

The Spot- March 4, 2009

Websites Win Awards, Health Fair, Rock Paper Scissors, Jaguars Athletics

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[A. Hart] Hi. I'm Amanda Hart, your host for the March 4th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

IUPUI has recently received one gold award and two merit awards in the largest educational, advertising awards competition in the country. Additionally, IUPUI was one of 50 colleges and universities to be selected from over 2,000 entries to have their website featured in a book. The Spot has more information from Steve Hodges regarding the 24th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards.

[S. Hodges] IUPUI has been recognized for the last several years in a few major awards competitions that we submit websites and publications and all sorts of different things to. For the last three years we've actually won the most prestigious of the competitions, which is the Admissions Advertising Awards. We won the gold, so that meant we have the best university website for any university with 20,000 or more students. In fact, there is a book coming out this month that features, that talks about university websites, and our website is actually featured in the book.

The last two years we were actually recognized for the campus website, so www.iupui.edu. This year we won the gold for the new, events website, which is events.iupui.edu. In addition to those sites, we also won an award this year for our new video system – iupui.edu/podcasts. One of the most innovative things about it is it has a closed captioning system built into it. This is something that most other universities have no idea how to do.

In addition to winning awards, it's actually been a little bit more flattering to get calls. We get phone calls and emails all the time from other universities. In fact I had one from a major metropolitan area from their city government recently, from nonprofits, and all these different groups that want to actually hire the people that develop the IUPUI website. These people want to know how IUPUI does it.

How do we have such a cutting edge website? A leading website? How do we keep it fresh and those sorts of things, so that's been pretty flattering.

[A. Hart] With spring break right around the corner, now is the perfect time to learn more about your health. The Wellness Coalition and the Office for Women are co-sponsoring the Spring Break Health Fair to help your spring break get started on the right foot. The event is on Monday, March 9 from 11:30am – 1pm on the Campus Center Pre-Function Lounge. For more information visit life.iupui.edu.

Rock-Paper-Scissors-Shoot! The Communication Club and Lambda Pi Eta are sponsoring two events filled with fun and designed to help others. Jennifer Wade talked with us about Comics That Care and the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament.

[J. Wade] Comics That Care is a very funny and exciting event that the Department of Communication Studies and the Communication Club are collaborating with the Salvation Army to raise money for homeless children. The most exciting part about Comics That Care is that one of our own professors here at IUPUI in the Department of Communication Studies, Mike Pilates, is one of the comedians. It's

going to be at Morty's Comedy Club on 96th Street on Monday, March 9th, kicking off communication week at 8pm.

You can get tickets on [Morty's website](#). You can also get tickets here at IUPUI's JagTag Office. You can pay with Visa, Mastercard, cash or your JagTag Card. If we get 70 people in there then we get all the proceeds at the door to donate to Salvation Army. The headliner of Comics That Care is Troy Davis, and he's been featured all over the nation. He travels around to all of the college campuses, so it's going to be a really, really exciting event.

The Rock Papers Scissors Tournament is a fundraiser that we're doing for Save Darfur. We're doing the traditional, not like the new Rock Paper Scissors with the earth and the wind and the fire. It's just the traditional rock, paper, and scissors. We are doing it in the UC College Courtyard, and that's on Wednesday, March 11th from 10am – 3pm. We are asking for everyone on campus to come and participate. It's \$5 to register.

[A. Hart] Ishmael Beah, author of *A Long Way Gone*, will be coming to IUPUI for a book signing, a question and answer session, and a lecture on Thursday, March 12th at 1:00pm in Campus Center Room 450.

The men and women's basketball teams are on their way to the first round of the Summit League Championships in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from March 7th – 10th. The Spot met with Coach Hart for an inside look at their preparations and expectations.

[S. Hart] Let's see. The goal for the tournament is obviously to win the championship. Getting to that championship game for the first time for this program last year was a good start for us, and our motto this year was to finish what we've started, so I'd like to see us finish what we've started.

Some of our biggest challenges, obviously, will be the location. Sioux Falls, I don't know many people who's going to get really excited about coming up to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We could finish as high as third or as bad as fifth. We're fairly confident that we'll end up finishing in the third or fourth seat. It comes down to being able to make plays that we've just got to come to play everyday.

[A. Hart] You can cheer on the Jaguars by tracking their progress through text, radio, or live broadcasting. Just visit iupuijags.com.

That's it for The Spot this week! Check us out next Wednesday for the latest campus news and student activities at jagtv.iupui.edu.

I'm Amanda Hart, and thanks for Spotting us!