

The Spot - This Week

Top One Hundred MLK Dinner Coach Hunter Goes Barefoot for a Cause Again

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Transcript

[K.ELLIOTT] Hi and welcome back from winter break. Time to trade in your relaxing days for schoolwork, lectures and labs. I'm Kady Elliott, your host for the January 14th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

Every year IUPUI's top 100 juniors and seniors are honored for their achievements in a ceremony at the Marriott. The top ten students and the two most outstanding students will be announced. The nomination deadline is January 27. To learn about the nomination process visit alumni.iupui.edu/top100.

Tickets are on sale for IUPUI's 40th Annual MLK Dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday, January 18 at the Hyatt Regency Cosmopolitan Ballroom with keynote speaker Jeff Johnson. To purchase tickets, check out the Campus and Community Life web site at life.iupui.edu.

Coach Ron Hunter will take his shoes off again as the Jaguars battle Centenary in the Jungle at 7pm on Saturday, January 17th. Coach Hunter hopes basketball coaches at every level will join him in his goal with Samaritan's Feet to raise 1 million shoes for the 300 million children who wake up everyday without them.

[R. HUNTER] We're asking all college coaches, high school coaches, professional coaches, the weekend of January 16th, 17th and 18th - whenever your particular game might be - to go to that game barefoot and encourage their counterpart to go barefoot. And again, just to bring awareness to this, and the people that are coming to the game and that they could come in and maybe bring a pair of shoes or go to the web site and buy a pair of shoes for a child so then again, we can raise that million.

Our goal for that weekend, again on Martin Luther King weekend, is to raise 1 million shoes that we can send to needy children around this world, and if we could just do that, I think that we can make a small dent into this.

We took our basketball team this year to Lima, Peru. The poverty that we were able to see that a child would not even have not only a pair of shoes but a pair of socks. This was the first time some of these children received socks. It was very difficult to see the number of people we could not help. We need to make sure that no child in this world today goes without a pair of shoes. There are 300 million children who go without shoes everyday. It is their only form of transportation. That's why Samaritan's feet was started. That's why I'm here asking you today to go barefoot.

Please help us reach this goal of 1 million shoes this weekend so we can help. Again, this is 1 million children that will receive their first pair of shoes. Please help us. Thank you, and God bless.

[K. ELLIOTT] The women also face Centenary in the Jungle at 4:30pm.

This semester The Spot brings you a regular rotation of hosts. Be sure to check out next Wednesday's host by viewing our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu.

That's it for The Spot this week. I'm Kady Elliott, and thanks for Spotting us!