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- Students** Liberal Arts undergraduate majors **Robin Licht**, **Erik Osburn**, and **Mariah White** wrote, produced, directed, filmed, and edited the winning entry in the second annual Celebrate IU student video contest. One of 50 submissions, "Why We Love IU" features Licht and Osburn rapping about IU, IUPUI's status as a top urban university, and successful IU alumni such as astronaut David Wolf and actor Kevin Kline. Their winning video is viewable at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg1qP7iBiMQ>.
- Books** **William J. Jackson**, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies and the first Lake Scholar in Religion and Philanthropy, recently published *The Wisdom of Generosity: A Reader in American Philanthropy*. Available from Baylor University Press, the book presents a rich collection of sources exhibiting the depth of American generosity. In his endorsement, Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico said, "With editorial finesse, Jackson ties together an array of cultural and historical perspectives with one common thread: the power of giving."
- Engagement** As part of the Indianapolis AIDS walk, the **Sociology Department team** collected over \$3500 in donations and won recognition for raising the most money among college teams.
- Awards** **Jason T. Eberl**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, has been awarded the 2008 Young Scholar's Award from the American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA) for his paper, "Cultivating the Virtue of Acknowledged Responsibility," which he presented on November 1 at the ACPA's annual meeting at Creighton University.
- Publications** The Center for Ray Bradbury Studies is pleased to announce the first issue of *The New Ray Bradbury Review*. Edited by Professor **William Touponce** (English/Institute for American Thought) the first number in the annual publication is now available through the Kent State University Press and is devoted to the question of adaptation and Bradbury's translation into other media such as film, radio, and television. Two of Bradbury's unpublished screenplays are also featured as is an extensive bibliography of Bradbury's media adaptations.
- Research** Geography faculty member **Jeff Wilson** was one of a group of researchers to complete the first study looking at the effect of neighborhood greenness on inner city children's weight over time. In the study findings, Wilson-along with researchers from IUPUI and the University of Washington-reports that higher neighborhood greenness is associated with slower increases in children's body mass over a two year period, regardless of residential density. Visit <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/> for more information.
- Events** Every Monday at noon during the regular fall and spring semesters, join **Dr. Jing Wang**, Assistant Professor of Chinese Language and Culture, for T'ai Chi outside Cavanaugh Hall (or in the basement of the building if weather necessitates). T'ai Chi, an ancient Chinese martial art practiced for health and well-being, is often practiced by groups of people moving in a slow, synchronized and flowing manner. This year-long series is presented by the Confucius Institute and the School of Liberal Arts. For more information visit <http://www.liberalarts.iupui.edu/events/>
- Faculty** Co-authored by Economics Professor **Martin Spechler**, "*Is Russia Winning?*" appears in the most recent issue of *The Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, an English-language journal linking business, governmental, journalistic and scholarly communities interested in Central Asia and the Caucasus. With consideration of the recent Georgia/Russia difficulties, Spechler explores whether Russia has been successful in meeting its political goals with its near neighbors. To read the article visit: <http://www.cacianalyst.org/?q=node/4972>

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