association of retired faculty and staff who contribute their expertise and experience to the University and to the greater community. The Academy, with assistance of the University, encourages and assists scholarly, professional, educational, and service interests of the members, enabling them to continue to contribute to the campus and its programs.

Bob Kirk Bows Out of Programming Role

Last month **Bob Kirk** conducted an informative and interesting program on the federal debt and the deficit. **Marv Ebbert** provided a quiz to stimulate thinking and discussion.

Bob is retiring as chair of the Program Committee after actively co-ordinating and publicizing a variety of programs utilizing the experience and knowledge of Academy members. He also introduced monthly "mix and mingle" luncheons at MCLs. He has made a tremendous contribution to the Academy, said President Ursula Roberts.

Indy's Hidden Secret Revealed by Jim East

What seems to be the city's best kept treasure was exposed by **Jim East** at a regular Academy program on April 21.

After signing on as a new faculty member in the old IU Center on Delaware Street in 1967, East spotted a familiar building along Pennsylvania. "I knew I'd seen it before," he said. Upon inquiring, he found that no one seemed to know its significance. Not even the brochure that described the building.

Sleuthing, he scanned old newspapers of the dedication in 1931, but there was no indication of what it was modeled after.



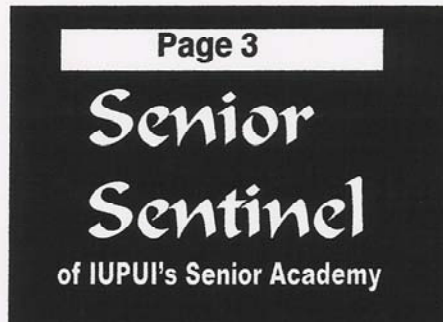
Here's what he found: Commonly known as the Indiana War Memorial, the 210-foot building on a Downtown city block was modeled after one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It is a replica, as best known, of the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus in what is now Turkey. It was completed in about 350 BC as a tomb and tribute to King Mausolus by his wife and sister, Artemisia. It is from that structure that we have the word mausoleum, East said.

Because of its historical basis, he calls the building "the most significant piece of architecture in Indiana." The only other historically significant replica of such a nature is the Parthenon at Nashville, TN. It is a tourist attraction and East believes Indianapolis should capitalize on its own gem.

He is on a crusade to get it known.

The building itself has a colorful history. Conceived in 1926 as a memorial to soldiers from World War I (the Great War), Gen. John J. Pershing laid the cornerstone in 1927. The building inside is remarkable, East said. It includes a 500-seat auditorium named for Pershing and has a free museum in the basement that traces military history of Indiana.

And East says, the Shrine Room "you want to see, it is a place of peace and unity." It has tributes to World War service members.



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Study on the Use of Technology in Teaching

Calling all faculty to contribute to a study on the use of technology in teaching

Instructors, do you deliver your courses with or without a dose of technology? Whether you use technology or not, please take a few minutes to fill out a brief anonymous survey online at <http://www.iupui.edu/~j100strm/survey.html>. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. This study is being conducted as a graduate research project to collect information about the use of multimedia technology in teaching at Indiana University. If you are interested in viewing the results of this study, please send a request to aquick@iupui.edu. Forward this survey to colleagues who teach at any Indiana University campus. **Link:** <http://www.iupui.edu/~j100strm/survey.html>

A Calculator to See if You Can Live to 100

Soon after a Senior Academy presentation on healthy living by Sara Blackburn, a project was announced that may help to determine if you can live to 100.

According to Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, a very interesting life expectancy calculator is available online. The Living to 100 Life Expectancy Calculator determines your life expectancy, based upon your ancestry, diet, exercise, exposure to smoke (both primary and second-hand), and much more. The calculator is based on a poll of many centenarians. It compares your life and health history against those polled. This particular calculator is interesting because it asks a number of questions about your ancestry. Apparently, if your parents and grandparents lived to a ripe old age, you have a better chance of doing the same.

Of course, modern medicine knows that your genetic inheritance is a major factor in how long you can expect to live; however, numerous other factors are also involved. This calculator also asks a lot about your lifestyle. You can take this quiz now and carefully study its findings. It could literally save your life, says Eastman. At a minimum, it will show you what you inherited from your ancestors, good or bad, as well as your own contributions to your expected golden years.

The Living to 100 Life Expectancy Calculator can be found at <http://www.agingresearch.org/calculator>.

Eastman says he completed the calculations there and says "it is time to get my act together or else get my personal affairs in order!"

Drug Prices Astounding but Can be Overcome

A story on drug prices is making the rounds on the Internet and the skeptical Senior Sentinel editor checked a few sources and confirmed that it advisedly may be true.

The story claimed that many active ingredients of most prescription drugs are made in other countries. It made a comparison of costs and prices. The report said that Norvasc, 10 mg, sells for \$188/ per 100 tablets. The cost of active ingredients was 14¢ with a markup of 134,493%. Most markups ran from 2,000 to 30,000 percent.

According to Kent Van Tyde, associate dean of the School of Pharmacy at Butler, the active ingredient prices may be correct. But the total cost of name brand prescription drugs includes labor, quality controls, and cost recovery for research and development, all of which may be huge.

The story also claims that many pharmacies make generous markups on the drugs they sell, some as much

as 80%. According to a report from a TV investigator in Detroit, only Costco added an even 10% to its selling price. Costco also charges 5% more for non-members to shop their stores. Van Tyde said that most pharmacies add a cost of filling a prescription of about \$4. And the amount Medicaid pays for drugs often dictates the price that pharmacies charge. Because of variations of

purchasing arrangements, he says, "It pays to shop prices" at pharmacies.

In checking a few regularly used prescription drugs, the editor found that quoted selling price at Costco was in some cases one fourth of that being charged at other local and mail-order pharmacies.

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