

The Spot - April 23

IUPUI wins Purdue Grand Prix, Summer Camps, Student Voices

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[K. Christopher] Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher, and this is the April 23rd edition of IUPUI's The Spot. Last weekend the Purdue Grand Prix go-cart race happened in West Lafayette. The IUPUI Motor Sports club competed and ran two cars driven by John Laski and Lynsey Tilton, both IUPUI Mechanical Engineering Technology students. IUPUI competed against 31 other cars, all run by Purdue student organizations. And for the first time ever, an IUPUI car won the race. The Spot was on hand for the awards banquet and spoke to the students on the team.

[J. Laski] Both cars were doing really well throughout the race. Lynsey was running real strong and running laps just as competitive as I was and she made it all the way up to 3rd from 22nd. We were leading most of the race. We actually were on the track close together pretty much the whole race, and right towards the end she got involved in an incident, dropped her back to 8th, but we ended up winning, so. It could have been better if we had two on the podium, but one's ok.

Teams consisted of seven crew members each, or seven members: driver, crew chief, three crew members, a scorer, and a track worker. Basically, it's students from IUPUI that want to be involved in motor sports and kind of get a feel for different aspects of motor sports and what all goes into a Purdue Grand Prix race.

[L. Tilton] We're going to have call out meetings probably at the beginning of next fall. We'll have a call out meeting for the motor sports club and we'll go from there and hopefully we'll do a lot more activities this next year.

[K. Christopher] You can learn more about the motor sports program and major at the Engineering and Technology website (<http://enr.iupui.edu>).

Each summer, hundreds of area youth come to the IUPUI campus and learn in summer camps. This year, there are literally dozens of opportunities. For instance, Herron Art offers an art youth camp where Herron Art juniors and seniors teach students from fifth grade through high school. If kids are interested in learning about Chinese culture, the Confucius Institute immerses them in everything from calligraphy to dance and martial arts. The Spot spoke with Sarah Eller, the director of IUPUI's summer day camp and sports camps.

[S. Eller] We have a traditional summer day camp, and it runs for nine weeks throughout the summer. We have campers from ages five to 12. To come to summer day camp it's \$175 a week. With the day camp program, we do offer academic electives that we have partnered with different departments on campus, and it's just an opportunity for the campers to go experience science or go experience art, or theater, and the campers are taught by professors or staff members and even some of the actual students who go to IUPUI.

[K. Christopher] You can find links to more campus summer activities by typing "summer camps" into the IUPUI homepage.

This week in Student Voices we spoke to students about your summer plans. Here's what you had to say.

[A. Hilton] This summer we are participating in Take Steps, which is a walk like Race for the Cure, only it's for digestive diseases and raising money for a cure because there is no cure. My dad has Crohn's Disease so we're on Team Dave to help him raise money for his disease.

[O. Bayer] Well I plan on teaching swimming lessons at the Woodstock Country Club. And maybe lifeguard.

[R. Philips] My plans this summer are to pack up my car and travel. My first destination is Key West and then I'm going to make it along the southern part of the United States through Texas and then to southern California. I'm doing this because I will probably be among the last generation of people to travel by automobile across the United States. I plan on keeping a journal and trying to write as many entries as I can, I don't know, and maybe try to get a short novel written about it, but if I can't do that, it's just worth the personal experience.

That's The Spot for this week. Check us out each week on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. See you later!