

The Spot - April 30

Submit your favorite Tradition, Commencement Information, Book Buy Back, Student Voices

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Transcript

[K. Christopher] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher, and this is the April 30th edition of IUPUI's The Spot. Finals week is upon us, and we want to remind you of two things. First, if you have Saturday finals be sure to allot extra time to get on campus as the Mini-Marathon will be taking place that morning. The Mini is the 7th largest race in the United States, and there will be thousands of people downtown and on the IUPUI campus. Second, if you are planning on selling your books back to the bookstore, you can do it in the lower level of the Campus Center, or in the University College Courtyard from 10 to 3 through May 2nd.

Over 5600 students are eligible to go through commencement on May 11th. The IUPUI ceremonies will be held in the Indiana Convention Center and many campus schools and departments also have their own ceremonies during the weekend. If you're planning to attend, check out the website for more details. Be sure to watch the IUPUI homepage for photo galleries and video after commencement. This year's commencement is the 39th ceremony since IUPUI was established in 1969. Campus traditions are one of the things that our campus a unique flavor, and a culture of its own. Many of those traditions are documented on the IUPUI Pride, Spirit, and Tradition website, and we're looking for your ideas for traditions to add to the website. If you have an interesting campus tradition, please submit it on the Spirit website. The winners' traditions will be featured in ads in the IUPUI shuttle buses. This week in the Student Voices segment, we want to know why you believe it is important to exercise your right to vote. Here's what you have to say.

[B. Thompson] I exercise my right to vote so that I can choose the people to run this country the way I think it should be fun and that have the same beliefs about health care and the war that I do.

[A. Hook] I exercise my right to vote because I think it's very important for students our age to get involved with our future and--we're the future of this world, so we need to make sure everything is going the right way for us.

[W. Robinson] I believe that voting is extremely important because we have to, in order for us to change things, we have to vote, I mean we can't go around and complain about certain things unless we vote for the people we want to get done what we need. I know the history of what my people went through to be able to vote, I mean, the struggle, the fighting and the depths that we went through for so long to be able to vote. It would be irresponsible of me NOT to go out and vote after that long history of suffering and trying to get it done.

[D. Nevels] I exercise my right to vote because I want to be able to have a say in who's running our country, because so many people nowadays, they have different views. I mean, no one necessarily has bad views, but then different candidates are trying to aim for, like, different topics, different things, like some people are for the war, some people are against immigration, there are some people, you know, want to help education, get college students more money, so I want to have a say in who gets in our political office, because that person may do something that pertains to me. I mean, I personally am not

for the war, and I want more money for my education, so I would want to vote for someone in office, and so if I actually vote, I have a say in that. So it's basically investing in my own future.

[K. Christopher] This fall, The Spot will feature guest hosts throughout the semester. If you are interested in auditioning, check out the website at jagtv.iupui.edu for more information. That's The Spot for this week. Check us out each week on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. Congratulations to everyone graduating this May. See you later!