JOHN WHITTENBERGER SOCIETY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1995 - AUL BUILDING IN INDIANAPOLIS

PRESENT:  James Hetherington, Chair  
           Carol Kurimsky (via telephone) 
           Rosemary Tanner 
           Suzy Wert 
           Gene Fletchall, Ex-officio 
           Kelly Foy, Ex-officio 
           Mark Guthier, Ex-officio 
           John Hobson, Ex-officio 
           Winston Shindell, Ex-officio 
           Walt Koon, Guest

1. The meeting was called to order by James Hetherington.

2. The agenda sent to Board members was approved plus the addition of appointment of a nominating committee. The minutes of the Sept. 10, 1994, meeting were also approved as distributed.


Gene presented the Financial Report (Attachment #1). He pointed out that the Foundation had consolidated the Endowment and Cash accounts and he had attempted to present the same information we had received in previous reports. Walt Koon of the I.U. Foundation, who has been a great help during this change in format, was available to help explain the new system. Koon stated that contributions and dividends could be either credited to principle or income. After considerable discussion, it was agreed the following policy would apply: Union Board Scholarships - all contributions and dividends will be credited to income; John Whittenberger Account #38-G005-02-8, John Whittenberger Perpetual Care Account #38-G005-03-6, and Restoration of Art Collection Account #38-G005-04-4 - all contributions and dividends will be credited to principle.

Tanner moved we again allocate $7,000 for scholarships to be awarded at the time of the Biennial Reunion. Any shortage in the Union Board Scholarship Account would be covered by transfer from the Whittenberger Perpetual Care Account. Wert seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Union Board Report - Kelly Foy, President**

Kelly told of all programs progress during the past semester. She highlighted the Concert series which had 9 very successful shows. She also promoted the weekly jazz series in the Union. Region 9 Conference will be at I.U. next fall. Board produced "Sweeney Todd" this year and will produce "Little Shop of Horrors" next year. Changed logo - (Attachment #2 is new logo). Eight directors are staying over for the summer. Kelly feels Board is on its way to another successful semester.

Union Board requested $1,000 to cover cost of fall retreat and family weekend. Wert moved approval. Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

5. **Biennial Meeting Report - Mark Guthier**

Date has been changed to October 20-21st, weekend of Michigan football game. Cost will be $35.00, which includes pre-dinner reception, banquet, continental breakfast in Union Board office, and tailgate pre-game party. Details will be forwarded to all Society members. Theme will be around the University’s 175th Anniversary.

Wert moved Advisory Board agree to pay cost of wine at banquet. Tanner seconded. Motion approved.

6. **Programming Staff Report - Mark Guthier**

New staff member is Julie Rowlas. Madrigal Feast will be first and second weeks of December. Cost: $22.00. New project will be North Lounge renovation. The new name is The Gallery. Live From Bloomington had another very successful year. Renovation of West Tower will start next year on the 3rd and 4th floors.

7. **Report from the Indiana Memorial Union - Winston Shindell**

Renovation project is in its final phase. Starting construction in December on following areas: Federal Room, Georgian Room, Tudor Room, Frangipani Room, East Lounge, and Hotel Lobby. Explained the new Teleconference Room which will accommodate 12-15 people. The Union has had a very good year. Parking lots have increased revenue in the face of lower volume. On July 1st Winston will be assigned the additional responsibility of the Auditorium. He also gave copies of the IDS editorial complimenting Union Board in bringing William Buckley to campus (Attachment #3). Gene advised the Board of the honor Winston had recently received at the ACU-I
annual meeting. The Butts-Whiting Award is the highest recognition given by the international Association.

8. **Alumni Association Report - John Hobson**

The building on 17th Street will be turned over to the Alumni Association on January 1, 1996 for renovation. The Association has raised $4.5 million to cover the cost. They hope to move into their new quarters during 1996. They have provided ten (10) $1,000 scholarships from license plate sales -- basic criteria is need. John Laskowski is new staff member as Director of Marketing. The Association is urging all alumni to vote in the upcoming Trustee election.

9. **General**

Hetherington appointed the following nominating committee: Fletchall-Chair, and Tanner and Talley. There are four positions to be filled since Fineberg, Gibson, Pauloski and Wert are retiring from the Board, having served two consecutive terms since the Constitution was amended.

Several names were given as possible directors: Larry Lee, U.B. Director, 1964-65, Vice-President, 1965-66; Steve Moberly, U.B. Director, 1961-62; James Wark - Vice President U.B., 1979-80; Carolyn Ellis Anker - U.B. President, 1988-89. Board members were urged to give the nominating committee names of former directors they would recommend for consideration.

Since the Biennial Reunion is earlier this year, no meeting will be scheduled in September. The next meeting will be in October, during the Biennial Reunion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Gene Fletchall
STATUS OF UNION BOARD ACCOUNTS  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION  
7/31/94 - 3/31/95

The Foundation has changed its method of reporting and consolidating the Endowment Account and Cash Account into a single account with a new number. We have attempted to break the account down so as to give the same information we provided previously.

**Union Board Scholarship Fund Account #38-G005-01-0**

- Balance in Endowment Account 7/31/94: $72,458.24
- Contributions and Sales Credits: 2,043.63
- Total Dividends: 9/30/94-12/31/94-3/31/95: 74,501.87
- Less Scholarship Awards = 6 @ $500 ea. & 2 @ $2,000 ea.: 4,374.45
- Total in fund as of 3/31/95: 78,876.32
- Market Value 3/31/95: 7,000.00
- Therefore, if we do not invade principle, we would have 71,876.32 for scholarships - Assuming our dividends for June and September
- Amount Estimated available for Scholarships: 4,507.32
- Total: 3,925.40
- $118,879.51
- $6,841.70

**John Whittenberger Society Account #38-G005-02-08**

- Balance in Account as of 7/31/94: $32,910.54
- Contributions and Sales Adjustments: 1,275.36
- Dividends: 34,085.90
- Expenses: 1,376.48
- 35,462.38
- 185.50
- 35,276.88
- 1,965.31
- 37,242.19
- Cash on hand 7/31/94: $43,926.90
- Market Value 3/31/95: $1,080.20

**John Whittenberger Perpetual Care Account #38-G005-03-6**

- Balance in Endowment Account 7/31/94: $25,523.03
- Contributions and Credits: 433.87
- Dividends: 25,956.90
- Balance in Cash Account 7/31/94: 1,080.20
- Market Value 3/31/95: 27,037.10
- 482.70
- 27,519.80
- $29,706.81
### Restoration of IMU Art Collection Account #38-G005-04-4

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We will again have a $1,000 scholarship available for a Union Board Director from the Claude Rich Open Account.

There will also be a scholarship available from the Josh Fineberg Endowment Account of at least $1,500.

We will not know until later if Mr. Pinto will also give a scholarship.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Gene Fletchall

5/10/95
Buckley: new perspectives

IU finally fulfilled its role as an institution that promotes intellectual diversity when it brought William F. Buckley Jr. to speak Wednesday night on campus.

Union Board, the same group that two years ago brought controversial director Spike Lee to speak, brought Buckley with the aid of the IU College Republicans, Young America's Foundation and a group that Buckley himself founded in 1960 to promote conservative thought among college students, Young Americans for Freedom.

The speech was well-attended by a cross section of the IU community. There was clearly an interest by IU students of all beliefs to hear one of America’s premier intellectuals in the media lecture, because the lower level of the IU Auditorium was packed. There was also a large presence of Bloomington residents.

The speech Buckley gave was billed as “Reflections on Current Events,” and it lived up to the title. Buckley covered a wide range of subjects, starting his discourse on the state of American education.

Buckley brought up many anecdotes to illustrate the decline of American education, pointing out that a quarter of college freshmen in Dallas, Texas, could not name the country immediately south of the border.

He noted Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) had found a better correlation between higher SAT scores than expenditures of money per student — proximity of the state to the Canadian border.

His acerbic wit did not stop with students, though. He said, “I would rather be governed by the first 2,000 names in the Boston phone book than the faculty at Harvard.”

Buckley continued to comment about the state of the American legal system, welfare, conservative intellectual drift and President Clinton’s tortured logic. He said he believed $2.6 trillion has been spent on welfare since 1960 to little or no positive effect.

He rattled off a series of statistics about the increase of social problems since 1960, commenting that violent crime had increased by more than 560 percent.

But the one part of Buckley’s hour lecture that was absent was solutions. Buckley pointed out many of America’s problems and said there was still room for optimism, but pointed out little of what he would do differently.

To be fair, there was a time limit and he did provide insight on the problems currently vexing America, but he had few ready solutions.

But at least his voice was heard. After enduring a drought of conservative speakers (for example the various conservative campus groups have tried to bring right-wing commentator Pat Buchanan several times but have been unable to), it was about time for IU to be entertained by someone from the conservative side of the political fence.

Whether you believe in the conservative ideals espoused by Buckley or not, kudos are in order to the groups that brought him here. It is a credit to the open intellectual climate at IU that Buckley came and spoke to a full house.
Close Encounters of the Chaos Kind

by Trena Depel, Class of 1995

Chance shapes our lives more than we care to acknowledge, and certainly more than we are comfortable with. Chance (or perhaps, pejoratively, chaos) implies to many of us a lack of control. And lacking control, we fear. We fear that we cannot plan for our future — or we fear we may not even have a future. We also fear that we will be pressed to our "limits" (should we be self-aware enough to know them), and that, at that threshold, we will not be daring enough to venture beyond them into the azure blue of uncertainty and possibility.

Such were my feelings when I came to Indiana University four short years ago, and such are often my feelings when I consider the time when I’ll leave IU. Chance led me here. At the end of many college visits, recruitment materials, acceptances and rejections, all the rational and irrational reasons dictated that Indiana University was where I could best lay the foundations for my adult life.

Circumstance took me to Collins Living Learning Center (LLC), where I lived for three years and met many wonderful people. It was from Collins that I began to construct my world within the larger context of IU. I had visited Russia and Eastern Europe the summer before college, so as a freshman, I started taking Russian. I also enrolled in a Collins pilot course, The Soviet University: A Project for Exchange. [Readers may remember Michael Denner’s description of that seminar in the spring issue of The College.] By chance, it was I who contacted history Professor Ben Eklof to investigate the possibility of establishing a grassroots exchange program between Collins students and Soviet students. That contact led to correspondence with the Russian Ministry of Education to secure teaching positions in Russia for IU students. The class developed into a permanent exchange program called IU NEW (Network for East-West) Exchange.

Chance has hosted Soviet students, professors, and educational symposia, and is in its fourth year of sending IU students abroad to teach English. This project arose and flourished because Collins is a grassroots, activist place, where community — whether it is community defined within the confines of the LLC or the community of nations — is paramount.

It was also from the inspiring ivied quadrangle of Collins that I ventured to another idyllic Tudor home right down the road — the Indiana Memorial Union. I affectionately call it the “biggest house on campus.” For thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests, it is just that, a home away from home, a place to eat, sleep, converse, study, buy books and supplies, get a haircut, see a movie, “pick up” (the IMU was voted Best Pick Up Spot two years running in the Bloomington Voice), play pool, bowl, take a drawing class, or arrange to jump from a plane through the IMU Outfitters. I’ve done most of these things from the Union’s hallowed, crooked corridors, and I know that many others have as well.

I hope and believe that most students and alumni know about the Union Board. The efforts of this group cannot be missed throughout the Union, which is celebrating its 85th year in 1994, making it one of IU’s oldest and (dare I contend this?) most cherished student organizations. A noteworthy distinction is that the IMU itself is a student organization and existed long before the physical structure we call the Union was built. Union Board is the IMU’s governing body and also sponsors such events as lectures, concerts, films, and multicultural programs. Having worked my way through its ranks, from the very bottom to the very top, I can say unashamedly that the IMU and Union Board experience may be the second most important aspect of a student’s life here. Or at least its principles — community, education, entertainment, diversity, and student leadership — are.

These timeless principles can be realized in any number of student organizations, but one sees them most powerfully manifested in the Indiana Memorial Union, a mere idea, conceived in 1909, that stands today as the largest college union in the world. The IMU is more than a building; it is a program and a philosophy. It has been
my home and my passion for four years, and it will be the place to which I come home every time I visit IU as an alumnus, because, as much as things change here, the fundamentals remain the same.

Involvement in Union Board has opened many doors of opportunity for me, so many that it’s difficult to choose between them. When you seize opportunities, the age-old question arises: How do you find the time? After all, don’t the rigors of academia swallow the hours outside of actual classes? To me, not having enough time is the poorest excuse for neglecting a friend, passing up an opportunity, refusing to help someone, not enjoying leisure, or simply not building one’s intellectual, cultural, and experiential capital.

Time is chaos, if we view it properly. If we view time as linear, which we are apt to do, we limit ourselves. We’d like to think of time as a constant, unchanging thing, something we can control. After all, there are 24 hours in a day, every day. We attempt to insert the appropriate tasks into the proper grid of our day. When our day unfolds in a chaotic and unpredictable way, we are unprepared; it upsets our linear map of time. To achieve the maximum that this university has to offer, we must be willing to conceptualize time in terms of events that flow into the larger picture of our lives. Only then can we “do it all.” Control is not the answer; chaos is. Chaos allows us to fit it “all” in without reeling at the time it takes, for if we quantified our experiences, we would never make the choices we do — choices that ultimately enhance our lives and cause us to grow.

But my view of time as a student of history contradicts my personal version of chaos theory. It seems to me that the object of history is to describe the past and give it meaning, to bundle up the dates and peoples and events and arrange them all (often in a linear fashion), to explain what happened and how it has shaped and determined the now. In a broad sense, history is anti-chaos. Balancing this structural edifice of history with history-making, we must account for chaos and uncertainty, the animating force in our lives — like it or not. It is through historical understand-

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When we learn in class, we go through this very process. Our professors give us disparate data and then try to show us how to assemble it into a form that has meaning. The College’s Liberal Arts and Management Program (LAMP) is a perfect example of a curriculum that gives students seemingly disparate information from the humanities and business and allows us to marry those ideas into something that makes sense in an increasingly changing and competitive world. Lew Miller, director of LAMP, and LAMP professors challenge us to balance chaos and order and order for the “real world.”

I often imagine myself in an historical frame: IU is ancient Athens at the height of Greek civilization (which is not hard to imagine on an autumn evening when those Alpha Something Whatevers stagger around in their toga) with its lively discourse and debate, time-honored traditions, and idyllic surroundings — a civilization where the ideas of chaos and order combined to form one of the most revered periods in human history. I imagine it so because it is here, at Indiana University, where the chaos and uncertainty of the world merge with the structure and order of our education to create nothing less than our future.

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